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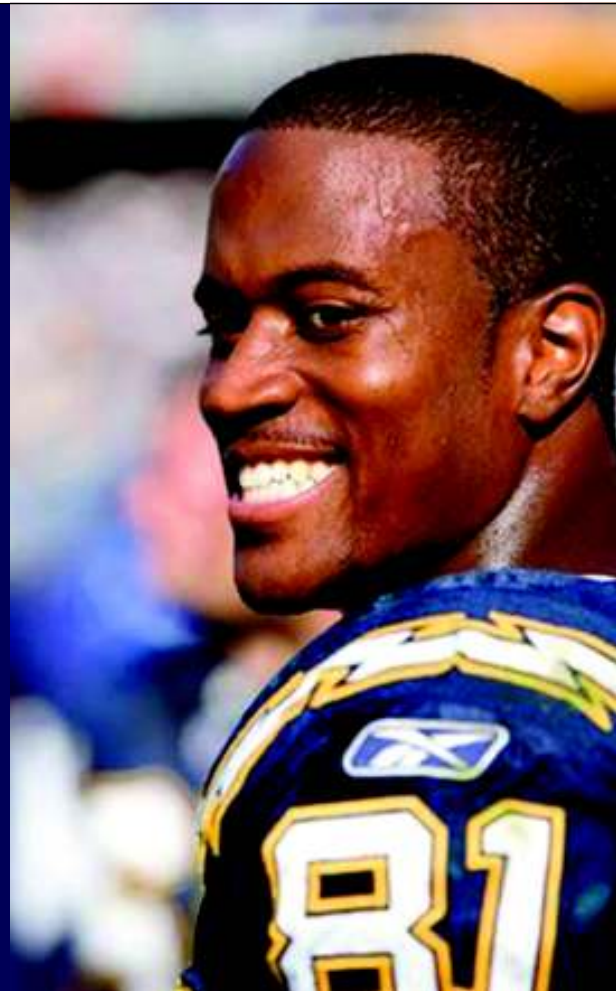
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Dede Alpert

The taped caller identified herself as **Dede Alpert**, an ex-Democratic state senator who is currently a consultant to the big Sacramento lobbying firm of Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Mueller & Naylor. Alpert also sits on the board of directors of the San Diego Padres, the baseball team owned by **John Moores**.

Then last week, Democratic state attorney general **Jerry Brown**, the former governor and presidential candidate, as well as an aspiring gubernatorial candidate, released a report blasting Aguirre's version of GOP mayor **Jerry Sanders**'s role in the Sunroad over-height building scandal. No doubt just by coincidence, Brown's wife **Anne Baldwin Gust** — an unpaid executive in the A.G.'s office who is said to wield considerable clout there — sits on the board of Jack in the Box, Inc., the San Diego-based fast-food chain. Another member of the company's seven-member board: lawyer **Michael Alpert**, retired from the big downtown L.A. firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; he just happens to be Dede Alpert's husband.

Ironically, Jack in the Box was once partly owned by **Richard Silberman**, state secretary of business and transportation during Brown's two terms as governor in the 1970s and early '80s. Silberman was also a key player in Brown's 1982 campaign for U.S. Senate, which he lost to then-San Diego mayor **Pete Wilson**.



Anne Baldwin Gust

Silberman later wed **Susan Golding** and paid for her successful campaign for county supervisor; she divorced him after he was convicted of money laundering and sent to prison as the result of an FBI sting. When she was mayor, Golding's top political advisor was **Fred Sainz**, now playing the same role for San Diego mayor Jerry Sanders, a key Aguirre foe. ... With incumbents set to glide to easy reelection, there's not much action in the races for San Diego County supervisors. That makes it easy for the local deputy sheriffs' association to place its bets: \$1426.26 for street signs posted for each of **Greg Cox**, **Dianne Jacob**, and **Pam Slater-Price**. The group also gave \$2500 to South Bay state assembly Democratic primary candidate **Auday Arabo** and \$1000 to superior court judge candidate **Robert Faigin**. ... Speaking of judicial races, on April 2 the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund kicked in \$2500 for the superior court judge campaign of **Garry Haehnle**, a superior court commissioner running against **Paul Cooper**, chief legal advisor to San Diego police chief **William Lansdowne**. The Washington, D.C.-based group gave the same amount on April 29 to San Diego community college board candidate **Dwayne Crenshaw**. In February of last year, Crenshaw was fined \$500 by the City

of San Diego's Ethics Commission for repeatedly failing to file timely disclosure reports covering his city council campaign committee.

Smoke and fire A good example of how money is channeled through state campaign committees, obscuring the original, sometimes controversial sources, can be found in the recent campaign filing of **George Plescia**, termed-out GOP assemblyman from La Jolla. Though he's not running for reelection, Plescia's assembly committee has collected \$34,000 in campaign contributions this year. The handsome



George Plescia

take includes \$2500 on April 9 from tobacco company Reynolds American, Inc., of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Just two weeks before that, on March 23, the Plescia committee transferred \$2500 to the Baber Neighbors Committee '08, backing the La Mesa city council candidacy of **Bill**

Baber, who is the Plescia committee's treasurer. Additionally, Plescia gave \$3400 on April 1 to **Gabriella Holt**'s GOP primary bid in the 54th Assembly District. ... The county GOP central committee has paid \$7759 to Dana Point lawyer **James Lacy** for space on a slate mailer called the "San Diego County Republican Leadership Voter Guide." The mailer hypes the candidacy of ex-Poway mayor **Jan Goldsmith**, running for San Diego city attorney, and the bid by **Rose Urdahl** of Alpine for a county Board of Education seat. She paid only \$350 for the exposure, according to a state disclosure filing.

Block vote A bevy of some of California's biggest plaintiffs' attorneys are lining up behind San Diego Community College District Board president **Marty Block** in his Democratic primary bid for the 78th District seat of termed-out GOP assemblywoman **Shirley Horton**. On the 16th of this month, four of the most notable donations were made: **David Rosen** of Los Angeles (\$1500); **John Montevideo** of Santa Ana (\$2500); **Don Ernst** of San Luis Obispo (\$1000); and **Raymond Boucher** of Beverly Hills (\$3600). Boucher represented plaintiffs in the multimillion-dollar sexual molestation suit against the Los Angeles diocese of the Catholic Church; last year he was a finalist for California consumer attorney of the year.



Marty Block

A so-called tort reform group, the Civil Justice Association of California, primarily sponsored by major corporations, has emerged as a backer of **Maxine Sherard**, another Democrat in the race who won the primary but lost to Horton in the general election two years ago. Last week the group reported spending \$20,000 on a mailer on Sherard's behalf.

— Matt Potter

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Did the Mayor Do His Homework?

By Don Bauder

On April 27 of this year, craigslist, the online classified advertising behemoth, carried this small notice: "I am requesting

information on Jeffery Wetzel from Poway, CA. We invested \$135,000 with what he calls a hedge fund. MAXXUM EQUITY FUND LLC is a Nevada corporation. We have been trying to get our money back for over a year now. If anyone knows if he is a crook or a con artist please contact me immediately." The identity of the person who placed the ad was not given, but he or she could be reached through an email link. The ad has since been taken down.

Gripes by people being fleeced in San Diego are routine, but there are two salient factors about Maxxum Equity Fund. First, Wetzel confirms, there are people who want out of this fund. And second, one investor in the fund is San Diego mayor Jerry Sanders. His state-

ment of economic interest, filed under penalty of perjury with the City of San Diego, reveals that he has \$10,000 to \$100,000 invested in Maxxum. The mayor's statements going



Jerry Sanders

back to 2005 also list the same investment.

The road by which Sanders got into the fund raises new questions about his ability, or willingness, to do due diligence, the process that a prudent investor undertakes to investigate the operations and management of an institution into which he intends to plunk money.

Sanders did not respond to

requests for comment regarding this story, but Jeffery Wetzel, proprietor of Maxxum, did, describing how he met the future mayor and became his broker and subsequently his money manager.

According to Wetzel, before going into Maxxum, Sanders was investing his money through the now-shuttered Centex Securities, one of the smelliest brokerage houses in San Diego history. Wetzel was a stockbroker at Centex in 1998. Sanders's Centex account "was reassigned to me" after a broker departed, says Wetzel. That's

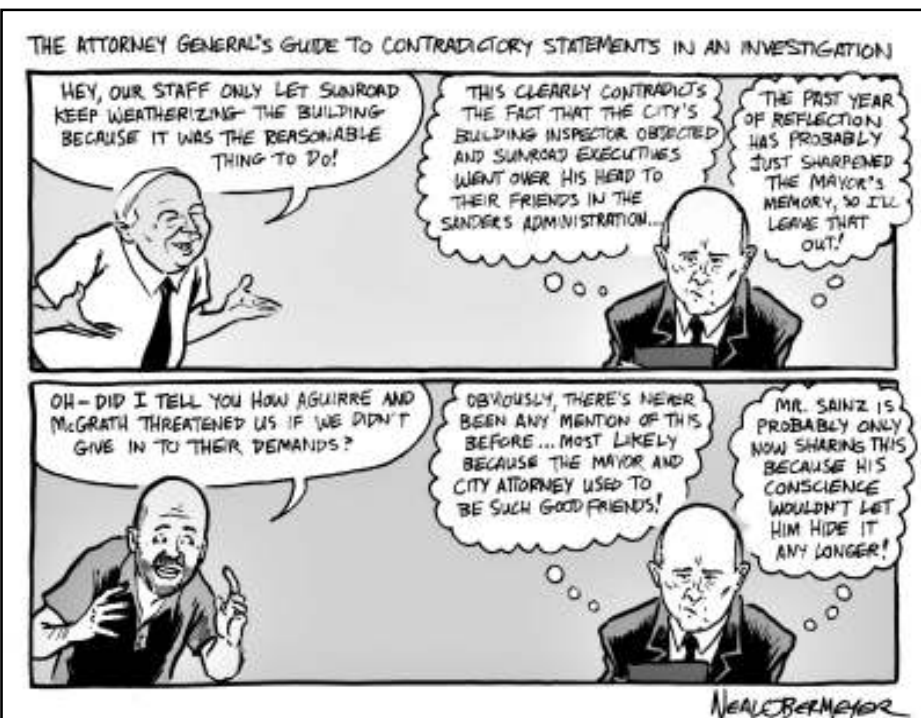
important, because some of those brokers went to jail. Wetzel says he doesn't know the name of the person who formerly handled the Sanders account.

It's almost impossible to conclude that Sanders did his homework on Wetzel and Centex. Court records reveal that Wetzel has an alleged history of doing just what Centex was infamous for: engaging in rapid-

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fire buying and selling, or churning customers' accounts to maximize brokerage commissions, and putting elderly people in wholly inappropriate, speculative stocks.

Wetzel claims he knows nothing about the craigslist ad. "I don't know where they get \$135,000," he says. "Is somebody playing a joke?" But Wetzel admits some investors want to get their money back. "There are people who want to get out — they say, 'Work us out as the market allows.'" He is hoping for a market recovery that will permit him to return the funds to investors without them getting skinned.

The market has been volatile, and Maxxum Equity Fund has suffered some losses, he allows. "I am trying to get people out without having the market take them out. My ultimate goal is not to have any new investors. The goal is that I will trade for only myself and my family." (In his filing with the City, Sanders calls Maxxum a hedge fund and says he is a "partner" — a curious designation for a limited liability company, or LLC. Wetzel says that Maxxum is really a private equity fund, not a hedge fund, and Sanders is only a passive investor, having no role in ownership or management. The parent company, Maxxum Equity Holdings LLC, is registered in Nevada but is listed by the secretary of state's office there as being in "default." However, it does not appear that Maxxum Equity Fund has filed a securities registration in either Nevada or California.)

There may be investors who want to get out, but not at the slow pace Wetzel talks about. Certainly, the person who placed

the craigslist ad, if the account is accurate, would be one. Thomas Vincent Moore of La Jolla earlier worked with Wetzel at Centex. Moore knows of someone "who has been trying to get his money out for the good part of six months," he says. That investor has tried to learn the current status of the fund. (Wetzel wouldn't tell us how much money is in the fund.) The investor has received some of his money but allegedly not what he requested.

We located the investor, who didn't want to speak. Another person close to the investor says that Wetzel recruited him to join Wetzel's insurance business. (Both Wetzel and his wife Kimberly, a stockbroker at Morgan Stanley in Rancho Bernardo, have insurance licenses.) But the insurance deal didn't pan out.

Sources say that Wetzel told one investor wanting out that he could get his money as soon as more funds came in the front door. Wetzel strongly denies he said that. He also denies that he is paying an out-of-town investor \$20,000 a month as a way of easing him out of the Maxxum fund.

According to one source, Wetzel boasted to potential clients that the mayor of San Diego had money in the fund.

Wetzel touts his track record — one at which savvy investors should cock an eyebrow. It shows Wetzel making 10.6 percent on the fund's money during the last three quarters of 2001, a time of a vicious bear market. The Standard & Poor's 500 index, the best measurement of the performance of the broad market, plunged 11.89 percent that year, including gains from

dividends.

Wetzel claims his fund made 12.11 percent in 2002, a year in which the S&P 500 plus dividends plummeted 22.1 percent. Wetzel asserts he made the money being short — that is, betting that stocks would go down. Shorting stocks, however, is a treacherous business, even in bear markets. Any potential investor should check those 2001 and 2002 trades very closely.

Wetzel says he went to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, but didn't graduate. He worked construction jobs for some time, then became a stockbroker with several firms. When he landed at the downtown La Jolla office of Centex in early 1998, he brought some of the accounts he had had while working with other firms.

But he got into trouble pushing cheap, speculative stocks on the elderly. According to allegations made in a San Diego Superior Court lawsuit, Wetzel, while with Torrey Pines Securities, sold conservative bond funds in an 81-year-old woman's account and put \$181,500 in a penny stock. After he took the account to Centex, he sold the penny stock for a \$123,000 loss. He loaded her account with an inordinate pile of stock in the former Bank of Commerce of San Diego and rapidly bought and sold stock options. This was generating big commissions for Wetzel but not pleasing the elderly woman, who wrote the

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The Key to the Mayor's Door

By Matt Potter

It was September 17 of last year, and City Attorney Mike Aguirre was making headlines again. This time the subject was an impending water shortage, and Aguirre had called

a news conference to demand a moratorium on construction of large housing and commercial developments in the city because, he maintained, there wouldn't be enough water to serve the new residences.

Aguirre repeatedly criticized Mayor Jerry Sanders, asserting that the mayor had no real plan for water conservation and had spurned plans for new water treatment systems involving the recycling of sewage in favor of what Aguirre said was a costly desalination plan.

As he had many times before, Fred Sainz, Mayor Jerry Sanders's communications director, whom many see as the political controller behind the former cop, went into action. One of those he contacted first was Christine Frahm, a lawyer and water industry lobbyist and Sanders campaign donor.

Sanders's developer constituency was not happy with the threat to shut down building in the city over a small issue like the water supply. An email obtained under the state's Public Records Act relates the story.

"I thought these two memos would be of interest to you," wrote Sainz in a September 17 email to Frahm, to which he attached Aguirre's latest legal opinions about the water shortage. "Would you mind calling me about them?"

A few months later, on March 14 of this year, Frahm, her law partner James M. Ralph, and Alexandria Frahm would each contribute \$320 to the Sanders reelection campaign fund.

The Sainz contacts with Frahm are one of many examples of the close ties between Sainz and other Sanders aides and the lobbyists who are helping fund the mayor's reelection bid and related political efforts.

While ordinary citizens often have trouble talking to anyone in the mayor's office or are expressly shut out altogether on Sainz's whim, well-heeled lobbyists such as Frahm who contribute heavily to the mayor's campaigns receive almost instant access.

But some observers claim that the money given to Sanders is buying more than just access and is instead influencing major policy moves for the enrichment of the mayor's contributors and political consultants.

Frahm's firm, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, is currently registered to lobby the state legislature on behalf of numerous water interests, both public and private, including

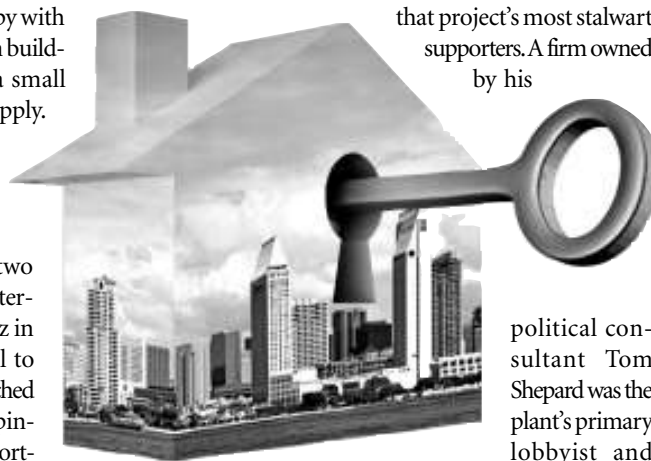
the Olivenhain Municipal Water District and the Otay Water District.

According to her bio on her firm's website, Frahm's "legal practice emphasizes the coordination and strategic engagement of lobbying services at the state and local level to support client efforts to secure new water supplies or better manage existing supplies."

A onetime chairwoman of the San Diego County Water Authority, Frahm, working as a lobbyist, has "has helped clients secure state and federal funding for local water supply development programs," including "seawater desalination," her profile says.

The county's biggest desalination proposal is being mounted by Poseidon Resources, a firm that earlier this year obtained a contract to build a giant \$300 million desalination plant on the coast in Carlsbad.

Sanders has been one of that project's most stalwart supporters. A firm owned by his



political consultant Tom Shepard was the plant's primary lobbyist and

public relations consultant, having been hired in May 2006.

And campaign contribution records showed that Poseidon employees have been major Sanders contributors. On March 16, 2006, CEO Andrew Kingman, president Walter Windrow, and project manager Peter MacLaggan each gave maximum \$300 contributions to the Sanders campaign.

In December 2006, Poseidon itself gave \$2500 to San Diegans for City Hall Reform, a committee set up by Sanders to advance his agenda. Then, last November, Sanders vetoed the so-called toilet-to-tap plan adopted by the city council, arguing that desalination was a better choice.

The Sainz emails also confirm a close relationship with Public Policy Strategies, the lobbying firm run by Sanders political consultant Tom Shepard, which represents Poseidon.

In an email to Sainz, Kim Hale, a lobbyist employed by Public Policies, described a public relations event she was setting up at the mayor's behest.

"Please find the revised invite to our

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firm and instructed it to cease the trading activity.

"Apparently, Wetzel went to this terminally ill lady's home and had her sign a form letter countermanding the instructions" of her earlier letter, alleged the attorney who pushed the lawsuit. In 2002, an arbitration panel assessed a sum of \$110,625 against Torrey Pines and Wetzel and \$91,633 against Centex and Wetzel. Torrey Pines and Wetzel paid up. But as late as 2004, Centex, which by that time was closed, had not paid its portion, and neither had Wetzel, according to documents. We have not reached the attorney to determine if the sum was ever paid. Wetzel insists it was.

A similar complaint, filed in San Diego Superior Court in 2004, concerned Philip

Boad, who was in his mid-80s when Wetzel took his account to Centex. According to the attorney in the case, Wetzel sold conservative municipal bonds and loaded up Boad's account with Bank of Commerce stock that eventually was sold for a loss of \$212,000. (A former bank official does not remember Wetzel, Centex, or the incident.)

The suit states that Wetzel was engaging in rapid-fire buying and selling of speculative stocks and stock options — hardly appropriate for an elderly gentleman who wanted safety of principal. This old man asked that the trading cease, and Wetzel went to his house and allegedly talked him out of it. An arbitration panel in 2002 told Centex to pay the victim \$139,715 plus interest and Centex and Wetzel to pay \$163,789 plus interest. In 2004, the money had not been paid. Again, Wetzel says he has settled up, but

we haven't been able to reach the attorney or the old man's survivors to confirm that.

Centex is a story in itself. Throughout its existence, it had a reputation as a bucket shop. It was shuttered by the National Association of Securities Dealers in 2001 for failing to pay fees from 23 arbitration proceedings. In its 14-year history, there had been 13 regulatory actions against Centex.

Before it was shut, its chief executive, Bruce Biddick, attempted to bribe a mutual fund manager to pay above-market prices for two stocks. The kickback was to be \$2 million, and one-fifth of that sum would bounce back to Biddick. The transaction was to be disguised through an entity in that haven of original financial sin, Switzerland. The mutual fund manager, however, turned out to be an undercover Federal Bureau of Investigation

agent in a government sting called Bermuda Short. Biddick was sentenced to four months in prison.

Centex had other brokers who ran afoul of the law, including Ron Brouillette, who got nailed for running a pump-and-dump scheme. According to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Brouillette created phony trades to inflate a penny stock, then told lies about the deal to customers. Other Centex brokers were notorious on the San Diego penny stock scene, including Marshall Klein, who pleaded guilty in 2004 to wire, mail, and securities fraud, and Marvin Susemihl, who got into trouble with the Securities and Exchange Commission in a golf promotion.

In 2003 in New York, an associate of the Colombo organized crime family was charged with running a stock scam out of a Centex office.

"Centex was one of those places you try to forget about," says Wetzel. "I never did deals that Biddick had offered — not one single share. I wouldn't know Brouillette if I passed him on the street."

Moore, Wetzel's former coworker at Centex, has an equally low opinion of the company and its brokers. However, Moore has gone on to financial troubles of his own. He became a salesman for Universal Money Traders, in Solana Beach, which told suckers it could make them huge returns through its trading of foreign currencies. In 2005, the California Department of Corporations slapped an enforcement action on the head of the firm, Mark Todd Hauze, along with Moore and two others. The action "was an error. I was not a principal," claims Moore.

In 2007, Hauze was indicted on 19 counts of fraud. Moore was not indicted, and the U.S.

Attorney's Office won't comment on the reason. The U.S. government charged that Hauze was using new money that came in from clients to pay off investors who wanted to withdraw their funds. That is a Ponzi scheme. "I had put my own brother and father into Universal Money Traders," says Moore. "It turned out it was a very, very poor investment. Myself and my clients lost millions. We had no knowledge of what Mark Hauze was doing." (The case has not yet been resolved.)

In 2004, Moore went bankrupt with assets of \$31,000 and liabilities of \$425,000. He owed the Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, credit card companies, and collection agencies and had not paid an assessment of \$126,000 from a dispute with a customer while he was with Centex.

Wetzel admits that on one occasion, he paid Moore a

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finder's fee for steering a client to Maxxum. Old Centex colleagues keep the fires of friendship glowing, it appears.

This isn't the only time Sanders has been involved with edgy investments. In 2002, after resigning as chief executive officer of United Way of San Diego County, Sanders became

president of a company named Virtual Capital of California, set up to exploit high-tech advances. Sanders owned 10 percent. So did William Robert Bradley, cofounder of the scandal-plagued, bankrupt Metabolife, maker of pep/diet pills containing the deadly ephedra.

Bradley had gotten his stake in Virtual Capital by turning over Las Vegas land. The land was accepted in lieu of cash three years after word of the crimi-

nal pasts of Metabolife's founders had hit the news.

When Sanders was a cop, he knew Bradley, who was then a tow-truck operator. Cops and tow-truck operators get very chummy. Bradley's two Metabolife cofounders, Mike Ellis and Mike Blevins, should have been well known to cops. They got busted in 1988 for making methamphetamine in Rancho Santa Fe. Ellis got probation, and Blevins went to the slam-

mer. Later they founded Metabolife, which prospered handsomely.

But as customers got ill and died from the product, the government stepped in, particularly after Ellis falsely said the company had not received complaints. The company went under as the feds closed in.

In 2002, an affidavit by an Internal Revenue Service agent charged that Bradley, along with his two Metabolife

cofounders, was skimming money out of Metabolife and stashing it in offshore tax havens. Bradley pleaded guilty to seven counts of tax evasion in 2005 and the next year was sentenced to six months of confinement.

Virtual Capital never went anywhere, and according to its founder, Coronado investor Tom Stickel, the investors lost their money.

Even though Metabolife's putrid past had become pub-

lic long before Bradley was recruited to invest in Virtual Capital of California, Sanders apparently felt no qualms about reuniting with his old tow-truck friend. Are they still chummy? Sanders isn't talking. ■

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Sainz's interest and influence extend to virtually every corner of the city.

Sainz berated Sanders homeland security chief Jill Olen after she failed to notify him immediately about a traffic incident involving a police officer. "FYI," Olen had written in a January 19 email to Sainz.

"P-1 Tom Broxterman was driving S/B on Genesee at Balboa in a Police car hit Honda CRV 80 yr old driver flipping their car. No injuries." She added that Sanders had already been notified. But that wasn't sufficient for Sainz.

"Jill: It's NOT good enough to send me an email on a Saturday about these things. I need to be called and told," Sainz emailed her on January 22. "How do we make that happen?"

Some stories apparently needed to be kept quiet. On October 29, city comptroller Greg Levin circulated an email warning that contributions to the city's fire relief fund weren't being properly accounted for.

"I would like to send this out today, as Gail is calling and telling me that she is being inundated with donations that are not being tracked or recorded. We have to think about the exposure of the City if the donations fall into the wrong hands etc."

Responded Sainz, apparently piqued about the circulation list on the email: "Why on God's green earth was Larry copied on this?????"

A master at managing local reporters, Sainz didn't hesitate to threaten retaliation against a reporter who drew his ire, even though she was working for the *Union-Tribune*, which rarely, if ever, seriously questions the Sanders agenda.

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Key to mayor

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On December 4, he dashed off an email to Jennifer Vigil of the *Union-Tribune*. "I think the way in which the section about the Mayor's availability was written in today's story was not fair to him. I do not often write to comment on articles — either positively or negatively — but this one really got my dander up because it is misleading and gives the false impression that he is some kind of a laggard — when the truth is that he worked all weekend."

The email concluded with a threat to withhold information from Vigil in the future. "I also understand that my comment to you was not off the record but I never intended for it to appear in print. While I am obviously not happy that it appeared in print for the reasons that I detail above, I hope that you will understand when I simply tell you that he is unavailable in the future — and not give you any further details."

Vigil responded: "In truth, this sounds like the opinions of a politico who's very protective of his man. So protective that he forgets it doesn't

hurt to let people know that the mayor is a living breathing normal human being who does normal everyday things. I am a reporter who likes those details, things that are not cut from the same bland cloth that is oh-so-safe for politicians. I'm sorry if you're offended."

For reporters who played ball, Sainz was accommodating. On September 27, he was forwarded an email from Joanne Faryon, a reporter who has covered the mayor for KPBS radio, the public broadcasting operation owned and operated by San Diego State University.

"I have the oddest of

requests," wrote Faryon. "Mike Marcotte, KPBS news director of 12 years, is leaving the station Nov 7. He's moving to Santa Barbara with his fiancée. I am making a parody documentary for his going away party."

"I am shooting the video on a home camera and then editing into a final product. I am asking people, where were you when you heard Mike Marcotte was leaving KPBS. In fact, I have a few reporter friends in Toronto and Washington D.C. who are shooting fake news clips."

"I was also in New York recently and got video of the reader board in Times Square, which read... 'This just in...Mike Marcotte leaving KPBS.'"

"So here's my request. Do you think the mayor would do a fake 30 second statement about the loss of Mike Marcotte...how sad he is, etc."

"It will only take a few minutes, I can do it anytime he is available in the next week."

Sainz emailed his assistant Eileen Brennan with the response: "Let's do this."

Sainz was also not above trying to tag along after bigger political stars in order to get his boss at least a small bit of national exposure, but he had little luck. On November 7 of last year, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger arrived in town to hold a news conference at SeaWorld, pointing out that the area's tourist destinations had been unscathed by the recent fires.

The previous day Sainz got an email from Stacey Sanner, a public relations woman from the big firm of Edelman, employed to promote tourism here. It highlighted the problems of hyping the little-known Sanders on national news shows.

"Good Morning Amer-

ica — booker asked if Governor Schwarzenegger was available, also noted that they were pretty booked tomorrow but asked for details via e-mail for further consideration. Essentially they would consider it more strongly if the Mayor would do the interview with the Governor. Please let us know if that is a possibility."

"Fox Business Channel — passed on the opportunity after reviewing programming for the day; market is too volatile and they don't have the time."

"MSNBC — Passed due to so much breaking news today. Note: the news networks are covering a few breaking news items today — an escaped prisoner in Florida who shot an officer while he was being transported, schools are in lockdown and there is an intense manhunt underway. Also, situation in Pakistan is getting tenser — judges being arrested, citizens protesting, etc." ■

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Sin #4

Re the Madaffer article ("Breaking News," May 22). It does not surprise me anymore. I worked for the City for 40 years and witnessed more and more corruption. It all boils down to greed, one of the seven deadly sins.

M. Slupe
via email

Correction

Due to an editorial error, the "Batty" "Blurt" item in last week's issue incorrectly referred to Tiger Army as a local band. They are based in L.A.

Impressed And Appalled

I've been visiting San Diego for the last five months, once a month, from Austin, Texas. I always pick up the Reader. I was so impressed with the May 15 feature article, "If I Did That Over There, They'd Cut My Hands Off" that I've passed

along the website link to my church chat list.

Bill Manson did a wonderful job of putting a human face (well, actually several) on Islam. I've heard various Muslim speakers in the past few years and have read a bit, but reading this one article presents evidence that we all need to understand: that we are more alike than not, even with our very different cultural, public appearances. Like Einstein said, "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding." Thanks for helping with that.

Now, a completely different comment and criticism. I am appalled at the endless amount of ads in your paper that are aimed towards girls and women that tout unrealistic body and "beauty" images. I cringe to think of how many young women read your paper and see those ads. Media images that help to create cultural definitions of beauty and attractiveness are often acknowledged as being among those factors contributing to the rise of eating disorders. You did good with your Muslim article. How about doing right by our girls and women? I hope you understand.

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Another Job Well Done

I enjoyed reading Bill Manson's article, "If I Did That Over There, They'd Cut My Hands Off," appearing in your May 15 edition. It was informative, thoughtful, and reinforcing. About eight years ago you ran a similar story about my brother driving a cab during the day and going to school at night. He now is a successful dentist. Since then, time and again, you have proven to be my choice of news medium for thoughtful and excellent reporting. Thank you, and

keep up the good work.

Rumi
via email

Fine Points Of The Trinity

This is in response to the May 15 cover story, "If I Did That Over There." Just to clarify, he didn't understand the Trinity. First Century New Covenant did not say God is three persons. In the original Koine Greek, he said that the Father, Who is spirit, expresses Himself as the Son of God, which is a pre-Christian Hebrew title meaning the spirit of God in the human body, according to the New Testament, and therefore it's persona through the mask of, according to your church fathers, and God through the mask of Father, Son, Spirit, not three persons. The Koine Greek said He and the Father and Son are one and the same divine essence. So I think the word "personal trinity" I don't use, but that manifestation is there. So "role" or "manifestation" would be much better than "persons." And research indicates the Koran, most of it is linked heavily on the Old and New Testament copied down in sixth-century Saudi Arabic with a lot of beliefs in the sixth-century Saudi Arabian culture that contradicted a lot of that good in the Old and New Testaments.

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Gotcha!

Re "Less Dense. Fewer Homeless. More Sky" (Feature Story, May 8). How could Darren Thompson, who claims to be in his 30s, possibly have seen Jamie Lee Curtis riding on her dad's (Tony Curtis's) shoulders in Coronado while Curtis was filming *Some Like It Hot*? The film was made in 1959, so Thompson wasn't even born yet.

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Follows is from the April 3 edition of the Sporting Box: "Tampa Bay Rays. Payroll is \$42 million, about 20 percent of what the Yankees spend. Some people ask why anyone would expect the Rays to finish above .500 for the first time in their miserable ten-year existence? I am one of those people. Outlook. Futile."

That was a misprint. What I actually wrote was, "This will be the break-out year for those amazing Rays. On Memorial Day, Tampa Bay will hold first place in the AL East and possess the best record in Major League Baseball. The Rays ascendancy is due to their genius executive vice president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman, the inspired leadership of coach Joe Maddon, the scrappy nonentities who play the game, but most of all, to the wonderful moms, dads, and tots living in the Tampa/St. Petersburg metroplex."

As far as I can tell from this remove, my text was intercepted somewhere between my computer, the Comcast Internet hub, the National Security Agency wiretap on said hub, the Reader copy editor, or the hellhole that lies beyond. The point is, as Hillary Clinton would say, I have always been a Tampa Bay Rays fan.

Which brings us to another April 3 prediction: "New York Yankees. The Dark Star. In the past 12 years the Yankees won four World Series titles, six AL pennants, ten division championships, and they still can't get a free ride for their new 1.3-billion-dollar stadium. Taxpayers shelled out a paltry \$425 million. Outlook. Continued success."

Fair-minded readers understand I didn't mean success in the game of baseball, I meant success in the business of baseball. On the ballfield, the Yankees suck and have well-earned their last place AL East standing.

April 3 Sporting Box: "New York Mets. Still basking in the afterglow of one of the great chokes in baseball history. Led the NL East by seven games on September 12. Lost 12 of their last 16 games, 6 of their last 7. Did not make the playoffs. On the bright side, the club raised ticket prices 20 1/2 percent. Outlook. More of the same."

That's about right.

Florida Marlins prediction: "Another rags to riches story. Owner Jeffrey H. Loria got \$600 million in public funds for a new stadium. The wonder of it! Marlins opening day payroll is \$21 million, the smallest in MLB (Padres opening-day

payroll is \$68 million). Loria receives \$30 million in TV/radio money and \$30 million in dole from MLB per year. That's \$60 million coming in whether one sucker attends one game or not. Subtract a payroll of \$21 million. Outlook. Last place is locked in until the money stops."

As Hillary Clinton would say, I was sleep-deprived and misspoke. On Memorial Day the Marlins were in first place in the NL East, with the second-best record in baseball. I could have written that, and, at the time, wanted to. Maybe I did, who knows?

April 3 prediction: "Atlanta Braves. Downtown closes at 5:00 p.m. and football season is five months away. Outlook. Not bad, considering."

Atlanta is in second place in the NL East, 2 1/2 games behind those slap-happy Florida kids. Not bad, considering.

April 3: "NL Central and AL Central. Flyover cities."

Nailed that one.

April 3 prediction: "Los Angeles Angels at Anaheim, brought to you by the hometown folks at Wal-Mart, presented by Marriot Hotels, in association with American

Airlines. Six world-class outfielders and an SUV full of money. Outlook. First place."

First place it is.

April 3: "Oakland Athletics. We're going to see how good Billy Beane actually is. Outlook. Either very good or very bad."

Beane is very good, 1 1/2 games out of first place.

April 3: "Arizona. What the hell is going on over there? The D'backs have been enabling Billy Beane, trading six prospects to Oakland for right-hander Dan Haren. They got reliever Chad Qualls from Houston. So, they'll have pitching. The rest is pretty good. Outlook. Higher ticket prices."

About right.

April 3: "Colorado Rockies. A miracle finish to the 2007 regular season. GM Dan O'Dowd credits prayer and Christian values for the team's incredible 21-1 finish. On the other hand, being swept in the World Series raises theological questions. Outlook. Interesting."

Theological question resolved in favor of single deity who is not interested in baseball. Colorado has 20 wins against 30 losses on Memorial Day.

The first quarter of baseball's season has passed and my predictions are as good as anybody's; in other words, not counting jokes, I was about half right and half wrong. Which is a good way of re-remembering one of those rules you never quite learn: Nobody knows the future.



I have always been a Tampa Bay Rays fan.

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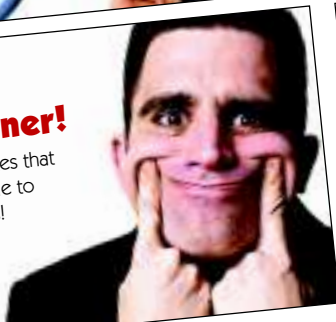
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Founded locally: 1977
Senior pastor: Cavanaugh Wallace
Congregation size: 2000 families
Staff size: 6
Sunday school enrollment: n/a
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: semiformal
Diversity: diverse — Caucasian, Hispanic, Pacific Islander
Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m. (Latin)
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Website: Oceanside4Christ.com

The interior of St. Margaret's church has an oddly spare quality — the huge central dome gives the impression of an old-fashioned Catholic church, the sort that might be swarming with statues and stained glass. However, all but one of the windows here are clear, and a series of small panels illustrating church history make up the bulk of the adornment. The newly built church relies on a multitude of varied planes for visual drama. One of these is a sort of false wall, formed by three arches, between the tabernacle at the very back of the Sanctuary and the general body of the church. The tabernacle is still the Sanctuary's focal point, standing at the top of the axis formed by the long, narrow platform extending out into the congregation (the altar anchors the opposite end), but because of the arches, it is set apart — reserved.

The tabernacle houses the consecrated Host, the Communion wafers honored this past Sunday, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On this day, said Father Wallace at the beginning of Mass, "We acknowledge, we celebrate, we remember that our lord Jesus Christ gave us His body, gave us His blood, gave us everything that He is to keep us alive." He prayed to Christ that the "sacrament of your body and blood" would "help us to experience the salvation You won for us and the peace of the kingdom where You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit."

The reading from Deuteronomy quoted Moses reminding the people that God had fed them manna, "a food unknown to you and your fathers," during their sojourn in the desert. In the Gospel, Jesus alluded to this, saying that He himself was "the living bread that came down from heaven...unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.... Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you."

Wallace's homily acknowledged the confusion such a claim might inspire. "When someone who does not know or understand our Catholic Christian faith hears us speaking about eating the flesh and drinking the blood of Christ,

they unfortunately hear only the voice of Calvary and Good Friday. They interpret 'flesh and blood' only through the brutality of the cross. But not us: we see the language of Good Friday, but we see that language in light of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Christ's bodily resurrection changed everything.... He still offers Himself to His Father on our behalf through every fragment of His resurrected and glorious body.... Death and decay cannot touch it; time cannot constrain it; space cannot confine it. When we speak the language of eating the body and drinking the blood of Christ, we do so with words proper to our dual citizenship, both of heaven and of earth. The language of eating and drinking is proper to what we naturally do out of obedience to Christ, who told us to take and eat, but our language about Christ's body and blood is the new language of heaven, where He is present in a true, real, and substantial way....

"At this altar," he continued, "heaven and earth are intimately united. The Christ of heaven and of earth is present, whole and entire.... We do not simply touch the risen Lord; we also taste...the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ."

The Solemnity received no special liturgical treatment, but even the standard liturgical treatment was a solemn affair. The organ and cantor drew forth echoing responses from the congregation, some in Latin. Throughout the Mass, Wallace's motions — and those of the acolytes, lectors, and other ministers — were slow and precise. The preparation of the altar was not unlike the setting of a table — bowls, cups, napkins — but the manner of the setting indicated the uncommon character of the meal.

Deliberate pauses made the motions more noticeable — Wallace's eyes turned toward heaven as he blessed God for providing the bread and wine. His hands were palm-to-palm at chest level and then outward as he prayed on behalf of the congregation. Finally, the elevation of the Host after the consecration formed a proper tableau: Wallace, motionless; motionless, too, the acolytes kneeling around the altar, except for the tolling of a bell and the waving of a thurifer, the smoke trailing up toward the white circle in Wallace's raised hands.

"Lord Jesus Christ," intoned Wallace at the close of Mass, "You give us your body and blood as a sign that even now, we share your life."

What happens when we die?
"Heaven or hell, or you get stuck in between for a while," said Wallace.

— Matthew Lickona



CAVANA WALLACE

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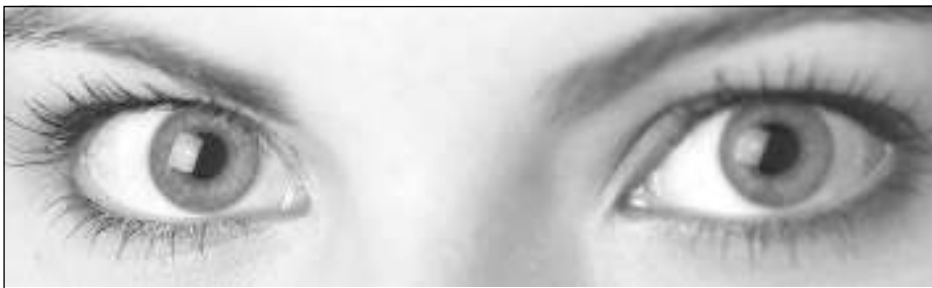
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—EVE KELLY

I had only seen it done in sitcoms — a giant hairy gorilla proposing to a girl standing shocked at the front door — until last week. A friend relayed her proposal story. It wasn't a hairy gorilla but a purple bear and a boyfriend holding roses and an engagement ring peeking from behind the furry singing creature. "I was completely surprised," she laughed, "it was nothing I expected."

The story jogged my memory. My best pal Bernice has been snooping around for an unusual birthday surprise for her sister-in-law. They haven't spoken in years, and Bernice hopes to break the very thick ice and reestablish friendly relations. Perhaps a singing telegram message might do the trick?

"We can come out for any special occasion, and yes, we have been everywhere," explained Claudia Cannon, business development coordinator for the San Diego Chorus of Sweet Adelines (619-794-7700). The group is an a cappella all-female chorus, 100 voices strong, that sings in the barbershop style. "I got a guy out of a manhole to sing to; he was very greasy. We've sung to people in traction at the hospital. Another time we sang to a guy from the back of a supermarket, and then the manager wanted us to sing over the loudspeaker. So the whole store came up to the front and watched us. People really appreciate it; it is something very unique that doesn't happen to you every day."

The singing greetings are handled by quartets or double quartets. The chorus also performs for small parties and other special occasions. "For Valentine's Day each year, we do hundreds of singing greetings. For \$40, we go out and sing two songs, and the person receives a gift — a rose or a box of chocolates."

This Christmas, the group will be sending holiday singing greetings. "We'll probably do two Christmas carols. And we're also organizing a day where we sing over the phone."

So there will be singers from first thing in the morning until late at night able to deliver those greetings over the phone to, say, somebody in New York.

"For anniversaries, people frequently ask us to do a custom song they want us to learn, so then it is a negotiable rate based on what we are going to have to do to work up the program as they want."

The group will also do longer performances for private parties and events. (Thirty minutes runs up to about \$250.)

We dove into the history of barbershop singing. "Barbershop is an American art form, one of the only American art forms. Doo-wop harmony is another one. But barbershop came out of the pioneer times, when people didn't have a piano or an instrument.



"I got a guy out of a manhole to sing to; he was very greasy."

Family groups would sing in church or at home, and they didn't have any instruments, so they would just find the close harmony parts, and that is how barbershop evolved.

It started before the turn of the century, but then at the beginning of the 20th Century, it got to be really popular. When barbershop first started, it was kind of a particular type of '20s and '30s song because that is when it got real popular in the United States." Cannon says there is a lot of music arranged in the barbershop style that can be sung a cappella. "We have arrangers of our own, so we sing very contemporary music as well — show tunes, movie music."

The chorus members' ages span from a 20-year-old up to an 84-year-old. "The thing that we love about singing together is that the generations just disappear. We have very high levels in the society —

50-year veterans — and they are very astute teachers.

And it is passed down, women teaching women harmony."

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I asked about a memorable telegram. "Probably the most unusual reactions are when somebody sends a telegram to their ex. Those are a little awkward, but we go where they send us."

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A Diva Walks into a Bar...

*A good writer is not, per se, a good book critic. No more
 so than a good drunk is automatically a good bartender.*
 — Jim Bishop

There are two kinds of women: those who don't mind getting their hands dirty, and those who do. Now that I think about it, there are four kinds of women: those who relish mucky stuff on their paws, those who don't mind a bit of mess on them, those who do mind but seem to cope, and those for whom even the concept of dirty hands is horrifying. Because I have long been fixed in the last category, I had mixed emotions when I was asked to be the "celebrity bartender" at the W Hotel's Beach Bar. Of course, it was flattering to be thought of as a "celebrity," however local and minor, but the moment I said yes, I was struck by the ominous reality of the mess ahead.

Although I hadn't yet tasted that particular mixture of liquid ingredients, it sounded not only like something I'd like, but also something like me.

Not counting the General Foods International coffee I'd occasionally stir into microwaved water, I'd never "made" a drink before. Domesticity is not my thing, and if it weren't for David (who enjoys cooking and has the diligent patience for thorough cleaning), the cupboards and fridge would be filled with ready-to-eat food. If I had to, I'm sure I could survive a bit of grunt work. But, in the past, someone has always been around to handle that which nauseated me — things like breaking open eggs, scrubbing the kitchen floor, kneading dough, or playing the learned, icky-sticky role of mixologist.

I was asked to choose a specialty cocktail from

the menu or invent a drink of my own for my volunteer gig (I'm still trying to figure out what I got out of inviting my posse there to spend their money while I worked behind the bar, aside from my own edification and the apparent amusement of my friends). I didn't want to be lazy and pick something right off the menu, so I decided to go with an original libation that reflected my personality and taste. It was suggested to me that my specialty be named the "Barbarella," but one already exists (the Barbarella I'm referring to is a cloying raspberry-chocolate martini created for me a few years ago by Burrito, the managing bartender at Air Conditioned Lounge).

As I now find the Barbarella to be disproportionately sweeter than I am, I turned to my friend and veteran bartender Sara to help me come up with a mixture that would reflect my burgeoning sour side, something we could dub the "Divatini." The week before the big night, David and I dined at Kensington Grill (where Sara works as manager), after which Sara and Joe (her bartender and sommelier) laid out the formula for the Divatini, demonstrated how it was made, and then let me practice shaking ice in one of those metal cup things.

When they'd finished giving me the lowdown — a list of ten thousand ingredients and how much of which to put in and when — I struggled to choke back my

panic and wondered how a vodka tonic on the rocks might go over instead. As though reading my mind (or taking notice of my short breaths and wide eyes), Sara said, "It's really not that hard. Here, we can make it easier." I got out my pen and took notes as she told me which ingredients to request that the bartenders have premixed so that I could just combine that mixture with a few other things. When she finished talking, the drink still seemed complicated, but not impossible — more like Cowles Mountain than Mt. Everest. And although I hadn't yet tasted that particular mixture of liquid ingredients, it sounded not only like something I'd like, but also something like me.

Because of the probability that something or other would splatter on me, I asked David to lace me into a rubber corset. It seemed more practical to wear my hair up, so I pulled it back and topped it off with a comb headpiece from which a cluster of thin black-and-red feathers explodes like fireworks. Sara told me that it would be unthinkable to wear heels behind the bar, so I wore my black patent-leather spikes out the door but brought a pair of platform sandals to don when duty called.

It was a balmy evening, and the sun had not yet set as I arrived at the outdoor beach-themed bar. I surveyed the sand-covered landscape with trepidation, worried about the likely buildup of dried gunk beneath my feet — I mean, how often



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could they realistically sift and rinse all of it? I placated myself by contemplating the exfoliating benefits of the contaminated granules. After a short while, a representative of the W introduced me to Brian, the ill-fated bartender who would have to put up with a corseted, feather-headed, icky-phobe fumbling around him for the next few hours.

Brian reviewed the printout of an email I'd sent of Sara's instructions and then walked me through the steps — sugar the rim of the martini glass; drop in a glop of raspberry puree; scoop some ice into the metal shaker, and then into that vessel pour the raspberry vodka (hold the bottle by the neck), and don't stop pouring until you've counted slowly to four; splash in the premixed fresh lemon juice, triple sec, and sweet and sour; stab a blackberry with one of those little sticks, toss it into the liquid, and serve the drink.

I was just beginning to think I could pull it off when I looked up and realized that all of my friends, standing patiently on the other side of the bar, were waiting for their Divatinis. With Brian's help, I made a batch of five and handed them out. Brian sugared and set five

more martini glasses on the counter before me. Between the sugar, the lemons, and the alcohol, it wasn't long before my hands grew gummy; I pushed past Brian so I could get to the sink and scrub away the stickiness.

By the third batch, I had found my groove, and despite the unbearable cold of the ice-filled shakers and the tacky fluid that kept finding its way between my fingers, I was beginning to enjoy myself. Like playing one of those super-physical, hand-eye coordination video games, the better I got, the more fun it was.

During a lull between

orders, I decided to make a Divatini for myself, seeing as I'd yet to taste the drink I'd been serving my friends. It must be good, I thought, because my sister Jenny was on her third, and I'd lost count of how many Rob had ordered. I stepped to the side so that I would be out of Brian's way (he was hustling to fulfill all non-Divatini orders) and took a sip. It was not the best drink I'd had. I wondered about the ratio of ingredients, as I'd been haphazardly mixing and indiscriminately sloshing raspberry puree and vodka into the shaker. It certainly didn't taste as good as any of the drinks


Sara had made for me.

Being a good bartender takes a lot more than following a recipe — you have to understand the relationship of the ingredients to one another. I thought of a few of my favorite bartenders and realized they had all spent years sullyng their hands in order to perfect their craft. I will be sure to tip them even more generously in the future, now that I see that even though they make it seem effortless, they are working their asses off. How could I think that one night of getting a little sticky could elevate me to the rank of bartender? I

had begun to sulk at my hubris when I got an order for two more Divatinis, this time from Jen and Amy, who'd been sitting at the bar. I took in my friends' relaxed smiles and cheered up a little as it occurred to me that there was one sure formu-

la for immediate bartending success — if you can't make 'em good, make 'em strong. ■

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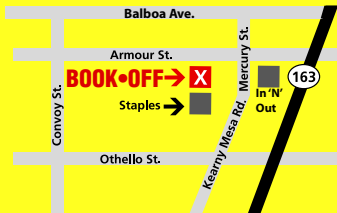
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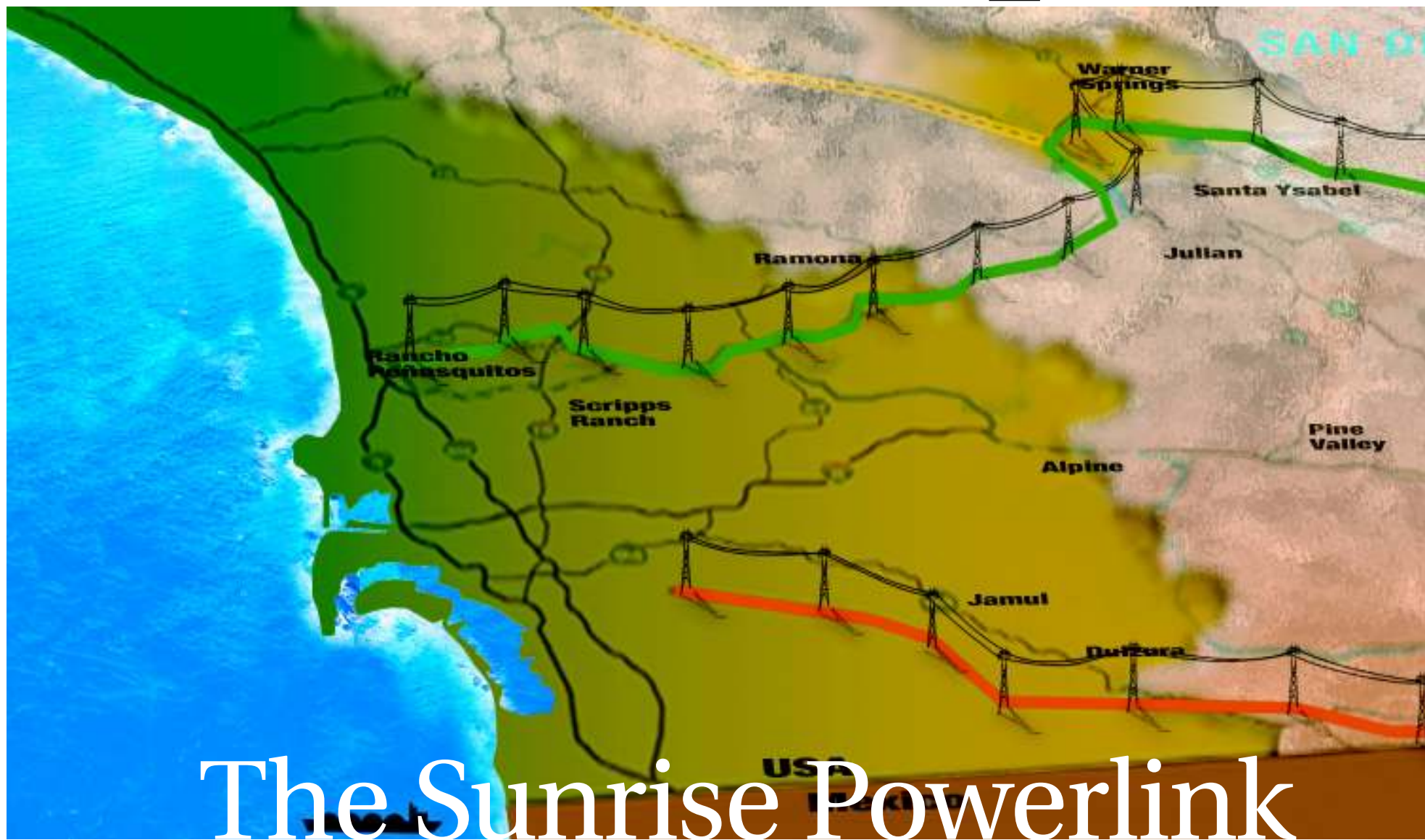
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The Sunrise Powerlink

gleamed for the first time in Sempra Energy's eye on November 1, 2002.

At the company's San Diego headquarters, an energy-management

expert from Shell Trading gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the potential transmission line. Nameless at first, the new line would run from the Imperial Valley, near the Mexican border, to Rainbow, northeast of Fallbrook.

According to the presentation

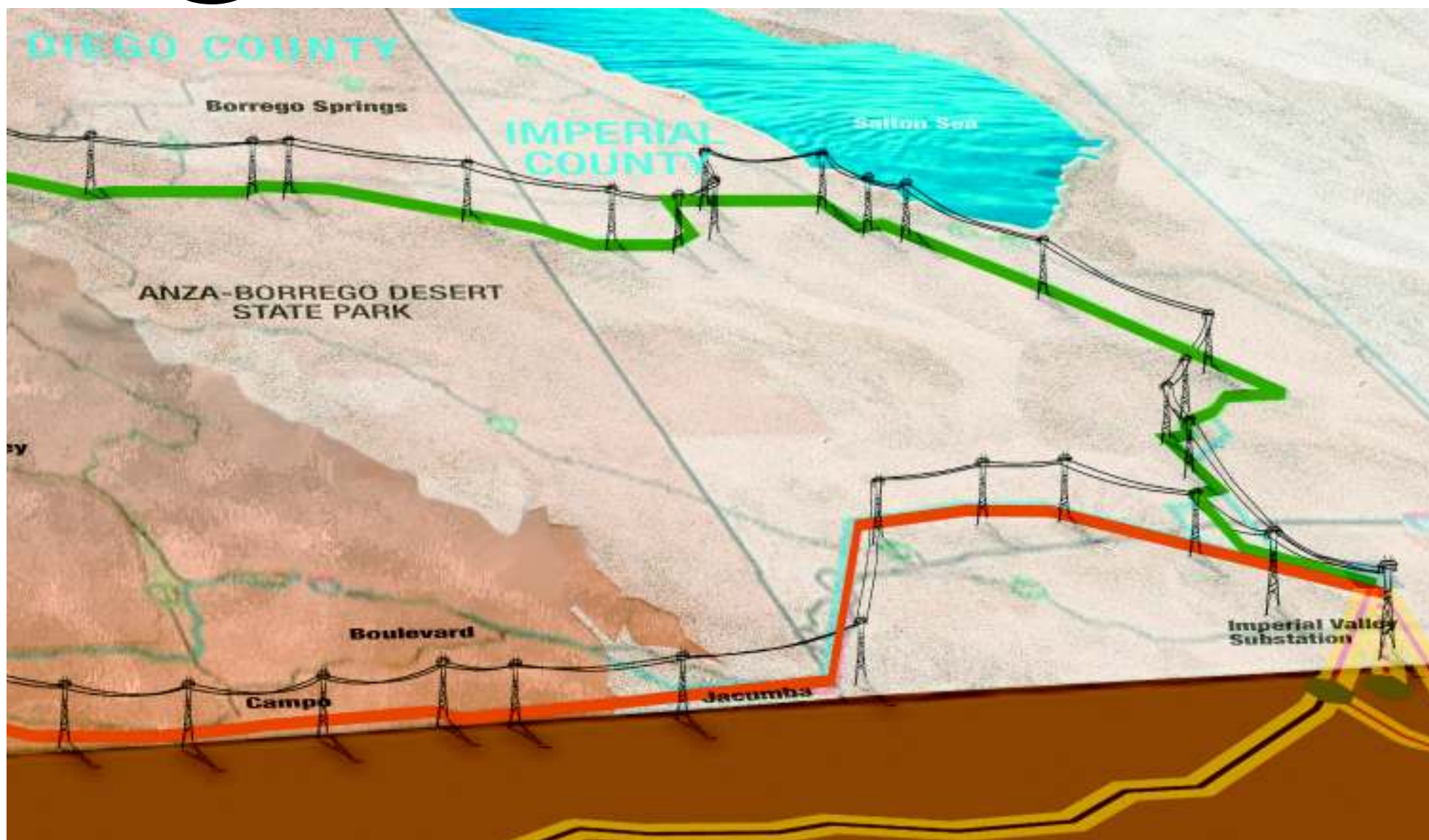
that day, the transmission line would have two major advantages. It would connect the Southern California electricity grid to potential geothermal, wind, and solar energy sources in the Imperial Valley. And the line would be able to transmit power from two

power generation plants in Mexicali.

The plan counted for its northern terminus on a new substation in Rainbow. The substation had already figured into another transmission project, proposed by the San Diego Gas &

lights on?

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Southwest Powerlink (red) and the proposed northern route of the Sunrise Powerlink (green)

Electric Company as a way to link with Southern California Edison lines near Perris in Riverside County. But residents of southwestern Riverside County were fighting the plan vigorously. In 2003, the California Public Utilities Commission rejected that project and with it the Rainbow substation.

Today, SDG&E, a subsidiary of Sempra Energy, touts a new 150-mile Sunrise Powerlink as the way to “keep the lights on in San Diego,” using largely solar power from the Imperial Valley, and to lower ratepayers’ costs at the same time. The project’s current estimated cost is \$1.5 billion. The line would run

from near the Mexican border through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to a substation near the west end of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.

**Sunrise Powerlink
could cause one catastrophic
fire every 15 years.**

Sunrise has also been SDG&E's solution to a 2006 California state law requiring investor-owned utilities to obtain at least 20 percent of their electricity from solar, wind, or geothermal sources by 2010.

A key component in the plan is the utility's contract with Stirling Energy Systems, a Phoenix company, to use its solar dish technology to produce the needed power. Critics note that to date only 7 prototypes of the technology have been manufactured. Stirling says it will need 12,000 dishes. Recently, however, an Irish company has agreed to invest \$100 million in Stirling.

An enormous amount of newspaper reportage has been devoted to the project so far. But the drip,

drip, drip of stories detailing ever-new aspects of a growing Sunrise controversy makes it difficult to assess the project as a whole. Is Sunrise needed "to keep the lights on," as

Watts and Volts

Long-distance power lines carrying 69 kilovolts or more are called transmission lines. Transmission lines run to distribution substations, where voltage is stepped down, usually to 12 kilovolts. The 12-kilovolt substations supply the distribution lines that run through city streets. Transformers on poles in front of people's homes and businesses drop the voltage from 12 kilovolts to 480 volts or 120 volts.

A kilovolt is a thousand volts; a megawatt is one million watts. Volts multiplied by amps (or current) equal watts. Volts measure the force that

pushes electrons forward. Volts may be understood as analogous to water pressure in a pipe, where current is the volume of water. To continue the analogy, if the pipe led to a turbine that the water was turning, the work would be measured in watts.

To operate, electric machines and lights pull the current that is available to them from distribution lines. A 60-watt lightbulb left on for an hour uses 60 watt-hours. A kilowatt-hour is a thousand watts used for one hour and is the standard measure on utility bills for how much electricity you use in your home.

SDG&E claims? How much would it lower ratepayer costs, if at all? How soon could the powerlink deliver green energy? Can the damage Sunrise would cause the Anza-Bor-

rego Desert State Park and other wild areas be justified? And would the powerlink add dangerous new fire risks to San Diego's backcountry?

How to Build Public Support

San Diego Gas & Electric often complains that San Diego has only one major connection to the California electricity grid. That is the 500-kilovolt Southwest Powerlink, running from Imperial Valley near and parallel to Interstate 8 to the Mount Miguel substation.

Having lost its bid in 2003 to link with the Southern California Edison grid, SDG&E began to contemplate another approach. A fear of blackouts was still in the air from the California energy crisis of 2000/2001. On December 13, 2004, the public relations firm Southwest Strategies LLC moderated a focus-group conversation for SDG&E. In a memo to several SDG&E representatives three weeks

later, Southwest principals Alan Ziegus and Chris Wahl described the meeting. "The purpose of the discussion," they wrote in a printed summary, "was to gather input from trusted SDG&E allies about the company's plans to build a major new transmission line in San Diego County."

The session is worth a detailed look, since it shows how SDG&E determined a course of convincing the public of the need for the Sunrise Powerlink.

Eleven "opinion leaders" came to the two-hour discussion. They included San Diego City Council members Jim Madaffer and Michael Zucchet, Erik Bruvold of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, the Sycuan Resort's Adam Day,

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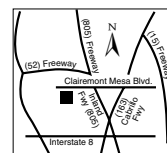
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Jerry Butkiewicz of the San Diego–Imperial Counties Labor Council, Mitch Mitchell of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council's Kris Hartnett.

The first two questions Southwest Strategies raised in the meeting centered on coming challenges, especially in light of the California electric power crisis of 2000/2001. "There was near-unanimous consensus," stated the Southwest Strategies memo, "that little progress has been made...to help avoid another energy crisis." Energy independence and local control over energy were high priorities in the group. And "clearly, the group views building new power plants as the best way

to achieve independence."

Participants then listened to Dave Geier, SDG&E's vice president for electric transmission and distribution, present the company's "Long-Term Resource Plan." This was their first hint that SDG&E might be planning new long-distance transmission lines. The subsequent discussion centered on ways SDG&E could improve power reliability. According to the Southwest Strategies analysis, participants revealed again the conviction that new local power plants could solve San Diego's energy dilemmas. And it showed little faith in more transmission lines. In the words of Kris Hartnett, "You can build all the transmission lines you want, but until you generate more power, you've done nothing

to solve the customer's problem."

Nevertheless, after a lamentation about the rejection of SDG&E's attempt to link with Southern California Edison, the moderator next sought participants' "thoughts about what SDG&E could have done differently in order to be successful." The prevailing answer: SDG&E "needed to provide clearer reasons why the project was needed." Michael Zuchet, however, gave a blunter assessment. "He suggested," according to the meeting summary, "that the company dishonestly attempted to position the line as an environmentally beneficial project when no such benefits existed."

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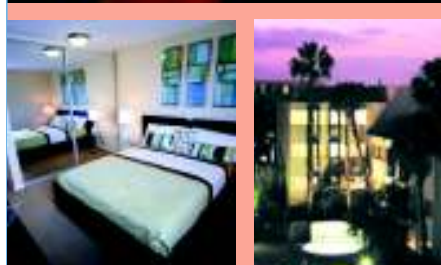
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future, SDG&E will again pursue the licensing and construction of a new transmission line." Could the group suggest ways to "build support for such a project"? In response, participants "strongly advocated that SDG&E should engage in a comprehensive public education campaign about why a new line is so important."

Jerry Butkiewicz argued, according to the memo, that "elected officials might not support a new transmission line for fear they might be defeated at the polls." And Michael Zucchet commented again "on the importance of being honest about the merits of a project." But at this point, most participants seemed to have dropped their earlier resistance to transmission lines.

As the discussion wound down, several participants noted "that the public generally looks at new transmission lines

unfavorably." Therefore, SDG&E should "make a case that transmission lines improve reliability," especially that they would "prevent potential outages during emergency situations."

Finally, the decisive question was put. "Suppose you knew that SDG&E could meet the state's renewables mandate by

ity is a more salient message." An education program needed to emphasize safety and affordability too. But Butkiewicz observed that "pro-environment messages resonated with important target audiences."

On the basis of the focus group, Southwest Strategies recommended to SDG&E, among other

perception, SDG&E might consider educating the public and key leaders about how new transmission can also improve local control." This should "help SDG&E reach its infrastructure goals more effectively."

Opposition Groups Spring Up

Southwest Strategies suggested another tactic for making the Sunrise Powerlink sound reasonable to the public. SDG&E should include in its "public affairs plan" a "bottom up, or grass roots, approach.... This style of outreach would involve selling SDG&E's Long-Term Resource Plan to community groups and activists who have influence with important elected officials. The [focus] group... suggested that elected officials might not support a new transmission line unless they believed 'political cover' existed to get behind such a project."

Many politicians didn't

"The thing SDG&E doesn't want to talk about is fire."

2010... if it were able to construct a major new transmission line that could access hard to reach renewables.... Would you be more inclined to support [it]?" The most prevalent response was "Yes, but education is needed to connect the ideas." The minority view: "No, because reliabil-

things, that the company craft a convincing message about increasing local control in San Diego. "Undoubtedly, the group believes that greater local control, through the construction of more power plants, by itself solves reliability issues.

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seem to worry about political cover, however. For example, San Diego mayor Jerry Sanders jumped on board Sunrise almost as soon as the proposal was announced, well before the start of the Public Utilities Commission process allowing ordinary citizens, concerned groups, and power-supply experts to be heard.

The Public Utilities review process consists of two phases. In Phase One, a single Public Utilities commissioner (there are five) holds "scoping" meetings, which are intended to allow public comment on what the commission should require a professional environmental inquiry to investigate about the proposed project. The commissioner assigned to the case and an administrative law judge then take testimony from SDG&E and "interveners." (The commission grants intervener status to those it determines can provide technical, legal, or otherwise relevant information.) Phase Two comes after the environmental document has been written. (More about Phase Two below.)

The "grass roots"

approach that Southwest Strategies suggested to SDG&E ran into much tougher sledding than the company's apparent pitch to politicians. As soon as news got out about the Sunrise Powerlink, opposition groups sprung up along the line's route. After leaving Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, the route would go west through Grapevine Canyon, south of Warner Springs, through the Santa Ysabel Valley, south of Ramona, and through Rancho Peñasquitos. It would end at an existing substation near the west end of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, in San Diego's Torrey Hills neighborhood. To date, there are at least nine opposition groups. Several of the community groups preexisted news of the Sunrise plan. But they have joined together in an umbrella organization called Communities United for Sensible Power.

Diane Conklin is president of the umbrella organization and of the Mussey Grade Road Alliance. Conklin lives with her husband near Kimball Valley, on the outskirts of Ramona. Con-

klin founded the Mussey Grade group in 1999 as a way to help protect the area. She feels that Sunrise is one of the greatest dangers her constituents face.

Conklin remembers reading about Sunrise for the first time in the *Julian News* in November 2005. "I learned later," Conklin tells me, "that about that time SDG&E came to Ramona — it was really nefarious in my mind — to conduct little meetings, quietly, with people they considered to be opinion leaders. I believe they had to pay consultants a whole lot of

money to tell them to hold these meetings and win over the hearts and minds of all these people, who are then going to sell the soap. I think they gathered together groups of 20 or so to sell the necessity of the transmission line, and they were also getting the people's impressions."

SDG&E filed its application for the Sunrise Powerlink with the Public Utilities Commission on December 14, 2005. Conklin says the company continued holding the meetings in Ramona, "but by that time people had caught on."



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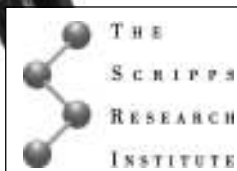
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On Tuesday, January 31, 2006, according to Conklin, approximately 500 to 700 local residents came to a prehearing conference at a Ramona school in the middle of the day. "People couldn't even get into the room, it was so crowded," she tells me. "That's when SDG&E began to understand that they had a big fight on their hands. Here they marshaled all their forces, with all the smartest people they could find, and rolled out a battle plan. Most of the communities, of course, were caught by surprise, because the company was working it in a nonpublic way, so that they could get a toehold. But it didn't work.

"Then Greystone Consulting had what I call 'bazaars.' It's a very interest-

ing technique. Instead of having one person before a roomful of people, where everybody hears the same thing at the same time and can ask questions, they would divide the issues to be answered into separate booths. People would go

were being produced. I even did that. I went over to find out where it was in relation to my home and other homes in the Kimball Valley and Mussey Grade area. So you're not getting the full information. It was almost as though Sunrise was a fait

"Sunrise will damage 15 protected areas besides Anza-Borrego."

from booth to booth to get their information. But what most people did, because it's the natural thing, most people went and tried to find out if the line affected their land. So they had a long line of people where the maps

accompli, 'but we'll give you some information about how it's going to affect you.' In the long run, this didn't work either, because people gradually began to understand that the line itself was not a good idea," says

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Conklin.

Carolyn Morrow, a resident of Grapevine Canyon, near Ranchita, remembers a presentation SDG&E gave on Sunrise during a meeting at the Warner Springs high school. "It was a very complicated project," she says. "All of us, by now, have had different experiences with it and learned a lot in the process. It's a David and Goliath story."

"I have 160 acres in Grapevine Canyon, where I raise horses," Morrow continues. "It's in an agricultural preserve, which means we can't develop it or sell pieces of it off. Quite a few landowners out in this area have agricultural preserves. If Sunrise is allowed, they would be commercializing something that is not supposed to be commercialized. A 69-kilovolt line now runs right through our property. It's the same line that runs through Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. And that's the route they want to take for the Sunrise Powerlink."

I ask Morrow if her property would be subject to eminent domain.

"They only do eminent domain if you refuse to sell at a negotiated price. A real estate lawyer told me that SDG&E would have to buy our entire ranch, as the line would make it unusable. They want to put one of those awful towers right in the middle of my driveway."

Morrow is worried about the effects the powerlink would have on towns in east San Diego County. "Julian, Borrego Springs, Warner Springs, Santa Ysabel, and Ramona, all those towns are reliant on tourists. And if Sunrise goes through, with all the construction and disarray, those are going to be ghost towns, because the roads out here are two-lane. And they're going to construct not just the power line but 130 miles of access roads to support it."

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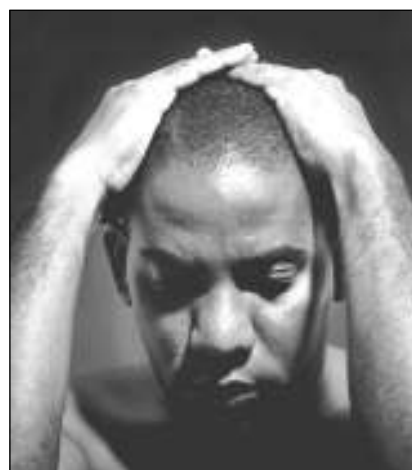
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- Having trouble staying asleep through the night?
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"After the fires in October, when they were trying to remove trees that fell in the road and fix the telephone and electricity wires between Santa Ysabel and Ramona, some days it would take two hours to get to Ramona. Normally it takes 40 minutes. That kind of thing is going to destroy the tourism out here. People aren't going to want to sit in those traffic jams that the construction is going to cause."

Morrow gained some notoriety after SDG&E workers started going onto her land. "I held them off," she says. "I made them take me to court last year.

SDG&E's business and professional code says that if you deny them access, they have to take you to court.

"I don't want people chasing around my property. What if somebody gets hurt? You know I'd be liable. And I wanted to have it

stated in the court papers that I would not be liable. I mean, we have wild animals out here; we have mountain lions and bobcats and deer. And my neighbor has cows. What if one of them got out, which happens all the time? We have dead wells and gullies on our land. People that aren't hikers could easily get hurt.

Before, they weren't even telling us they were there. We'd just see them, and they'd take off without even telling us who they were. That really upset the judge. So he gave them a bunch of rules they have to abide by — and covered my liability issue."

Have powerlink proponents accused Morrow of

Sunrise would require the cutting of thousands of oak trees.

"The judge eventually allowed SDG&E workers access, but a very limited one. And they have to call and let me know in advance that they're going to be on the property. They can only do surveying; they can't displace any of the land.

NIMBYism?

"Not anymore," she says. "Not since they found out how many of us there are." Morrow is a codirector of the "loosely knit" Community Alliance for Sensible Energy. The group has members from Ranchita,

RESEARCH STUDIES

Female Research Volunteers Needed

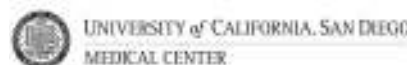
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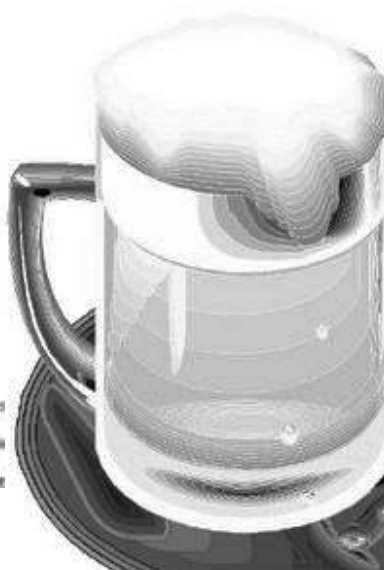
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Warner Springs, Santa Ysabel, and Borrego Springs. She also works with Protect Our Communities Fund, which by now has raised \$1.2 million to fight Sunrise.

There is a “commu-

nity” organization that supports Sunrise as well, but it’s funded by SDG&E. The group is called Community Alliance for the Sunrise Powerlink. On its website, the organization lists numerous businesses, pub-

lic agencies, politicians, and private individuals who back the project. The website offers playful videos portraying misguided alternative-energy solutions. The first shows two high school girls rubbing balloons on

their clothing. The resultant static electricity turns on a bulb in one girl’s mouth. The other video features a wild-haired man chasing several weasels around a stage. He wants them, like hamsters in a wheel, to turn

a generator belt attached to a juicer full of fruit.

On April 4, SDG&E’s alliance announced it was starting a campaign to educate the public on the benefits of Sunrise. To find out about the education, I called

former San Diego councilwoman Barbara Warden of the Downtown San Diego Partnership. The alliance identifies Warden as one of its directors.

Several days later I received a call from Jonathon Heller, who works for SDG&E’s public relations firm Southwest Strategies. Heller asked what kind of information I wanted. He then promised to arrange for me an interview with a representative of the alliance. But he didn’t call back.

I Was Mad as Hell

In early 2006, the California Public Utilities Commission sent Sunrise back to the drawing board. In its application to have the project approved, SDG&E had not included a required Proponent’s Environmental Assessment. It wasn’t until August 4, 2006, that SDG&E was able to file its next application. Subsequently, the commission began holding scoping meetings.

Tim Stahl is a San Diego photographer who loves to spend time in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. He used to do contract work for SDG&E. “One time, the company was sending me out to Coronado,” he tells me. “I was supposed to take pictures where they planned to put underground power lines. Of course, the photos showed the overhead power lines still running in front of houses. I used Photoshop to take out the lines and power poles. Then the company could send out the shots and say, ‘See how much better your neighborhood will look without the lines up above.’”

“When I heard about the Sunrise Powerlink going through Borrego, I was mad as hell. I love the stark scenery in the park, and for years, I’ve gone out there to take photos. So I took some of my most beautiful shots of the desert and photo-shopped in those huge, ugly [160-foot] towers with the lines on them.”

Stahl blew up his photos and mounted them on sandwich boards. It was his

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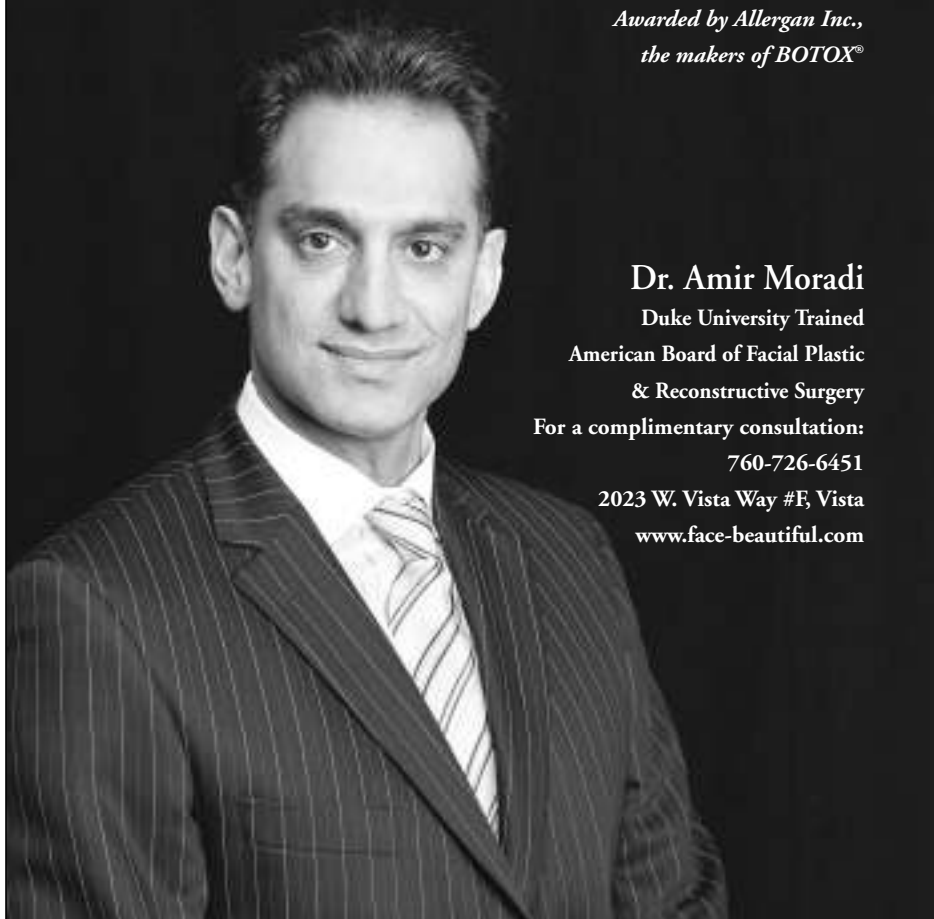
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contribution to the February 2007 scoping meetings in Borrego Springs and other sites. "When people saw my pictures," says Stahl, "they were horrified."

Could the Powerlink Cause the Next Mega-Fire?

The scoping meetings and Phase One of expert testimony on Sunrise occurred between the 2003 and 2007 fires in the San Diego backcountry. The draft environmental document (its full title is Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement/Land Use Plan) would eventually devote 300 pages to fire dangers that could arise from 230- and 500-kilovolt lines. But in the original discussions of the project, "fire was not on anybody's radar," says the Mussey Grade Road Alliance's Diane Conklin.

"The thing SDG&E doesn't want to talk about out here is fire," she says. "Oh, they're happy to talk

about the danger of fire to their lines, especially the Southwest Powerlink. But I told the administrative law judge hearing the case that the issue is not 'to their lines'; the issue is what's going to happen to us from their lines."

Conklin and her husband Joe Mitchell became involved in resistance to the Sunrise Powerlink on account of their living through the Cedar Fire in 2003. "We didn't want to see anything like it again," says Conklin. The couple suspected that Sunrise was dangerous, that it could possibly spark catastrophic fires in the future. By the time they heard of Sunrise, Mitchell, a physicist, was already studying wildfires in the wake of the Cedar Fire. He started M-bar Technologies and Consulting in conjunction with his wind-enabled ember-dousing technique for protecting homes against wildfires. The method involves a specially designed

sprinkler system that extinguishes firebrands in severe wind conditions.

Mitchell wrote Phase One testimony for the Mussey Grade Road Alliance, arguing that the powerlink could cause fires in San Diego's backcountry. In preparation, he was guided partly by the "Power Line Fire Prevention Field Guide," published by SDG&E and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire, among other agencies. "The potential exists," reads the guide, "that power line caused fires will become conflagrations during the long, hot and dry fire season commonly experienced in California. The very same weather conditions that contribute to power line faults also lead and contribute to the rapid spread of wildfire. The most critical of these weather factors is high wind, which is commonly accompanied by high temperatures and low

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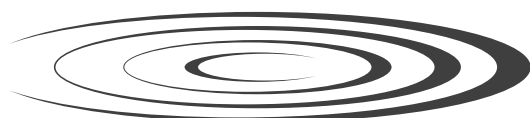
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But SDG&E's fire expert Hal Mortier testified that, while 69-kilovolt transmission lines do occasionally cause fires, lines of 230 and 500 kilovolts do not. Their insulation and the towers that support them are designed to prevent the equipment from starting fires.

Nevertheless, Mitchell discovered from SDG&E's own records that 230-kilovolt transmission lines started two fires at Camp Pendleton, one in 2006 and the other on Stuart Mesa in 2007. Using statistical analysis, he went on to calculate that the Sunrise Powerlink would be likely to cause one catastrophic fire in San Diego's backcountry every 15 years. Mitchell also testified that he'd found evidence in SDG&E's own records that the rates of fires per mile of transmission lines were the same for 230-kilovolt lines as for 69-kilovolt lines.

After Phase One of the Sunrise hearings, while Conklin and Mitchell were preparing further testimony for Phase Two, the October 2007 fires raced through the backcountry, almost destroying their home. "We were writing our briefs," says Conklin. "Suddenly we were surrounded by fire on three sides. I was up for 24 hours straight, because we were command central for the Mussey Grade Road area."

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SDG&E personnel observed the site of the Witch Creek Fire's origins underneath power lines on a Santa Ysabel rancher's prop-

erty. In a press release in mid-November 2007, Cal Fire reported that the Witch Creek, Guejito, and Rice Canyon fires all started from power line malfunctions. SDG&E currently notes that Cal Fire has yet to publish its

analysis of the fires' causes. But if the verdict holds, that would be three out of the eight October 2007 fires started by power lines.

All the land the Sunrise Powerlink would traverse in San Diego's backcountry was

burned in the 2003 and 2007 wildfires. One might say those lands are therefore unlikely to burn again soon. Of course, Sunrise is projected to be in service for 40 years. More ominous, say Conklin and Mitchell, is

"type conversion," a process whereby after repeated fires exotic weeds replace such indigenous vegetation as chaparral, which is less flammable. The exotic weeds are fast growing and soon provide fuel for new fires.

The Path of Least Resistance Lies Through Protected Lands

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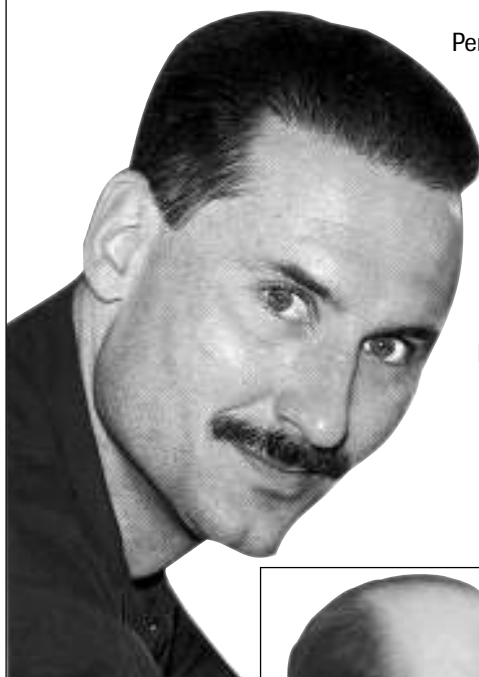
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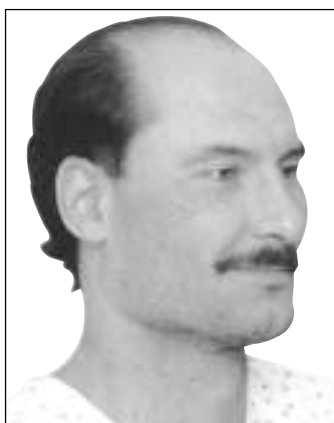
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"In Anza-Borrego state park they would have to remove land from designated wilderness, which is the strongest level of protection for land. That would set a precedent; it would be the first time ever that land is being removed from wilderness designation to accommodate a project like this in the State of California."

Hogan believes that as important as Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is, what's lost in discussing its fate is that the powerlink would damage many other protected natural areas, such as the Cleveland National Forest, many U.S. Bureau of Land Management lands, federal "areas of critical environmental concern," and a number of Multiple Species Conservation Program preserves.

"If you look at the map and see the powerlink route," Hogan tells me, "you realize that to avoid populated areas they picked these preserves on purpose. You can see where the powerlink seeks out those areas. They picked paths of least resistance. You've got San Felipe Wildlife Area, Santa Ysabel Open-Space Preserve, Mt. Gower Open Space, Barnett Ranch, Boulder Oaks, Sycamore Canyon, and on and on. All in all, Powerlink will run through and damage 15 protected areas

besides Anza-Borrego."

Several Multiple Species Conservation Program areas would be affected by Sunrise. The program is intended to preserve a network of habitat and open space while decreasing constraint on development. According to Hogan, "Sunrise would reduce the integrity of the Multiple Species Conservation Program, the only program that we have to allow reasonable development to occur in exchange for habitat protection elsewhere."

But SDG&E's expert witnesses gave written testimony that the powerlink right-of-ways would protect Multiple Species Conservation areas from future backcountry development. The right-of-ways would also protect against "habitat fragmentation," in contrast to contrary claims by the Center for Biological Diversity.

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whose habitat would be bisected by the area that Sunrise would remove from wilderness designation. "The sheep need a very quiet area with brief human intrusion," says Hogan. "They're easily scared off. Construction of the power line will result in a large amount of noise and disturbance. You'll see a lot of people running around doing stuff in the middle of the sheep's remote, pristine habitat. Over time, the sheep move away from areas where there is significant disturbance. That will result in habitat fragmentation."

But the sheep, argued the SDG&E expert witnesses, get used to power lines once they're up. Included in the witnesses' testimony were photos of the sheep standing underneath large transmission lines.

"Each tower will have its own access road," says Hogan, "so you can get in to repair them. Every one of

those roads means a way for more motorheads to ride around in the desert, to get their motorcycles and quads into remote areas, for people to go in and have illegal campfires, to graffiti up the rocks, or do illegal dumping, all the things we don't want people doing.

"And the powerlink is going to result in tremen-

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SDG&E envisions an expansion of Sunrise toward Los Angeles.

dous impacts to oak woodlands, a native plant community, in the Cleveland National Forest. There are several different species of oak trees — Engelmann oak, coast live oak, canyon live oak, and black oak. Sunrise would require the cutting of probably thousands of mature oak trees. That

generation after generation of woodpeckers," says Hogan.

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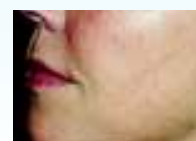
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duce were wrong. Earlier that spring, the company had already confessed to two such mistakes. First, SDG&E lowered the powerlink's initial projected annual savings of \$447 million to \$87 million. Then the company raised the figure to \$220 million. In July, during the Phase One hearings, the company revised the annual savings down to \$129 million.

On July 24, 2007, SDG&E confessed that Sunrise is a more extensive project than Dian Grueneich, the commissioner assigned to the case, and others had understood the project to be. It would develop more renewable energy sources in the Imperial Valley, build a new substation on its route's northernmost section, and probably construct new links for transmission into the Los Angeles market. Along with delays in the company's

getting the annual savings straight, the new admissions prompted Grueneich to postpone completion of the Sunrise draft environmental document from August 2007 to January 2008.

When the document appeared in January, it had five other plans for dealing with San Diego's energy needs as less environmentally damaging than the Sunrise Powerlink. Phase Two in the Public Utilities Commission's evaluation of the project is now underway. The commission is seeking responses to the environmental document's first draft from SDG&E, intervenor organizations, and the public. After the responses have been registered, a final draft is scheduled to appear in June. Then the administrative law judge, Steven Weissman, will issue a preliminary decision about SDG&E's

application for Sunrise. The Public Utilities Commission is scheduled to vote up or down on the project by August.

One of the environmental document's preferred alternatives is a southern route near the existing Southwest Powerlink. But three others didn't involve importing electricity into the county at all. So what is it, I wonder, that makes long-distance transmission lines the magic solution?"

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So forgive a few skeptics of SDG&E's pitch to build the 150-mile Sunrise Powerlink from Imperial County to San Diego. In the company's view, the project will guarantee reliability of the power supply, reduce electricity costs, and make optimum use of renewable-energy sources. That comforting prognosis doesn't convince Michael Shames, cofounder and executive director of the Utility Consumers' Action Network, who warns, "Don't judge a book by its cover."

Shames tells me that SDG&E is investing in natural-gas power plants in the San Diego region. "SDG&E purchased and has rate-based the Palomar Plant that Semptra Energy built. They're going to purchase and rate-base the power plant that Calpine is building down in South Bay. But power plants are riskier propositions, because ten years from now the energy might not be needed. And they're not guaranteed a return on those investments if the power isn't needed."

Given San Diego's growth, it's hard to imagine the energy not being required in the future. But what if too many plants are built? Or growth slows? And suppose demands for in-county solar and other renewable-energy sources start lowering the need for

fossil-fuel power plants.

In contrast to power plants, says Shames, "transmission lines, once they're up, they're rate-based, and it's 40 years' guaranteed profit. They're easier to build, easier to maintain,

and things can't go wrong as easily. The profit on them is huge, because the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission sets a higher profit margin for them than for power plants. SDG&E would have to build two or

three major power plants in order to add the kind of rate base that one line, Sunrise Powerlink, will provide."

In early March, when I spoke to Shames, SDG&E was projecting the cost of Sunrise at \$1.26 billion.

That figure has gone up to \$1.5 billion (over \$7 billion after financing over 40 years), thanks mainly, says the company, to costs it is incurring from the application process dragging on. "But it will be closer to \$1.7,

\$1.8 billion, maybe \$2 billion, by the time everything is said and done," says Shames. "It costs \$600 million to build a power plant. SDG&E's rate base balloons far more if they're able to build the power line. It's a

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Edison's effort to reach the
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said its move was possible
because the cost of the solar
technology had recently
been cut in half.

Bill Powers is an elec-
tricity-provision expert and
a member of the Regional
Energy Working Group

formed to advise the San
Diego Association of Gov-
ernments. Last fall, on
behalf of the Sierra Club,
Powers wrote "San Diego
Smart Energy 2020: The
21st Century Alternative."
The plan deemphasizes
importing electric power
into San Diego in favor of
"distributed generation" of
electricity across San Diego
County, including substan-
tial reliance on solar and
wind energy.

"What's happened
here," says Powers, "is that
for the last 30 years, the
photovoltaic technology in
use has used crystalline sili-
con, the little individual
cells. The new alternative is
thin-film photovoltaics,
which is what's bringing the
cost down."

I ask Powers if South-
ern California Edison will
rate-base its new photo-
voltaic equipment.

"Yes," he says.

"Then couldn't

SDG&E rate-base solar
equipment in San Diego

and make a good profit that
way?"

"If they installed
enough," Powers tells me,
"they could make almost as
much as they will make
with their big transmission
line. SDG&E has always
argued that photovoltaic
technology is too expensive.
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Powers is skeptical of
the thermal-solar project
SDG&E wants in the Impe-
rial County desert. (The
Stirling dish technology
works by concentrating the
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tons that run generators.)
"The technology is eventu-
ally supposed to produce
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would go out to the desert for solar when we could get it right here for half price? That makes no sense at all. The dish technology they want to use out there may work someday, but it requires all these little machines it must coordinate," says Powers, whose original training was in mechanical engineering. "Photovoltaics converts sunlight directly into electricity. It has no moving parts."

* * *

Powers is fond of quoting a statement by John Geesman, a former member of the California Energy Commission. "There's an ongoing schizophrenia in state energy policy," reads the statement, "between what we say we want to do and what we actually allow to happen."

"I love that quote," Powers tells me, "because we do have great policy in California. The policy says:

first comes energy efficiency; second, demand response (how you keep the load down on peak days); third, we're going to use lots of renewable energy; fourth, we're going to do distributed generation [of solar and other renewable sources at highly efficient plants, such as hospitals and some manufacturing campuses]. And then and only then are

"the loading order."

"But on the ground," continues Powers, "it's always hard to apply the loading order to individual projects when the project proponent wants to do something else. And for the last century, the utilities have made their money on the steel they put in the ground. If you don't change that system, you can have as

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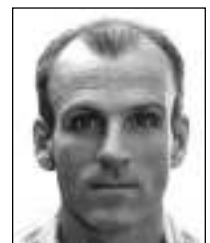
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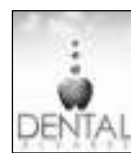
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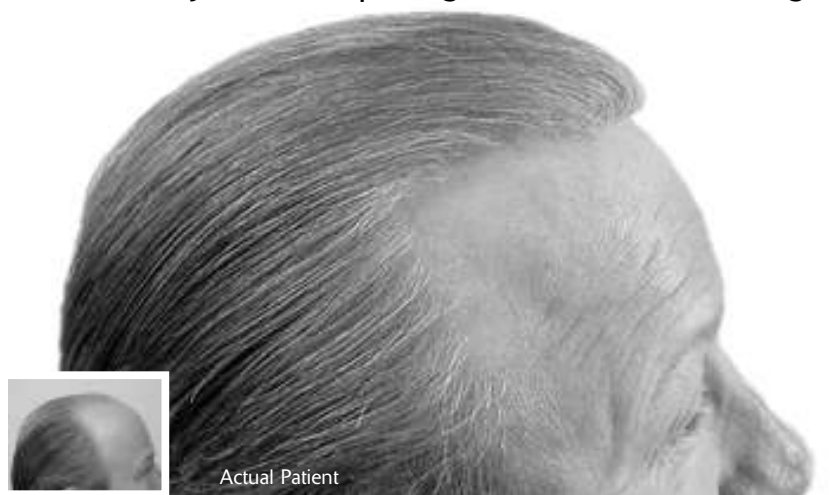
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"In our little neck of the woods," Powers tells me, "one guy is calling all the shots. That's the CEO of Sempra Energy, Don Felsing. SDG&E gets its marching orders from Sempra."

"And the real market for the Sunrise Powerlink is not San Diego. The market is Los Angeles."

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In this version of the future, Costa Azul and the Los Angeles power market, with its millions of homes and businesses both large and small, would be bookends to the Sunrise Powerlink. On the Sunrise Powerlink website, however, SDG&E denies the accusation. "The electricity from [the Mexicali power plants] is already being delivered to California using existing transmission lines. These plants don't need the Sunrise Powerlink. If power producers in Mexico want access to the Los Angeles area, they could use the proposed Green Path North transmission line that will run from Imperial Valley directly to Los Angeles."

The key word here is "proposed." The Green Path North project is facing, before its destiny with the Public Utilities Commission, the same kinds of criticism as Sunrise.

In hearings held thus far on the Sunrise Power-

link, the company has been pressed about why the preferred route for the line goes so far north before heading west. While trying to keep their emphasis on "the best possible route," several company officials have admitted that SDG&E envisions an expansion of Sunrise toward the Los Angeles power grid.

Sunrise will only serve San Diego. And if they try to move power north through San Diego, they could quickly overload the infrastructure. So what they want is a substation outside the urban core."

But "Sempra right now doesn't have the wherewithal to pay for the Sunrise Powerlink," Powers tells me.

"Schwarzenegger has written a letter of support of this line."

"Sempra wants a separate substation that is outside the urban area of San Diego," says Powers, "so they can have a straight shot up to Los Angeles. They don't want to be forced into a southern route preferred in the draft environmental document because then

"They have to get their utility to do it, and the state's electricity customers will pay for that. At this moment in the corporate chess game, SDG&E is the crucial player. The Stirling contract will be dead on arrival. It will never happen in the 2010 timeline that will meet this contract.

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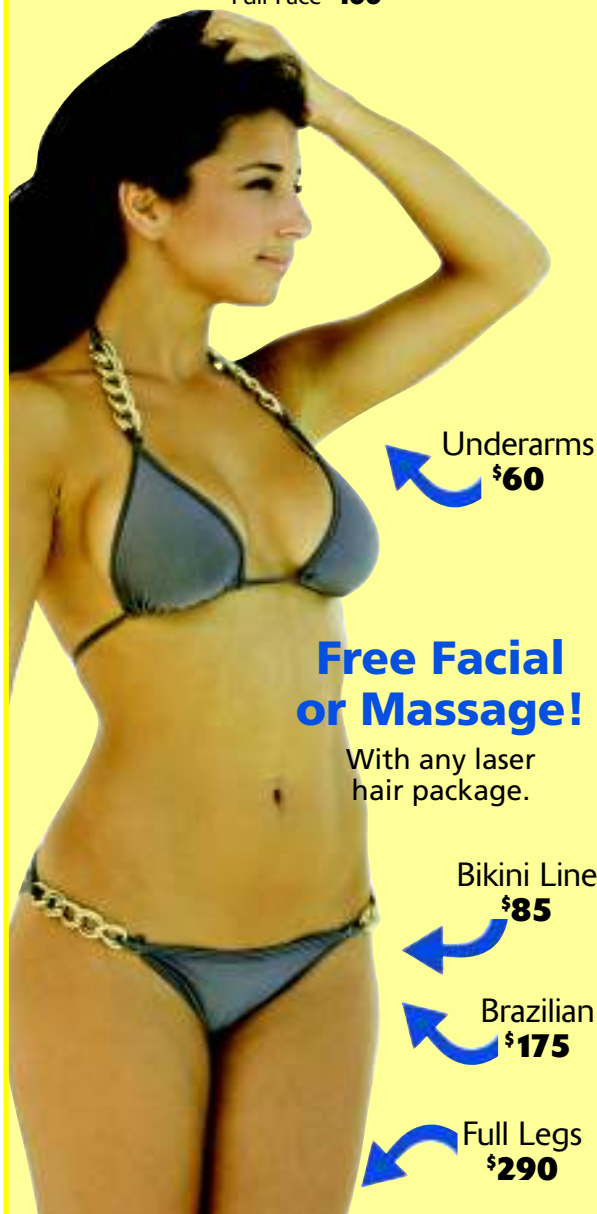
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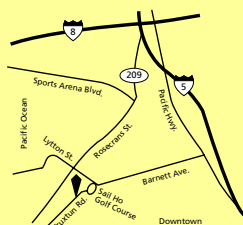
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"The moment that the Sunrise line is approved, the other Sempra affiliates are the ones that will get the biggest benefits. Of course, SDG&E gets the lasting benefit of being able to rate-base Sunrise for 40 years, even if it becomes a clothes-line. But SDG&E's role ends the moment Sempra gets the line. They won't care if SDG&E ever runs a single kilowatt-hour over Sunrise. The utility can then build as many solar panels in downtown San Diego as it wants. SDG&E can rate-base those too. That would be cream on top of the transmission line. So that's the game. It's very cynical."

And Powers calls SDG&E's emphasis on Sunrise's environmental benefits "greenwash." In fact, if he is correct about the real function of Sunrise, then the overall plan would increase greenhouse gases in Indonesia and Mexicali alone well beyond what the utility says it will reduce in San Diego. The plan would further pollute already-compromised Mexicali and Calexico. The cities now suffer from fossil-fuel-plant emissions and from dust storms. Childhood asthma is rampant in nearby El Centro school districts.

Though Sempra Energy's CEO Don Felsing has subsequently softened his position, he stated in 2005 that he doesn't believe in global warming. That convinces many critics that his companies' green-marketing rhetoric is bad faith.

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ter?" asks Powers. "It's got all the pieces and is moving them around. It's just extraordinary that in 2008, one guy, Don Felsing, can say that San Diego is going in this direction for the next two, three, four decades."

The Phases One and Two of the Sunrise hearings have been great, according to Powers, because they force SDG&E, as well as its opponents, to back up their claims with evidence. Powers also believes that as the Phase Two hearings progressed during April and May, SDG&E's excuses for not generating more power locally became "lamer and lamer." One excuse has been the company's criticisms of photovoltaic technology as idealistic and out of touch with financial reality.

"Then, in a gift of timing," says Powers, "Southern California Edison announces [that it would be installing the 250 megawatts of rooftop photovoltaics]. Apparently, for the biggest

utility in the state, not only are solar panels not quixotic but they're going to cost half the price of the dishes in the desert. That announcement changed the ball game."

When the hearings are over and the final environmental document is released, Judge Weissman will write a decision on whether Sunrise should be approved. "But commissioners have the right to produce a counterdecision," Powers tells me. "They can put relatively little effort into an alternative after we've worked on this case for two years and racked up volumes of testimony. We have a judge who's been working on Sunrise the whole time and will write a well-prepared decision. All that work, and they can throw it in the trash the next day. All the commissioners have been appointed by Schwarzenegger, who has written them a letter of support of this line."

In 2004, Schwarzeneg-

ger returned a \$50,000 political donation from Semptra Energy because the state attorney general was suing the company for its role in the California energy crisis. But last year, the governor's inaugural committee accepted \$25,000 from Semptra. On April 25, the energy giant donated \$50,000 to the committee backing California Voters First, a redistricting-reform initiative. Schwarzenegger donated \$2.1 million from his own fund-raising monies to support the initiative.

"What chance," I ask, "do the critics of Sunrise have when it's time for the Public Utilities Commission to make the decision?"

"About a three-point shot," says Powers, who thinks that SDG&E recently has fought back frantically. "But the company never thought it would be in a position where even a long shot might beat them." ■

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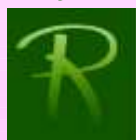
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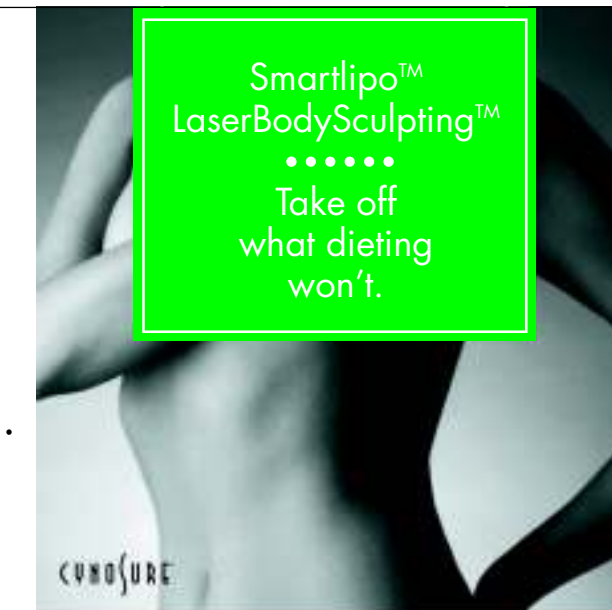
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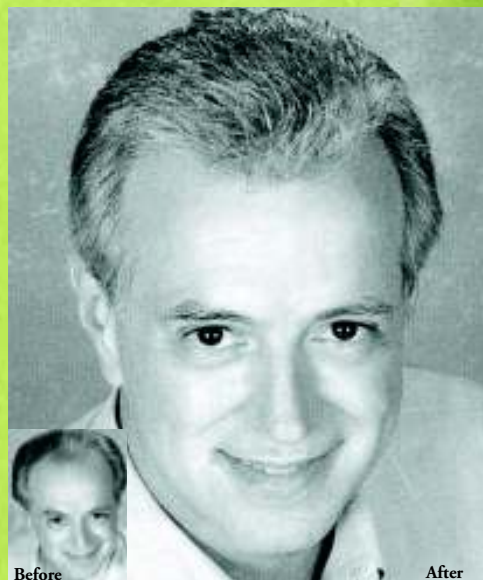
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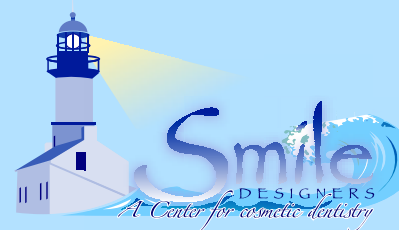
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Vocabulary is a word I rarely use. When I do, it is usually in the context of a word *not* in someone or other's vocabulary, in an effort to define him or her. As in, "The word 'hygiene' is not in his vocabulary." Defining people and things by what they are not is specious, I'm sure, but I haven't let it stop me when it seems useful. The most common occurrence of the word "vocabulary" is when someone tells me I have a big one. Vocabulary, that is.

Does *Reader's Digest* still have that department called "It Pays to Enrich Your Word Power"? The very title of that section now strikes me as charming and sad. The idea that anyone might be impressed with a large vocabulary seems so 1940s and '50s. A large vocabu-

lary is a kind of albatross around the neck today or, moving on to a metaphorical mix, a kind of giant shibboleth that identifies you as the enemy. In some small circles — including one in which I think I can count myself a member — pretentiousness is the enemy. Or not so much enemy, as one-to-be-ignored; much like those who use the non-word "irregardless." The other, much larger camp, to whom a large vocabulary is a red flag signaling the enemy, are those who bristle — not at someone brutalizing the

language, but at someone who might know what they are talking about.

Some years ago it was suggested by the courts that I attend group therapy. It was all a misunderstanding and, in the words of Gomez Adams, "I loved my mother and they never proved a thing." Part of the therapy was to write a multi-page autobiography. After reading my entry aloud, the most consistent feedback I received was along the lines of one fellow's comment: "You sure use a lot of ten-dollar words." When asked

what ten-dollar words he was referring to, it turned out that he didn't know the meaning of the word "shoal." This was in the context of my quoting Sigmund Freud on the subject of dementia praecox and being "stranded on the shoals of puberty." Given the definition, my therapy friend's response was to suggest that I say what I mean or, presumably, that Freud say what he means.

I have noticed with increasing frequency over the years that people are often puzzled by what I say. As often as not, I get a knee-

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jerk, "What?," sometimes even before I am done speaking. Many people seem to expect me to say something cryptic when I am trying to be anything but obtuse. It doesn't help that I have the habit of listing synonyms for words I've chosen in conversation. For example, "The characters in the movie were very disparate, you know, different from each other, from different backgrounds." To which I will often hear, "I know what disparate means," said with an offended tone.

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ever one is referring to. At least, that's the closest I can get to it. And words like "radical" and "awesome" are examples of perfectly good words devalued, maybe forever, along with having their definitions inadvertently reversed: what is described as "radical" or "awesome" invariably isn't.

Vocabulary words enlisted into usage for no other reason than to display one's vocabulary are easy to pick out. One that came up recently is "disingenuous," which means insincere or not frank. Coming from a friend of mine, who would be unlikely to sling any five-syllable words in daily conversation, this stood out so thoroughly from his usual choices as to seem a hilarious malapropism — though it wasn't in this case; he used it correctly. The fact that he substituted "disingenuous"

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for “freakin’ bullshit” is what struck me as out of character. A woman friend told me that the same word came under the heading of *bête noires* that escape her vocabulary: she’ll memorize its meaning, then promptly forget it. Other vocabulary words artificially impressed into service to impress are words like “collateral” and “fiduciary” and “empower.” Of course there are hundreds more in this category. None strike me as shibboleths of the enlightened or gang patois among intellectuals, exactly; but words like them are bound to cue someone that you’re some sort of smart cookie.

Not to say I am unimpressible. Reading the novels of the late Anthony Burgess is an act of creativity in itself (as good reading

should be) that demands the presence of a dictionary. Burgess will utilize phrases like “benidicent numen” and “mephitic hogo,” word pairings even the spelling-and-grammar program on my computer asks me to explain. The *Oxford American* is of no help here, but years ago I had the compact edition of *The Oxford English Dictionary* (two volumes and a magnifying glass) and I puzzled them out. A “benidicent numen” would be a kind of benevolent spiritual light, something like a halo (if you think I’m wrong, please write in) and a “mephitic hogo,” I am fairly confident, is a diabolical stench, specifically, very bad breath.

As for my own *bête noires*, they are embarrassingly unambitious: “impe-

cunious,” “pernicious,” “replete,” “pluperfect”... etcetera. There are more, but let’s take “replete,” meaning full, stocked, or gorged. Yes, I have a dictionary right here — but two weeks from now, when the word might come in handy, I won’t, and I’ll be hazy on it again. In this case, the reason I can’t remember its meaning (I’m guessing) is because it is too similar to “complete.” I have just decided I will remember it as a fatter complete and see if that works. As for the others, except “pluperfect,” I have faith that I will eventually sort them out. I confuse “pernicious,” “impecunious,” and something else with Ps and Cs and an “ious” ending, and if these don’t sort themselves out, I will continue to boycott them. “Pluperfect” I avoid

because of a mental block originating with a sadistic English teacher sophomore year, the details surrounding said block I am advised not to comment on until the statutes of limitations have run their course.

For years I had trouble with words like toward, as opposed to towards. There are others (“apropo” and “apropos” for example). I have concluded that I will employ the shorter spelling, “toward,” only because it is more economical by one letter. The same goes for other cases where the “s” is expendable and does not denote a plural or plurality (another example). Even though “s” at the end of “apropos” is appropriate, I still amputate it, and I am still at large. Ah, “plurality” is a

perfectly good word, but it reminds me of my friend and his symptomology.

Why Larry, who has studied chemical dependency for several years on both sides of the experience, insists on using “symptomology” rather than “symptoms,” is solely to call attention to his qualifications, and is therefore the symptomology of the insecure.

Had Larry once used the word (and I can’t find it in the *Oxford American*) to refer to a science, a study of symptoms, I wouldn’t say so; but he never has.

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or harsh. Taken from the name Draco, a Greek politician in 621 BC who legislated execution for minor crimes, I began ascribing the word to everyone from landlords and cops to Roger Hedgecock and Rush Limbaugh. I now maintain a moratorium on its use.

Acquaintances will spring words on me, assuming I am equipped with some seal of approval. A recent one was "cherubic," in reference to a bobble-head doll to be given away with donations valued over a certain amount. I was told that the doll's head was the likeness of: "Father Joe Carroll! Can you believe that? The bobbling little cherubic face of Father Joe bouncing around in his collar and everything. Hey, John, cher-oobic. Pretty good, eh?" Until then, it hadn't occurred to me that the word might be considered impressive vocab ammo, but you never know.

I once identified a gangster character in a suspense novel as an illiterate dolt by increasing his vocabulary to a ridiculous degree. It is a kind of standard hack play in pulp fiction, but it's still working, even on *The Simpsons*. In the first line of dialogue I had for Vincent Fratonio, he tells his moll-like girlfriend, "You look resplendent tonight." Even though he used the word correctly, I believed it announced him as an idiot without saying so. In case readers might have assumed that the guy was just natively eloquent, I added, "You should wear cerulean gold and pearls always." If the reader didn't catch that, I wasn't going to chase them.

For what it's worth, here are these notes on increasing your word power. Take them or not, me and my ten-dollar words, or, hell, defenestrate them both. ■

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Banjo Day in Lemon Grove

On the banjo, as on a guitar, there are pieces of metal — on ours they're made of nickel silver — called frets," says Carolina Bridges, director of public relations for Deering banjos. "They have to be at certain positions along the banjo neck for the banjo to be in tune. You can't just place them anywhere. Overseas [mostly in China] they don't pay attention to that. The difference is that we know what a banjo's supposed to sound like, and they, quite truthfully, don't."

Bridges says that banjos made overseas also tend to have thicker necks — which may be less comfortable to hold while playing — and will often be out of tune. This is an issue for beginners, she says, who don't realize it is the instrument, not the banjoist, that is failing to create the

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proper sound.

"Suppose you've never made a cake, and you're following a recipe," says Bridges. "Instead of reading, 'add two eggs and 1/3 cup of oil,' you are told, 'one egg and a cup of oil.' Your cake wouldn't taste right, but you wouldn't know why. A beginning banjo player might say, 'The banjo sounds really good on that record — why doesn't my banjo sound that way?' When you're a beginner you always think it's your fault. You say, 'I can't play banjo,' and you give it up."

On Wednesday, June 4, Bridges will discuss the history and construction of banjos on behalf of the Deering Banjo Company for Banjo Day at the Spring Valley Library. The banjo-making company, located in Spring Valley, was founded by Greg and Janet Deer-

ing in 1975.

Whereas a basic banjo manufactured overseas might cost around \$200, Deering's introductory banjo, called the Goodtime, is \$449, which Bridges says is modestly priced in comparison to what is considered an upper-line banjo, starting at around \$2000.

"You hear a decided difference in the two sounds of those banjos," says Bridges.

Many players who begin with the Goodtime end up returning for more expensive versions. As one moves further up the line, the banjos become more responsive and have a more dimensional sound because of additions like alternate tone rings and resonators.

A Goodtime banjo weighs 4 pounds — those with sound enhancers like bronze tone rings can weigh more than 12 pounds. One of the most expensive banjos, with inlays of pearl, turquoise, coral, and several other raw materials, is priced at \$62,469. That instrument (dubbed the "Banjosaurus," for the Mesozoic theme of the inlays) was designed for George Grove of the Kingston Trio.

Bridges refers to the banjo as "America's own instrument." The original

banjo, the banjar, was an African instrument made using gourds and animal skin. "It came across the ocean

with African slaves," says Bridges. "It had a short neck and strings made out of catgut. A twiglike piece was used as a bridge, and it would have had a very deep voice, a lovely voice."

The neck and resonator of the banjo are made from wood — maple, mahogany, or walnut. "Maple banjos are very bright; that's the inherent sound of that wood," says Bridges. "The mahogany is a warmer, sweeter sound. It's still a hardwood, but it's not as bright as maple, and the walnut would fall somewhere in between."

Deering uses a maple rim — the foundational round piece that sets the bass of the instrument — in all banjos, regardless of which type of wood is used for the neck and resonator. Atop the rim goes the tone ring, which can be made of bronze, steel, or grenadillo (a dark red wood that Bridges says

Deering sources from the Grenada area of Spain). Of the bronze tone rings, Bridges says, "You know what a church bell sounds like? This banjo is very loud, very dimensional — bright and powerful." She describes the steel as "dry and crisp" and the grenadillo as having "a depth of tone" that makes the sound "warmer."

The head (the drumlike circle beneath the strings) can also affect the sound, depending on the material from which it is made. "A frosted head gives a bright sound," says Bridges. "If we use a black head, which is a slightly thicker piece of plastic, it emphasizes the bass tones. Then we have a Kevlar head — it's not bulletproof — that gives a tenor-y sound to the banjo. We also have a fiber-skin head that looks like skin but isn't. The thickness is different, and it gives what we call a plunky sound — that old-timey mountain banjo sound."

Some players like to pimp their banjos the way one might trick out a vehicle with aftermarket products or custom-made parts. "The banjo is the hot rod of the acoustic instruments," says Bridges. "By altering the components you can make the banjo sound the way you want, like altering the fuel mixture or changing the spark plugs on your hot rod."

— Barbarella

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Body Rock Dance Competition Teams from Southern and Northern California — including Choreo Cookies, DS Players, Formality, Team Millenia, Soreal, The Company, GRV, Funksters, PAC Modern, Kaba Modern, others — battle for "best of the best" designation, 7 p.m.

Preshow starts at 5 p.m. on Civic Theatre Plaza with spoken word, BBoy Crew, exhibitions, three-man battles, guest performances. 619-570-1100. Saturday, May 31, 5 p.m.; \$15-\$21. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

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Get Merry Month of May ends with evening of request folk dancing. 619-281-5656. Saturday, May 31, 7:30 p.m.; Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Hey Wire! Band plays for contra dance with calling by Steve Barlow for San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m., dancing 8-11 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, May 30, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

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hosted weekly by Waltz & Such. Donation. 619-583-9956. Friday, May 30, 7:15 p.m.; \$1. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Swing Dance with the Jive Aces This "jive and swing" band from England plays for swing dancers. DJ music from 8-9 p.m., band plays 9 p.m.-midnight. Beginning swing lesson (8:15-8:45 p.m.). All ages welcome. 858-395-6060. Thursday, May 29, 8 p.m.; \$20. Firehouse YMCA Community Center, 7877 Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

FILM

Ferris Bueller's Day Off Stone Late-Night Movies series continues with the classic John Hughes flick on 11.5-foot-wide screen. Bring lawn chairs, blankets. 760-471-4999. Wednesday, June 4, 8 p.m.; Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Leaps and Bounds (Hoppet) Swedish Center Film Festival 2008 features this tale of a 12-year-old who goes to Sweden by mistake, but with help of many characters, "Maybe he can meet his real family again." Catch film in Ulla "Lotta" Wiik Auditorium, Arts and Letters Building, SDSU. 619-233-1106. Sunday, June 1, 3 p.m.; ages 8 and up. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Secret Sunshine Final film in Heritage Language Film Festival series is 2007 release by Korean director Lee Chang Dong. Intense film details life of a woman who turns to religion, then to close friendship to cope with double tragedy. Screens in Korean with English subtitles in room 4301 of Applied Physics and Math Building of Muir College, UCSD (free parking available in lots 206, 207, 208). 858-534-0693. Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

The Still Life Stone late-night movie series continues with visit by writer and director Joel Miller and Dizzy Reed from Guns N' Roses at 8 p.m.; screening of film at 8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and "get comfy." 760-471-4999. Tuesday, June 3, 8:30 p.m.; ages 21

and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North First-time filmmaker Katrina Browne discovers her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and nine fellow descendants retrace the "Triangle Trade" from their old hometown in Rhode Island to slave forts in Ghana to sugar plantation ruins in Cuba. Documentary offering new perspectives on black/white divide screens for Film Forum. Facilitated discussion follows. 619-236-5821. Monday, June 2, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

The Wonderful World of Puppets Around the World Big Joe Productions performances continue through Sunday, May 25. Next up: *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* performed by the Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers, May 28-June 1. 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. Sunday, June 1, 10 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

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IN PERSON

"Meet Golda Meir" "Historical impressionist" Peter Small performs his one-man show as tribute to Israel's 60th birthday for Humanistic Jewish group. Buffet lunch follows. RSVP: 858-549-3088. Sunday, June 1, 10:30 a.m.; \$5. Woman's Club of Carlsbad, 3320 Monroe Street. (CARLSBAD)

Careless in Red Bestselling mystery author Elizabeth George discusses, signs her latest. 858-268-4747. Saturday, May 31, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Standard Operating Procedure

In his new book, Philip Gourevitch provides account of how American soldiers who worked as jailers at Abu Ghraib became as dehumanized as their captives. Gourevitch speaks for Revelle Forum; journalist is editor of *The Paris Review*. Suggested reservations: 858-882-8000. Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m.; \$35. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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ROAM-ORAMA

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Palomar Mountain has dodged a couple of bullets in recent years. Wildfires in 2003 and 2007 have threatened to seriously damage San Diego County's foremost example of oak-coniferous woodland, but the forests of Palomar have escaped serious damage so far. Summer's furnace breath has not yet arrived on the mountain (likely for a couple of weeks, anyway), so now's the time for a quick visit to Palomar Mountain State Park and one of its best introductory hiking routes: a loop past secluded Scott's Cabin ruins and up over the high point of Boucher Hill.



Massive oak, Scott's Cabin Trail

First, be sure to enjoy the drive up there, which can be spectacular if seen in the early morning. From Highway 76 at the foot of Palomar Mountain, take either South Grade Road or East Grade Road all the way to where the two meet at the mountaintop crossroads called Crestline. (On either route, you may look down on the flat top of the coastal stratus clouds — the "May gray" or "June gloom" that bedevils coastal residents this time of year.) Once you arrive at the Crestline intersection, follow East Grade Road west toward Palomar Mountain State Park. Just inside the park entrance, leave your car in the Silver Crest Picnic Area parking lot.

From the parking lot, walk back to the paved road and use it to go west about 0.2 mile to a junction of five roads. Now continue west up the ridgeline between the two roads to the left (these roads are a one-way loop around the summit of Boucher Hill), following the narrow Boucher Trail through the grass and bracken ferns. Black oaks crown the ridgeline, their gnarled limbs bearing a fresh crop of bright green leaves. A few white firs appear as you approach the fire tower and microwave structure on Boucher Hill. From the Boucher Hill summit the view west can be spectacular at times, reaching all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

Now find the continuation of the Boucher Trail, which descends on a stretch of old fire road to the north. Beyond more black oaks, bracken ferns, and a meadow dotted with baby-blue-eyes, the trail swings right to traverse a north slope, entering a nice stand of white fir trees. Upon reaching Nate Harrison Road, cross and pick up the Adams Trail on the other side. You're in mixed forest now, with a few bigcone Douglas fir trees whose wandlike limbs tower head and shoulders above all else.

Winding around a sunlight-flooded ravine, you'll see beautiful specimens of dogwood and ceanothus, in bloom in May and early June. Yellow Humboldt lilies brighten up the scene in early summer.

When you arrive at Cedar Grove Group Campground, walk out to the entrance, where you can pick up the trail to Scott's Cabin. A steep climb through mostly white fir forest takes you to the modest remains of the cabin, built by an early homesteader. Com-

plete the loop by bearing right at the next junction, taking the trail that ends up opposite the Silver Crest Picnic Area.

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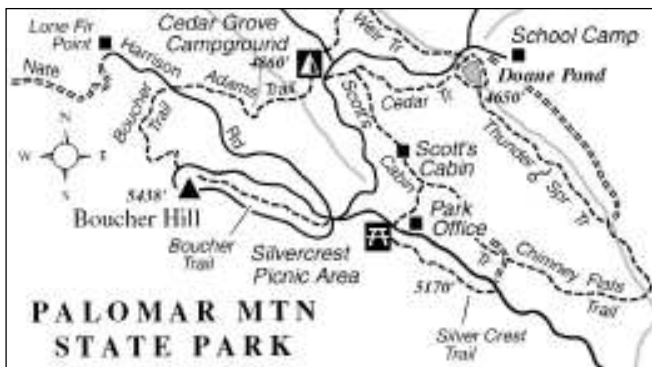
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Get to Know Dark Faeries Young adult fantasy author Melissa Marr discusses and signs her new book, *Ink Exchange*, the follow-up to *Wicked Lovely*. 858-

268-4747. Tuesday, June 3, 4 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Judaism and Christianity — sisters born of the same parent? Author talk by Risa Levitt Kohn and Rebecca Moore, co-authors of *A Portable God: The Origin of Judaism and Christianity* who argue that Judaism did not predate Christianity but rather that the religions arose at same time out of same theological and historical en-

vironment. 619-236-5821. Sunday, June 1, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Mystery Author Elizabeth George discusses, signs her latest book featuring Thomas Lynley of Scotland Yard, *Careless in Red*. 858-454-0347. Friday, May 30, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Not So Late! Craig Ferguson headlines, Randy Kagan opens. 619-220-TIXS. Friday, May 30, 8 p.m.;

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Poetry Reading Pushcart Prize nominee Harry Griswold, whose first book of poems, *Camera Obscura*, was finalist for San Diego Book Awards best poetry book of 2007, reads from his work. He's joined by "Dr. Georgibald Ignoramus" (a.k.a. George Goddard). Attendees encouraged to bring a few poems or short written pieces for open reading that follows. 760-480-4101. Sunday, June

1, 1 p.m.; Escondido Municipal Gallery, 142 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Psychological Tension, Depth, Realism! Andre Dubus III, author of *House of Sand and Fog*, discusses and signs his new book, *The Garden of Last Days*. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, June 4, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Senior Showcase Enjoy "a colorful revue of classical and contemporary dance, musical theater, and instrumental music vignettes" by graduating seniors. Program includes "Flight" performed by vocalist Donny Gersonde, an original song performed by folk rock group the Wrong Trousers, "Valse Triste" ballet duet performed by Grant Gilbert and Salina Nichols. 619-522-4050. Monday, June 2, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Coronado School of the Arts, 650 D Avenue. (CORONADO)

Spring Music Concert Advanced ensembles strut their stuff, June 4-6, in school's Florence Johnson Grand Theater. 619-475-8556. Wednesday, June 4, 7 p.m.; \$6-\$7. School of Creative and Performing Arts, 2425 Dusk Drive. (PARADISE HILLS)

Student Directed One-Act Plays San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts "Production and Performance" class presents final drama performances of the school year, May 28-June 1. 619-475-8556. Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m.; Friday, May 30, 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 31, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, June 1, 2 p.m.; \$5-\$10. School of Creative and Performing Arts, 2425 Dusk Drive. (PARADISE HILLS)

Tales of Faeries, Continued *Wicked Lovely* author Melissa Marr discusses and signs her new book, *Ink Exchange*. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Talk About It! Local writer and communication specialist P.S. Perkins discusses her debut title, *The Art and Science of Communication: Tools for Effective Communication in the Workplace*. 619-667-2870. Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)

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What's That You're Reading?

NAME: RAJESH J. | **AGE:** 27 | **OCCUPATION:** COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENT
NEIGHBORHOOD: UCSD | **WHERE INTERVIEWED:** LA JOLLA VILLAGE SQUARE



What book are you currently reading? What page are you on?

"*Mathematics: A Very Short Introduction* by Timothy Gowers. I'm on page 32."

What do you make of it?

"It's not purely mathematical writing, but it's for developing a taste for mathematics. So he's starting to talk about numbers, and what can you do with numbers, stuff like that. He starts with why we need numbers in the first place. Why do we start talking about rational numbers? Why do we start talking about real numbers? Why do we even

care about complex numbers? It makes sense, because we do need numbers. The operations you can do — you can try to understand various phenomena, various things, by understanding numbers and what we do with them."

Tell me about the style.

"It's for beginners. It's a very basic book; he starts from scratch."

How does it compare with other books you've read?

"This is the first not-too-technical mathematical writing that I've read. Other books I've read [include] some

fiction, some philosophical writing. It's hard to compare nontechnical mathematical writing, [with] say, fiction. It's very accessible. Even people who have a little bit of interest in mathematics can kick-start their interest and develop a taste for mathematics."

What books have been meaningful to you?

"I read this book, *Siddhartha*, by Hermann Hesse. It was really good, really meaningful. It was deep. It's about an individual's personal journey through his questions. And how he approaches

these questions and how he gets the answers to some and does not get the answers [to others]. It's a very open-ended book. It's philosophical writing, and it's something that is up to the reader — the messages in the book are not very clear, and it depends on the reader. That's something which I liked."

Any favorite writers?

"No, I'm not a big reader."

Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"Sometimes, but since I'm not a big reader, it's hardly our subject matter."

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LECTURES

"The Importance of Art in Daily Life" Christena Turner, UCSD associate professor in Department of Sociology and "Program for Japanese Studies," speaks for Asian Arts Council. Subtitle of talk is "Embodiments of Zen and Shinto in Contemporary Japanese Aesthetics." 619-696-1935. Thurs-

day, May 29, 1 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"A History of Hope" Jewish Historical Society of San Diego hosts panel discussion and display on Gussie K. Singer Chapter of the City of Hope. 619 232-5888. Sunday, June 1, 1 p.m.; Beth Jacob Synagogue, 4855 College Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Collective Memory and Identity: Argentine Women Artists in the late 1980s and 1990s" Art historian Marta Garsd presents an illustrated talk on Argentine women artists when Latin American Arts Committee gathers. 619-232-7931. Friday, May 30, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mapping a Nation in Motion: A Brief History of Amer-

ican Travel Cartography" James Akerman of Newberry Library in Chicao discusses use of travel maps by Americans from 18th- through 20th centuries. Consider the cartographic response to new modalities of modern travel brought about by modern technological developments. 619-236-5821. Thursday, May 29, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Reading Minds and Detecting Lies" The "Exploring Ethics" lecture series begins. 619-238-1233. Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Banjo Day! Carolina Bridges of Deering Banjo Company examines history of banjo and answers questions, demonstrates sounds and notes created on this unique instrument. 619-463-3006. Wednes-

day, June 4, 3 p.m.; Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Chop Shop and Guitar Clinic Matt Smith teaches how "to play in multiple tunings," discusses advance slide guitar techniques at 2 p.m. Brad Davis plans guitar clinic at 4 p.m.; he'll dispense flatpicking techniques, present ear training methods and exercises for better playing and a step-by-step

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Grief Workshop Laura Grayson, MSW, conducts workshop. 619-233-6487. Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m.; Calvary Baptist Church, 719 César Chávez Parkway. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Landscapes and Seascapes of the West Guest demonstrator Rodger Heglar shares his landscapes and seascapes painted in oil pastels during Pastel Society of San Diego meeting. 619-713-1128. Sunday, June 1, 2 p.m.; Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Simply Succulent Wreath Making Learn to make a living wreath using succulents. Bring a pair of gardening gloves, plan to get a little dirty. Materials fee: \$40, payable in class. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m.; \$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Tribal Bellydance and Drumming Class Middle-Eastern drumming class taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7 p.m.), followed by tribal fusion bellydance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drummers (7-8 p.m.). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6 p.m.; through Monday, June 30, 2008, \$12.

WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

OUTDOORS

Spring Wildflowers may have largely dried up in most areas of San Diego County, but in the cooler coastal enclaves such as Cabrillo National Monument and Torrey Pines State Reserve, several kinds remain. Look for paintbrush, purple nightshade, coreopsis, sea fig, popcorn flower, and red monkey flower, among others.

Oleander Bushes, now beginning to bloom in gardens and along roadsides in the interior valleys and desert, will continue putting on a good show through the summer. Good displays of white, pink and red varieties can be seen along the medians of Interstate 8 in east El Cajon and along Interstates 5 and 15 in parts of North County. Oleander's toxic characteristics are well-known: all parts of it are poisonous if ingested.

Wild Rose, a California native, is in bloom in San Diego County's foothills and mountains. In moist, lowland areas and along small watercourses, wild rose shows off small, florescent-pink flowers. By June and July, the rose bloom will reach the Laguna Mountains, where the plant grows in abundance in shady locales.

Agaves, or century plants, have been sending up their asparagus-like flower stalks all over the San Diego area lately. In warm weather, the tips can rise as much as a foot a day. During summer big clusters of yellow and green flowers should appear on the tops of the stalks, some up to 30 feet tall. After the blooming cycle ends, the spine-tipped, fleshy daggers at the base of the stalk die (after a life of 10 or 20 years, not a century) and the stalk dries up, but suckers usually remain to continue a new cycle of growth, flowering, seed production and death. The smaller desert agaves, which are native to the western edge of the Anza-Borrego Desert, are now finishing their blooming cycle.

Basic Birding Tom Troy leads basic birding program with emphasis on identifying birds by sight and sound and using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides. Directions: 760-967-6915. Saturday, May 31, 8:30 a.m.; Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. (CARLSBAD)

Birding Basics Class Trail guide Winona Sollock presents five simple steps for identifying birds at a glance, how to use a field guide (bring yours if you have one). 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 31, 1 p.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Birding with Barbara Join Audubon Society birders and leader Barbara Moore at Tijuana Estuary Research Reserve. Outing starts at 5th Street and Iris. 858-755-7133. Saturday, May 31, 8 a.m.; Tijuana River Estuary, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

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, June 4, 9:30 p.m.; \$9-\$12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Got Snow? Walk with trail guide past blankets of snow-white buckwheat blooms during guided nature walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 31, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, June 1, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, June 4, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Mission Beach Meander Explore walkways around north and south Mission Beach during moderately paced walk with Walkabout adventurers. 619-231-7463. Friday, May 30, 10 a.m.; Santa Clara Point Recreation Center, 1008 Santa Clara Place. (MISSION BEACH)

Mystery Tour Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads a fast-paced, generally strenuous walk of about seven miles based on make-up of the group. Expect "a lot of map

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Rockin' Beach Cleanup 91X, Coors, HelpBlueWater.com host beach cleanup. 323-988-4683. Saturday, May 31, 3 p.m.; Tourmaline Surfing Park, Tourmaline Street at La Jolla Boulevard. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Tour del Día Offshoot Tours offers an hour-long guided stroll highlighting the Park Palisades area of Balboa Park. 619-235-1122. Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m.; Paso Picacho campground, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Highway 79, five miles north of I-8. (JULIAN)

Ven Explora la Naturaleza Conmigo Bilingual nature walk led by Spanish-speaking interpretive guide. Walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and nature center. 619-409-5900. Sunday, June 1, 1 p.m.; Chula Vista Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

"Tribute to the Beatles, the Doors, and Rolling Stones" Roll up and enjoy the show. 011-52-664-681-7000. Friday, May 30, 8 p.m.; \$35. Grand Hotel Tijuana,

Boulevard Agua Caliente 4500. (BAJA)

Alejandro Filio and Gerardo Pablo In concert. 011-52-664-687-9636. Friday, May 30, 8 p.m.; \$20-\$28. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Classical Music Concert by Alberto Ubach, Eva Celiz, Rafael Elizondo. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Francisco Céspedes in Concert The Cuban-born singer/songwriter left career as a physician career to become involved in popular music. 011-52-664-685-3031. Saturday, May 31, 6 p.m.; \$40. L.A. Cetto Winery, at km 73.5 on Ensenada-Tecate Highway 3, in Guadalupe Valley. (BAJA)

International Book Fair Author appearances, concerts, activities, Friday, May 23-Sunday, June 1, between 7th and 8th Street on Avenida Revolución. 011-52-664-684-8609. Thursday, May 29, 10 a.m.; Friday, May 30, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m.; Sunday, June 1, 10 a.m.; Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

Mushroom Festival Chefs from local restaurants engage in 11th annual culinary competition of mushroom-based dishes along Ensenada's main street. Enjoy "savory dishes, live music, shows, and other amenities." Tickets include food samples. Reservations: 011-52-646-174-0448. Sunday, June 1, 1 p.m.; \$12-\$20. Ensenada, First Street between Alvarado and Carrillo Streets. (BAJA)

Rock and Roll! Babasónicos, Auténticos Decadentes in concert. 619-734-2333. Thursday, May 29, 9 p.m.; \$20-\$35. El Foro, Seventh and Avenida Revolución, downtown. (BAJA)

Run for Fun A 5k and 10k event for all categories of runners. 011-52-664-680-7969. Sunday, June 1, 8 a.m.; \$5. Mercado Hidalgo, Zona Río. (BAJA)

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Ximena Sariñana Actress and singer in concert. 011-52-664-681-8091. Thursday, May 29, 8 p.m.; Tangaloo Club, on Boulevard Agua Caliente. (BAJA)

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"A Day in the Life of Carlsbad 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. Thursdays, 9 a.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m.; through Friday, May 30, 2008, Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"A Salute to Old Glory" It's theme for annual Flag Day parade, with route following La Mesa Boulevard from Memorial Drive through downtown village to city hall, stepping off at 10 a.m. La Mesa Middle School band performs at La Mesa Boulevard and Palm Avenue; Granger Middle School Jazz Band performs at La Mesa Boulevard and Date Avenue; each band plays 9-10 a.m. Spectators encouraged to dress in patriotic attire. 619-464-3761 or 619-667-1300. Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m.; La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive. (LA MESA)

"A Toast to Music" Enjoy live music and unlimited tastings from dozens of wineries, breweries, and restaurants. Reservations: 619-401-8858. Saturday, May 31, 5 p.m.; \$75-\$100. East County Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

"Allan Kaprow: Roundtable Discussion" Allan Kaprow scholars, colleagues, friends, and "new generation of Happening participants" take part in discussion in conjunction with "Allan Kaprow — Art as Life" exhibition. 858-454-3541 x198. Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

"Summer Bounty" Chef Amiko Gubbins of Specialty Produce shares recipes, tips for making most of summer produce. Reservations: 888-424-3663. Saturday, May 31, noon; \$25. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

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days, 5 p.m.; through Wednesday, September 24, 2008, Prescott Promenade, 211? East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Cheers for Charity 2008 La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club's Mardi Gras-themed fundraiser promises wine tasting, micro beer sampling, food, entertainment. 619-236-8947. Saturday, May 31, 7 p.m.; \$75. La Jolla Marriott, 4240 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Craft Club Group gathers with instructor Sandra Erbetta to create unique items for sale in garden's gift shop. Reservations: 619-232-2721. Monday, June 2, 10 a.m.; \$5. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Doggie Café Take your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, May 30, 6 p.m.; \$10. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival Stroll gardens while sampling fine wines and beverages from around world; local restaurants offer a taste sampling of their best dishes and desserts, barbershop quartet entertainment. 760-753-7343. Saturday, May 31, 5 p.m.; \$75-\$125. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Exercise Your Creativity Exercise your humor with "variety of active and interactive exercises...and give your funnybone a workout" led by Jacquie Lowell. 858-581-0050. Sunday, June 1, 5 p.m.; \$25. Ages 12 and up. Clairemont Community Room, 4731 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Fun Party Foods Cooking demonstrations by chef Jenn, focusing on "simple, tasty, and impressive appetizers." Recipes include smoked salmon pizza with red onion and lemon caper spread, trio of spiced nuts, more. Required registration: 760-759-2273 or 760-471-8039. Questions: 858-212-9054. Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m.; \$45. Lake Pavilion at Lake San Marcos, 1105 La Bonita Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

Health and Beauty Expo Exhibits, live music, entertainment, workshops, book signings, celebrity guests, organic food fair. 888-498-3688 x 200. Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m.; Sunday, June 1, 10 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

House of Israel Take in ethnic music, songs, and dances for lawn program at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, June 1, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Japanese Cultural Bazaar Enjoy taiko, koto, and Okinawan musical performances; Japanese folk and classical dance, kenpo (swordsmanship) and sumi-e; Buddhist lecture and tour of temple's altar area; classes in manga/anime art, displays of bonsai, ikebana, sumi-e. 619-239-0896. Sunday, June 1, 11 a.m.; Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

Palm and Cycad Sale Limited and rare palm and cycad species from exceptional Southern California nurseries on offer. 619-291-4605. Included in admission to gardens. Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m.; \$7-\$10. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Sight and Sound Walk the Walk presents its next "creative arts extravaganza," with representatives from Art Around Adams, the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, and the New Perspective Festival. Mingle with performers and exhibitors. 619-846-7180. Thursday, May 29, 6:30 p.m.; Bamboo Lounge, 1475 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Ticket to Tecate Pacific Southwest Railway Museum train excursion to Tecate, Mexico. Optional lunch and one-hour Tecate Brewery tour, or side tour to Tanama Vineyard after arriving in Tecate. 619-465-7776. Saturday, May 31, 10:30 a.m.; \$23-\$43. Campo Depot, State Highway 94 & Forrest Gate Road. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

Traditional Tea Ceremony Urasenke tea instructor Soryo Katayama Stott and assistants present demonstrations. Learn history of tea ceremony, learn how to serve tea in a traditional way. Included in garden admission. 619-232-2780. Tuesday, June 3, 11:30 a.m.; Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

What is the American Dream? Ponder, then join P&R Discussion

Group to discuss. 619-370-1027. Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m.; The Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate Festival Gathering of wine, cheese, chocolate makers from around California hosted by Wine Smarties in Casa del Prado's Patio B, benefiting Women's History Museum. Music by Sue Palmer Trio. 619-233-7963. Friday, May 30, 5 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Ages 21 and up. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS

"No Catch Phrase Necessary" WCWA pro wrestling returns. Card includes Locura versus Aerial Star, Ric and Vic Dynamic versus Matt Twizted and SoCal Crazy, Ricky Mandel versus Evan Jelik, and return of former WWE star and current WCWA champion Aaron Aguilara. 619-249-1463. Saturday, May 31, 4 p.m.; \$10-\$13. Knights of the Pythias Hall, 200 East Plaza Boulevard. (NATIONAL CITY)

"One-Night Stand" WWE World Wrestling Entertainment hits the ring. 619-220-TIXS. Sunday, June 1, 4:45 p.m.; \$23-\$303. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Head East! Knickerbikers bicyclists head east on Highway 56 bike path for 28-mile ride. Bring money for lunch at a food court. To reach park n' ride, take I-5 to Carmel Valley Road; exit and turn west; turn left at first traffic light under freeway bridge. 858-453-3687. Saturday, May 31, 9:30 a.m.; Carmel Valley park n' ride, 12791 Sorrento Valley Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

June Jamboree Festival Horse Show Hunters and jumpers in competition. 858-481-9085. Thursday, May 29, 8 a.m.; Friday, May 30, 8 a.m. and 8 a.m.; Sunday, June 1, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

La Jolla YMCA Surf Series Amateur surf competition series for youths, teens, and adults concludes with surfing at South Mission jetty. Free for spectators. 858-453-3483 x41. Saturday, May 31, 8 a.m.; Mission Beach, From Pacific Beach Drive to the South Mission Jetties on Ocean Front Walk. (MISSION BEACH)

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 Washington Nationals finish series with game on May 29. Pads head out for road trip against Giants in San Francisco, May 30-June 1. Padres host Chicago Cubs, June 2-4. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Thursday, May 29, 12:35 p.m.; Monday, June 2, 7:05 p.m.; Tuesday, June 3, 7:05 p.m.; Wednesday, June 4, 7:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Region One Arabian Horse Show Competition runs May 28-June 1. 619-993-4169. Thursday, May 29, 8 a.m.; Friday, May 30, 8 a.m.; Saturday, May 31, 8 a.m.; Sunday, June 1, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Ridin' to Ramona Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders and head east via Del Dios. Bring money for lunch in Ramona during the 75-mile ride. 619-473-8513. Sunday, June 1, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Rock 'n' Roll Marathon The 26.2-mile course begins in Balboa Park (at Sixth Avenue and Palm), finishes at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Point Loma. Wheelchair invitational: 6:25 a.m.; marathon: 6:30 a.m. No half marathon, no race-day registration. Registration fee includes post-race concert by Pat Benatar and guitarist Neil Giraldo (at Qualcomm Stadium). 858-450-6510. Sunday, June 1, 6:25 a.m.; \$110-\$125. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis Event with 5k run/walk benefiting Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America at 6 p.m. Registration: 5:30 p.m. 858-547-8200. Saturday, May 31, 5:30 p.m.; CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

MUSEUMS

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum The museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-op-

erated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. 9050 Memory Lane, 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

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

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobbe-gong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

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

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

owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

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

Coronado Museum of History and Art "Talismans of the Turkoman: Traditions of a Warrior Tribe," contains items ranging from small earrings to a large, ornamental camel hanging used in wedding processions, as well as "magical children's garments" known as *elek*, whose function was to protect children from "the evil eye." Exhibit is built entirely from a private collection of materials gathered almost 40 years ago in Afghanistan. Through Monday, May 26. Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. 1100 Orange Avenue, 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

Flying Leatherneck Museum Museum is dedicated to Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Miramar Road (Marine Corps Air Station), 858-693-1723. (MIRA MESA)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Magee House Museum Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and

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

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

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

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

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

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum Complex of historical buildings includes the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women’s clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch black-

OUT & ABOUT

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Philip Gourevitch, Tuesday, June 3, Neurosciences Institute.

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

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

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

and many others. 2384 San Diego Avenue, 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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

San Diego Natural History Museum “A Day in Pompeii” features authentic artifacts from Pompeii, buried in 79 CE during catastrophic eruption of Vesuvius. View body casts of volcano’s vic-

tims, frozen in their last moments; and objects such as frescoes, jewelry, household items. Closes Sunday, June 15.

“Aerial Portraits of the American West: Photographs by John Shelton” closes on Sunday, November 2. Shelton is author of *Geology Illustrated*.

“Enraptured: Works by Mitch Dobrowner” is said to capture “otherworldly images of the Earth.” The Ordovery Gallery at the San Diego Natural History Museum also displays glass sculpture by Dick Ditore, photographs by Richard Garrod and Robert Walter, more. Show continues through Sunday, August 3.

Current “giant-screen film” is *Ocean Oasis*. 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (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)

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

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

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CLASSICAL

Expect “Impressive Chops” Contrabassist Han Han Cho, described as “an apt pupil of Mark Dresser with a growing reputation of her own,” plans spring concert. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, May 29. (LA JOLLA)

Guitar Ensemble Under direction of Colin McAllister, group performs a variety of works, including Steve Reich’s “Electric Counterpoint” for 13 guitars and 2 electric basses. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Friday, May 30. (LA JOLLA)

“Pastime with Good Company” La Jolla Renaissance Singers perform music composed by and for King Henry VIII. Program includes “Mass for Four Voices” by Thomas Tallis. 760-224-8223. University City United Church (2877 Governor Drive), 7 p.m., Saturday, May 31; St. David’s Church (5050 Milton Street), 3 p.m., Sunday, June 1. (UNIVERSITY CITY, BAY PARK)

San Diego Youth Symphony Philharmonia Symphony joined by soloist, world-renowned violinist Eugene Fodor. 858-748-0505. Poway Center for the Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road), 8 p.m., Saturday, May 31. (POWAY)

“The Young Organist” Competition winners Christina Herron-Sweet, Nicholas Allsing, Suzy Webster, Alex Kramer, Nicholas Halbert perform. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, June 1. (BALBOA PARK)

Showcase Concert San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory presents season finale spring concert, featuring wind ensembles and preparatory orchestras. Program includes Beethoven’s “Fifth Symphony” as well as *Swan Lake* and “The 1812 Overture” by Tchaikovsky. Recital will feature Concerto Competition Winner Phillip Zhang performing the Haydn “Cello Concerto in C, Movement 1.” 619-233-3232x115. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 4 p.m., Sunday, June 1. (DOWNTOWN)

Piano Concert Associated Arts luncheon followed by performance by two pianists. Reservations by Friday, May 30: 619-582-0358. San Diego Woman’s Club

(2557 Third Avenue), 11:30 a.m., Monday, June 2. (HILLCREST)

“The Romantic Piano Concerto” Pianist Isaac Nammé joins Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra to play selections by Arriaga, De Falla, Albeniz, and Ravel. 619-697-6001. Tifereth Israel Synagogue (6660 Cowles Mountain Blvd.), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 3. (SAN CARLOS)

A “Grand Choral Spectacular”! UCSD Chamber Orchestra and Singers plan concert; the all-American first half boasts Copland’s “Music for Movies,” “Chichester Psalms” by Bernstein. Second half showcases two great works from classical period: Haydn’s “Te Deum” and Beethoven’s “Fantasia for Piano, Choir, and Orchestra” with piano soloist William Fried. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 3. (LA JOLLA)

UCSD’s Chamber Ensembles János Négyesy directs ensembles as they “serve generous helpings of classical music.” 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 4. (LA JOLLA)

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

“Spring: New Acquisitions” Reception for exhibition hosted by Objects USA. All-new show of vintage work from both fine art and

craft traditions continues on Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1. 619-238-3542. Ronis and Associates (1946 Broadway). 7 p.m., Friday, May 30; 10 a.m., Saturday, May 31; 10 a.m., Sunday, June 1. (GOLDEN HILL)

“Alexia Markarian: Paintings and Works on Paper” Reception for exhibition of work by San Diego artist. “Spanning nearly a decade, the exhibition offers gallery goers an...opportunity to witness a recent, dramatic change in the evolution of her art, and to view major, earlier works that have rarely or never been publicly exhibited.” Through Sunday, July 13. 619-238-6627. Pacific Beach Library (4275 Cass Street). 3 p.m., Saturday, May 31. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“Simple Pleasures, Recent Journeys, and Garden Tales” Opening reception for exhibition of new work by Donna Cosentino and

Sharon Anthony’s “A Passion for Birds.” Also on view: work by Lew Abulafia, John D. Clark, Lakshmi Grace Douglas, Peter Fay, Heidi Fickinger, Lou Montrose, Art Myers, Abe Ordovery, Lisa Ross, Tom O Scott, Blake Shaw. Show closes Sunday, June 29. 858-720-1121. Ordovery Gallery (444 South Cedros Avenue, Studio 172). 5 p.m., Saturday, May 31. (SOLANA BEACH)

“A Day in the Life of Carlsbad and Karlovy Vary” All submitted photographs from this Carlsbad Sister City program may be seen Wednesday, June 4 through Sunday, July 6. 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. Reception: Sunday, June 8, 4-6 p.m. 760-434-2904. Carlsbad Oceanside Art League’s COAL Gallery (300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101). (CARLSBAD)

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



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printer's pieces, along with objects from other cultures of the folklore images Domjan often portrayed. "Exhibition is an expression of the power of art to endure war, politics, and disaster and to rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes." Closes Sunday, October 5.

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

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. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla "Elusive Signs: Bruce Nauman Works with Light" opening Sunday, May 25, "focuses on Nauman's neons and light-room installations created over the first two decades of his career (1965-1985)." On view through Sunday, August 31, exhibition presents provocative body of work in which artist grapples with questions of how perception is shaped by light and space.

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 16 Parts*, a set of black-and-white fragments of

Schneider's partner's face seen through time. Also included: *Genetic Self-Portrait*, an installation utilizing medical-imaging techniques to depict his own body from the inside out; and *Heads and Nudes*, where the South African artist uses exposures of up to three hours to explore and transform the flesh of friends and family.

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

In "Humanitas: Images of 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 Touring exhibition "Georgia O'Keeffe and the Women of the Stieglitz Circle" opens Saturday,

May 24. Boasting more than 80 works, exhibit includes work by O'Keeffe, Gertrude Käsebier, Pamela Colman Smith, Anne Brigman, and Katharine Rhoades. These artists were "interested in redefining the identity of the modern woman and explored the changing themes of femininity in modernism." On view through Sunday, September 28.

"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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Full Force “I was trying to keep it on the down low,” says Defamation League vocalist Chaz Lomack of his arrest in SDSU’s recent

counts of endangering public health with a controlled substance (cocaine).

“They initially gave me a lot of bullshit charges like transporting across county lines, which were all dismissed. My original bail of \$253,000 was reduced to \$35,000. They first had me as selling to an undercover DEA

anything after that because I don’t know what lies ahead. But Defamation League is in full force.... I’m pretty much now focused full time on the



LOMACK, DONE WITH THE WHATNOT

band. Before [the arrest] I was busy doing whatnot. Now I’m no longer busy doing that.”

Lomack says that Fox 6 news did a story on Def League two years ago.

“They talked about how we party and do drugs and are terrible influences on people.” That story was followed by a piece in *Hustler* magazine.

“When the DEA was in

the house [during the raid], one of the cops said, ‘That’s Chemical Ali. I saw him in *Hustler*.’ ”

Defamation League appears June 12 at Brick by Brick.

— Ken Leighton

For All Those Ladies Out There “I had show offers before I even had band members, as far away as Texas,” says drummer Doug Smith of Nite Romantics, a Duran Duran tribute band that debuted this month at the new Channel Twelve 25 club in El Cajon (at 172 East Main Street).

“Female fans were salivating via MySpace, chomping at the bit for a DD tribute. There were a lot of women at our last show.... The whole front row of the crowd was lined with women singing and dancing along....

“Our goal is to as closely emulate the look and feel of a

Duran Duran show as we can,” according to Smith, who says their black and white linen suits are meant to recall videos such as “Rio” and “Hungry Like the Wolf.”

“I think they’re a guilty pleasure that a lot of people are embarrassed to admit liking. Musically, they were very underrated and underappreciated. I think they got caught up in the pinup aspect of things, the screaming teenage girls, [and] the ultra-marketing



“JOHN TAYLOR” (GIL BARRON) REAPS A REWARD

and packaging.”

Nite Romantics singer Irv Becker is an amateur filmmaker, while keyboardist Raven White is an actor

who’s played bit roles in films. Guitarist Johnny Alonso is also an actor, with a semi-regular role on the *One Tree Hill* TV show. Bassist Gil Barron is known around town as an accomplished flamenco guitar player.

According to Smith, the Beauty Bar has already offered Nite Romantics a monthly slot. Their next appearance there is June 24.

— Jay Allen Sanford

What’s in a Name? “We kicked 2 Live Crew off the tour today,” said local musician-turned-promoter Willie Carter (aka Willie Psycho) on May 20. Just days before, he’d sent out a press release touting the Crew’s “comeback.”

According to Carter’s manager Michelle Quintanar, “It got to be really irritating.... Every day, [2 Live Crew’s manager] would call with something, like, ‘On the plane, we don’t want coach, we want first class.’ Then they said, ‘We don’t want four [hotel] rooms, we want five.’ Then they decided they didn’t want [to travel in] a van; they wanted either a limo or a very large SUV, with a driver.... It became an unhealthy working

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federal drug sting.

“I was sitting in jail watching Fox 6 news, and I see my face on TV being led into the courtroom in handcuffs. They announced my name at the same time they said they found x amount of ecstasy, x amounts of cocaine, and x amounts of marijuana. They made it look like the whole operation was all about me.”

Since the May 6 bust, nine felony counts against Lomack (aka Chemical Ali) have been reduced to two

agent, but when they raided my house they didn’t find anything but one marijuana plant and ten pills of Adderall, which I wasn’t even charged with.”

At his attorney’s request, Lomack won’t specify his current charges.

“Best-case scenario is I get probation; worse case is I get a year in the pokey. I think I’ll get six months and have to serve three.”

His next court date is on June 18; sentencing is July 10. “I haven’t planned

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relationship.”

Carter's next typo-riddled press release claimed 2 Live Crew would be replaced by "The Original Sugarhill Gang," known for 1979's "Rapper's Delight" (recognized as one of the first hip-hop singles).

Along with Carter's band
(Willie Psycho) and a San



THE ORIGINAL SUGARHILL
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Diego-based band named Vegasaint, the eight-date tour is supposed to begin June 5 in Las Vegas. The press release claimed that tour dates and venues could be found at www.concerts.com. As of last Friday, not a single date or venue had been posted. Phone calls to Carter yielded no information.

Meanwhile, Sugarhill Gang's official website lists them playing Houston on June 5 — not Vegas — with tickets having been on sale for weeks.

Last Friday, the manager
of "The Original Sugarhill

Gang,” Carl Smith (aka Blaksmif), said, “The other Sugarhill that’s working in Houston is Joey Robinson; that’s the fake Sugarhill Gang.”

However, Wikipedia's Sugarhill Gang page says Joe Robinson founded the group with his wife Sylvia. The couple's son, Joey Robinson, today owns Sugarhill Records, and his version of the Sugarhill Gang has nothing to do with Carter's tour.

Asked about Carter's press release, Smith said, "I kind of noticed that they lack some writing talents.... I was told that they [were] working on the venues.... They already sent us our deposit, so we be, like, okay. We ain't gonna give a deposit back."

Tickets are being sold for one tour date on June 7, at Angels Roadhouse 2 in Apple Valley, California.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Skate or Die or Go into Radio “Right after I turned pro in ’99, I had a bad break at the YMCA skate park in Escondido,” says Sayvinyl singer/guitarist Jesse Fritsch. “I sort of sat on my ankle and it just popped. I was out for six months.... I can only skate for a certain amount of years,” the 29-year-old admits.

In July, he heads out as one of the featured skaters on Tony Hawk's five-week-long Boom Boom HuckJam Tour, but Fritsch has been able to expand his career outside of skate parks...and using his music savvy; Hawk tapped him to cohost a weekly skate-and-music show on Sirius satellite radio. As the "music dude" for Demolition Radio (channel 28), Fritsch chooses which bands get played.

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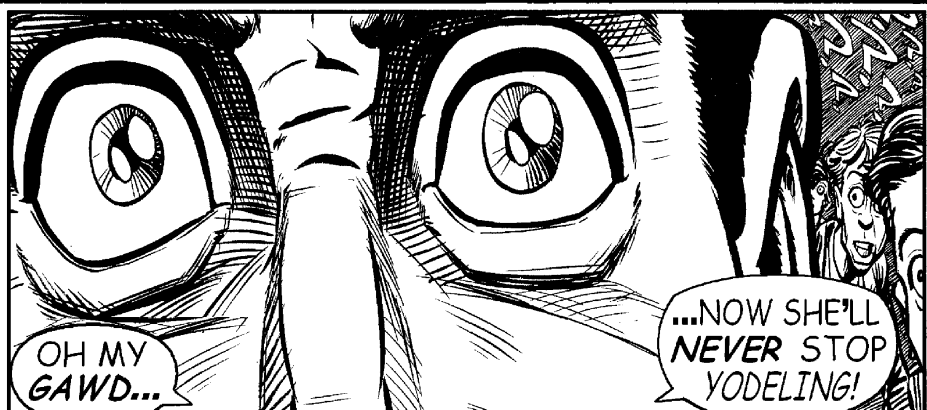
Besides the Sirius gig, Etnies, an Orange County-based shoe company that used to sponsor Fritsch as a skater, hires him and Sayvinyl drummer/guitarist Josh Vargo to score instrumental tracks for commercials and skate



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column was quoted as saying, "I'd rather kiss three dogs than one Elvis Presley."

Radio Exitos, a Mexican radio station, read de León's column over the air and spearheaded an Elvis boycott while students staged public record burnings.

In May 1959, when Elvis's movie *King Creole* screened at a Mexico City theater, newspapers that had advertised the film under the title *Melodía Siniestra* ("Sinister Melody") reported a "riot" occurring.

Mexican reporters suggested Elvis's hip-wiggling and mannerisms proved he was *maricón* (homosexual). The movie *Los Chiflados del Rock'n Roll*, a musical spoof, was promoted with posters showing Elvis in drag, being shot at by rifle-toting men in sombreros, under a banner that translates to "Die Elvis Presley!"

The book *Refried Elvis: The Rise of the Mexican Counterculture* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999) claims the Elvis quote was fabricated. According to author Eric Zolov, “Herbe Pompeyo of Polygram Records in Mexico City claims that a high-up Mexican political figure wanted to contract Presley for

a private party, for which he sent the performer a blank check to fill in as he wished. Presley, according to the



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story, returned the blank check, so the politico, extremely offended, invented the story line about Elvis not liking Mexican women.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

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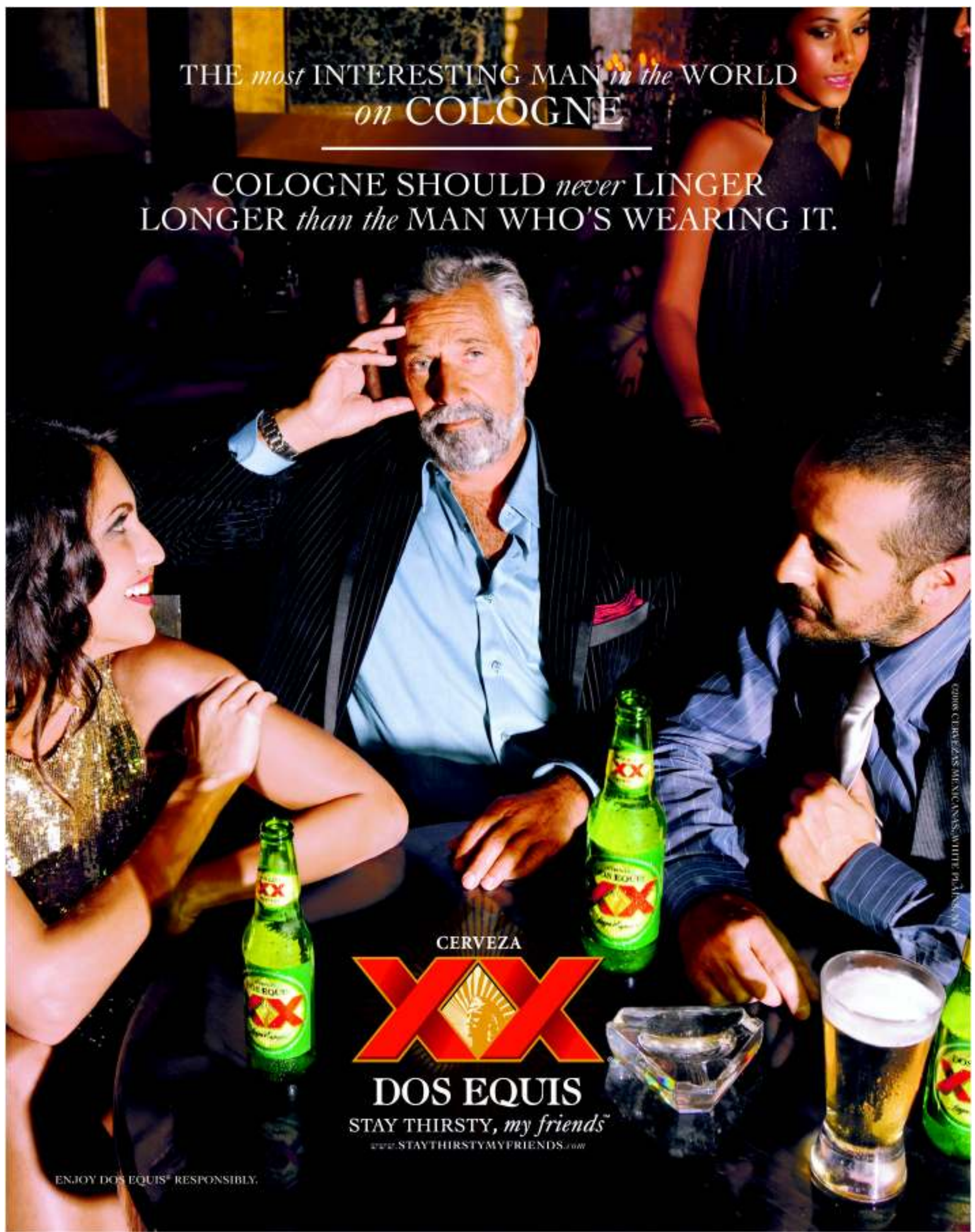
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Thursday 29

Boho gypsies **Vagabond Opera** roll the wagon train into Casbah for a night of Eastern European dance jams. These Klezmer cabaret throwbacks hail from Portland and come packed with cellist, accordion, horns, handlebars, and **Leilainia** the travelin' bellydancer. Sample Space takes from their '06 s/t collection for a nosh. **Max Fields** opens.... Latin maestro **Pancho Sanchez** tapes up his tips to beat the boogie out of his bongos for a packed Belly Up. Sanchez's salsa rave is a Solana Beach fave. The 56-year-old conga player is out to tout last year's *Raise Your Hand*, on which the Latin jazz leader teamed with Stax cats Booker T., Steve Cropper, and Eddie Floyd to "add a little rock to the roll." **Orquesta Primo** in support.... *Blood and Guts and Happy Rain*. Local indie kids the **Lanterns** alight at Beauty Bar tonight. Their Space is teasing a CD release for mid July. Keep your eyes peeled — the post-punk



VAGABOND OPERA AT CASBAH

quartet's Les Savvy Favulous. With **Battlehooch** (SF) and **Crystal Antlers** (LA).

Friday 30

Adam Franklin and his UK shoegazers **Swervedriver** crash into Casbah Friday night. This year the psych-rock quartet reformed after a decade of no news. Franklin scored a solo hit disc in *Bolts of Melody* last year, but check *Mezcal Head* (1993) for the Swervedrivers high-water mark. Beggars Banquet band **Film School** opens. The L.A. slowcore band is enjoying the exposure of last year's *Hideout*.... *Snakes on a stage?* Yeah, man. **Kottonmouth Kings** slither into House of Blues behind CD/DVD package *Kosmic Therapy*, a healthy primer on the SoCal rapcore crew.... Slide king **Sonny Landreth** settles into Anthology for



FIERY FURNACES AT BELLY UP

two nights of blues. The Delta dude dropped his latest solo go, *From the Reach*, last week.... Keeping on the culture tip, Dizzy's props the "Four Sides of Dylan." Sounds like the Todd Haynes amalgam *I'm Not Here* but reads like a local trib, featuring **Steve White**, **Dave Howard**, **Deborah Liv Johnson** (in the role of Cate Blanchett?), and **Louis MacKenzie**.... 'Canes catches roots-rock road warriors and festival favorites **Blue Turtle Seduction**. The Tahoe troupe is due to drop new studio set *13 Floors* this summer.... Uptown stages: Mario Escovedo's border town rock-n-boogie band **MEX** emigrates to Bar Pink Elephant.... Local folkies **Emery Byrd** land at Whistle Stop. The quintet's debut full-length *Mrs. Young versus the Modern Ones* available via iTunes.... And there's live funk 'n' soul at Beauty Bar, with **Upstarts**, **Bedford Groves**, and **Iron Mike**.

Saturday 31

Get yer robot on, as Belly Up books Liverpool's electronic glitch rockers **Ladytron**. Club divas Helen and Mira set to drop new Network disc *Vocifero*. Norwegian trio **Datarock** will punk up the proceedings with electroclash off last year's *See What I Care*.... "America's funnyman" **Neil Hamburger** will sizzle at Casbah. The comic has a new collection called *Neil Hamburger Sings Country Winners*. He'll be backed by the **Too-Good-for-Neil-Hamburger Band**.... Harlem's R&B hero **Keith Sweat** will join Boston bad boys **Bel Biv DeVoe** out at Viejas' Park Saturday night. Sweat's *Just Me* is due to drop this summer, while BBD just happy to make the scene since '05's commercial question mark *Poison*.... Campus kids at Ché Café invite Portland hardcores **Tragedy** to

their La Jolla digs. (No, they're not the "metal tribute to the Bee Gees" band.) One of the thousands of bands called **Blowback** also on the bill. Couldn't discern which one.... Loons cohorts **99th Floor** and the **Oh Nos** hep up Tower Bar with greazy garage rawk.

Sunday 1

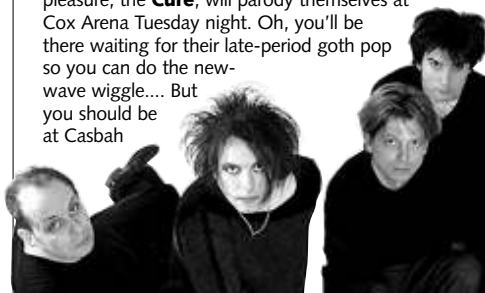
Matthew and Eleanor Friedberger are post-rock blazers **Fiery Furnaces**. The new Thrill Jockey signees are touring behind last year's *Widow City*, another trademark song-cycle of A.D.D.-inspired art rock. This summer the siblings will release live comp *Remember*. The Furnaces bring the buzz to Belly Up Sunday night with our own hot topic, **Grand Ole Party**. Show to be seen at, if that's yer thing.... Hard-rocking **Oaks** throw a CD release at Casbah with likeminded **Archons**.... While **Monsters from Mars** and the **Fucking Buckaroos** take on Zombie Lounge.

Monday 2

This week's Anti-Monday meet-up will be presided by Denver duds the **Swayback**. Check the trio's VU cover on their Space site, "Waiting for the Man." Hot shit, as are openers **Burning of Rome**. **Django James and the Midnight Squires** on the bill.... Beauty Bar's got Berkeley "hy-phy" hits **Tempo No Tempo**. The quartet's debut *The Get Down* is loaded with Lips-smacking jagged dance rock.

Tuesday 3

The head on the door was a dream. Your guiltiest pleasure, the **Cure**, will parody themselves at Cox Arena Tuesday night. Oh, you'll be there waiting for their late-period goth pop so you can do the new-wave wiggle.... But you should be at Casbah



THE CURE AT COX ARENA

catching up with modern goth by Austin slowcore trippers **Black Angels** and L.A. psych-outs the **Warlocks**. New releases from both camps suggest sets of the week.... Else: **George Clinton and Parliament** will funk up Belly Up, again.... **My**



PETER MURPHY AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Life with the Thrill Kill Kult will be resurrected (and get a make-over?) at Beauty Bar.... And **Metal Shakespeare** will get heavy at O.B. rock room Winstons.

Wednesday 4

More goth? You goth it. Bauhaus batman **Peter Murphy** will hang at House of Blues Wednesday night, as the Brit enigma brings his "Retrospective" tour through town. The retrospect culminates with the release of this year's Bauhaus reunion disc *Go Away White*, which shows the baritone still booms.... Chicagoland alt-rockers **Local H** deliver *Twelve Angry Months* to Casbah. Good grunge takes. **Firethorn** and **Photo Atlas** fill the Middletown bill.... L.A.'s country-rock rabble-rouser **Shooter Jennings** will draw down at Belly Up. Check Space tastes from last year's guitar-rocker *The Wolf*. Country chanteuse **Sara Petite** sets the Solana Beach stage following the annual Switchfoot Bro-Am auction, which starts at 6p. Switchfoot frontman **Jon Foreman** will strum-n-hum an early acoustic set for his part of the Stand Up for Kids campaign.

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Weirdos Rocking Our Name

“From the few words of English I see in their email, they seem upset.”

War Stories is fronted by singer-keyboardist Evan Robinson who, though he wasn't born in San Diego, has lived here for most of his life and has “San Diego” tattooed on his knuckles. He says the band might have to fight for its name, as others have laid claim to it — most recently a group in Massachusetts.

“I was not aware of the other War Stories in Boston until recently,” says Robinson. “From the few words of English I see in their email, they seem upset. I thought I'd escaped all the legal bullshit when we parted ways from our label and cut almost every tie we had in the industry. Guess not.”

DJ Frydae of Boston's War Stories emailed us to say, “There's a bunch of makeup-wearing weirdos rocking our name. I Googled it one night and found 'em. In turn I had our booking agent get on their ass about it. I don't know who the fu** they are.”

Boston's War Stories have been performing since 2004. “As to who, what, or where them [San Diego] fakers is, I'd like to know myself,” says Frydae. Asked if his band obtained legal rights to the name, he says, “Yes, the name is registered... we haven't ever played San Diego, but we're seriously considering moving there. I've always been told it's the shizz.”

Robinson says, “I don't believe we have trademarked the name. However, our record has been released since July 2007, and we've been playing under the name for about a year. If they want to get into it, we have lawyers.”

Our list queries were answered by Robinson, guitarist Reid Curby, and bassist Paul Lizarrga.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Reid Curby:

1. The Red Hot Chili Peppers, mix CD: “I always get a good Southern Cal vibe from their music — it really brings me a feeling of summertime. And John Frusciante is amazing.”
2. Depeche Mode, *Violator*. “Because it always feels good. It has that power that just grabs you and takes you along for the ride.”

3. Radiohead, *Kid A*. “I feel that this is an underrated Radiohead album. The music lets you get lost in the melodies, so you can make up your own stories to go along with it.”

4. Under the Influence of Giants, self-titled: “'Cause it makes me wanna dance.”

5. Coldplay, *X&Y*. “Like their other albums, it's simply amazing.”

Paul Lizarrga:

1. M.I.A., *Kala*. “Enjoyable in the

evenings just before sundown. This has a good fusion of Latin and African beats, mixed with some good modern tracks.”

2. The National, *Boxer*. “Pure, beautiful arrangements with witty lyrics.”

3. The Good, the Bad, and the Queen, self-titled. “Nice blend of piano and reggae dub, and it's great to see Paul Simonon from the Clash playing bass again.”

4. Blonde Redhead, 23. “Very dark. Also, sincere.”

Evan Robinson:

1. Radiohead, *In Rainbows*. “In rotation a lot.”

2. Fleetwood Mac, *Rumours*. “One of my all-time favorite, timeless records.”

3. Depeche Mode, *Violator*. “This band really pioneered a sound. The final track, ‘Clean,’ encourages me to stay sober.”

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

Curby:

1. *Rattle and Hum*. “An amazing U2 DVD following them on their *Joshua Tree* tour in '87. I used to fall asleep to this on a regular basis.”

2. *The Breakfast Club*. “I'm a big '80s film and music fan, and this is a staple of that era.”

3. *The Beach*. “It captures a great sense of adventure and taking chances.”

4. *Rudy*. “I like any film that shows passion and persistence in overcoming any obstacle.”

Lizarrga:

1. *Half Nelson*. “A great film about an inner-city teacher who has a double life, teaching junior high history during the day and partying by night. I can relate a lot to this film, being a musician by night



PHOTOGRAPH BY RANDI CURBY

War Stories

and junior high history teacher by day.”

2. *Wassup Rockers*. “An independent film about these Mexican skater adolescents in South Central who stick out in a gang-infested area.”

Robinson:

1. *The Shawshank Redemption*. “I'm fascinated with the idea of escaping from prison. It relates to how I feel in my own skin at times, like I'm a prisoner and music is my escape.”

2. *Talladega Nights*. “John C. Reilly is a hero to me.”

3. *Say Anything*. “I love John Cusack, and I'm a sucker for love stories.”

BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?

Curby: “Getting another president who makes me nervous just watching him deliver a speech.”

Lizarrga: “Apathy seems to run our system. Everyone complains about Bush, yet they are directly responsible for him being in office because they didn't care to vote.”

Robinson: “The fact that friends and family members are being killed over a barrel of oil.”

HAD A BRUSH WITH FAME?

Curby: “We were recording a couple years back, and our producer had his friend stop by — Rob Cavallo, a Grammy award-winning producer [Green Day]. Every time someone introduced themselves to him he would reply by saying his first and last name, which was kinda funny, because we obviously knew who he was. A lot of people in the industry do, so for him to say his first and last name, it was like bragging.”

Lizarrga: “I remember being in line at a taco shop at around 3 a.m. in Hollywood and seeing Kiefer Sutherland.”

Robinson: “One night at the Roosevelt Hotel in L.A. I got to hang out with Adam Duritz, the singer in Counting Crows. I'm not one who normally gets starstruck, but I really look up to him and really appreciate his music.”

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH ONE MILLION DOLLARS?

Curby: “I'd put our band on the road and tour non-stop. Then I'd buy a late-'70s black Trans Am with a gold phoenix on the hood and black-leather interior with a sweet sound system so I could pump AC/DC nonstop and do burnouts. And I'd build a legit recording studio.”

LAST BOOK READ?

Lizarrga: “*History of Philosophy* by Julián Marías, the late Spanish philosopher, who has a great way of expounding on the influences and developments of Western philosophy.”

WILDEST FANTASY?

Curby: “Headlining a sold-out stadium show, somewhere overseas, where I would fly my dad out to play guitar side-by-side with me for a few tunes.”

Lizarrga: “To play on the same bill as David Bowie.”

Robinson: “To ride upon the back of a large mystical dragon, slaying pterodactyls in mid-flight with a wizard sword. While listening to Jane's Addiction.” ■

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Saturday — Black Market. \$5.
Monday — Tempo No Tempo and Stepsonday. Indie pop/rock. \$5.
Tuesday — My Life with the Thrill Kill Kult. Electro/industrial. \$5.
Wednesday — Mr. Gnome and Go West Young Man. Alternative rock. \$5.

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Thursday, 8 p.m. — Poncho Sanchez. With Orquesta Primo. Latin jazz. \$18-\$20.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Final Warning. Eighties cover band. \$10-\$12.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Ladytron. Electro pop. \$22.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — The Fiery Furnaces. With Grand Ole Party and Sybris. Alternative/funk/rock. \$14-\$16.
Tuesday, 9 p.m. — George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic. Funk/rock/R&B. \$40.
Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Shooter Jennings. Country/rock. \$17-\$19.

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Friday, 9 p.m. — On the One and Blue Turtle Seduction. Funk/jazz/bluegrass. \$10.
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Sunday — Oaks. CD-release show with Archons and Damnweevil. Rock/metal. \$7.

Monday, 8:30 p.m. — The Swayback and the Burning of Rome. Alternative rock/experimental. \$7.
Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. — The Black Angels and the Warlocks. Psychedelic/folk rock/experimental. \$14.

Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. — Local H, the Photo Atlas, Firethorn. Hard rock/alternative. \$10-\$12.

Chasers Cocktail Lounge: 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-280-9379.

Thursday, 9 p.m. — Miss Massive Snowflake. Experimental.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Team Awesome and iji. With the Yiffs. Indie pop. \$5.

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. — Tragedy, Blowback, Crime Desire. With Waco Fuck and Protect the Innocent. Punk/hardcore. \$10.
Sunday, 7 p.m. — 7 Generations and Wait in Vain. With Run with



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the Hunted and Time for Change. Hardcore/rock. \$6.

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, 7:30 p.m. — The Cure.

Coyote Bar and Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
Friday, 6 p.m. — Smokestaxx. Covers classic soul, R&B, and rock hits.
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Sunday, 2 p.m. — Johnny "B" Blues. With Reggie Smith & Pressed

for Time. Blues/jazz.

Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Billy Watson. Blues/soul/jazz.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Kenny Chesney and Leann Rimes. \$41-\$80.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
Friday, Saturday — Phat Daddy. Classic and modern rock.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Four Sides of Bob Dylan. With Steve White, Dave Howard, Deborah Liv Johnson, and

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Sunday, 7 p.m. — The Double Bass Summit. With Bertram Turetzky, Marshall Hawkins, Bob Magnusson, Mark Dresser, Kristin Korb, Rob Thorsen, and Danny Weller. \$10-\$15.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Cyanide Vogue. Rock. \$8.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — The Howls and Longstay. With Foreign Bar Fight. Indie/soul. \$7-\$9.

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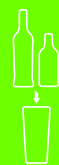
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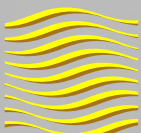


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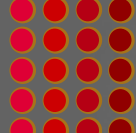
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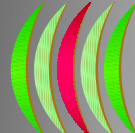
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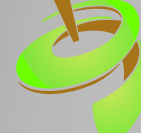
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Galley at the Marina: 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714.
Sunday, 5 p.m. — The Rhythm Jacks. Blues/soul.

The Guild Restaurant and Lounge: 1805 Newton Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-564-7584.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Sambossa Trio.

Hennessey's Tavern - Gaslamp: 708 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-9994.
Sundays, 3 p.m. — The Bill Shreeve Duo. Jazz.
Tuesday, 9 p.m. — Jivechops Ensemble. Funk/jazz.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-4996.
Monday, 7 p.m. — The Bad Blokes. Rowdy Celtic, bluegrass, and surf.

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, 7:30 p.m. — Detour Live. Rock/punk/metal. \$10.
Friday, 7 p.m. — The Kottonmouth Kings. Alternative/rap/heavy metal. \$22-\$34.
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Peter Murphy. Alternative rock/experimental. \$22-\$32.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.

Thursday, 8 p.m. — Fish & the Seaweeds. Rock. \$5.
Friday, 9:30 p.m. — Crush. Covers R&B and soul hits. \$12.
Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Rockola. Classic rock. \$12.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Eric Frazier. Jazz/blues/Latin. \$12.
Monday, 7 p.m. — Chet Cannon. Blues.
Tuesday, 7 p.m. — Acoustic night.

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.
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. — The Soul Revue. Jazz, dance, and top 40.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.
Mondays — Reggae Infusion Irie Time. Various reggae bands perform.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.
Thursday — Daredevil Jane and N.Y. Station. Alternative rock.
Friday — The Creepy Creeps and the Widows. With Batar-Zan. Garage/punk/surf.
Saturday — The Sess and Red Hearts. With Traditional Fools and the Atoms. Punk/surf/pop.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.
Thursday — 3 EZ Pieces.
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Lafayette Hotel & Suites: 2223 El Cajon Blvd, University Heights, 619-296-2101.
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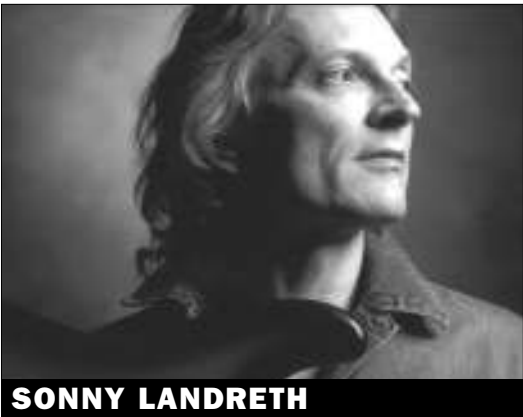
I first heard **Sonny Landreth** when he was playing behind John Hiatt. The Goners, of which Landreth is a member, have logged a lot of road time as Hiatt's backup band. Landreth is a hired gun, a sideman whose abilities are well known to Hiatt's fans and fans of slide guitar in general. His underground popularity earned him a solo spot in Hiatt's set. When it came time, Landreth delivered what is for him the usual: a stunning algorithm of fingerings coupled with slide dexterity.

There is something fundamental in the sound of a simple bar chord made with slide guitar in open tuning that speaks to a listener at the chromosomal level. Slide guitar

became ingrained in American listening culture during the 1920s as part of the blues written along the Mississippi Delta. Performers used implements such as the back of a knife blade or the neck of a broken glass bottle to slide over the frets of a guitar. The technique produced a jittery, unstable sound that was often used to paraphrase the singer. By the 1940s a guitarist named Elmore James was playing molten, fizzing solos through his overburdened amplifier that became the sound of slide guitar today.

After that, slide no longer took a supporting role. Duane Allman may get the credit for introducing slide to rock, but Johnny Winter, the guitar slinger from Texas, understood better than anyone the crude sexual urgency that slide guitar could invoke.

Sonny Landreth, 57, from Louisiana, actually improved on what everyone else was doing when he discovered that he could fin-



SONNY LANDRETH

ger ahead of the slide — meaning that he could add extra notes where none had thought possible. Landreth has continued to reinvent what began as a simple porch music nearly a century ago.

SONNY LANDRETH, Anthology, Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31, 7:30 and 9 p.m. 619-595-0300. \$15 to \$35.

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

Thursday — Aaron Bowen and Matt Haeck. Indie/acoustic/folk.
Friday — Cotton Fever and Joshua O'Brian. With the Unloaded. Roots/country/punk.
Saturday — Gayle Skidmore and Greg Laswell. Acoustic/soul/rock.
Sunday — The Robin Henkel Band. Blues/acoustic rock.
Wednesday — Jason Luckett and Teresa Storch. Acoustic/soul/folk.

Little Italy Spaghetteria: 1953 India Street, Little Italy, 619-398-2974.

Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Willovealot. Jazz.

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. — Laguna.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Bordertown Blues.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Offbeats. Covers/standards/classic rock.

Mission Hills United Church of Christ: 4070 Jackdaw Street,

Mission Hills.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — "On a Musical Note." San Diego Women's Chorus plans 21st annual spring concert with songs from Broadway and Hollywood musicals including *My Fair Lady*, *The Sound of Music*, *Wicked*, more. 619-291-3366.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.
Friday, 9 p.m. — The Travlin' Band. Rock.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Wunderfist. Covers classic to modern rock.

Nancy's Pub: 4246 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-5834.
Sundays, 5:30 p.m. — The Steemin

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North Chapel at NTC: 2881 Roosevelt Drive, Point Loma.
Friday, 7 p.m. — Peninsula Singers and the Sun Harbor Chorus. Ensembles perform first public concert offered in this recently renovated historic structure. 619-335-0221. \$5-\$7.

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Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Makai. At the Grand Cabaret.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Anthem. A tribute to classic rock; Grand Cabaret.

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

Patrick Henry High School: 6702 Wandermere Drive, San Carlos.
Saturday, 4 p.m. — “Musical Enchantment.” San Diego Choraleers adult mixed chorus presents selections from *Beauty and the Beast*; Inflections vocal jazz group, Women of Note, Men of Note, Serra-Naders also perform. 619-427-2448 or 619-427-2472.

Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.
Thursday — Taryn Donath & Mo-Jo Rising. Blues/soul.
Friday — Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz. Blues/rock/soul.
Saturday — Johnny “V” Vernazza. Blues/soul/rock.

Patrick's Irish Pub: 13314 Poway Road, Poway, 858-486-0764.
Friday, 9 p.m. — The City Limits Band. Country/classic rock/blues.

The Prado: 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441.
Thursday and Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Woodring & Donniss. Acoustic.

Prescott Promenade: 211? East Main Street, El Cajon.
Friday, 6 p.m. — Stars on the Water. Tropical rock for Concerts on the Green. 619-401-8858.

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.

Robbie's Roadhouse: 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2365.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — Freefall. Jazz.

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Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m. — Bdb's Jazz Jam Session. Modern jazz classics and standards every Tuesday.

The Round Table Cocktail Lounge: 1723 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-264-6000.
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Mondays, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.


Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego: 700 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-3541.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Eve Selis. CD-release show. Acoustic/country/pop. \$20-\$30.

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Friday, 9 p.m. — Red Light Behavior. Covers classic rock.

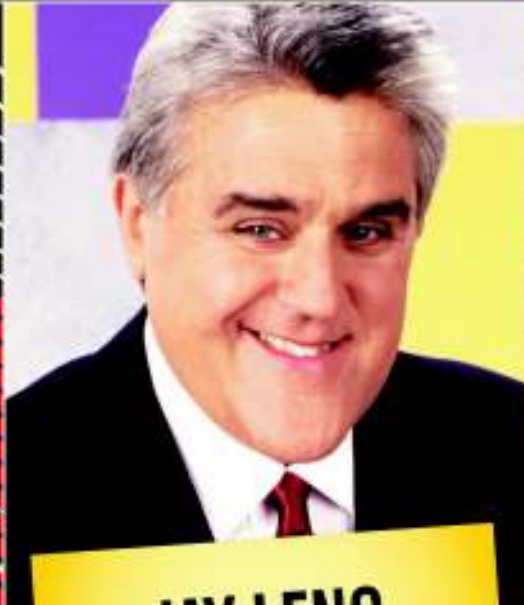
Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-SOMA.
Friday, 7 p.m. — A Legend Unknown and Forever Days Forgotten. With Falco Does It Dirty, From the Break of Dawn, Pardon the Outlaw, and Casino Madrid. Metal/hardcore. \$8.
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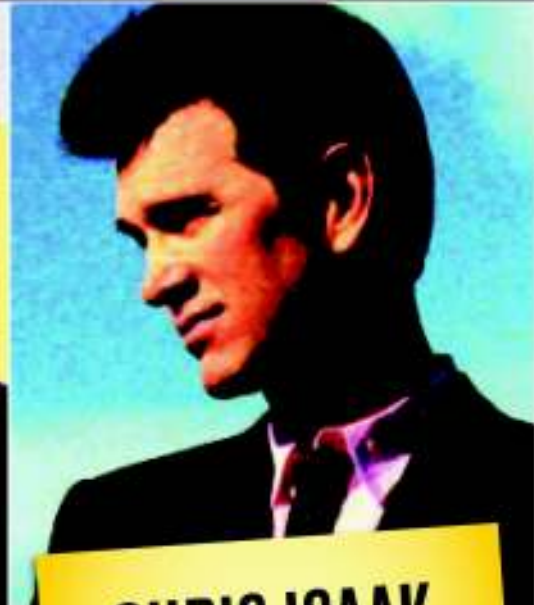
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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The **Black Angels** take their name from a Velvet Underground song, use a photo of Nico on their T-shirt designs, and proudly declare their allegiance to the grand tradition of psychedelic music in their home state of Texas. You almost don't need to listen to them to know that the Black Angels sound like a cross between the Velvet Underground's urban grittiness and the 13th Floor Elevators' druggy abandon.

If that's what you want, the Black Angels have it all: primitive drumbeats pounding away, guitars churning away at two chords for minutes at a time, distorted organ wailing, vocals crying out from somewhere deep in

the mix — all of it so soaked in reverb that it sounds as if it could have been recorded in the concrete hallways of an abandoned nuclear-testing facility.

But while a similar-minded act like the Warlocks might make you feel as if you're dancing at the most debauched party ever thrown at Andy Warhol's Factory, the Black Angels can make you feel as though you're tripping with the Manson Family. Take "Never/Ever" from the new album *Directions to See a Ghost*. The song opens with an "All Tomorrow's Parties" guitar part, introduces some droning sitar sounds, and then slowly gets noisier and weirder before turning a corner into a room full of horror-movie screams. Then it suddenly switches to an intense minor-key rave-up with a "Sister Ray" organ.

Listening to it is a disorienting experience, and it may even be detrimental to your



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mental health — the band members certainly sound as if they're losing their minds. But sanity is a small price to pay for music this intense.

The Warlocks open.

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July 2 — Les Dudek.
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July 12 — Howard Jones.

July 13 — The Steely Damned.
July 18, July 19 — Rita Coolidge.
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Calendar

MUSIC

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June 11 — Dax Riggs.
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June 13 — Andre Legacy, Dirt Nasty, Beardo.
June 14 — Bartenders Bible.
June 15 — New Bloods and Crocodiles.
June 16 — Russian Circles, the Daughters, Young Widows.
June 17 — Times New Viking and Psychedelic Horseshit.
June 18 — Hayden and Haley Bonar.
June 19 — The Blakes and the Broken West.
June 20 — Sea Wolf and the Jealous Girlfriends.
June 21 — The Long & Short of It.
June 23 — Frightened Rabbit and Oxford Collapse.
June 24 — Boris and Torche.
June 24 — Howlin Rain and Earthless.
June 26 — Grand Archives and Sera Cahoone.
June 27 — Fleet Foxes.
June 29 — The Napoleon Complex and a Beautiful Noise.
June 30 — Swim Party and the Henry Clay People.
July 1 — The Modey Lemon and the Muslims.
July 2 — We Are Scientists.
July 4 — The Constantines and Modern Rifles.
July 5 — The Creepy Creeps and Batar-Zan.
July 6 — Retribution Gospel Choir.
July 20 — Chuck Ragan and Josh Hanson.

July 23 — Rocky Votolato.
July 27 — Japanese Sunday, Syndicate, Fever Sleeves.
July 31 — Jay Reatard and Cheap Time.
August 4 — Nomo.
August 15 — Xiu Xiu and Carla Bozulich.
August 16 — Ilya and Film School.
August 22 — Bob Log III and Scott H. Biram.

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June 7 — Original Songwriters Night.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.
June 8 — Frog Eyes, Ramona Cordova, Francois Virot.
June 9 — Joan of Arc and 31 Knots.
June 10 — Ampere, New Trust, Loma Prieta.
June 13 — The Sess, Atoms, the Power Chords.
June 14 — Resist & Exist, Ok?, Elive.
June 19 — Citizen Fish, Bumbkkaatt, Intro5pect.
June 20 — The Vision of a Dying World and Crocodiles.
June 23 — Bird Names and Lilitth Velkor.
June 28 — Japandi and BoomSnake.
July 11 — Die Young and Lie & Wait.
July 16 — Ghost Mice and Heathers.
July 19 — Laterns.
July 26 — 7 Generations and This Time Tomorrow.
August 6 — La Quiete, Phoenix Bodies, Ghostlimb.
September 5 — Graf Orlock, Zann, Lewd Acts.

>hometown CDs

BY OLLIE



Album: For the Win (2007)
Artist: 12 Cent
Label: Olde Tyme Productions
Where available/price: *Interpunk.com* for \$8. Music Trader in Pacific Beach for \$8.
Songs: 1) FTW! 2) 1231 3) Meat Rent 4) Vital Organ 5) Boner City 6) The Party Song 7) We're a Bunch of DICKS 8) Motorcycles 9) Smell My Knee 10) He's Rocked! It's All Over!
Band: Dan (bass, vocals), Tom (guitar, vocals), Pete (guitar, vocals), Bispo (piano, vocals), Brian (drums, vocals)
Website: *12cent.com*

“No one is as sensitive to perceived slights as tough guys.” — Sam Sheridan, *A Fighter's Heart: One Man's Journey Through the World of Fighting*.
In a genre based on

peissing people off, 12 Cent takes it one step further. Dig around for reviews of 12 Cent on punk message boards and you'll see a lot of references to “mall punk,” “Cali-core,” and “crap.” The “punkier than

thou” crowd disapproves of the band's recent inclusion of a piano and harmonized vocals. Good thing most “hard-core punks” are angsty, teenage, illiterate, nose-picking mouth-breathers, barely fit for running a coffee machine.

12 Cent's collision of rough three-chord rock with twangy, sometimes honky-tonk piano feels almost illegal and blasphemous, which is of course what punk is about. Their Boston accents and raucous shouting brings a party mood. Eleven rip-tearing tracks totaling 28 aggressive minutes (filled with imagery of beer, sex, and stinky couches) agitates even the worst of attention deficits.

The DIY production includes screw-ups, outtakes, and recordings of bar crowds



12 Cent

drunkenly chanting (some loving accords, some hateful epithets), which is punk perfection...someone should tell the “hardcores” that it's not about holding hands and agreeing.

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June 7 — The Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet.

Cox Arena: 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.
June 27 — Marco Antonio Solis.

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619-671-3600.
June 13 — Brad Paisley.
June 27 — 311 and Snoop Dogg.
July 11 — Toby Keith.
July 15 — Journey.
July 16 — Mayhem Festival.
July 29 — John Mayer.
August 14 — Vans Warped Tour.
August 22 — The Dave Matthews Band.
August 27 — Radiohead.
September 27 — Third Day and

Switchfoot.
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.
June 18 — Unsteady.
June 19 — Micky Dolenz.
June 19 — Dwight Yoakam.
June 19 — The Clay Colton Band.
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June 30
American Idols Live
July 2
Toby Keith
July 11
Journey
July 15

Mexico vs. Argentina *June 4*

George Michael

June 17



Kenny Chesney

May 29

Ringo Starr *July 27* **Stone Temple Pilots** *July 27* **John Mayer** *July 29*

Sheryl Crow *August 21*
Dave Matthews Band *August 22*
Radiohead *August 27*
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June 25 — The Hank Show.
June 26 — Pat Boone.
June 26 — B.B. King.
June 26 — Mishavonna.
June 27 — Wild Child.
June 27 — Fergie.
June 28 — Invictus.
June 28 — Tye Tribbett & G.A. and Byron Cage.
June 29 — Bayadera.
June 29 — Intocable and Los Horóscopos de Durango.
June 30 — Weird Al Yankovic.
June 30 — Fleetwood MAX.
July 1 — The North County Cowboys.
July 1 — Sugarland.
July 2 — Little Big Town.
July 2 — Mursic.
July 3 — The Iron Maidens.
July 3 — Charo.
July 3 — Boston.
July 4 — Led Zepagain.
July 4 — KC & the Sunshine Band.
July 5 — Joe Lara & Slider Blue.
July 6 — Under a Blood Red Sky.

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June 8 — Miller Lite Independence Jam.

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August 14 — Fran Hartshorn.

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June 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.

June 6 — The Skank Agents and Blaupunkt.
June 7 — Stereo Summer and a Dull Science.
June 19 — Islands and Sebastian Grainger.
June 29 — Unite & Conquer and End the Century.
July 11 — Tilly & the Wall.
July 14 — Harry & the Potters and Jason Anderson.

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June 5 — Luna Llena.

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June 27 — The Lounge Butchers.

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June 13 — Miguel Migs.

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June 7 — John Katchur and Randi Driscoll.

June 8 — The Pool and Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

June 8 — Pool Party.
June 11 — Christopher Dale and Friends.

June 13 — Christopher Dale.
June 15 — The Pool and Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

June 15 — Pool Party.
June 18 — Christopher Dale and Friends.

June 20 — The Citizen Band.
June 22 — The Pool and Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.

June 22 — Pool Party.
June 25 — Christopher Dale and Friends.

June 27 — Barbara Nesbitt.

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Marcelo Radulovich**
Song: **"Turn on the Phone"** (from the CD *Mercurio*)
Heard By: **Tracey McDonough**, Point Loma



Tracey

Marcelo Radulovich — you need to choose a sound because you are going all over the place. You're not experimental. I feel like it's the "youth group" version of experimental. I understand that you have a computer, but you just need to lay off on the effects. You have way too much shit going on. You need to make it more heartfelt. You need to take out all the salsa/Santana influences because it just makes you sound really bad. The synthesizer was used really poorly. I feel like if he had some sort of focus it would be all right but instead he just did a mish-mash. They lyrics were poor; they seemed like they were trying to be very motivating in a "church" sort of way. It was religious in nature.

Artist: **Autotonic**
Song: **"Coincidental Confidence"** (from their self-titled EP)
Heard By: **Kristi Pinterich**, New York City



Kristi

I thought it was all right. It was a lot of genres mixed into one song. It started off kind of like cookie-cutter rock. His vocals reminded me of Jack White and then all of a sudden it was, like, oh my god! Jack White meets Puddle of Mudd/Metallica! It just kept switching back and forth. The lyrics were catchy — very "rhyming" — something about "dying" and "trying." I could see it being popular. It's very San Diego. It was bass, guitar, drums, and vocals. Nothing really stood out. There wasn't, like, a flute in the background...maybe that would've been nice. I think it'd be a really good song for cruising down the freeway and going way too fast.

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Artist: **Arm the Angels**
Song: **"Last Goodbye"** (from the CD *Haunt this Town*)
Heard By: **Danny West**, Point Loma



Danny

I'm going to start off by saying I was glad that it was only three minutes long. It was nothing that really caught my ear. I've heard this same sort of song a hundred times at least on 91X or any alternative radio station. They can play their instruments, I'll give them that. I don't really listen to My Chemical Romance, but I sat through a video one time because it looked cool and they kind of reminded me of that. I could see tons of 15-year-old girls rockin' out to this. They could definitely make it. That's what the market is all about right now. I could see a gathering of high school misfits listening to that song in a garage and smoking weed for the first time.

June 28 — Molly Jenson.
June 29 — Pool Party.

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June 6 — Z-Bop!
July 4 — The Bayou Brothers.
August 1 — Cool Fever.
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June 6 — Cubensis.
June 7 — The Dead Kennedys.
June 8 — Dethklok.
June 10 — Ted Nugent.
June 12 — Augustana.
June 13 — Which One's Pink?
June 20 — The Old 97's.
June 21 — Marc Cohn.
June 25 — Ingrid Michaelson.
June 28 — O.A.R..
June 29 — The Casualties.
July 5 — Natasha Bedingfield.
July 7 — Dark Lotus.
July 9 — Rooney.
July 10 — Rusted Root and Pete

Francis.
July 12 — Aleks Syntek.
July 18 — The Dan Band.
July 22 — Jesse Lacey.
July 25 — The Aquabats.
July 29 — Less Than Jake and Goldfinger.
July 31 — Chromeo.
August 2 — Richard Cheese.
August 3 — Cavalera Conspiracy.

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June 12 — Kem.
June 13 — Johnny Lang.
June 13 — Tom Jones.
June 17 — Crosby, Stills, & Nash.
June 18 — Keb' Mo' and Taj Mahal.
June 19 — The Indigo Girls.
June 20 — Idina Menzel.
June 25 — Ani DiFranco.
June 26, June 27 — One Hawaii Tour.
June 30 — Robert Plant & Alison Krauss.
July 1, July 2 — Bob Weir & RatDog.
July 16 — Chris Isaak.
July 17, July 18 — Hippiefest.
July 22 — Feist.
July 23 — The Doobie Brothers.
July 25 — Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons.
July 27 — Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band.
July 28 — Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi.
July 31 — Emmylou Harris.
August 1 — Dolly Parton.
August 3 — Pat Benatar & Neil

Giraldo.
August 4 — Huey Lewis & the News.
August 6 — Boz Scaggs.
August 8 — Peter & Gordon.
August 10 — UB40.
August 11 — David Sanborn and Lee Ritenour.
August 12 — Paolo Nutini.
August 13 — Michael McDonald.
August 14 — Joe Cocker.
August 15 — Tower of Power.
August 18 — The Gipsy Kings.
August 19 — Steve Winwood.
September 4 — Lucinda Williams.
September 12 — The Alan Parsons Live Project.
September 13 — Air Supply and Christopher Cross.
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September 28 — Etta James & the Roots Band.
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June 6 — Saba.
June 7 — Laura Meyer.
June 13 — Carlos Olmeda and Sara Petite.
June 14 — Jenn Grinels.
June 15 — The Wrong Trousers.
June 18 — Jenni Alpert and Kori Withers.
June 21 — Allison Lonsdale.

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June 23 — “A Musical Tour of the Jewish Calendar.”
June 30 — Klezmer Summit.

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June 7 — Rack of Bones Trombone Choir.

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June 6 — Bedpost Buzzards and Sixth Day.
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August 28 — Poison.
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The Prado: 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441.
June 11 — Woodring & Donniss.

Prescott Promenade: 211? East Main Street, El Cajon.
June 6 — Eve Selis.
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June 11 — The Pheromones.

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July 5 — Mill Creek Boys.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Avenue, Downtown, 858-570-1100.
June 24 — Widespread Panic.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.
June 17 — George Michael.
July 2 — American Idol.
July 5 — Raven-Symone.
October 7 — Neil Diamond.
December 1 — Celtic Thunder.

Saville Theatre at San Diego City College: 14th and C Street, Downtown, 619-388-3676.
June 14 — “A Back in the Day Soul Music Celebration.”

Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.
June 7 — Na Pali Coast Trio.
June 28 — Peter Sprague String Consort.

The Sky Box Sports Grill: 4805 Clairemont Drive,

Clairemont, 858-274-7269.
June 20 — Red Light Behavior.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-SOMA.
June 6 — Elysia and See You Next Tuesday.
June 7 — Strung Out and Authority Zero.
June 11 — The Matches and Scissors for Lefty.
June 13 — No Lifeguard on Duty and the Amalgamated.
June 14 — Scream the Prayer Tour.

June 19 — Marié Digby and Eric Hutchinson.
June 20 — The Almost and Emery.
June 21 — Somato Sensory.
June 22 — The Human Abstract and Eyes Set to Kill.
June 24 — The Mad Caddies.
July 2 — Ours and God or Julie.
July 5 — The Dajjal Persona and Name.
July 6 — Dance Gavin Dance and a Static Lullaby.
July 12 — Secondhand Serenade and My American Heart.

July 13 — Summer Slaughter 2008.
July 14 — A Change of Pace and Houston Calls.
July 17 — Kill Hannah and Metic Droid.
July 18 — Finch.
July 20 — Cute Is What We Aim For and Ace Enders.
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July 27 — The Alkaline Trio and American Steel.
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June 21 — Colin Clyne.

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Moondoggies Pacific Beach: *Saturdays*, 9 p.m.: What's Good. DJs Enigma and Cisco. Hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Riley's: *Friday*: Hip-Hop Night. 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

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GRAD BASH

by Josh Board

a friend of mine was going to a party in Irvine and asked if I wanted to write about it. I told him that Irvine was outside my scope, but I went anyway.

When I met him in Vista, I saw a house setting up for a graduation party. I figured if the grad bash was still going on when we got back, I'd crash that.

We drove up in late afternoon. Since it was a family reunion, I felt awkward when I walked in with Mike. As all eyes were looking at me, I said, "Well, with that ban on gay marriage being overturned, Mike brought me up here to introduce his new husband to the family." Most of them laughed. A few looked confused.

I met a guy from Cleveland who collects autographed baseballs. He told a few interesting stories. One was about getting a signed baseball from Tony Gwynn in the early '80s and how it's his prized possession. He talked about bringing his kids to Padres and Angels games and how hard it is to get autographs these days.



I noticed that he had an Ohio State tattoo on his leg. His wife talked about a \$35,000 Mustang she had that was tricked out and that she was in an accident that totaled it. She ended up getting screwed by the insurance company. She said, "I think it's because I'm a woman. When I got a lawyer,

"Hey, I should graduate more often."

they said I should've never accepted it from the repair shop since it wasn't fixed properly." I asked what was wrong with the car. "It pulled hard to the right. I could barely hold the steering wheel. Also, they repainted the



Top left: Cynthia (left) and her mom; Top right: The 60-year-old uncle doing a beer bong; Bottom left: Junior (left) and sister Cynthia (third from left);

racing stripe a completely different color that looked horrible. They told me it will look better once it fades in the sun."

Chicken was being BBQ'd,

and there was food on the counter — potato salad, corn on the cob, chips... I grabbed a Dr Pepper and went on the back patio to talk more sports. I figured I'd eat later.

An hour later, when I

walked in, the food was gone, except for a couple of pies. I grabbed another Dr Pepper and went back outside for a cigar.

A woman had a tiny dog on her lap. When I went over to pet it, it growled, jumped up, and tried to take off my finger. She said, "Bean is real protective of me." I replied, "Kurt Cobain's daughter is named Bean. Why did you guys pick the name?" She told me her kids thought the dog was small like a bean.

Most of the conversations

were about kids. One lady has a daughter working at a music venue in Texas. She'd recently filled in for a bartender and got a \$120 tip. The lady with the totaled Mustang told me about her son totaling a truck by driving off the freeway. I said, "I think car accidents run in the family."

She was quick to point out that the Mustang wreck was from someone who hit her.

When we got back to Vista, it was around 9:30 p.m., and I saw that the graduation party was still going on.

I walked up and asked them who the party was for. A bunch of Latinos looked at me, wondering who I was. One of them then said, "It's for Cynthia. Her graduation." I asked if I could meet her. I got a few more weird stares, but they walked me inside.

They had a canopy and several chairs on the front lawn. Graduation balloons filled the garage. They also had some hung on the stop signs nearby. I overheard her mom tell someone, "We bought two dozen silver

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I met Cynthia and her brother Junior, who owned the house. He said, “Yeah, you can crash this party. We’re known for our parties here. In fact, we had a neighbor move out after our last Halloween party.”

As I talked to him, he did seem conscious of the neighbors. He had closed the door at 9:00 p.m. so they wouldn’t hear the music, much of it provided by his brother, who’s a DJ. It was a mix of hip-hop tunes and mariachi. He’d also mix in funny tracks, such as Homer Simpson singing “Spiderpig.”

I asked Cynthia what school she graduated from. She told me Cal State San Marcos. I asked if she was the first to graduate in her family, and she told me Junior graduated. He now works for CSUSM.

Cynthia’s mom couldn’t have been more proud. She said, “I have four kids, and I raised them all as a single mother.”

Cynthia told me that she’s going to get married and then go back for her master’s in communications. She hopes to work in PR. I asked her where her fiancé was, and someone said, “Oh, he’s already passed out.”

Junior and I started talking about fantasy football. He told me about a bet he lost and how there’s a pink shirt his softball team has. If you strike out, you have to wear it into a bar. A bet he made on a football game resulted in him wearing it, covered in whistles,

into a bar in Oceanside. Lucky for him, the looks didn’t last long, and the bar owner gave him a few free beers.

When I went outside to talk to people, I told Junior I could see how it would be loud for some neighbors. But, for Halloween or a graduation party, they should be more understanding. He said, “Yeah, well, sometimes we’re loud. He complained about the parking, too. He said this was a private road.” As we were talking, a car alarm in the garage went off. I said, “Hey, Cynthia, is that your graduation gift?” She replied, “I wish! I probably just got cards. And some money. Maybe when I get my master’s. Hey, I should graduate more often.”

There was a white cake that had a picture of Cynthia on it. Nobody had cut it yet, so I grabbed some chips and salsa. I took what I thought was the milder of the two salsas, but it set my mouth on fire.

I heard people cheering on the front lawn and went back outside. It was for a 60-year-old man doing a beer bong.

I asked Cynthia about her graduation ceremony. “It was today,” she told me, “at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.” I said, “Wow. It was so hot today. You had to stand there in that heat?” She said it was at 8:30 a.m. and that it wasn’t that hot, though they did get stuck in the sun for three hours.

There was a chocolate fountain with strawberries

nearby. And there was a machine I thought was a margarita fountain. I grabbed a cup, hoping it would finally get the hot salsa out of my throat. As I gulped, I realized it was lemonade. ■

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The Farmwife and the Pirate

First it was Fresh, a pricey seafood house owned by Sammy Ladecki (of Roppongi and pizza-chain fame). Then Ladecki sold it in August 2006 to Arturo Kassel, and it became Fresher, still a seafood house, with chef Ryan Johnston at the range. It was still good, maybe even better than before, but perhaps La Jolla simply didn't want an upscale seafood house. The restaurant shut down for months of renovation and then reopened with a different style of cooking and a new name — not Refresh (as you might expect) but the awfully gemütlich Whisknadle (named after an underground foodie supper club in Brooklyn), which sounds to me like an overstocked cookware store with rag-stuffed "kitchen witches" hanging from every beam and rafter.

What's in a name? For a restaurant, possibly the odds of survival. But by any other name, Whisknadle would smell as — savory. Its new focus is the kind of cooking that urban America is increasingly learning to cherish: ambitiously artisanal "slow food," highlighting natural and local ingredients, with the kitchen crew rediscovering the skills of a hardworking farmwife of 150 years ago. They bake the breads, cut up 200-pound pig-halves, cure and/or smoke the pork, make several of the cheeses (with more on the way, as they learn the skills), and all the ice creams and sorbets.

The results? Tasty, exciting, worth watching, and much less costly than it used to be — good to eat and good for you as well. In six months, the food will be even better. In a year or two, probably better yet — the chef is still relatively young (34), and he and his crew are still learning the relatively arcane culinary arts they're drawing on in this kitchen. We've got a serious contender here.

As for the physical setup, all the dining is on



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a sheltered, roofed, sidewalk patio. Only the bar remains inside (it's been moved toward the front), along with a gleaming open kitchen. On the first night of a brief heat wave, a welcome break from May Gray, I was delighted to eat outside. Our server, Jenny, was not your standard San Diego "rather-be-surfing" wait-sylph. A smart, sturdy, clever, non-glam Cape Codder with a strong "Bahston" accent and evident abilities to communicate and to think on her feet, she clearly cared about our getting

the best meal possible for our preferences. I liked her enough to mentally dub her with a *nom de posse* — "Pirate Jenny," after Lotte Lenya's subversive role in *The Threepenny Opera*.

The menu is a small tri-folded flyer printed on coarse brown recycled paper. It includes

wines by the glass (there's also a long, separate wine list), craft beers, and cocktails, with a centerfold labeled "Food." But at the top of the right-hand fold, just north of the beers, is a short

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PRICES: Appetizers and grazing plates, \$8–\$18; entrées, \$16–\$30; desserts \$10

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Local, natural, artisanal, and seasonal cuisine with global flavors; emphasis on grazing plates (shareable appetizers). Craft beers, sophisticated mainly West Coast wine list with ample choices by the glass and half-bottle, but few bottles under \$40. Full bar.

PICK HITS: "Cutting Board" house-cured salumi plate; roasted bone marrow; chorizo and date fritters; "simply grilled" fish; panna cotta; Lavender Cosmo cocktail.

NEED TO KNOW: All seating on roofed, sheltered patio. Dinner reservations strongly recommended. Late-night weekend bar menu. Kiddie menu available (tweaked versions of adult menu, no fried foods). About five lacto-vegetarian grazing plates, one vegan.

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First, the oysters on the half-shell come from Carlsbad. They're meaty and very briny, saltier than most northern oysters. They come with a pleasant mignonette and lemon quarters. To my taste, the lemon alone seemed best at balancing the salt and highlighting these oysters' distinctive flavor.

Chorizo and date fritters are obviously going to rank as one of the year's greatest dishes. What binds the fruit and meat together is a rich Mornay (cheese sauce) that comes bubbling out with each bite. So you've got simultaneous blasts of sweet-spicy-fatty and crispy-chewy-goopy (Donald Duck's three nephews all in one). They're plated on a sauce of tomato and Spanish *piquillo* peppers, which is good too, if you can pay attention to it in the face of those diabolically delicious diva dates.

Roasted bone marrow is a slow-cooked cut bovine shin-bone, from which you spoon out the marrow, accompanied by surprising triangles of thick, sweet Texas toast. Marrow is incredibly rich, flavorful stuff. Despite its unctuousness, I'd recommend no more than two eaters to a bone. We were all painstakingly polite to each other, but everybody knew that I really yearned to Hoover all the marrow up for myself. Presumably my friends suffered the same powerful lust.

The last listing in this section is the "Cutting Board," from sous-chef Joe Herman (he's nicknamed "Joe Sausage," while the pastry and bread-baker, Joe Burns, is "Joe Pastry"). It features Italian-style house-cured meats (Mario Batali has familiarized their Italian name, *salumi*, better known in French as "charcuterie") plus house-made cheeses, plus cornichons, sweet gherkins, several mustards, and raisins-on-the-stem. The array typically includes bresaola, sopresata, and Tuscan-style salami, but additions are prone

to constant change, so I'll just mention the classic and rewarding pork French-style *pâté de campagne* and the deeply succulent prosciutto.

The rest of the menu offers about twice as many salads and "grazes" (appetizers sized for sharing) as entrées. This is where the action is — you can get two tastes for the price of one entrée, ideal for curious foodies and sufferers of culinary attention deficit disorder (CADD).

The menu changes too frequently (based on seasonal choices) to take the website version seriously. Two of my target dishes — roast squab salad, and spaghetti *citarra* with *guanciale* (house-cured hog maw) — had vanished by our visit (boo hiss!).

The grazes from the center of the menu were less spectacular than those from the right-hand corner. They were good but seemed more like works in progress. Tempura-fried squash blossoms stuffed with goat cheese were pleasing, while the sweet Turkish-style honey-walnut pesto alongside was smashing — but somewhat estranged from its plate-mate. "I'd love this pesto with good, thick Greek yogurt," said Ben, the air steward. A special of soft-shell crab, also in tempura batter, came with an egg-thickened mint-cilantro vinaigrette resembling Caesar dressing with extra herbs. Each crab bite brought a spate of crab liquid (no, not fat), but the dip was less focused and exciting than I'd hoped. (Maybe an Indian-style yogurt-based cilantro-mint chutney might sparkle more.)

Pappardelle Bolognese was the Lynvester's favorite graze, with its soulful, shredded-meat sauce. Still, even she agreed that the long, thick pasta ribbons needed about 30 seconds' more cooking to transit from chewy to al dente. Spicy Catalan shrimp were a tad overcooked and awash in olive oil, flavored

with crushed garlic and hot chilies. Flatbread pizza was cracker-thin, topped with ramps (wild scallions, a precious springtime treat), tomato, and housemade mozzarella. The flavor combination was fine, but the mozzarella layer was even thinner than the crust, leaving the dish dry enough to require too much chewing for too little reward. (Next day, I nuked the leftover pizza for breakfast, like a Real Man, and found I'd snagged the one good cheesy piece.)

We concluded the savory courses with an entrée of simply grilled fish with Chino Farms vegetables. Several fishes were available, but we all agreed that Arctic char was the one to choose — a cold-water salmon-trout sharing characteristics of both, with pink salmonlike flesh, but having a milder flavor and more tender texture. With the patient help of Pirate Jenny to define the precise degree of doneness we wanted, we ordered it medium-rare, and so it arrived. The outside was crispy and well seasoned, the interior meltingly perfect. The baby Chino veggies (summer squashes, potato, amazingly sweet carrot) were splendid — not just veggies but each a miniature major-flavor on its own.

We'd started with a round of creative cocktails (at \$10, the average starting price of most wines by the glass here). The Lynvester's Lavender Cosmo was a top pick: blueberry-lavender-infused vodka with white cranberry juice and cassis, it was subtle, pale, fragrant, and altogether sexy. Ben's "Sweet and Vicious" ("I didn't know you swing that way," I teased) had basil-infused rum and the freshness of watermelon juice to balance a lash of habanero syrup. It's not cruel at all. My coconut margarita with tarragon syrup was less coconutty than I'd hoped, merely a frosty, neutral quaff on a hot night.

The wine list offers fine choices by the glass and half-bottle, but the sharp escalation of its prices can be a problem, with few bottles under \$40. Given the choices, a \$45 Viognier from the Languedoc saw us happily through the grazing. For the tag end (pasta and fish), the sommelier recommended a smoky Pinot Noir. A curse upon *Sideways*, which has painfully escalated the prices of this grape. Posse regular (and wine lover) Sam generously treated us to a Willamette Valley (Oregon) quaff (\$85), which proved delicious, ingratiating, and food-friendly — but for that price I'd hope for a somewhat older, richer French Burgundy (even if only a Volnay).

For dessert we enjoyed a delicate cherry panna cotta plated over cake and topped with housemade cherry sorbet. Unlike many, pastry chef Joe Burns really knows how to make panna cotta. We also tried the labor-intensive zillion-layer chocolate crêpe cake, sandwiching chocolate mousse. It was...very sweet. Not disgusting, just...sweet. The coffee and decaf espresso were good. We were happy with our dinner — and we're all looking forward to coming back to watch this promising chef and his venturesome crew grow and bloom.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Ryan Johnston's father was a chef in Florida, cooking Con-

tinental-American style at local restaurants, so it was only natural for Ryan to follow the family trade. "I started cooking with him when I was about 13 and eventually went to the CIA — not sure if I wanted to be a chef or not. I fell in love with it there and went on to cook in New York [in East Hampton, an upscale resort area], back in Florida, and then in San Francisco for seven years, and then down here for the last three. In San Francisco I cooked in Napa, for two years at Bouchon [famed chef Thomas Keller's bistro venue] and then at a little place called Bijou, South of Market [another highly acclaimed bistro]; I was there four years as chef de cuisine."

I asked what brought him to San Diego. "A girl," he said. "I didn't know anything about San Diego cooking. But I came down here and found a job with Sammy [Ladecki] at Fresh, then did some time at Blackhorse [Ladecki's one-time steakhouse in Del Mar] and then back here with Arturo [Kassel, owner of Fresher and now Whisknadle]. With Sammy, I was just doing what he wanted me to do. But now — this is what I really want to be doing, about 80 percent, but we still have to accommodate the locals here."

The remaking of Fresh was a mutual project of both the chef and the owner. "Arturo and I went up to Portland, Ore-

gon, and we really liked what was going on up there. Same with San Francisco. If you're gonna do something, at least it's gotta be your own. If you're gonna fail, at least it's something of your own. We wanted to make it more casual, less stuffy. He's 27 or 28, I'm 34, so we're younger, and we wanted a restaurant that reflected who we were, as people, as diners. It's a little different than the other restaurants in La Jolla.

"We're making our own *salumi* in-house, we're doing everything we can in-house — baking bread, all that stuff, and that's really what we did at Bijou and what Thomas Keller's about in Napa.

"What I really enjoy about cooking is, it's gotta be from the soul, from the heart. You gotta do the best you can with product that's local as much as possible. Staying local is cheaper for the customer, too. We're slowly but surely changing the patterns here. Just last week we sold more bone marrow than we've ever sold. It's good to see people trying new things. One thing I loved about San Francisco and Napa was that people were willing to try new things — not that they're close-minded here, but they're a little more reluctant to try new things. Having a good time, that's really important. There's always a chance of human error, but if you have the best ingredients, you're less likely to screw up." ■



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The Vanishing Café

As Grandma always used to say,
“I go barmy if I can’t have salami.”

Hey! What’s up? Wass goin’ on? Was it something I said?
A moment ago, I was sitting in the middle of a sidewalk café, surrounded by tables, chairs, a canopied counter. Now, the whole thing has rolled away from me. Up the sidewalk, ’round the corner. Disappeared. Only things left here are me, the table, my coffee, and my sandwich. Amazing.

Across the road, the Somali taxi drivers look at me. Are they laughing? A moment ago I was just a customer at a café. Now I’m sitting in the middle of a public sidewalk like a polar bear on a shrinking ’berg.

Which means one thing. Gotta get here earlier next time. I see it’s three already.

Actually, I’ve been sitting here outside the Holy Faith Railroad Depot for over an hour. Holy Faith? Just translating “Santa Fe.” Heh heh. Any rate, back when the day was young, I was crossing Kettner on my way to the trolley at the Santa Fe when I noticed this bright orange-canopied café cart and a bunch of green tables and one green umbrella set out in the sunshine on the sidewalk. It looked so great and inviting beneath the arches and heavy redwood timbers of the old 1915 train station.

Yes, it’s a glorified coffee cart. But they have prepared lunches that go beyond plastic-suffocated sandwiches. I get a cup of cawfee (\$1.50) from Elizabeth and go take a seat at the table under the green umbrella. Three, no, four nice things happen. Okay, these are piddling points, but hey, when you’re a café, man, they count. One: the green metal table doesn’t wobble, even though we’re on uneven Santa Fe maroon bricks. Two: the chairs are proper café seats, not the woven ones that throw you back, but wooden-slat chairs that have a gap for your butt so you can lean forward to the table. Three: even though there’s plenty of traffic, you can hear birds

in the depot’s rafters and the Eritrean taxi drivers shouting and fooling about and laughing across Kettner. Four: you get this incredible view of the city. The great glass labyrinth. The W Hotel, the Wyndham Emerald Plaza Hotel, the one that looks as if some giant pterodactyl had pooped on its roofs from a great height. Gloops of dark color reach halfway down each of the towers. Love it! Plus, of course, tourists, rushing by to catch trains. It feels so strange sitting kinda exposed, right on the street, watching it all.

So this menu they have is modest but interesting. Somebody’s making an effort. I’m seeing some decent salads. The antipasti (\$8) has a “spring mix” of lettuce, kalamata olives, roasted red peppers, salami, provolone cheese, and dressing. The Caesar (\$7) has the romaine, Parmesan, garlic croutons, and dressing (add chicken for \$2 more). The Chinese chicken salad (\$9) looks like a pretty original mix of napa cabbage, carrots, bean sprouts, bell peppers, green onions, wontons, marinated chicken, and, I’m told, oriental sesame dressing. Then they have a marinated tomato and artichoke salad, which includes heart of palm and feta.

But absent any health-hectoring by Hank, I’m thinking of nuttin’ but sandwiches, ’cause I’ve already spotted huge cow-pat-sized ciabatta Italian sandwiches in the display case. They’re stuffed with salami, provolone, olives, aioli, basil, and other greens. They cost \$8. Hmm. Seems a little steep. Are these art-gallery prices? I notice that the nobbly white cardboard heat sleeve on my coffee has a big fat orange “X” on it. And the cart’s canopy is orange. So these guys must be part of the Museum of Contemporary Art, which has its downtown HQ right here in the back end of the Santa Fe. But then I notice that others, like the roasted-veggie wrap (in a spinach tortilla with yellow squash, red onions, zucchini, red peppers, aioli, and greens) only cost



Children’s Museum cart

\$7. The turkey wrap (with cranberry aioli) and the roast beef sandwich (with grilled onions and horseradish), too.

“Oh, I’ll go ahead and give that to you for \$6,” says Elizabeth, when I ask her about the Italian. I hadn’t moaned, honest. Wow. Is it because of the time? Whatever, now I’m happier, and when you look at the big fat oval chunk of bread and bite into the lush mix of oily spinach and olives and provolone and salami staining up the inside, you feel you’ve done right by your taste buds. As Grandma always used to say, “I go barmy if I can’t have salami.”

So I dilly, chew, Elizabeth gives me a free coffee refill, and the sun keeps on sliding down behind

the Santa Fe. A freight train’s air horn blows on Broadway. Time moves slowly. End result is, suddenly it’s heading for four, closing time. Elizabeth has to go apartment-hunting. She and Carlos quietly wheel away everything into the museum’s storeroom — except me and my table.

And it turns out that’s not all. Soon after all this — *whack!* The en-tire café gets up and leaves, permanently. They’ve relocated inside the Children’s Museum on West Island Avenue. It’s okay. The public can get to them. But, sigh, I’ll miss the arches, the toots of the trains. And, hey, that beautiful view of the pterodactyl poop.

Now, lessee, where was I? Oh yes. Catching a trolley. ■

The Place: X-Spot Coffee Cart, inside the Children’s Museum, 200 West Island Avenue (no phone, but Children’s Museum number is 619-233-8792)

Type of Food: Sandwich, salad

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A Little Bit Anti-California

“Everybody’s toying with food-friendly wines, but they’re not committed.”

Eric Van Drunen was curious. Once, back in New Mexico, he had owned his own small business. Now, here in San Diego, he thought it might be nice to get back into the game. “But it couldn’t be generic,” he explains. “You want it to be something that sparks your interest, or you’re not going to get up off the couch and put in another four hours after working a full-time job” — in his case, a job in product management.

Food and wine seemed like a possibility, and so he started taking Tracy Wallace’s Business of Wine classes at SDSU. That’s where he heard about the nascent negotiant model up in Ramona — wineries buying grapes from various local vineyards to produce product under a single label. Much cheaper than, say, starting a winery from the vineyard up. He started looking into the model and found that, besides buying grapes, plenty of wineries buy finished wine as well. “The impression is, every winery grows their own grapes and makes their own wine. But just from talking to people, I would guess that 80–90 percent of wine is probably not estate” — not completely, anyway. “Most people buy grapes — ‘I need some Petite Verdot to put in my Zinfandel, and I don’t grow Petite Verdot.’ Do you really think that, three years in advance of it going to market,

every winery is going to be able to predict exactly how much it needs of everything? No. Which is why all of them deal in this stuff — they either have excess, or they’re short.”

Van Drunen saw an in. Somebody else could make the wine — his contribution would be the blending and the branding. Taking the latter bit first: “My day job is as a product manager, and when you look at all the brands out there, to me, it’s a horror show. There’s no brand differentiation. You go into a supermarket and look at the wines on the shelf and say, ‘What do these brands mean?’ Very few have a meaning in a consumer’s mind: ‘Oh, I know these are always really light and fruity.’ I think it’s important to have the brand centered around something more than ‘It’s good.’”

So was born Vinavanti — sourced mainly from Paso Robles and Santa Barbara, cellared in San Marcos, and maybe someday sold right alongside the pasta and sauce at Vons. For Van Drunen, that would be a dream placement, because of his decision to put food first. The label for Il Pezzonovante, his Sangiovese blend, reads, “Pairs well with Marinara, Bolognese, and other tomato-based pasta sauces.” That’s the *front* label, not the back. Says Van Drunen, “It seemed like an underserved market. Ev-

erybody’s toying with food-friendly wines, but they’re not committed. The winery website will have some recipes, and a lot of them say they go well with food on the back label. I wanted my wines to all be about being food-friendly. First off, that meant lower alcohols” — all but one of Van Drunen’s current releases are below 14 percent. Second, “They’re all going to be more medium-bodied,” and relatively high in acidity. “It’s a little bit anti-California, but it’s been pretty well received at the pourings I’ve done so far at wine shops.”

(Aside to any connoisseurs who might be arching an eyebrow at pairing the same wine with both the bright acidity of marinara and the darker, meatier character of Bolognese — Van Drunen understands your concern. “If you’re dropping \$80–\$120 to go to a wine-tasting dinner, the chef had better open up the bottles and make the food exactly for each wine. What I’m doing is not going to be that exact. You’re painting with a bit of a broad brush, and you want to get the right width.”)

Step two in the branding process involved making the wine an accompaniment, not a showpiece. “A lot of it is just getting another bottle to go with food — add one more bottle to the cart. The more comfortable people are in terms of ‘Oh, that will go well with dinner,’ the more likely they are to say, ‘Let’s just throw another bottle in there.’” And this is where price comes in: “I want these wines to walk the line. I want them to be respected as good wines, but at the same time, it’s wine for ‘I’m going to have this on a weeknight with pizza or takeout pasta.’ They’re all going to be retailing for between \$10–\$15 a bottle.”

Besides the Pezzonovante, Van Drunen’s current offerings include the Baron (for steak), Le Bon Viver (for cheese and fruit), and the 12-Bar King (for barbecue and smoked meats). He hopes to add a couple of whites in the near future. All are blends, intended to signify a style more than the



Eric Van Drunen

character of a particular vineyard or even varietal. “I don’t want it to taste significantly different” year to year, he says. “That’s part of the idea of blending. Maybe the next Pezzonovante blend is 85 percent Sangiovese with 10 percent Zinfandel and 5 percent something else,” as opposed to the current 90 percent Sangiovese, 10 percent Zinfandel. “The idea is to keep the impression the same” — create a reliable brand in the consumer’s mind.

The brand was “food-friendly and not too dear for everyday drinking.” Well and good. Now for the blending. “You have to go for availability,” explained Van Drunen — you don’t want to get one barrel and then run out. “I bought everything on the spot market” — no long-term contracts. “Email, email, email, call and ask, post on message boards,

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look in the classifieds, post an ad, talk, talk, talk. About 90 percent of people don't respond. Five percent respond and say they have nothing, and 5 percent respond and say they have something. With the Sangiovese, I ended up with eight samples. Three were crappy, two were pretty good, and three were really good. We ended up going with the Santa Barbara because they were the closest."

Sorting through the samples involved a bit more than popping corks and pouring. Van Drunen had already hit up friends with surveys about things like brand names and what foods to pair with wine; he hit them up again when it came time to taste. "That was easier. I had also brought in Zinfandels, just because it was a generically useful wine. I made dinner for everybody and got everybody's feedback and started narrowing things down. What's hard about having a wine be a food-friendly wine is that food alters the taste profile of the wine. You've got to walk that line. You can't have a bottle and say, 'This tastes really bad, but if you drink it with food, then trust me...' That doesn't work. So part of it was to have them taste the wines straight up and then taste them with dinner. Eventually, you start learning the patterns — you're

able to take 1 person's comments and start understanding what that means for 20 people."

Once they'd figured their winners in each varietal, they started playing around with blends. "It was just kind of a whim, but I liked the change. Adding Zinfandel actually upped the acidity, and it added a little more complexity. The Sangiovese is nice, with just a light cherry through most of it, plus a little bit of tea and a little bit of cedar. The Zinfandel was a little bit jammier, even though it was on the dried-fruit end of things as far as Zinfandel goes. And it added some good color — the Sangiovese was a little bit washed out."

Finally, once he'd figured out which two wines to blend, he sat down with a cup of his mother's red sauce and a tasting partner and got methodical. First, 100 percent Sangiovese. Then a 50-50 blend. Then 75 percent Sangiovese and 25 percent Zinfandel. In the end, "Five percent was too little and 15 percent was too much." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 700 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest

information available for a midrange entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$29; **very expensive:** more than \$30. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

BEACHES

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The flagship of the local Brigantine chain serves ambitious, Japanese-influenced, California-global fusion cuisine on a daily changing menu in a room with a panoramic ocean view. But you need not stuff your shirt to dine here — garb runs to resort-casual and the atmosphere is family friendly. There's even a low-priced kiddie menu. The wine list is friendly, too, with merciful markups and plenty by the glass and half-bottle. Full bar. Short staircase down to restaurant; elevator to the right of entry (ask for directions for wheelchair access when calling to reserve). Valet parking. Very noisy. One vegetarian entrée, but all food restrictions accommodated to order. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, dinner nightly, Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that most of their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef and lamb, both from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers — all kinds — from Prime NZ Angus to lamb burgers with wasabi dip. They also offer chicken. Decor inside is strictly Kiwiland, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can

split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. This dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Cafe Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay nothing — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — \$19.99. My advice: split a 4-egger. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Bully's La Jolla 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768. Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bankers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Valley) — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. — *E.B.*

C-Level 880 Harbor Island Drive, Downtown, 619-298-6802. California-Mediterranean comfort food with a Southern Low Country accent from Chef Deborah Scott; same menu lunch and dinner. Alas, the restaurant's name also gives away its grade — the food's okay but not spectacular, although the gorgeous heated patio at the edge of the bay does plenty to sweeten the pot. Your visiting aunt will swoon over the view and enjoy the food. Vast wine list with plenty by the glass, wide range of prices but some steep markups; good beer list. Full bar with creative cocktails. Ample free parking. No reservations except for large parties. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Fairouz Café and Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Point Loma, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open

daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinner-time entrees, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M.*

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus over 150 items daily. Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (*unagi-zushi*). It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

JRDN 723 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. It's a day at the beach: Befitting a restaurant digging its feet into the sand, the food here is fresh, fun, and unfussy, featuring sustainable seafood, natural meats (including truly tasty spice-rubbed steaks), organic/local produce, and a separate sushi bar. The dishes cover the waterfront, ranging from mac 'n' cheese to die for to a sexy, fruited pacho to swoon over. The chic interior, relaxed atmosphere, and great grazing draw an exuberant, youngish crowd. Creative cocktails are part of the charm, along with a venturesome wine list with plenty by the glass. Tables (reservable) on

the heated beachfront patio could easily become a summertime lifestyle. Validated valet parking. Just one lacto-vegetarian entrée, but vegetable sides plus salads fill in amply. Bread available by request only. Lunch weekdays, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Entrées expensive. — *N.W.*

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Karinya Thai 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a saute pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Mardi Gras Café 3185 Midway Drive, Point Loma, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage when it's in season. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

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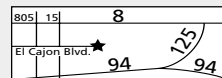
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Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-Op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of “organic,” “cruelty-free,” “environmentally safe,” “shade-grown.” Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. *Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy that can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic egg-plant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, “mango madness,” tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (“serious” breakfasts daily except Tuesday and Thursday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Pannikin La Jolla 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Also in Del Mar and in Encinitas. Oh, sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the “in” spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and “pannwiches” such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. La Jolla and Del Mar three meals daily, Encinitas breakfast and lunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Saska's & Saska's Sushi 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M.*

Sky Room 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W.*

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the “fruits of the sea” and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fish-boats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily,

lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit at varnished inlaid wooden tables with lots of diagonal timbering and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and noisy. Who's gonna be picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf-n-turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. The view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B.*

BAJA

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Big Boy Restaurant 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard, Baja, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho “royal” hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Vegetarian upon request. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Café la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Baja, 664-685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistec ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

El Faro de Mazatlán Boulevard Sanchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Baja, 664-684-8882. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The “Lighthouse of Mazatlán” is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albóndigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican sea bass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Malecón de Puerto Nuevo Calle Entrada, Baja. Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized “lobster village” before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine “daily catch” with stan-

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dard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla Fishing Village, Baja. Five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), in Popotla fishing village, on dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried cebollitas (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mr. Fish Boulevard Agua Caliente #6000, Baja, 664-686-3603. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine “a la Gorvachov” (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.*

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), , Baja, 664-685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf-n-turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's “surf” side. It's all very '40s. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabreria* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalapeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabreria* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.*

CENTRAL

4.0 Deli 5844 Montezuma Road, College Area, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark, student sandwich hang-out gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with

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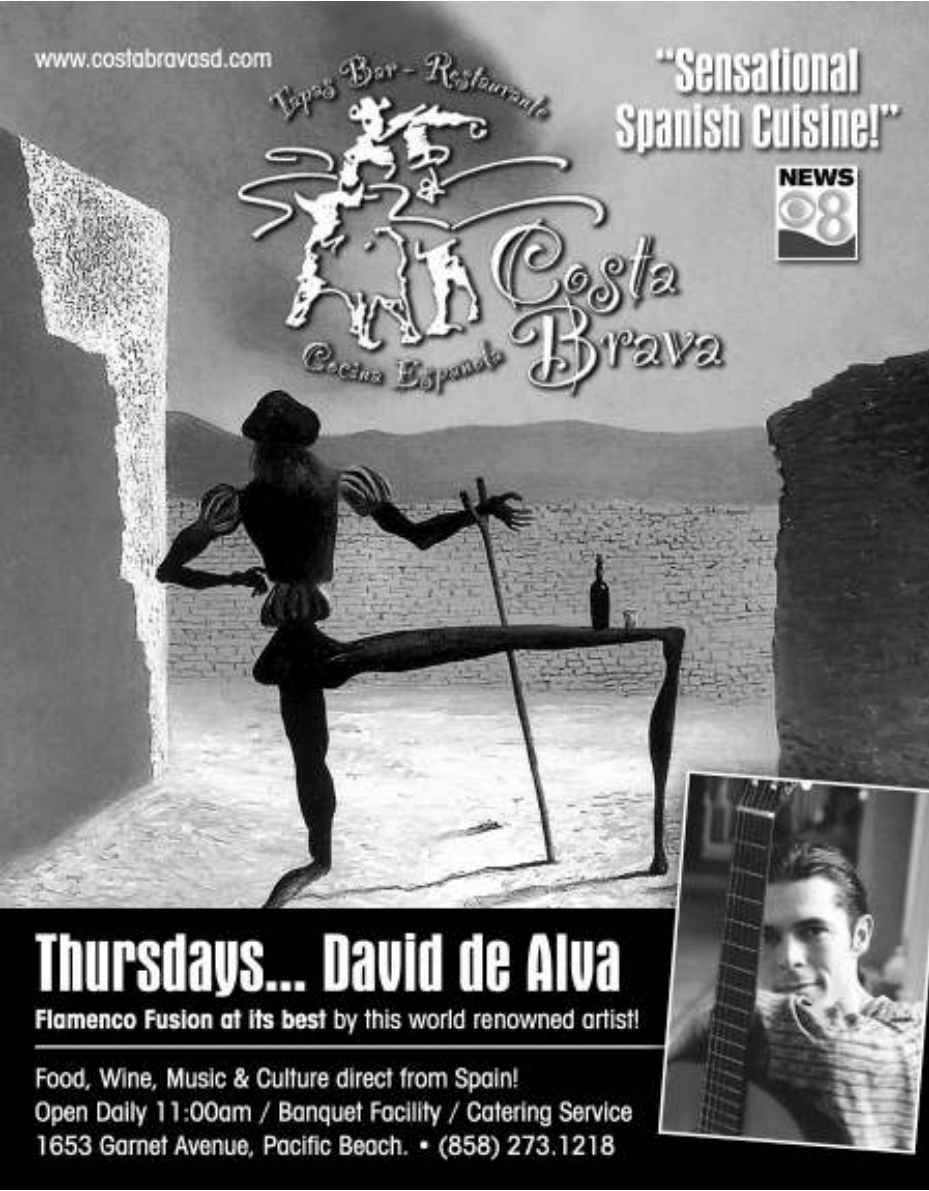


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Alambre’s Mexican Grill 756 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-2838. Surprise: this place strives to be inexpensive, like a Mexico City café-bar, where you hang out to watch soccer or talk over the night at two in the morning. They keep the kitchen open till the wee hours. Breakfasts are decent workaday deals, like the burrito stuffed with chorizo, spuds, and eggs. Try the interesting *chicharon de queso* that looks like a foot-long golden scroll, and watch for the impulse-cooked teaser plates like *cebollitas*, small grilled onions in Maggie’s sauce. Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Open 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Apertivo 3926 30th Street, North Park, 619-297-7799. This wine bar-restaurant offers Italian tapasi of simple Italian classics lightened up and scaled down to medium-size portions — about the size you probably eat at home. All the condiments are on the table, so you can season or cheese your food to taste as you go instead of having a waiter waft them before you’ve lifted a fork. Good dishes include prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, and for dessert, an airy lemon cheesecake mousse. Parking via alley 1/2-block west. No reservations, but for weeknight large groups, call ahead. Weekends, arrive very early or late or expect a wait. Call-in/take-out food orders

okay. Check chalkboard on sidewalk for specials. Plenty for vegetarians and vegans. Sound level: roaring. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café; on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrivederci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes), “straw and hay” (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce, or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you’re that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B.

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar 410 Tenth Avenue, Downtown, 619-531-8869. The whole brickly, post-industrial thing that rules the Gaslamp really works here. This ex-horse carriage repair shop is one cool hangout, left as is except for a “relaxing room” that divides the two eating/drinking areas by a metal-coil curtain and “rugs” made of old inner tube strips. But what really defines Basic is Connecticut, the state that — who knew? — gave us the pizza. Direct from New Haven comes the “thinnest pizza in the country,” according to the owners. Try the mashed potato pizza with cheese melted on top, bacon, and red peppers, or the Little Neck clams. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Batter Up! 342 Euclid Avenue, Southeast San Diego, 619-262-3333. Chef-owner Mel Johnson was one of the founders of the Gaslamp’s late, great Juke Joint Café. The food he serves at Batter Up! is less ambitious (so far) — but talent will tell. The food at this friendly, casual sports bar (about ten minutes from Petco via the 94) may be pub grub, but the cooking is serious. Fried fish, fried shrimp, thick sandwiches, and juicy Certified Angus burgers with creative dressings are well above the norm. Free park-

ing in large lot patrolled by security guards. First-timers should request sauces (especially the house hot sauce) on the side until you know whether you like them. Fairly noisy inside (depending on what’s on TV); quiet patio outside. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with early closing Sundays. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Bay Café 1050 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-595-1083. If you’re hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches (all served with generic fries), variations on fish and chips including prawns, plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely “have it your way” — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Darband Fifth Avenue Grill 1556 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-230-1001. Darband is named after an exotic mountain resort north of Tehran. Quite a contrast to this sloping office-and-car-park strip of Fifth. Lunchtimes, office workers fill the tables. Evenings feel more, well, Persian. It’s mostly men, some playing backgammon, talking, arguing, laughing. With all the Farsi flying round, it feels like a local café back in Tehran. Food is good, fresh, regular Persian. “Khoresh Bademjan” is a tasty baby eggplant and beef stew. “Barg” is a safe bet, too — marinated beef tenderloin with rice. So is the vegetarian plate, though the veggie wrap’s cheaper. Of course, kabobs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty flavors. Open lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you’ll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly un-

obtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter’s recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening’s best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — N.W.

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during happy hours and some evenings. If you’re looking for food, too, there’s a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz’s Deli on the Lower East Side — it’s that wee touch o’ the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd’s pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast anytime) daily. Moderate. — N.W.

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant 3709 Convoy Street, Downtown, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here’s where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you’ll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar,

serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird’s nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — N.W.

Jyoti Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you’ll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a “Peace Blossom,” or boarding his Italian “*Treno della Pace*.” Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped “Neat-loaf” bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, “Infinite Blue” (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street, Downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their “sleazy bar scene” in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers (“Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man”). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They’re cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long happy hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 2 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott’s culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the ed-

ible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrees are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrees of spicy, sweet-sour layered “jerk” chicken or the signature “Skirts On Fire,” a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the house style — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — N.W.

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This long-standing, comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for flavorful, seasonal California cuisine with adventurous touches of Asia and Mexico. It’s way beyond what most neighborhoods would expect. Well-known local chef Hanis Cavin (a big, low-key guy) proves an alpha griller, ensuring that every bite is cooked precisely until it’s done, not a second longer. Almost everything is more than tasty. Most desserts come from upscale sister-restaurant Laurel, although the house-made choices are fine, too — no baby-food sweets here. Wine list is adventurous with lots of affordable choices; full bar. Small parking lot attached. Always a few dishes for vegetarians and a vegan entrée. Reservations recommended. Dinner nightly. “Early-bird” three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate to expensive. — N.W.

King’s Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King’s in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It’s a chain, but it’s a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that’s well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that’s above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don’t miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

Lydia’s Café and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, Southeast San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open daily, three meals. (Call ahead for availability of the *birria*.) Inexpensive. — E.B.

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McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant 675 L Street, Downtown, 619-645-6545. Want to hang out with the baseball elite? They graze here, next to the ballpark. But what should really draw you is happy hour. It's an awesome deal where you get a half-pound burger and fries for under two bucks. Ditto steamed mussels, chicken satay, California rolls, fish cakes, cheese plate, more. Best beverage deal: Coke or (refillable) iced tea, and the staff is sporting about you ordering multiple eats and sitting on one drink. Feel guilty? Don't. This loss leader works: From one place, in Portland, Oregon, M&S has grown to 86 locations nationwide. Happy hour Monday through Friday, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on game days). Inexpensive. —E.B.

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Dinner nightly (service until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Moderate. —N.W.

La Posta de Acapulco 3980 Third Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours in Hillcrest. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Puerto La Boca 2060 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — free-range and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*parrillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp *la boca*. Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*Ooquis*) are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Daily lunch and dinner hours, with dinner menu all day Friday and Saturday. — N.W.

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-233-5757. Enjoy culinary time travel with this vintage restaurant's classic chophouse fare — wet-aged USDA Prime beefsteaks and roasts with luxurious “Continental” sauces, plus some seafood, poultry, and other odd meats (including milk-fed calf liver), served in what looks like a cozy English gentlemen's club writ large.

If you've ever wanted to try Beef Wellington, the chef here is one of the few who can pull it off correctly. At weekday lunches, the place buzzes with downtown movers and shakers, but dinner hours are usually serene and gracious (reserve anyway). An awesome international wine list, strong on great French bottles (and scant on affordable ones). Full bar. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Sally's Seafood on the Water One Market Place at Manchester Grand Hyatt, Downtown, 619-358-6740. One of the city's favorite romantic restaurants, Sally's is an outbuilding behind the Grand Hyatt at the edge of Seaport Village and boasts lovely scenery, with cityscapes or bay views seen through picture windows or enjoyed from the outdoor patio in fair weather. The fare is Asian-fusion, emphasizing seafood and also offering sushi and sashimi. An appetizer sampler for two makes delicious shared grazing, as does a raw tuna and salmon Napoleon layered on fried wonton strip, while black cod with miso-orange broth is a sensuous entree. Another option is reserving the "chef's table" in the kitchen for a custom-made meal. The mostly Californian wine list is rather steep, with plenty by the glass (at high markups), plus a serious sake list on the sushi menu. Full bar. Long walk from the hotel garage (with validated self-parking) but no barriers to mobility devices; dining room noisy at times. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — N.W.

El Sol Mexican Restaurant 2037 University Avenue, North Park, 619-298-0874. Miguel "Nacho" Madera cooked at Danny's Palm Bar in Coronado for 18 years. In 1994, President Clinton came to town and the Secret Service came to Danny's with a big order for burgers. Instant fame! Now Nacho has his own place and serves the same burgers with the spice recipe even the Secret Service couldn't get out of him. He also does breakfasts and the whole range of Mexican food, including seafood (*tostada de ceviche* is great). But if you want the burger, ask for his Clinton-burger with cheese, bacon, and French fries. Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Soleil at K 660 K Street, Downtown, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be prepared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters may include a seasonally available fried-calamari salad and crabby crab sticks. Desserts are witty as well as tasty; entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds," full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4645 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghormeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufkeh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Starlite 3175 India Street, Little Italy, 619-358-9766. No pedestrian pub grub at this lounge — nearly all the major staffers are protégés of now-departed Michael Stebner, conduit of the Alice Waters's ethos of local and natural. Chefs hang out here off duty. The seasonal menu of California-Mediterranean cuisine features naturally raised meats, house-made pasta and sausages (do try the house-made sausage plate!), and local produce. The Jidori chicken and Prime flat-iron steak are knockouts, and for dessert let your inner child commune with your outer adult over the irresistible toffee-chip ice cream sandwich. Short, smart, merciful wine list with French and California wines at way-below-average markups, scanty by the glass. Full bar

with creative cocktails. About seven lacto-vegetarian dishes, one for vegans. Age 21 and up only. Free parking lot attached. Dinner nightly, moderate. — *N.W.*

Stingaree 454 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-544-0867. This huge restaurant has a nightclub on the mezzanine and an outdoor lounge on the roof. The Mediterranean food by chef Antonio Frisca comes in three plate sizes — little, medium, and large. It's a built-in invitation to graze and share if you want to keep it light before you go dancing. The fare features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic vegetables. The rich international wine list is steep, but there's plenty by the glass; full bar. Friday and Saturday nights, dinner is a three- or four-course prix fixe only (your choices from the à la carte menu), but that gets you free entry into the club. Reservations advisable, urged for weekends. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive, but special three-course menu is just \$40. — N.W.

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ai tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of portobello mushroom). Entrees come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gaea mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinner nightly, open until 2 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Taste of Africa Cuisine 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb and goat meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. —E.B.

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypal Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot and spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open till midnight Monday through Thursday, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, Sunday until 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D.*

NORTH ISLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Dinner buffet Monday and Thurs-



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Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant

9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. “The name ‘Bolsa’ isn’t Vietnamese,” says Kim Trang. “It’s Spanish for ‘bag.’” She’s playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam’s most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We’re talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Cabana Cove 777 Harrah’s Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from surfing spots around the world, includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entree, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for

brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. “The biggest buffet of San Diego” claims the menu, “with over 200 items daily.” Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He’ll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You’ll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna — mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you’re dieting, they’ll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they’re fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M.*

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasurehouse is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knick-knacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. Reservations on weekends. In back

of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald’s. Good handicap access; sturdy high-chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don’t already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you’re unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you’re planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrees. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It’s distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that’s usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don’t expect hovering “Raj”-style service — it’s just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area’s top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug’s beautiful room with beautiful food draws “the beautiful people” — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa

Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woelsle. Order at will — everything’s flawless. The menu’s most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive, but less costly and less formal on “Bistro Wednesdays” when simpler food is served. — *N.W.*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M.*

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it’s the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. Okay, it’s a nationwide franchise, but it’s a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road,

Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — *E.B.*

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avenida Place, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant’s younger, prettier suburban sister, you’ll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy “gold cup” dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in corn (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — *N.W.*

St. Tropez — Rancho Bernardo 16625 Dove Canyon #109, Rancho Bernardo, 858-673-6824. If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

NORTH COASTAL

Addison 5200 Grand Del Mar Way, Carmel Valley, 858-314-1900. At this gala, gorgeous restaurant a mile or so uphill from the hotel at Doug Manchester’s new luxury resort, the brief menu offers dishes made with superior ingredients, executed flawlessly. However, it may be hard to warm up to the chef’s palate, which seems to favor sour, tart, and acidic notes, with no concessions to culinary comfort. The creative cooking involves strange flavor-combinations, such as well-seasoned lamb shank with a goat cheese tart served over a slick of acidic lemon-sorrel sauce plus uncured housemade sausage with a purée of Japanese umiboshi, fiercely sour plums that seem to come from a different universe than the meat. Or an amuse of tart yogurt punctuated by sour quince and puckery gooseberries. It seems to be more about the chef’s self-expression than about your pleasure, but many people love it — it apparently depends on what night you eat there. Service is formal, deluxe, and quite rigid: The bussers are your bosses. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday only. Reservations essential; request detailed route directions. Extremely expensive. — *N.W.*

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring world-wide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a “Roman breakfast” of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don’t miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. During summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber’s home garden; the French fries (which don’t come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn’t be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids’ menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *A.M.*

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere “pho joint,” this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of pre-war Saigon — and the owners’ daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with

grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of “ground shrimp on sugar cane” so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and “Star of the Sea” curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam’s own “33” brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — “Iskender” means “Alexander.” Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The shepherd’s salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

California Pizza Kitchen — Carmel Valley 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Valley, 858-675-4424. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit “the premium pizza segment.” Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain’s first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you’ve got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order Hawaiian pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

El Callejon Restaurant 345 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference: Instead of the standard boring border foods and combo plates, it offers a long menu of genuine, zesty mainland dishes, some with original spins on traditional themes. Shrimp *zarandeados* with a rich sauce of chiles and beef in cilantro sauce are some of the delights. There’s even a *parrillada* (mixed grill) to serve two. The atmosphere offers more pleasures. At lunchtime, the dining room seems like a serene hacienda. Evenings the restaurant may turn into a rollicking community center, where multi-generational families and groups of friends fill the dining rooms and spill onto the sizable patio hidden in back. Mariachi band on Fridays and Saturdays. — *N.W.*

The Calypso Café 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252. This “Calypso” has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there’s nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W.*

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multi-regional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with 1/2-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two

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cially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. But you've got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap. Also check out the Thai art on the walls, some for sale. Open lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu*. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *sate*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang*

tastebuds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Thai Cafe — Coronado 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-522-0217. Tourists may not take this little open-sided kiosk restaurant at Coronado's Ferry Landing seriously, but this has to be some of the best-prepared Thai food in the county. It's all laid out buffet style in chafing dishes. You can sample before you commit. They're all good. None of the watered-down versions of, say, green curry, you sometimes get elsewhere. Grilled satay is excellent, so are spicy basil chicken, *panang*, Thai pork salad. Tilapia topped with sweet veggies and Thai chili sauce is delicious. Pick two (the best deal), find a table under the shade of a fig tree. Go "Ommm." You're approaching nirvana. Daily, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; summer until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time players get their meal free. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Cardroom open and non-Chinese food menu available 24 hours; Chinese menu noon to 4 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven. Also, try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Lunch and dinner (with inexpensive early-bird dinner) Monday through Saturday; brunch and dinner Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Place, Inland Border Towns, 619-478-2888. Tiger Woods eats here. He plays paint wars nearby then comes in and always orders the same thing: cheeseburger, medium rare, with fries. The burgers are all made from certified Black Angus beef, so they cost a little more. But there are deals for folks with country appetites. For breakfast, ask for The Works omelet. It's loaded with bacon, ham, sausage, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, and potatoes. A half-order will be plenty. At lunch order the robust, homemade soup of the day, like vegetable, which has so many fresh-cut vegetables in it that you won't need to order anything else. Open daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Downtown Café 182 E. Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Main, a French-style sidewalk cafe. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 South 43rd Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine's a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No problem. Su had survived the Korean war *and* Vietnam before she came here. Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars — judges, ministers, teachers among them — and they don't want change. So Elaine's remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfast-all-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, bacon, mushroom iHunteri omelet. Lunch: the pork chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch six days; closed Tuesdays. — *E.B.*

Fix Me a Plate Café 9168 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa, 619-466-6084. Chef-owner Jimmy Pomier was executive chef at the great Juke Joint Café, and now he's got his own place to serve up whopping portions of authentic Cajun and Louisiana-style soul food. His oyster po' boy is (as France's Michelin Guide might say) "worth a detour," as good as it gets this far away. His gumbo is eccentric; his deep-fried chicken gizzards with aioli are fun. His delicious étouffés are among the highlights of the long menu (on which not all dishes are available all the time). Skimpy wine and beer selection, and BYOB is strictly forbidden, but the lemonade is okay. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday (with break in-between). Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Johnny B's 4728 Fourth Street, La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeno dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their tenounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Oggi's 9828 Mission Gorge Road, San-tee, 619-449-6441. At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambience (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrees so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Paipa's Oasis 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gamble through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less biting hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuete* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. The barbecue beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. All-you-can-eat catfish Wednesdays and Fridays. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M.*



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To Have and Have More

His revealed relationship to the hero situates him well for any further sequel.

The question fomented by the new Indiana Jones film was whether or not, nineteen years after the last one, Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg still “have it.” Which of course begs the question of whether or not they ever did “have it.” In the interest of full disclosure, I should

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probably confess that I saw the other three Indiana Jones films once each, and that if I were again to run into one of them when channel-surfing I would keep right on surfing to the next channel. (Whereas if, for instance, I were to run into one of the first four or five Bond films with Sean Connery, regardless of how many times I had seen it, I would stop and watch awhile.) Further, before the recent tsunami of publicity to refresh my memory, I would have had to think hard even to come up with the titles of the second two Joneses. I’m guessing that by August or thereabouts I will need to think hard to come up with the title of the new one, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, the ungainliest title to date. Admittedly the adventuring

archaeologist, known familiarly if not affectionately as Indy (getting a promotional dividend by timing his reappearance for the same weekend as the Indy 500), holds a position as a

Cultural Icon, but the same could be said, free from claims of artistic worth, for Freddy Krueger, Rambo, and the Marlboro Man. Like them, Indy’s something of a joke; the chief difference is, he always knew it. He has taken no place in my personal pantheon.

Having got that off my chest, I can go on to give an affirmative answer to the preliminary question. Whatever the “it” was that Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg once had together, they more or less still “have.” Moviegoers who valued “it” in the past will be pretty near guaranteed to value “it” now. Ford, with his big-cat purr of a voice, remains an amiable fellow; and if he’s a bit jowlier beneath that crumpled face (like a wadded-up piece of paper retrieved from the wastebasket and mostly smoothed out again), and if he occasionally throws in a dis-

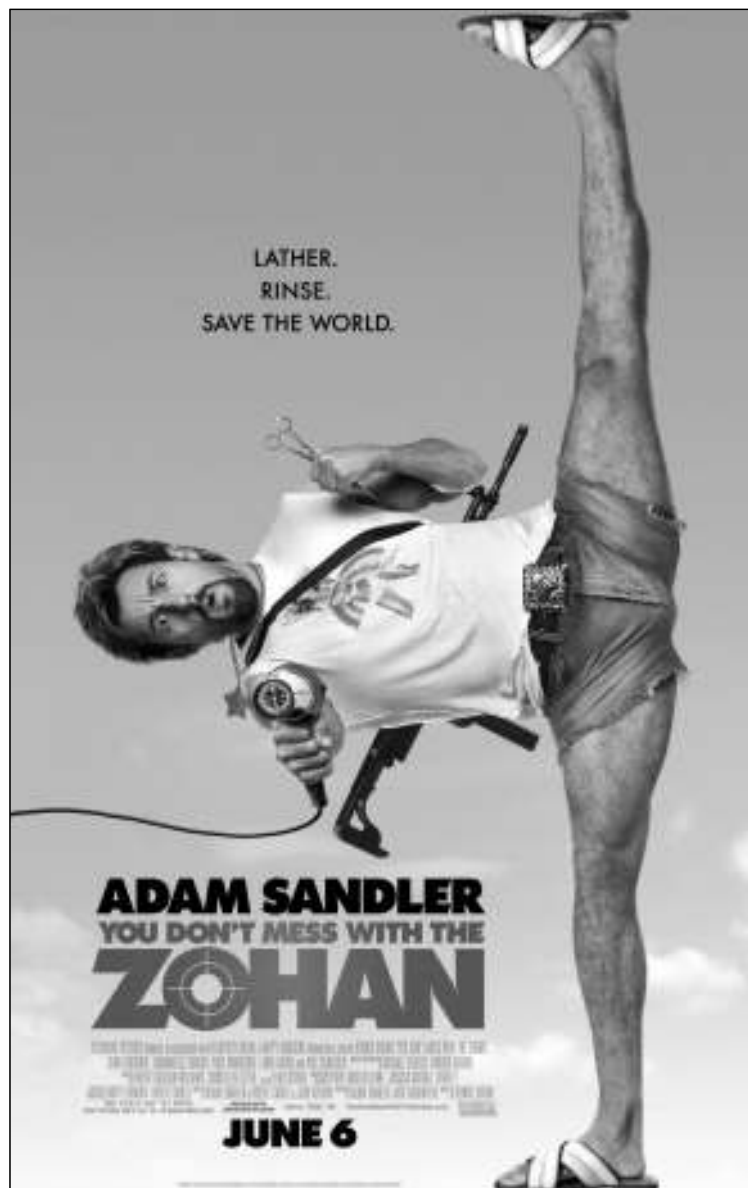


Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

arming grumble or groan in recognition of his advancing years, he nonetheless keeps pace with the physical action, or else his director cleverly covers for him during it, so that he shows no such signs of wear and tear as would demand any added suspension of disbelief beyond the several tons suspended already in the prior adventures. Shia LaBeouf is an amiable

fellow also, as Younger Generation actors go, and his introduction on screen as a carbon copy of Brando in *The Wild One* proves to be only a time marker (mid-Fifties) and not a clue to his character. I would not be giving away any big secrets by noting that his revealed relationship to the hero situates him well for any further sequel or even for a solo spin-off. For the

rest, Cate Blanchett, with a Louise Brooks bob, a ramrod spine, and a ticklesome Iron Curtain accent, is easily the most entertaining villain in the series, “Stalin’s fair-haired girl” in quest of the ultimate Commie weapon: mind-control. (In honesty, I barely recollect any other villains in the series.) John Hurt and Ray Winstone are serviceable sidekicks of differing de-



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grees of loyalty. And Karen Allen, excavated from *Raiders of the Lost Ark* for the last act, supplies an unexpected bonus insofar as the filmmaker seems, with her, to be going for something that vaguely resembles — could it be? — yes, yes, it truly appears to be — vaguely — an emotion!

Spielberg, for his part, eager to show that *Munich* burned no bridges, any more than *Schindler's List* or *Amistad* burned any, is still a superior technician. Superior, that is to say, to Michael Bay, Simon West, Brett Ratner, Roland Emmerich, Renny Harlin, John McTiernan, Jon Turteltaub, among other wannabes. Everything dovetails sleekly. The Paramount Mountain dissolves to the mound of a prairie dog, and the new period setting is emphatically established through the car radio of a passing hot rod (Presley's "Hound Dog"), and the entrance of the title character (hat first) is flatteringly momentous, and, much later, the nocturnal visit to a mountaintop Peruvian graveyard (a high point of a sort) showcases state-of-the-art cobwebs and mummies, and the relentless action scenes are always impressive in their engineering while never being in the least believable or involving. (A fencing bout conducted in side-by-

side jeeps at top speed unfailingly focusses our attention on the filmmaker rather than on the fencers.) In the end — in the accumulation — the action grows more than a little tedious. Spielberg's technique is superior not only to others' technique but also to his own taste. A good long time, needless to stress, has gone by since the previous Indy adventure, and the new one can't be content to try to top just that one. It has to try to top, in addition, *The Da Vinci Code*, the *National Treasure* hunts, the Lara Croft adventures, et al. With a plot that links Roswell, New Mexico, to the Erich von Däniken theory of evolution, Spielberg keeps pace in that race as well. To say so is no great compliment.

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Although the vagaries of foreign-film distribution make it difficult to keep tabs, *Roman de Gare* demonstrates that Claude Lelouch, too, at age seventy, still has a lot of what he once had. And he had a lot more to begin with: flexibility; range; balance; discretion; heady dialogue; a Rohmeresque patience with chitchat; a Sagan-ian intoxication with movement and speed; a fluency and a buoyancy that survive even his most overambitious and overextended, yet never overproduced, projects; a trail-blazing thematic fixation (long before it was trendy) on the workings of fortune and fate; a stubborn resistance to fad and fashion; an authentic romanticism and optimism, undimmed

by rueful realities; an abiding empathy with the underdog and the outsider; a hospitable climate for actors; an appreciation of the varieties of feminine beauty; a roving eye for place; a delicate sense of color; as literal a *caméra-stylo* (a camera-pen), as portable and manipulable, as anyone ever wielded. To cut this short: he is, or can be, a fully rounded filmmaker; and *Roman de Gare*, proceeding into a second week at the Hillcrest, shows him off at about 300 degrees of his maximum circumference. Fundamentally a thriller, to do with the chance encounter of two strangers at a highway rest stop and the best-selling novel that results from the encounter, it is more scrupulously plotted than his norm (one of his habitual laxities), negotiating a course of tricky twists and turns without feeling forced or underhanded. Dominique Pinon, generally cast for his dentureless funny looks, is led to new dimensions of humanity as one of the strangers; and as the other, Audrey Dana, a fresh face if not an especially young one, quite an expressive and complicated face, is a bountiful discovery. Fanny Ardant as the best-selling novelist, notwithstanding her assortment of wigs, comes as no surprise. She comes as a sure thing. ■

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Annie Hall — Woody Allen's approximately autobiographical movie tells of the short-lived romance between a New York Jewish intellectual (Allen himself, accoutered in a thrift-shop wardrobe) and a kooky Midwestern WASP (Diane Keaton). It can usefully be thought of as a movie tailored to the critics. It is Allen's most "personal" movie (no higher praise in movie



The Children of Huang Shi

critics' lingo), or at any rate his most confessional movie; it is rife with cinema in-jokes; and in Allen's character it delineates a critic's personality: he is kibitzer, pontificator, putdowner, sneerer, whiner, snob, and bigot. The believability of his self-characterization is in his inconsistency. On the defensive in every situation, he is an alert counterpuncher in a world of incessant affronts, a devout practitioner of upmanship and lastwordism, and a slave to the convenient wisecrack. His visual style is rather sedentary and strangely indebted to the type of theatrical conceit that Elia Kazan in *The Arrangement* revived from the bygone days of Group Theatre (one character occupying the same scene as both an adult and a child — that type of thing); but his verbal wit, on such regular talk-show topics as New York City, Hollywood, anti-Semitism, sex, and death, is livelier — or rather deadlier — than ever before. With Carol Kane, Tony Roberts, Janet Margolin, and Shelley Duvall. 1977.

★★★★ (KEN, 5/29)

Baby Mama — SNL alumnae Tina Fey and Amy Poehler form a babymaking pact across the class divide, the barren career woman and the fertile prole. Broad, predictable, and pallidly photographed, yet an agile and energetic playing of the angles.

Strong supporting part for Steve Martin, plus ponytail, as a self-mythologizing health-food tycoon: "I was swimming this morning with dolphins in Costa Rica..." With Greg Kinnear and Sigourney Weaver; written and directed by Michael McCullers. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Band's Visit — To be specific, the Alexandria Police Ceremonial Orchestra, an octet costumed in robin's-egg blue, visiting Israel for the inauguration of an Arab Culture Center, but taking a wrong turn to a sound-alike destination in the middle of nowhere, spending a night, getting to know the locals and vice versa, bridging a cultural gulf. The blend of comedy and pathos, under the direction of Eran Kolirin, might call to mind the cinematic heyday of Italian humanism, albeit with more of an absurdist deadpan. Only three of the eight band members receive sufficient screen time to become individualized in the least — the priggish leader, his stifled assistant, an unruly rookie — and Sasson Gabai as the first of the three could stand alongside an Alberto Sordi or an Ugo Tognazzi (to place him in the company of comic-pathetic Italians), albeit with more reserve and decorum. Ronit Elkabetz, as his easygoing hostess, makes a lissomely sensuous foil. Imad Jabarin, Saleh Bakri, Khalifa Natour. 2007.

★★ (LA PALOMA, THROUGH 5/29)

Before the Rains — Interracial, extramarital love in unsettled India of 1937. 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)

The Children of Huang Shi — True tale of a British correspondent in China during the Japanese invasion of 1937, reluctantly assuming responsibility for five dozen war orphans. The cardboard characters, the battering-ram dramaturgy, and the lackluster look of the thing (excepting the luminous Michelle Yeoh as a shady lady) fail to substantiate the truth of it. Testimony from actual survivors at the end unhardens your heart. With Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Radha Mitchell, Chow Yun Fat; directed by Roger Spottiswoode. 2008.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/30)

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian — The follow-up to *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, or as we could call it, *The Lion, the Witch, No Wardrobe*, maintains the medium-high standard of its forerunner, higher, that is, than the standards of such close-by epic cycles as the *Lord of the Rings* series and the *Harry Potter* series. The narrative elements seem somehow to have more heft, more harmony, more resonance, and the individual installments demonstrably stand more solidly on their own. The four Pevensie siblings, otherwise known as "the Kings and Queens of Old," herein return to the parallel universe of Narnia, not through the portal of a

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magic clothes closet but from an ordinary London subway platform (call it *The Lion, the Witch, and the Tube*, if you choose), but while it's still WWII-time in England, a "few hundred" years have passed in Narnia. A paradigmatic deliverance myth is now in progress, encompassing an exiled heir to the throne, an oppressive regime of swarthy Mediterranean types called Telmarines, and a gathering rebel army numbering among its ranks a grumpy dwarf, a swashbuckling mouse and a Toryish old badger (both bigger than life), an air force of griffons, some centaurs, some minotaurs, one of whom merits a special medal of valor propping open a falling grate for an escape route as his body gets pierced by enemy arrows. If the film overall is a bit battle-heavy, and a bit long, and a bit slowed by immoderate slow-motion, the climactic battle nevertheless features some galvanizing and agonizing changes in momentum, an imaginative stratagem of a subterranean cavalry charge, and the majestic intervention of a swelling water deity, bringing matters to a decisive resolution. Ben Barnes, William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, Skandar Keynes, Georgie Henley, Peter Dinklage; directed by Andrew Adamson. 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; PARKWAY 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)

Drillbit Taylor — Homeless army deserter answers a want ad to bodyguard a fat kid, skinny kid, and shrimpy kid from the high-school bully. The jokes arrive predictably, the laughs lag badly. With Owen Wilson, Nate Hartley, Troy Gentile, David Dorfman, Alex Frost, and Leslie Mann; directed by Steven Brill. 2008.

● (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

The Fall — The second film by the one-name Tarsem (unused surname, Singh) differs by two letters from his first film, *The Cell*. It differs by little in other ways as well, a gagging phantasmagoria of debased and diluted surrealism. (Suggested title for his next opus: *The Pill*.) The story, a fiction-within-fiction wherein a suicidal stuntman of the silent era whiles away the hours in a hospital ward by spinning an "epic" revenge tale for a broken-armed little girl, has hints of substance and dabs of invention; but the visual style of the "epic," a sort of fashion-shoot *fotonovela*, is ineluctably eye-glazing. The slow movement of Beethoven's Seventh behind the opening credits, perhaps the most oft-used classical piece in movies, or perhaps second or third to Han-



The Fall

del's "Hallelujah Chorus" and Pachelbel's *Canon*, bodes ill for originality. With Lee Pace and Catina Untaru. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/30)

Forgetting Sarah Marshall — Comedy of heartbreak and heartmend, under the imprimatur of producer Judd Apatow, but directed by newcomer Nicholas Stoller, and written by its star, Jason Segel, who envisions for himself the role of a would-be se-

rious composer, cranking out mood music for a network crime drama when he would rather be devoting his time to a *Dracula* stage musical. (When, that is, he's not devoting his time to eating Fruit Loops out of a mixing bowl on the couch.) The voca-

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Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay — Stoner comedy (the sequel), with delusions of political comment, possibly admissible as scientific evidence of brain damage. John Cho, Kal Penn, Neil Patrick Harris; co-written and co-directed by Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg. 2008.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Horton Hears a Who! — Dr. Seuss adulterated: plumped-up graphics (faithful in bare outline); wised-up attitude (vocal impressions of Kissinger and JFK, a martial-arts 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)

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull — Reviewed this issue. With Harrison Ford, Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf, and Karen Allen; directed by Steven Spielberg.
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Iron Man — Marvel Comics superhero (vintage 1963) rerouted through present-day 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,



Roman de Gare

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’t-give-a-shit affectation of Robert Downey, Jr., in the title role. With Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges, Terrence Howard, and Shaun Toub; directed by Jon Favreau. 2008.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-

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Made of Honor — A pathological playboy, busy collecting royalties on his invention of the cardboard “coffee collar,” realizes he’s in love when his platonic girlfriend of ten years goes off on a business trip to Scotland and comes home engaged to a duke. (The perfect man if he weren’t a Scot.) A couple of attractive players, Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan, in monstrously off-putting roles. With Kevin McKidd, Sydney Pollack, and Kathleen

Quinlan; directed by Paul Weiland. 2008.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Nim’s Island — When a reclusive marine biologist is lost at sea off his own private island, his motherless little girl (having picked up none of his Scots accent even though he’s the only person in her life) turns for help to the Indiana Jones-y fictional hero of a series of adventure novels. Worse luck, the actual author behind the books is an obsessive-compulsive agoraphobic female, a plucky performance by

Jodie Foster in an insipid children’s film, succulently photographed by Stuart Dryburgh. With Abigail Breslin and Gerard Butler; directed by Mark Levin and Jennifer Flackett. 2008.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

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, THROUGH 5/29)

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 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

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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 blood-thirsty 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.

★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, THROUGH 5/29)

Roman de Gare — Reviewed this issue. With Fanny Ardant, Dominique Pinon, and Audrey Dana; directed by Claude Lelouch.

★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Sex and the City — The defunct HBO series hits the big screen, with Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis, Cynthia Nixon, directed by Michael Patrick King. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/30)

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.

★ (LA PALOMA)

Son of Rambow — 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 trend-setting wardrobe, all collaborating together on a video sequel to *First Blood* for entry in a Young Filmmakers Competition.



Speed Racer

Cartoon slapstick and tender sentiment co-exist unpeacefully, if not mutually destructively. With Will Poulter, Bill Milner, and Jules Sitruk; written and directed by Garth Jennings. 2008.

● (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Speed Racer — Colorful, to say the least. Color-overflowing, to say a little more. Color-engulfed. The live-action version of the late-Sixties made-in-Japan TV cartoon is of course, in this day and age, only partly

live-action: real people like Emile Hirsch, Christina Ricci, John Goodman, Susan Sarandon, and Matthew Fox 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-animat-

ed *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 eye-strain. 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

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Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)

Sex and the City (R) Fri. (12:00, 4:05) 7:15, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:00) 4:05, 7:15, 10:20
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South Bay Drive-In

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NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262)

Baby Mama (PG-13); **The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian** (PG); **Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay** (R); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13); **Iron Man** (PG-13); **Made of Honor** (PG-13); **Sex and the City** (R); **Speed Racer** (PG); **The Strangers** (R); **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); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13); **Iron Man** (PG-13); **Made of Honor** (PG-13); **Nim’s Island** (PG); **Sex and the City** (R); **Speed Racer** (PG); **The Strangers** (R); **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13)

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

Sex and the City (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:50) 7:05, 10:20; **The Strangers** (R) Fri. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 8:00, 10:30

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FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 11:00, 1:15, 2:00) 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 11:00, 1:15, 2:00) 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **Sex and the City** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13); **Iron Man** (PG-13); **Sex and the City** (R); **Speed Racer** (PG); **The Strangers** (R); **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13)

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)

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VISTA

Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive

(760-945-7469)

Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (9:20, 10:00, 12:25, 1:10, 3:35, 4:20) 6:45, 7:30, 9:55, 10:35; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (9:50, 10:30, 11:10, 11:50, 12:40, 1:20, 2:00, 2:40, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50, 5:30) 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:10, 9:50, 1; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 11:25, 1:40, 2:15, 4:30, 5:05) 7:20, 8:00, 10:15, 10:50 Sun. (10:50, 11:25, 1:40, 2:15, 4:30, 5:05) 7:20, 8:00, 10:15; **Sex and the City** (R) Fri.-Sat. (9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 12:25, 12:55, 1:25, 1:55, 3:35, 4:05, 4:35, 5:05) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:55, 10:25, 10:55, 11:25 Sun. (9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 12:25, 12:55, 1:25, 1:55, 3:35, 4:05, 4:35, 5:05) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:55, 10:25; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00); **The Strangers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:00, 3:05, 5:10) 7:35, 9:45; **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:50, 4:20) 7:05, 9:25

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00, 5:00) 8:00; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:35; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:55, 4:45) 7:30, 10:05

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road

(858-646-9420)

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13); **Iron Man** (PG-13); **The Strangers** (R); **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13)

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)

Made of Honor (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (3:15) 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (3:15) 8:15; **Sex and the City** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00) 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00) 4:30, 7:00, 7:30; **The Visitor** (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

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

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Shine a Light (PG-13) Fri. 8:50p.m. Sat.-Sun. 3:50, 8:45; **The Band’s Visit** (PG-13) Fri. 6:50p.m.; **Young @ Heart** (PG) Sat.-Sun. 1:45, 6:20

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)

(760-599-8221)

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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, fore-name 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. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; 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; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Strangers — Suspense film written and directed by Bryan Bertino, starring Scott Speedman and Liv Tyler. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO[T]16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 5/30)

Surfwise — Doug Pray’s documentary on a nomadic family of dropouts in the 1950s. (KEN, 5/30 THROUGH 6/5)

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

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Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)

Sex and the City (R) Fri. (10:10, 1:10, 4:10) 7:10, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

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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 mother, the movie's top highlight, confirms this impression. The denouement turns out to be unexpectedly touching. Which is an oblique way to say that the preceding had prepared us for less. 2008.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Visitor — Deep absorption, at the start, in the enclosed world of a dour Connecticut college professor, the classroom, the private office, the school cafeteria, the empty hours at home where, to fill the void left by his late wife, a concert pianist, he tries desultorily to master the instrument himself, late in life. Then a reluctant change of scene, when he is forced out of his orbit, under departmental orders, to attend a Developing Nations Conference in New York City, where he finds his unused apartment occupied by two squatters, a musician from Syria and a jewelry designer from Senegal, husband and wife, Muslims both. The initial shock gives way to starchy hospitality (he never shows as much curiosity as the viewer might wish about the identity of the mysterious "Ivan" who rented out the apartment), and the walls of his world expand little by little, exposing the touching and amusing spectacle of an introverted man opening up, taking a stab at warmth, attempting something new, discovering that the African drum (which gets his head moving like a bobblehead doll) is more his instrument than the classical piano. The film takes a dire turn before the halfway point with an illustration of Racial Profiling and the incarceration of the happy-go-lucky street musician in a detention center for illegals: a bit of hot topicality to give the story Relevance, Significance, Importance.



Surfwise

That notwithstanding, it presents just one, small, personal story of the post-9/11 world, not a Big Sweeping Statement. For all its liberal sentimentality, it indulges in no outsized emoting. And it offers a meaty role to Richard Jenkins, an able character actor, never the lead, who nibbles at the meat with proper restraint, hiding his avidness and gratitude. (With an eye on the most modest box-office, and with but a minor cost to integrity, the role could have been offered to more of a household name, a Richard Gere, a Kevin Kline.) Haaz Sleiman as the blissfully unguarded drummer,

Danai Gurira as his fearfully guarded mate, and Hiam Abbass as his dignified and elegant mother, in from Michigan to stand vigil outside the austere United Correctional Corporation, complete the ensemble, a dissonant quartet, resolving into sweetness. All four of them in their separate ways are painfully affecting. The outcome, although far from happy, could more plausibly have been a lot farther from it. A statement is made after all, if only a quiet one. Written and directed by Tom McCarthy. 2008.
★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

What Happens in Vegas — What passes in the early 21st Century as a "rom-com." (The very term drips with derision: not fully romantic, not fully comic.) It pairs perfect 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 is a belly-crawl to a foregone conclusion. Lake Bell, consigned to the secondary role of the bosom buddy, the heroine's confidante, the romantic hopeless, is 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. Rob Corddry, Queen Latifah, Dennis Miller; directed by Tom Vaughan. 2008.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION

VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

What's Eating Gilbert Grape — The sort of title that seems highly unlikely to precede a good movie. What follows in this instance does not lower the odds. As a slice of family life in small-town America, the movie is so hell-bent on being "different" as to be unrecognizable as small-town America or as family life or even as a slice. (Lasse Hallstrom, the Swedish director of *My Life As a Dog*, ought to have felt right at home.) Within its own skewed guidelines, it delivers a couple of emotional payoffs: when the walrus-sized matriarch squeezes herself through the front door in order to rescue her younger son from jail ("My boy! Gimme my boy!"); and again when the older son stops being Prince Myshkin for a moment and tries to slap some sense into his retarded brother. With Johnny Depp, Leonardo DiCaprio, Juliette Lewis, and Mary Steenburgen. 1993.
★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 5/31 AND 6/1, 8:30 P.M.)

The Woman in the Window — Fritz Lang's *cherchez-la-femme* thriller, constructed with the grim efficiency of a hangman's noose, though gravely marred by the merciful loophole ending. The filmmaker's follow-up companion piece, *Scarlet Street*, with the same triumvirate of actors, was not quite so grimly efficient but neither was it so gravely marred. Edward G. Robinson, Joan Bennett, Dan Duruya. 1944.
★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 5/29 AND 30)

Young @ Heart — Documentary on a Massachusetts touring chorus of very senior citizens who perform a repertoire of punk and rock: the Ramones, the Clash, the Bee Gees, Talking Heads, Sonic Youth, James Brown, that ilk. It looks like fun for them, and a fair amount of that fun trickles down to the audience. British director Stephen Walker, also the narrator, follows them through a seven-week rehearsal period for a new tour, and along the way he picks up bits of geriatric good humor ("We went from continent to continent till I became incontinent") and interjects several full-blown music videos made by the film's producer, Sally George. It isn't all fun, however. Two of the members die within a week of each other, and the tribute songs to them, Dylan's "Forever Young" and Coldplay's "Fix You," the first sung to a captive audience of prison inmates and the second on opening night of the tour, demonstrate convincingly that the act is more than just a gag. 2008.
★★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 5/30)

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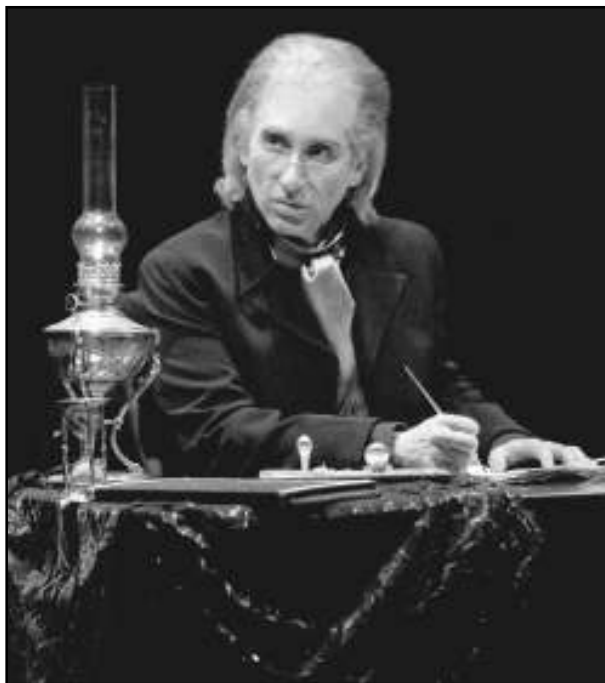
Beethoven, As I Knew Him

In print, Ludwig van Beethoven has proved to be larger than any single biography. He's also much larger than Hershey Felder's sketchy 90-minute piece, in its world premiere at the Old Globe. Felder gives the symphonies short shrift and highlights the oddities of the life (including an unemptied chamber pot). Felder scored a hit last year with *George Gershwin, Alone* at the Globe, in part because Gershwin wrote short, easily recognized, unforgettable music. Felder could encapsulate Gershwin. His trying to encapsulate Beethoven's like playing only the first four notes of the Fifth Symphony and saying, "Well, there ya go." The opening-night audience gave Felder a standing ovation. And he earned one, not so much for his acting — he makes Gerhard von Breunig (through whose eyes we see the maestro) and Beethoven more one-note attitudes than developed characters — but for his tour de force combination of doing characters with precise German accents, narrating a 90-minute show, and playing swaths of difficult Beethoven (including the miraculous "Sonata in C Sharp Minor" and the Hegelian "Sonata Pathetique") with few mistakes. The design values (shiny black surfaces and ghostly figured projected on an open score) and Joel Zwick's unfussy direction serve the show, which needs major rethinking. Right now, it showcases Felder's many skills far more than Beethoven's.

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. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 8.

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Beethoven, As I Knew Him

Graham — about a backer's audition for a history of the world. Rick Simas directed.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 22.

Blithe Spirit

Coronado Playhouse presents Noel Coward's "improbable farce." Charles Condomine hires Madame Arcati to conduct a séance, gets more than he bargained for. Pete Shaner directed.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 1.

Cadillacs of Comedy

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Corpus Christi

Terrence McNally overlaps the story of Jesus with the rise and fall of Joshua, a gay man from McNally's home town (named for "the body of Christ"). When it opened in 1998, the drama raised as much of a ruckus as *Jesus Christ Superstar* in 1970. The ruckus aside, *Corpus Christi*'s a kind of gay *Godspell* without music, a story theater version of the traditional tale bilocated in late-1950s Texas. The play

moves from scattered eagerness to ultimate seriousness (as Joshua suffers horrific persecution), which explains why the Diversionary Theatre cast begins with such broad, chipper smiles and relentless bear hugs and why they take no curtain call. Dressed in khakis and white shirts and performing barefoot, the group grows into a tight ensemble. Standouts are Trevor Bowles's Joshua, sincere without being sanctimonious (no mean feat), Rich Carillo's coke-snorting Judas, and Rachael Van Wormer's sharp efforts in several roles. The original cast was all male. Director Nick Arnen got the playwright's permission to include women, which expands the theme of persecution exponentially. In a note, the director draws parallels between the play and Matthew Shepard, a gay man murdered crucifixion-style in Laramie, Wyoming. Shepard died the day before *Corpus Christi* opened.

Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 1.

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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 improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. 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.

A Number
Cygnet Theatre presents Caryl Churchill’s terse psychological thriller about a father and his sons, who may have been cloned. Esther Emery directed. CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COL-

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Request Programme
Miss Rasch is home from work. You can tell from her almost mute exhalations and joyless eyes that she’s had another tough day, just as her cramped studio apartment says that her job offers no rewards. For an hour, in Franz Xavier Kroetz’s solo piece, we watch an evening in the woman’s life. Except for a TV commercial and a concert on the radio, there is no dialogue. In an era when many people, especially Southern Californians, act as if they’re always on TV, Miss Rasch plays for no audience. She is inalienably alone. She moves slowly, nonstop, preparing a meal, washing dishes, inspecting a potential blemish on her cheekbone and nipping it in the bud with creams. Her habits are so ingrained she moves instinctively. Only the music — “Slaughter on 10th Avenue,” a Chopin nocturne, a Schubert rondo — falls outside her mundane routine. Linda Libby’s opening-night performance, for Ion Theatre, had moments of brilliance, especially when the music becomes a subtext that jostles dormant feelings. Always an expressive actor, Libby creates the character from deep within. The work is courageous, and one sensed that it will grow even more during the run. Kudos to Matt Scott and Claudio Raygoza’s hyperrealistic set and Judy Watson’s costumes and myriad props: the stage brims with living details that Miss Rasch must keep ordered, in their place, because Miss Rasch is not having a good evening. **Worth a try.** ION THEATRE COMPANY, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, GRANTVILLE. 619-374-6894. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 14.

San Diego Theatresports: 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 BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA. 619-846-6978. FRIDAYS, 7:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:45 AND 9:45 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Taking Steps
South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Alan Ayckbourn’s comedy. A haunted Victorian house, up for sale, conjures up numerous buyers. Art Manke directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWNE CENTER DRIVE, SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO. 714-708-5555. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2:30 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2:30 AND 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 15.

Three Days of Rain
Unlike novelists, who attempt to depict worlds, most diaries and journals use terse, iceberg writing, saying just enough to encourage recall later. A few words, like “three days of rain,” can conjure a thousand memories, if only for the writer. Richard Greenberg’s lengthy drama is, in effect, a whodunit based on the title. Walker and Nan’s father Ned may, or may not, have been the genius architect who designed world-famous Janeway House. His partner, Theo Wexler, appears the more likely candidate, especially since when Theo died, Ned’s production declined in quality. In Act One, it’s 1995. Lifelong-suffering Walker, his sister Nan (who suffers from her brother’s woes), and Theo’s son Pip, a successful soap opera star on whom the sun always shines, come to Manhattan to receive their legacy: Ned’s fortune and Janeway House. In Act Two, who gets willed what gives way to a decoding of Ned’s journal: what actually happened during three rainy days in early April 1960. The opening-night production by Compass Theatre (formerly 6th@Penn) took a while to settle in and often got played too loudly for the intimate space, causing the playwright’s many subtleties to verge on melodrama. Directed by Rosina Reynolds, a trio of actors play dual roles. As young Walker, Sean Cox pushed his early scenes so emotively far he had little in reserve; in Act Two Cox played Ned much more from within, to good effect. Jason Heil shows again why he’s among the most dependable actors around, giving sunny young Pip a cloudy day and Theo a near-perfect storm. Christy Yael has performed in several local shows, but audiences may “discover” her in *Three Days*, where she plays sane Nan becoming harried, and her mother, soon-to-be-insane Lina, on the three best days of her life.

Worth a try. COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. MONDAYS, 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 9.

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Mystery Café Dinner Theatre presents James Pascarella and Will Roberson’s interactive comedy, set in a 1920s speakeasy where suspicion shrouds every “gangster, game, and dame.” Pascarella directed. MYSTERY CAFE, 505 KALMIA STREET, HILLCREST. 619-544-1664. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

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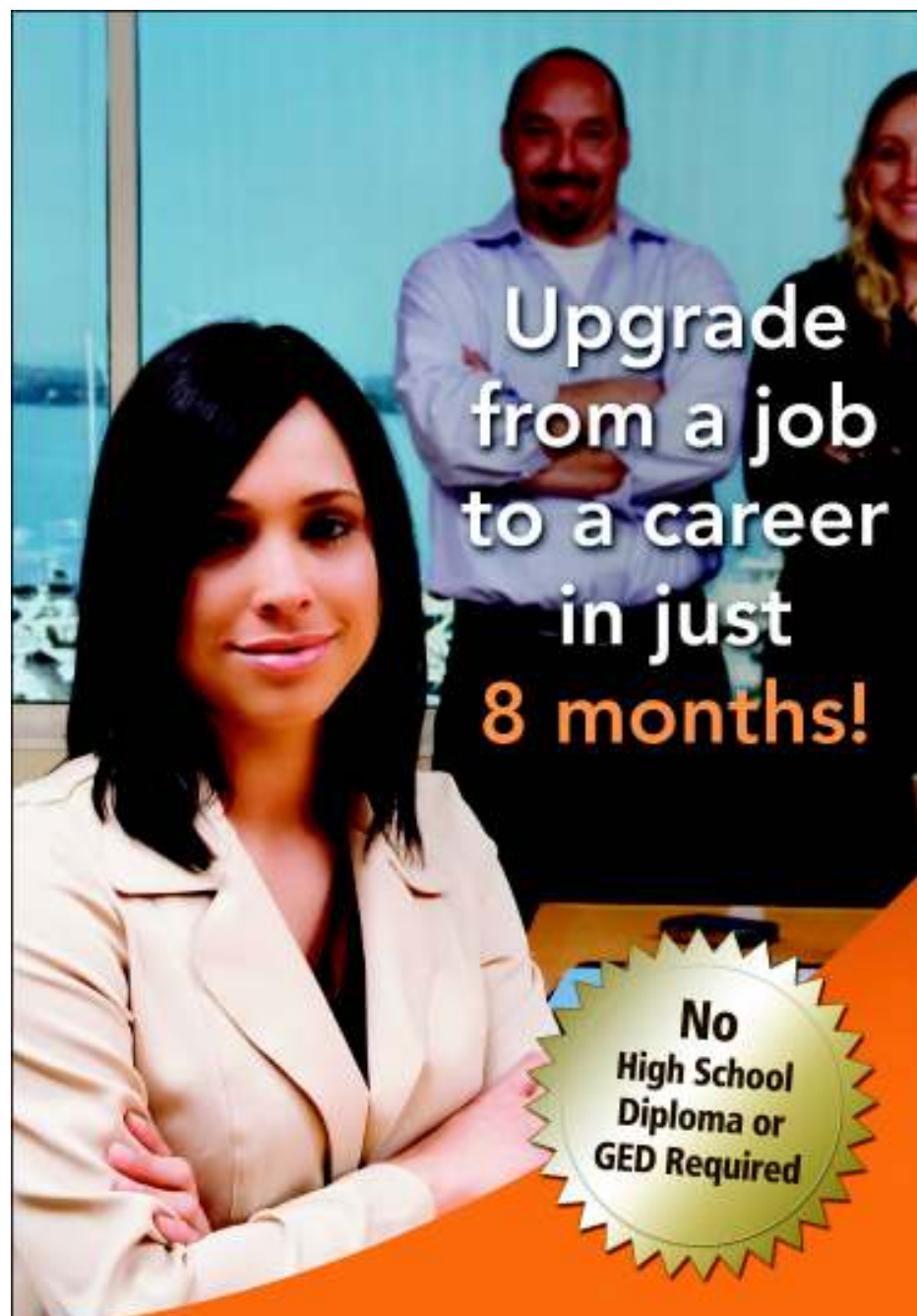
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- Sudden impact
- Corral
- Checked, as a box
- Three-time Grammy winner for Best New-Age Album
- Loosen, as a corset
- "Norma ____"
- Really get the grit off some fruit?
- Broker: Abbr.
- Till bill
- Julia's Oscar-winning role
- War correspondent Ernie
- One who tries to convince a PC owner to convert?
- As you like it
- Faith that teaches the unity of all races
- Sunni leader
- Estimator's phrase
- Devitalize
- It's been left on 17-, 23-, 49- and 58-Across
- ____-Cat
- Ibuprofen target
- Tiny bit
- Many MySpace users
- Martyred bishop of Paris
- Ancient Peruvian's discarded item while snacking?
- Shakespeare's "very foolish fond old man"
- Gas: Prefix
- Wrath
- Crew's control?
- Like any premium channel watching TV lover?
- Normal: Abbr.
- Perfectly pitched
- Top-notch
- Lean-____ (sheds)
- La ____ de Nueva York
- Hidden valley

Down

- Kid around
- Long ago
- City on the Rhone
- Sorority letter
- Toddler
- How many Asian entrees are served
- Fallback strategy
- "Annabel Lee" monogram
- What makes a drink clink
- Nintendo's Super ____
- One of Superman's powers
- Golfer's feat
- Hinder
- Radiation dosages
- Shade of green

- Poetic foot
- Spain's second-longest river
- Bringing up the rear
- Denny's rival
- Nervous twitches
- Mideast sultanate
- Fortunetellers?
- Suffix with ball
- Opposed to
- Classy grps.?
- Dentist's request
- Part of Mork's goodbye
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- Described as
- 552, on a cornerstone
- Irving Berlin's "When ____ You"
- "Cool!"
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- Complain constantly

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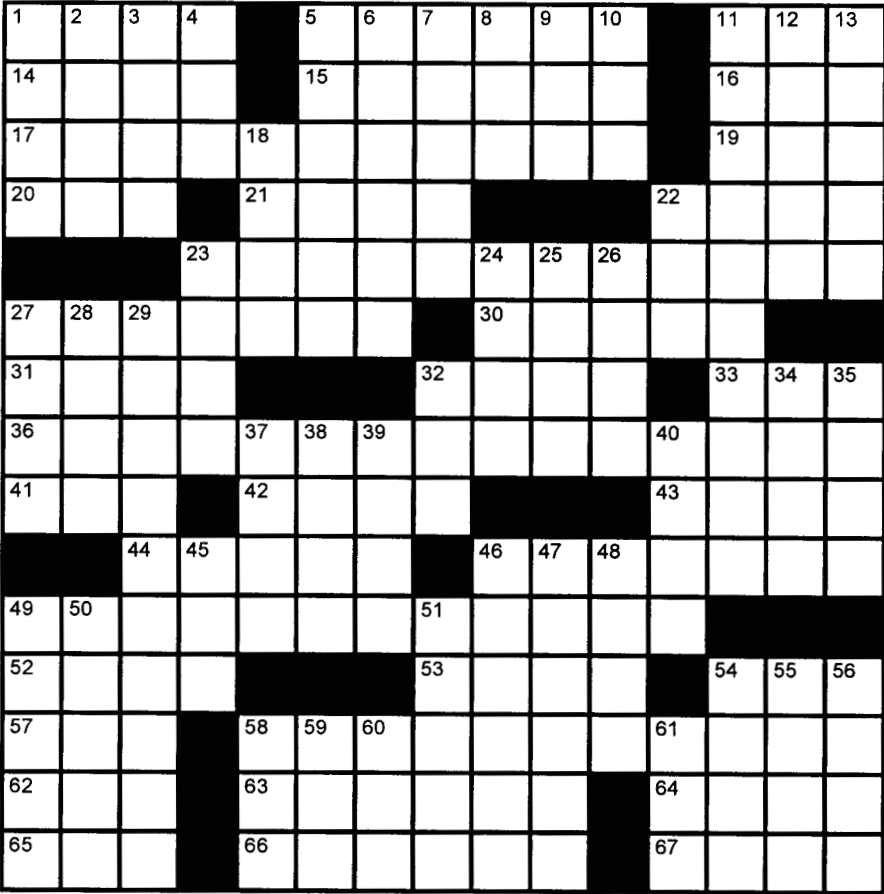
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<p>I like all kinds of music. My favorite is probably '80s metal, like Def Leppard and Ratt. R-a-t-t, man! I don't like reggae. I can listen to a few Marley songs, but generally it's just too mellow for me.</p>	<p>My favorite genre is probably independent. And, rock. I like reggae. I like bands like Minus the Bear and Modest Mouse, but I have a variety of stuff on my iPod. I don't really care for country. I don't like that "dirty South" rap. But I do like hip-hop. There's a big difference.</p>	<p>I got to say Sublime and Jack Johnson are two of my favorites. I like anything that's mellow and acoustic. I can even get into country music. Probably the only type of music I don't like is that screaming speed-metal stuff.</p>	<p>I don't know, I like a lot. Everything but country. I'm not even sure I could list my top five. I like <i>Live Forever</i> <i>Die Trying</i> and <i>Progress</i> as favorite CDs. I guess I'd say my favorite kind of music is good old rock and roll.</p>	<p>I've got to say pop. It's definitely the one I listen to most. I like a lot of hip-hop that's more pop oriented, too. Stuff you hear on 93.3 FM, like Chris Brown and Alicia Keys. I really like all kinds of music, even country.</p>	<p>It would be indie, garage rock type of stuff. Bands that are my favorite are all that sound, like the Black Keys, White Stripes, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, and Kings of Leon. I even like some country, with the twangy guitars and stuff. The lyrics aren't as good when they talk about losing their dog or their woman. I think the only thing I don't like are when artists don't play their own music, like Ashlee Simpson.</p>

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LEAD STORY

— Freddie Johnson, 49, was arrested in New York City in April, for the 53rd time after he allegedly once again rubbed up against women on crowded trains. He is such a menace (a 57-page rap sheet) that a special NYPD detail follows him around, certain that he will re-offend. Shortly after the arrest, the *New York Daily News* reported that his twin brother, Teddy, is now serving an eight-year sentence in Upstate New York for a series of subway gropings. A retired police officer told the *Daily News* that he saw the brothers almost every day and could tell them apart only by their clothes. Freddie, he said, was “blue collar” while Teddy conducted his fondlings “always dressed in a blazer and slacks.”

Government in Action!

— In April, Army medic Monica Brown was awarded the Silver Star for bravery for subjecting herself to enemy fire in order to treat fallen comrades in battle in Afghanistan. However, two days after her heroics, she had been ordered home, against her will, because generals were nervous that a female appeared to be “in combat,” which vio-

lates Army rules. By contrast, in April (according to the *Buffalo News*), the Army, citing personnel shortages, ordered honorably discharged soldier James Raymond back to duty, even though he is on medical disability for a knee injury and loss of hearing suffered in Afghanistan. (Soldiers on “Readiness Reserve” are still eligible for duty if necessary.)

Questionable Judgments

— London’s *Daily Mail* reported in April that the Mab Lane Primary school in Liverpool was dealing with the problem of unruly students by scheduling 20-minute massage sessions twice a week in a room with aromatic oils and soothing music. Children of all ages at the school are taught “simple shoulder and back massages on each other,” the newspaper reported.
— School authorities in Mount Vernon, Ohio, began an investigation in April after complaints that eighth-grade science teacher John Freshwater was injecting his religious beliefs a little too much into the class. In one “experiment,” Freshwater allegedly tossed Lego pieces into a pile and asked students if the pieces could assemble themselves (or would a “creator” have to do it), but

the accusation that most aroused parental anger was a demonstration of electrostatic electricity, in which he asked for volunteers to take a shock on the arm, which resulted in a distinct “cross” being burned onto the skin.

— In April, two of the nine Baltimore-area middle-school kids implicated in a potentially fatal beating of a young couple on a transit bus last year said they would soon file lawsuits asking for \$10 million each from their school (for suspending them) and the transit company (for barring them from future rides, which it did out of concern for the safety of its passengers).

Fine Points of the Law

— (1) Gary Weaver, 41, arrested on a disorderly conduct charge in Cincinnati, was discovered to have an outstanding theft warrant from 1990 involving \$21.64. The temporary bond on Weaver in 1990, based on his prior record, had been \$1 million, and the 2008 judge refused to change that. (Extra fact: The \$21.64 theft was based on Weaver’s paying a store in part with a roll of dimes that were really pennies but with a dime at each end.)
(2) Representatives of about 300 Islamic madrasa

schools, meeting in New Delhi in April, decided that Muslims could not buy health insurance because the Quran forbids gambling (although they said they would continue to explore ways of reconciling Sharia law with health care financing).

Women Are Different From Men

— Sara Tucholsky, all 5-foot-2 of her, marshaled her strength for her first-ever fence-clearing home run in April, which would have given her Western Oregon University softball team the lead against favored Central Washington, except that she tore a ligament rounding first base. Since she was unable to move, by rule she (actually, a pinch-runner) would have had to remain at first base instead of circling the bases, but two Central Washington players picked Tucholsky up and carried her around the bases to allow her to get credit for the home run. “You deserve it,” one opponent said. “You hit it over the fence.” Still, Central Washington lost (4-2) and was eliminated from the playoffs.

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Issue of May 22, 2008

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\$40. Chelsea wrote, “Cash, please. I love money!”

Sporting Box, page 16

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BestBuys, page 20

“ophthalmologist” should be “ophthalmologist”

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“lost”, should be “lost,”

SurfDiego, page 153, column 1

“Black’s beach” should be “Black’s Beach”

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Say What?



Cassie Vandenberg | Age: 23 | Occupation: Barista | Lives: Spring Valley

Buttery, is something my friend came up with. It means that you did something with no problems. It's very slick and smooth, something that gave you no problems. Another expression that I say a lot is **bev watts**. It started out as a

way to describe really good beer, but now it just means something that is super hip. **99 nanners** is an expression you can use when you are some place where the "bros" outweigh the rest of the people. [Men outnumber women.]

As in, "that club was so 99 nanners."

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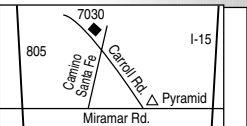
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Now it seemed it was really over. I called her at work and asked, "What was I supposed to do from six to nine?" She suggested I see a movie. I told her that whatever she did, she'd better not take the cats. "I won't," she promised. I said it again — the cats stay, the cats are mine, you're not going to leave me all alone.

I walked down to Newport Avenue, going from one bar to another, pretending to read a newspaper and drinking beer and waiting for the hours to pass. At eight I called her cell. She told me they were still getting stuff out. "I'm tired of waiting," I said.

"Go see a movie," she said again. What was

I going to see? How could I focus on a movie? Why did she keep saying that? At 8:45 I called and said that I was coming home whether they were done or not. I wasn't going to be pushed out of my own apartment, the one that she was leaving.

I picked up a six-pack on the way. It was a warm summer evening in Ocean Beach. I was sweating; I had a headache from the beers at the three bars. I dreaded going back, having to look at the shape my home would be in, how empty it would be. It was the same feeling I'd had almost ten years ago, when another relationship ended in much the same way. That was in North Park. I was not allowed to be there one day while my ex-girlfriend and some of her friends moved all her stuff out. When I returned home to

that empty apartment, my heart had never felt so hollow. Now here it was again, that same feeling.

I walked in and my heart shrunk two sizes to see the bookshelves empty, the record player gone, the closet with only my clothes. She left the bed, the couch, the metal desk — said she didn't need them anymore. Most of the dishes were there. More of the books were gone. I wasn't sure which books belonged to whom anyway.

I couldn't find my cats. I called her cell and yelled at her, calling her a liar for taking them. She swore she didn't take them and that they hadn't run outside. I eventually found the cats huddled under the bed, scared and confused. They didn't know what was going on;

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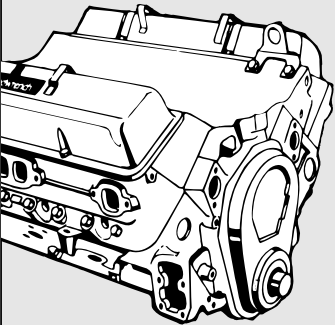
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice:

With the biggest proposition in years coming to the vote June 6, I'm completely bewildered over what could, should, or would happen if Proposition 13 passes.

G.A.B.

North Park

The thunder of debates between state leaders has already rolled out of town, but local politicians will meet for a squall tonight at 7:30 at Mission Bay High School, where Councilman Tom Gade will speak in favor of Prop. 13, debating Assemblyman Larry Kapiloff, who stands opposed.

As my rent has increased twice since December, I shall promise to vote for Prop. 13 when the owner of some apartment building steps forward to offer me a portion of the money he will save through tax reform.

—STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, *Matthew Alice, June 1, 1978*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

This Friday evening I am going to free my art from the closet. I am going to leave my tedious job as a missile polisher at a prestigious local defense firm and cast off my dress-for-success overalls. Then I am going to clad myself in a fern-green turtleneck sweater, aqua tights, and

billowing pink polypropylene pantaloons. I may also strap my pet pelican to my head before I march downtown to where my creation, *Surrounded Torso*, can be appreciated as art.

—“ANOTHER OPENING OF ANOTHER SHOW,”

Kathryn Phillips, June 2, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

San Diego has approximately 1000 restaurants that are located on sewer lines with a history of stoppages. The worst areas are Old Town, Hillcrest, Shelter Island, the coastline between La Jolla and Mission Beach, and the University Avenue/El Cajon Boulevard strips. In La Jolla, the department used a video camera that traveled through the sewer pipes, which measure between six and eight inches in diameter. “You could see grease hanging down the [pipes] under certain restaurants,” says Rod Rippel, director of the industrial waste division.

—CITY LIGHTS: “GREASE IS THE WORD,”

Brae Canlen, June 2, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

A Sunday evening in April. Traveling north on foot from that section of San Diego called Little Italy. My destination is Balboa Park. My goal is to seek out and live among San Diego's

homeless. Another goal is truth. The one absolute. And honesty. If I am to pry into the affairs of these modern-day *Misérables*, invade the world of people whose lives are invaded without end, I must have a noble cause. My efforts cannot be for the sake of further parading before the public eye the disadvantages of the disadvantaged.

—“RADIANT CITY,” *David Rioux, June 3, 1993*

Ten Years Ago

Despite the Internet's growing popularity as a worldwide BBS, some refused to give up on the local BBS scene. A few sysops kept their bazaars running, and those loyalists with modems continued to call. Below are thoughts on the dwindling San Diego BBS scene.

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—CITY LIGHTS: “SAVE THE LOCAL BBS SCENE,”

Tamara Bradford-Kiskaddon, June 4, 1998

Five Years Ago

Ugh, Anne Albright. There's got to be some-



San Diego Reader, June 2, 1983

thing more interesting in life than having another baby, number six. And everybody's praying and crying. I think I read the same thing every week: praying and crying about something different every week. And now we have to put up with it for probably six more months, until you have the baby, and then we all get to pray and cry about the baby when it's born.

—LETTERS: “ANNE'S CRITICS AMUSE BABY BORE,”

Jennifer Schroeder, La Jolla, May 29, 2003

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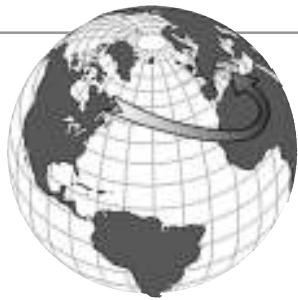


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I scanned the line of buses that had just arrived at the stop through my too-big designer rip-off sunglasses that let me pass for Italian when I wear them. The 14C pulled up, probably late, although, in nine months of taking it, I never bothered to check the schedule, and I pushed through the tiny doors en masse. I rode the 14C once a week — every Thursday afternoon. Every time I got nervous, though I tried to keep my stoic “I don’t want anyone to bother me or think I’m foreign” bus face.

The nervousness continued as I walked up that hill from

the bus stop to Villa Lorenzi, not because it was steep but because of what awaited me there. Today would be my last visit, which made me remember my first. I had only been in Italy for a month and had been assigned to a volunteer job here, an after-school program for kids who come from troubled families. That first day I walked in, pretending to be confident, I felt out of place — my Italian was still broken at times, and I learned that understanding a professor’s lecture in perfect academic Italian and

understanding a group of ten adolescent Florentine boys with thick accents were two different things.

One boy immediately stuck by me — the smallest, Ivan. He wanted to sit by me at lunch and asked me if I had a boyfriend before trying to sneak in some kisses on my cheek. He seemed crushed when I told him ten years was a little too much of an age difference for me. I tried hard to concentrate on the conversations spinning around me but only got frustrated by the few sporadic words I could catch. *Why*

weren’t the other adults helping me? I thought, *Can’t they see that I’m completely lost here?* I had to remind myself painfully that this is what I’d been wanting this whole time, to get out of the tourist center of Florence, to have people treat me as if I did understand Italian, not special because I’m American. I stayed silent at lunch, and every time one of the boys would venture out to ask me a question, I could only smile back — I didn’t understand a thing.

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the rest of the boys on the soccer field — they aren't used to seeing girls who know how to play a sport, and when I was able to steal the ball from Alessio, the show-off and ball hog, and then make a goal, they were in shock: "*Che Forza, Margherita!*" I helped Alessio that day with his English and math during study time and was immediately struck with the drawbacks of the Italian school system — Alessio didn't understand a word of English when I said them in my American accent, but when I spoke them as he did, thickly covered in Italian pronunciation, he knew it all.

As I left that day, I could count the number of words I had spoken all afternoon on

one hand, had had my grammar corrected by a 13-year-old when I did speak, and found out I was a terrible English tutor. Nonetheless, on the bus ride back into town, I couldn't help but feel elation at having made it through five hours of a completely foreign experience, and the names and faces of the boys filed through my head: Alessio, Mohammed, Daniele, Michele, Peter, Marco, and Ivan. I already knew somehow that I would get attached, even if I could never understand a word they said, and every week felt like a battle I had to fight wholeheartedly just to make it back to the bus.

Today I walk into lunch and the boys say "Ciao," though they all pretend that

they don't care to see me, except Ivan, who says, "*Margaret! Vieni qui! Come stai?*" (Margaret! Come here, how have you been?), then continues to ask excitedly how my mother is, how my boyfriend is, and how school is going. I now understand the conversations at lunchtime, and I have gotten used to the Florentine accent and even pick it up by accident at times, breathing in my *c*'s as if they are *h*'s. A few weeks ago I turned and smacked Mohammed when I heard him cursing, and Andrea, one of my colleagues, laughed at us. "*Capisci molto piu adesso.*" (You understand a lot more now.)

At playtime out at the *campino*, I was playing a soc-



cer game with Mohammed and Alessio, a game I didn't understand the rules to, just going where they told me to go. I glanced at my watch and saw that it said six, time to catch the 14C for the last time. Andrea noticed me idle away from the game and leave the *campino* only to stand watching the boys as they played. "*E difficile di andare via, non?*" (It's hard to leave, huh?) He called

Alessio over to say goodbye to me, he yelled "Ciao!" at me, barely glancing my direction before sprinting back to his game. Andrea assured me that that's just how they say goodbye, but I already knew that. I don't like goodbyes either. I walked down that big hill from Villa Lorenzi and hid the tears in my eyes behind my big fake sunglasses, on my way to catch the 14C.

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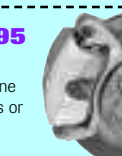
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I am dreadfully sorry to bother you, but could you be a little quieter, please. Propping up on your front porch 19 screaming babies, each with an accordion and a handful of firecrackers, sounds like a little slice of heaven to you, but it's a tad much for me. Sorry. Your 33 dogs barking, 57 TVs tuned to Country Music Television, and the weekly "who can make the best hyena noises contest" is sometimes a wonderful way to start a Saturday morning, yes, I'll give you that, but we could also sleep in till, say, 7:00 a.m. once in a while. That'd be nice, too.

While I find you a tiny bit noisy, I have to applaud your energy. I'm not sure how you find the strength to carry on your midnight avant-garde play called, *Quit Throwing Pans at Me or I'll Call the Police. If You Do We'll Both Go to Jail. Fine, I'll Stab You with These Cuticle Scissors Instead!* now in its remarkable third year. Bravo. Also, thank you for the lovely gift pack that made it over the fence after one of last week's performances; I wouldn't have guessed so many hypodermic needles could fit in a coffee can.

I apologize again for my interruption. I sincerely hope this doesn't put a damper on your preparations for the upcoming Lumberjack Games. Don't think I haven't noticed your innovative use of the muffler-free variety of chainsaw. Let's celebrate your dedication to this hobby; I'm quite sure your competition isn't training every night between the hours of 2 and 4 a.m. as you are. You've got the edge on them!

Well, I think that's all from me. Here's wishing you good luck on your cat breeding. Wouldn't it be a blessing if all 42 of the little darlings were to give birth to large litters? I feel like I'm part of the happy cat family ever since they'd discovered my courtyard is the best place for their "romantic interludes" and the bed of my truck is their favorite toilet. Why, I can remember when there were only nine of the precious creatures on my fence. And it was only last summer when there were just four cats. Oh, how happy this neighborhood will be with the sing-songy meow-meow-meow of tiny mouths again.

One more time, sorry, and thanks for keeping it down a little.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 29

CELEBRITY FIT CLUB

TVGN 9:00 A.M.

Ha! The other day I caught part of this yoga program where this guy with a high, whiny voice was sitting with his ankles up on his knees, doing all kinds of breathing, and kept saying, "Okay, we want to tighten up the anus muscles. Breathe to the bellybutton. Tighten up the anus muscle. Keep those anus muscles tight." It was first thing in the morning, and I was standing there with frizzy hair and drinking a cup of coffee. I checked to make sure nobody was looking. Then I gave the ol' anus-squeeze thing a shot. Felt pretty good, to be honest. That guy is onto something.

PREDATOR RAW: THE UNSEEN TAPES

MSNBC 9:00 P.M.

See? That's unfair. Every time I see this on the preview channel, I get myself all worked up to see some director's cuts of a dreadlocked alien beating the bejesus out of our governor, and there'd be hand grenades and helicopter guns and all kinds of cool stuff. THEN! I turn it on and it's about kid-diddlers. C'MON! Damn, MSNBC. Nobody wants to see that. You ruined my evening. I had M&Ms and everything.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

2008 SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

ABC 8:00 P.M.

Who gets to pick the words? Because if there's some sort of committee, I want on it. I'm totally going to make those kids crack up on stage. "Spell

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ALLIED GARDENS. Garage sale. Saturday, 5/31, 8am-1pm. Ascension Lutheran Annual Garage and Bake sale. 5106 Zion Avenue (just off Waring).

CHULA VISTA, Saturday, May 31, 8am-2pm. 890 Colorado Avenue/L. Street. Clothing, toys, sofas, washer/dryer, queen bed, household kitchen items, books, much more.

CLAIREMONT, Multifamily rummage sale. Saturday 5/31, 8am-noon. Household items, clothing, toys, books, more. Pacific Bluffs Condos, 5326 Mt. Alifan Drive.

CLAIREMONT, Yard sale. Many miscellaneous items ranging from furniture to jewelry. 7am-2pm, Saturday May 31, 4174 Lodi Way, 92117.

ENCINITAS. Yard sale. 8am-3pm, Saturday, 5/31. Kids' furniture, tools, toys, clothes, sports equipment. No early birds. 1379 Hymettus Avenue (1/2 mile North of Leucadia Boulevard).

HILLCREST, Rummage sale. University Christian Church. 3900 Cleveland Av-

enue across from DMV. June 6, 8am-6pm. June 7, 8am-2pm.

HILLCREST. Yard sale, Saturday, 5/31, 9am. Lots of vintage stuff. No early birds! 405 University Place (off University Avenue, turn onto Brant Street).

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RANCHO PENASQUITOS. Garage sale. Saturday, 5/31, 8am. Couch/chair, \$50. Kitchen table, 4 chairs, \$25. Futon/frame, \$25. Clothing, kitchen, skis. Bargains! 12430 Dormouse Road.

TIERRASANTA, Saturday May 31, 8am-11am. 5429 Mantua Court, San Diego, 92124 (across from Vons) toddler boy items, miscellaneous household and other fun items.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Moving sale. Saturday, 5/31, 8am-noon. Couch, entertainment center, end tables, coffee table, lamps, miscellaneous items. Corner of Cleveland and Monroe.

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HGTV 10:30 P.M.

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SATURDAY, MAY 31

A SHOT AT LOVE WITH TILA TEQUILA
MTV 9:00 P.M.

Here’s a convincing argument to bring dunce caps and beatings back into America’s classrooms.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

WORLD EXTREME CAGEFIGHTING: URI-JAH FABER VS. JENS PULVER

VS 9:00 P.M.

Just know that if you call me on this night, I will not answer. I am not talking to anyone. I am going to be in bed naked; I will turn a bourbon bottle upside down with a spout like a hamster’s water contraption, and I’ll be watching what might be the greatest fight of all time. I will eat steak off my belly like an otter and hold sparklers between my toes. I will never be happier. Do not call.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

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BET 8:00 P.M.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 3

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ESPN 9:30 P.M.

Look. Dancing isn’t a competitive sport. And it’s not an art form. I don’t care what you think it is, dancing is boring to watch and should only be performed when really drunk and preferably out of town. That schoolteacher from *Footloose* had it right. Anything that makes women sweaty and grown men wear a uni-tard should be outlawed.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

FARMER WANTS A WIFE
CW 9:00 P.M.

Wow, there is exactly nothing on Wednesday nights. Any channel, it’s



A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila

all junk. Wednesday night needs an “Interesting” shot in the butt about as much as O.J. Simpson’s girlfriend needs karate lessons.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

LAST COMIC STANDING
NBC 8:30 P.M.

This show is awful. *Last Comic Standing* is about as funny as Bill O’Reilly in a jockstrap and cowboy boots, holding an oily piglet and a carton of eggnog. See, that’s not funny, it’s icky. Nobody wants that on their porch. Nobody.

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T.G.I.F.

I long ago accepted the reality that this country was neither founded nor freed by the well-behaved.

By John Brizzolara

I am sitting on my patio in mild shadow under the blades of a broad-leaved banana tree and late-spring sky washed with high clouds like feathers, angels wings, and fish bones. It won't be long before those clouds gather in the east, the thermals of August congealing them on the horizon above the mountains and desert beyond. In the garden of the back yard bordered by jacaranda in full violet bloom and smelling of infant flesh and women is a kumquat tree, a monkey's paw, and bird of paradise. It is not difficult to imagine that I am rich, successful, and living in an exotic natural utopia, a peaceable kingdom — so little imagination is required. I live in a beautiful place. And my thoughts are of Memorial Day, though I am writing this some weeks before the fact.

Ostensibly it is an occasion to reflect upon fallen soldiers from this country's wars; in reality, it is occasion for the first summertime activities of the season — outdoors usually, beach or park picnic settings, family, friends, neighbors, coworkers. It is a social occasion and one of the better national holidays (in my opinion) linked to the three-day weekend. Like several Memorial Days past, I have carved out the three days to work on whatever book I am currently involved in writing, and so it is, historically, for me, not terribly social; if any outdoor

activity arises it is coincidental. The book I am writing is fiction, and among its characters are men who have been to war and survived. Other books I have written, over different Memorial Day weekends (I am not suggesting I write entire books in three days), have also involved veterans.

I have known, at various periods of my life, veterans of at least four American wars. My father served in WWII, as did three of my uncles. I have known, even worked for, veterans of the Korean War (called a "police action"); and cannot count the number of soldiers I know or have known who served, and some of whom died, in the Vietnam (never declared) War. Nowadays, like most of us, I know a few men and/or women who are serving or have served in Iraq.

Tempted as I am to go on here about war in general and especially the current one, I will not. I will content myself with observing only that knowing the number of war veterans that I do and from the number of wars (four) in my generation alone, it strikes me as far too high a figure. Four wars in one generation may have been unremarkable to ancient Spartans but says something about us that I wish were not true. I long ago accepted the reality that this country was neither founded nor freed by the well-behaved; but the idea that Americans are congenitally violent is much harder to swallow. I know too many who are not. The fact remains, we are feared and hated today as in no other time in history. Even pop singer David Bowie (hardly a gauge of world opinion, but certainly an indication of how pervasive the sentiment may be, considering his popularity) gives voice to this in his single "I'm Afraid of Americans."

I have a theory about that song. I believe David Bowie likes Americans very much (he may very well be a citizen these days, I don't know), but he very badly wants to tell us something as he did in his '80s song, "This Is Not America." He wants to hold a mirror not unlike a friend who feels it incumbent upon him to point out an out-of-control tendency of a close friend.

Again, not unlike the Vietnam War after 1970 or so, the current war is terribly unpopular in this country. And so we join the world, at least in a populist way. Catching on too late. We brought the Vietnam War home: to our hearts and heads, to Linda Vista, and we are already bringing Iraq home as shrapnel in our kids and in the national consciousness and conscience. No longer will Baghdad have fairy tale, Arabian Nights connotations for Americans. The name will no longer trigger images of flying carpets and Ali Baba, but the words "shock and awe" and everything that followed from that first spring day five years ago. The phrase "on the ground" has entered our lexicon in what seems to me



to be a kind of illiterate jargon for simply "there." And "there" is rapidly becoming "here."

Yesterday I spoke to a woman working at the Old Town information booth and snack bar. I struck a conversation because I remembered her from another concession at 12th and Imperial. She was pleased I remembered her. She is from Iraq and became almost adamant that I understand she is Chaldean and not Muslim. That the distinction should be so important momentarily depressed me. I told her that Chaldeans were famous as religious scholars, the Sumerians the authors of written language itself since Gilgamesh, and this seemed to not only please her but relieve her greatly of some daily underpinning of fear.

War seems remote under this early summer sky with its arcs of angel wing clouds that seem for all the world, if only for a moment and only to the imaginative, like the insubstantial brush-stroke renderings of some unwieldy stone memorial growing larger by the moment.

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