

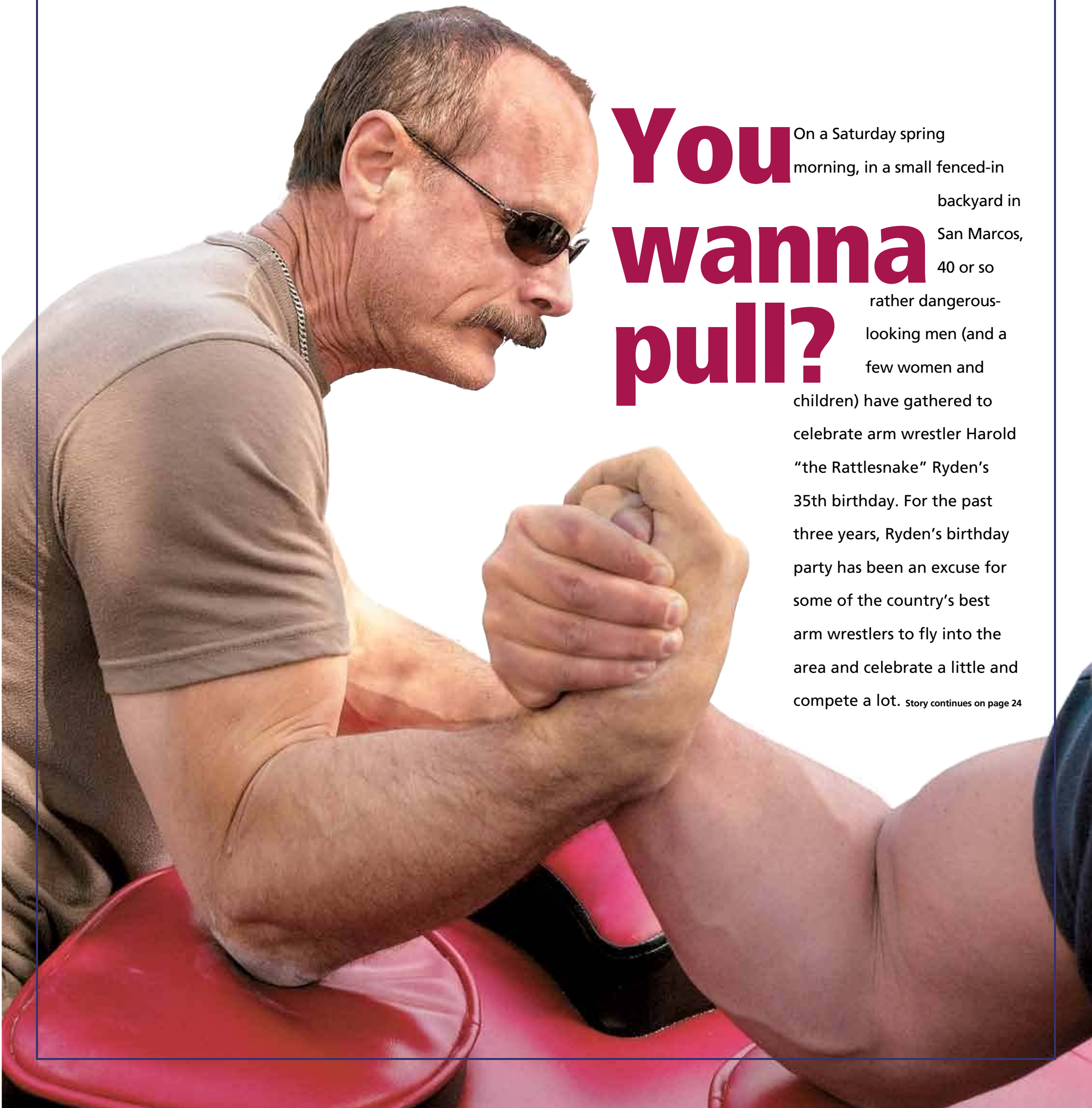
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You wanna pull?

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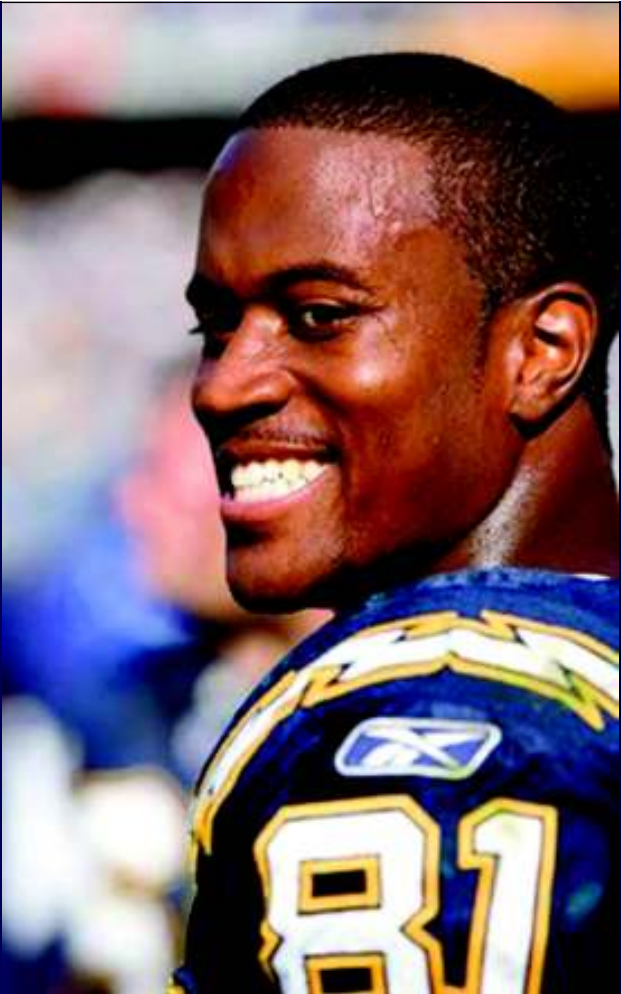
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Stealthy Last-minute political expenditures made in local campaigns are often an indication that the people spending the cash don't want their identities to become an issue with voters. The tactic works well because local media outlets — which aren't aggressive in reporting campaign money in the first place — are usually entirely missing from the election beat once the campaign ends. Last week's late campaign disclosure filings provided several intriguing examples.



Jan Goldsmith

For instance, on Monday of last week, the day before the election, the Sycuan Indian tribe reported spending \$29,991 for "survey research and GOTV" (political parlance for "get out the vote") activities on behalf of San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders**. Considering the relatively narrow margin of Sanders's low-turnout primary victory, the extra voters Sycuan got to the polls may have made the critical difference in helping Sanders avoid a runoff with failed challenger **Steve Francis**. As a so-called independent expenditure, the effort was exempt from a law barring corporations from making contributions to San Diego city candidates. It also got around the \$320 restriction on personal contributions. Sycuan owns the U.S. Grant Hotel and is also lobbying hard to annex a big chunk of property next to its reservation in the hills above El Cajon, so Sanders's goodwill is apparently worth big money; the mayor has in the past appeared in TV spots promoting the tribe.

In addition, on May 22, state filings show, Sycuan funneled \$25,000 to a so-called slate mailer sponsored by the Lincoln Club of San Diego County, a pro-growth group of local GOP fat cats. The money was reported to be in support of the Sanders-backed Propositions A, B, and C. On top of that, on May 27 the tribe gave \$25,000 directly to the pro-ABC committee.

In another late round of tribal giving, the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians gave \$50,000 to the state Democratic Party on June 2, the day before the election. And one more last-minute contributor was Wal-Mart, the controversial big-box retailer from Bentonville, Arkansas; on May 30, the company gave \$15,000 to the county Republican Party, which backed Sanders and city attorney candidate **Jan Goldsmith**, along with **Carl DeMaio**'s winning race for city council and **April Boling**'s council battle with former TV anchor **Marti Emerald**, now headed for a November runoff.

In one other example of a last-minute contribution, on June 2, beer-brewing giant Anheuser-Busch of St. Louis, which owns Sea-World, quietly dropped \$10,000 into an L.A.-based campaign group calling itself the Committee for Community Values. That shadowy organization had only days before given \$27,000 to **Auday Arabo**'s Democratic primary bid to replace term-out GOP assemblywoman **Shirley Horton**. Arabo, a former prosecutor who now works for a mini-mart lobbying organization, came in third in the race, won by San

Diego community college board chairman **Marty Block**, whose campaign was largely backed by members of the plaintiffs' attorneys' bar.

Ephemera The library at UCSD has just purchased some letters and related miscellanea belonging to **Gary Snyder**, a Northern California poet famous for hanging out with fellow Beat Generation writers **Allen Ginsberg**, **Jack Kerouac**, **Philip Whalen**, **Michael McClure**, and **Lew Welch** back in the 1950s. Kerouac even included him as a "mystical poet" in his book *The Dharma Bums*. Besides 25 pages of letters, the haul of papers, bought through L.A. rare book dealer **Thomas A. Goldwasser**, also includes four poems and a signed typed postcard, as well as "an envelope containing pieces of sea glass"; "a small black and white headshot photograph of Snyder"; "a long narrow scrap of paper with autograph notes on Jung"; and a "typed leaf



Gary Snyder

explaining how to take care of Snyder's cat, titled 'Commentaries and Prolegomena to the Care and Integration of Genji.' "In making his October sales pitch for the documents, Goldwasser emailed librarian **Lynda Claassen**, "I wonder if you would be interested in these splendid Gary Snyder letters. I know you don't have his papers, but you do have some of them, I believe. In any event, this group, particularly the long early ones, still feel touched by the muse." According to an invoice obtained from the university under the state Public Records Act, the entire collection cost \$23,595, discounted from the original \$27,500 offering price.

Clinton's minions Now that **Hillary Clinton** has finally bowed out of the Democratic presidential race, the bets placed by local contributors can be tallied. Perhaps the biggest loser is **Lynn Schenk**, an ex-aide to then-governor **Jerry Brown** and former congresswoman, who was Clinton's key San Diego fund-raiser (called a "Hill raiser" in Clinton-speak). During February's California primary, Schenk also served as one of Clinton's "rapid responders," "a group of truth tellers who will respond to inaccurate or misleading attacks" on Clinton and husband **Bill**, according to a press release of the time. (Schenk is not entirely out of the money; she was recently named to the board of utility giant Sempra Energy.) Other losers include failed city attorney candidate **Scott Peters** and his wealthy wife **Lynn Gorguze**, who maxed out to Clinton. However, all is not lost: the couple hedged their bets by also contributing to **Barack Obama**.



Lynn Schenk

— Matt Potter

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Where the Pain Is

By Don Bauder

What's the difference between National City and Rancho Santa Fe? Well — er, uh — money comes to mind. Last year, median household income in National City was \$44,130, according to figures provided by the San Diego Association

City are in distress — that is, are in foreclosure or are so-called short sales. The corresponding percentage in Ran-

cho Santa Fe is a mere 5.2 percent, according to figures provided by Brian Yui, chief executive of *HouseRebate.com*, a discount real estate broker. Yui's firm has a comprehensive website providing information on total listings, short sales, and foreclosures in San Diego's various markets. So what's the difference between a foreclosure and a short sale? In a foreclosure, a homeowner is unable or unwilling to make payments, and the lender takes

MARKET	MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME	CURRENT LISTINGS	SHORT SALES	FORECLOSURES	DISTRESS SALES
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National City 91950	\$43,946	223	104	51	70%
Chula Vista 91915	\$100,635	341	213	39	74%
Del Mar 92014	\$113,407	139	5	2	5%

Sources: HouseRebate.com, SANDAG

of Governments. That was far under the county median of \$68,388. But the median household income in Rancho Santa Fe last year was around \$200,000.

Another difference is that 70 percent of the homes currently listed for sale in National

City are in distress — that is, are in foreclosure or are so-called short sales. The corresponding percentage in Ran-



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back the house. A short sale is an attempt to avoid foreclosure. The lender agrees to take a discount on a loan balance that is due. Say, if the balance of the loan is \$300,000, but the house can only be sold for \$250,000, under a short sale the lender might take \$250,000 as payment in full. Although the media talk all the time about foreclosures, short sales are more prevalent. Yui's website shows that in many mar-

kets, there are three to five times as many short sales as there are foreclosures. Throughout the county, foreclosures and short sales tend to be concentrated in lower-income areas. But possibly the biggest factor leading to the distress sale has been a dangerous mortgage that was sold to a greedy or naive person by a greedy salesperson. Particularly poisonous have been loans with so-called teaser interest rates — deceptively low in the early

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Let the Bank Cut the Lawn

By Dorian Hargrove

In the first quarter of this year, three times the number of San Diego County homeowners failed to pay their mortgages as during

the first quarter of 2007. According to DataQuick Information Systems, a company that provides real estate data, 8975 homeowners defaulted on their home loans, up from 3931 last year. In the 91913 zip code, in the eastern part of Chula Vista, a high percentage of houses on the market are in foreclosure. For every 1000 homes, an average of 12 to 15 are bank repossessions. Currently, 726 residences in the zip code have been bought back by the lender or are in default or up for auction, and an additional 3 to 4 more houses are added to the market every day.

on the market, subprime loans were becoming popular, a coincidence that has resulted in the high number of foreclosures in Chula Vista. However, brand-new homes in planned communities weren't the only houses affected by the market downturn. More-established neighborhoods have also witnessed a sharp increase in bank repossessions. The Saint Claire subdivision is one of them.

Saint Claire is a small subdivision at Otay Lakes Road and Saint Claire Drive, adjacent to EastLake. In late April, 21 homes in Saint Claire were in the early stages of foreclo-



Otay Ranch foreclosure



Saint Claire Drive and Marquette Road

EastLake, EastLake Greens, and Otay Ranch are among the many large planned communities located in eastern Chula Vista. As new houses in these developments went

sure or had already been taken back by the bank.

The moment you enter the subdivision, you see evidence of foreclosed houses. Up the hill on tree-lined Saint Claire

Drive, the first house on the right looks deserted. Brown waist-high weeds are the only plants where the front lawn should be. The slats on the vertical blinds are twisted and askew in upstairs and downstairs windows.

At the small community park on the corner of Saint Claire Drive and Marquette Road, six teenagers throw a football on a 30-yard plot of manicured lawn. The green grass is in stark contrast to many of the lawns in the neighborhood.

Across the street, in front of a large two-story house, a For Sale sign stands amid knee-high weeds. Two garbage cans on the side of the house are carelessly placed on a walkway being overtaken by long, bending blades of grass. Farther down Marquette, three more houses have signs in

their yards. The house at the end of Marquette appears to have been abandoned for months.

On Genevieve Avenue, a short cross street with ten houses, a moving truck is parked diagonally in a driveway. A ramp extends from the back of the truck pointing toward the house's front door. Next to the ramp, an expressionless elderly Asian couple watch with their arms crossed while movers take furniture out of their house and up the ramp.

Two houses down, a For Sale sign is staked into a nicely kept lawn. At the end of Genevieve, at the T-intersection with Chateau Court, another house is for sale. To the left, down Chateau, on the far side of the street are three For Sale signs. The sole For Rent sign at a house across

the street looks out of place.

A heavyset man mows his lawn on Chateau Court while his father watches. The man doesn't want to give his name, but he responds in a thick Iraqi accent to a question as to why so many houses are for sale in his neighborhood. "Too many people buy houses when they have no money. We've never had this problem before, but now it's all over. We've had this house almost 11 years, and most of these houses go for sale and they are bought within a month. Right now, it's not as good. Nobody is buying because of the economy, you know. People are scared to buy a house now. Like that house," he says as he points across the street to a house for sale. "He bought for \$800,000. Now he sells for \$500,000. How's he going to pay to the bank?"

The Saint Claire subdivision was built in the mid-'90s. Homes range in size from 1758-square-foot three-bedroom houses to 3100-square-foot houses with five bedrooms. Houses that once sold for \$700,000 are now going for \$400,000.

"A lot of people are in the shit here," says 23-year-old Ryan Swierk. His family rents a house on Chateau Court that's currently for sale. "I know our house isn't one of them [a foreclosure], but the owner is in trouble, just like a lot of the other people in this neighborhood. This guy across the street, his house has been

on and off the market for months."

Doug Leeper, a code enforcement manager for the City of Chula Vista, says that he can easily tell which houses are in foreclosure. "Some of these homes sit vacant for 7 months, at least a minimum of 4 months, and in some cases as long as 12 months of sitting vacant before the lender even takes them back. Grass dies, the pool goes green, because the lenders let it overgrow; the pool goes green, because the lenders say, 'It's not our property yet.' We call it the lender's black hole."

Driving through the nine streets that make up Saint Claire subdivision, one sees many homes that appear as if they are about to enter the lender's black hole. Lawns are overgrown or devoid of grass. While some houses with For Sale signs have well-kept lawns, numerous advertisements and notices hang on their front doorknobs, along with a lockbox, a clear sign of a distressed property.

Because of the high number of bank foreclosures, a feeling of indifference pervades the neighborhood. "This guy over here just cut his lawn," says Swierk. "It had weeds everywhere—it's still all brown and ugly looking—but I know

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View of Otay Ranch homes from SR125, looking west

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years, but then ratcheting higher. People were told that home prices always went up and they could always refinance the mortgage to offset the higher interest rates. Ouch. Then there were the "liar loans," euphemistically called "stated income" loans, in which people said how much they made

a year and didn't have to provide documentation to prove it. Double ouch.

The county's problems "are mostly where entry-level housing is," says Yui. People buying their first home got a lower-priced house and also a mortgage that they wouldn't be able to handle as soon as the refinance game ended. The deceptive mortgages "gave people the ability to get in with nothing down, with pay-

ments artificially lowered for the first 12 to 18 months," says Carlos Aguilar, president of AXIA Real Estate, who specializes in foreclosures. "It was a house of cards that fell apart like a Ponzi scheme the minute [home price] appreciation stopped."

The experts agree that new, so-called affordable housing developments attracted many buyers who subsequently couldn't carry their mortgages.

So homes in these developments have been dumped on the market. "With the new construction, developers were offering a lot of incentives, getting people in any way they could," says Dennis Smith of North County's Taylor Place Real Estate. "Now, when one property goes into foreclosure, values in the whole area drop." Distress sales also show up heavily among condos and condo conversions, says Smith.

There are many more short sales than foreclosures because homeowners want to "avoid the black mark of foreclosure on a credit report," says Yui. The lenders, in turn, are willing to let the homeowner off the hook because they don't want the hassle of trying to sell the home in this miserable market. Short sales involve more administrative headaches. "The banks are overloaded. Often, there are two lenders involved."

"It is not unusual to see a short sale take two or three months to get clear and another 30 days to close," says Aguilar. Often banks won't accept the short sale proposal. Real estate agents, therefore, would rather sell a property in foreclosure. It's faster and cleaner. The short sales pile up in inventory, while the foreclosures move quickly into escrow. That's another reason there are so many more short sales than foreclosures on the market.

Lower-income areas featuring at least some relatively new developments have been hit the hardest. Lemon Grove median family incomes are a subpar \$60,050. Prices have plummeted 33.6 percent in the last 12 months. Yui's figures indicate 70 percent of Lemon Grove homes now listed for sale are short sales or foreclosures. Nearby Spring Valley has incomes around \$70,000. Prices there have plunged 38.3 percent over the past year. A bit over 40 percent of homes on the market are short sales or foreclosures, about double the county average. "A lot of first-time buyers can't afford La Mesa, so they go to Lemon Grove and Spring Valley," says Arnie Levine of County Properties.

Chula Vista has been hit very hard. Median incomes on the west side, where many homes were built in the 1940s, are below \$60,000. The east side of Chula Vista features planned communities such as Otay Ranch, EastLake, and the Woods. Household incomes are around \$100,000. But 72.6 percent of homes on the market on the east side are foreclosures or short sales, compared with about 60 percent on the poorer west side of town. Aguilar says that Chula Vista was a haven of liar loans.

"In Chula Vista, the higher-income areas are hurting more," says Zulema Maldonado of Prudential Real Estate in EastLake. She agrees that excessive liar and teaser-rate loans have hurt. "They purchased big homes and started with loans that were interest-only" or some other type in which the interest rate adjusted upward. "Otay Ranch is hurting the most. In 2003, prices were \$400,000. They went up to \$800,000 and are now back to \$500,000."

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69 percent of homes on the market are short sales or foreclosures, according to Yui. This area includes Mesa Margarita, an older development. The area is crime-ridden, but family incomes at \$71,046 are somewhat above the county median. "There were a lot of first-time homeowners there. It got into the feeding frenzy," and people bit on the liar and teaser-rate loans, says Smith.

"Prices were enticing, and there was a lot of new construction."

Other low-income areas are having troubles. In the 92027 zip code in Escondido, the median price of homes has dropped from \$500,000 to \$350,000 in the last two years. Median incomes are a subpar \$66,284. Of homes on the market, 72 percent are short sales or foreclosures. The Encanto area has incomes that are lower still: \$63,865. Home prices are down 38.6 percent over the last year. Of Encanto

homes for sale, 75 percent are short sales or foreclosures.

By contrast, Del Mar, with its median income of \$113,407, has few homes in distress. Just 5 percent of homes on the market there are short sales or foreclosures — about the same as tony Rancho Santa Fe.

The interest rates on many San Diegans' mortgages will be reset in the next few years. So how long will the crisis last? Levine thinks it is close to bottoming now; the Federal Reserve will have to raise inter-

est rates to defend the dollar, he believes, and buyers will come in, fearful that interest rates will go further upward. Louie Duarte of County Properties thinks it will last "three years at the max, more likely a year to two years." Joshua Sloan of Keller Williams Realty in Escondido says the problems will go on for "the next year or even two." Says Yui: "another 12 months." It will be painful for those families losing their homes but a gift to San Diegans who can finally afford to buy one. ■

Cut the lawn

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he's in trouble with his house too."

Although the appearance of lawns might seem insignificant, neglected houses affect property values in the rest of the neighborhood. "One home in that condition," says Leeper, "with a dead lawn, obviously vacant and abandoned, can diminish marketability and property value — depending on the neighborhood and how many there are — anywhere from 1 to 10 percent of the value."

Last September, Leeper led the charge to pass an ordinance in Chula Vista that holds lenders accountable for maintaining their vacant properties. "The ordinance says that if you [a lender] have a property that goes into default, you have to inspect it to see if it is occupied. If it is not occupied, you have to register it and start to maintain it to the neighborhood standard. If they don't

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In the Saint Claire subdivision, many of the properties are neglected. Under the city ordinance, however, it is up to neighbors to notify the City of the problem. "The City can't go around and search for these houses. We just don't have the manpower to do that," explains Leeper. "The people in the neighborhood need to inform us." ■

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Profitable Police

I may not agree with everything in Staci Thrasher's story about her daughter ("There's Been an Accident," Cover Story, June 5), but there is one thing that she is dead-on about, and that is the ineptitude of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. The sheriff's department is a for-profit organization that is only concerned with enforcing laws that will generate revenue. Why should they care about vehicular manslaughter when there are cars to be impounded and traffic tickets to write? I'm honestly surprised that the Thrashers didn't receive a bill for the accident in which Jadean was killed. The sheriff's department needs to be restructured from the ground up, and I for one can't wait until 2010 when we can vote out Bill Kolender and get someone in there who will shift the priorities from dollars and cents back to "To Serve and Protect."

J. Edwards
via email

Little Rules Broken

I thought the story of Jadean ("There's Been an Accident," Cover Story, June 5) was wonderful in the way it

honestly revealed just why it is not a good idea for children under the age of 18 to experiment with drugs and party with older young adults without parental supervision and permission. The heartbreaking lesson in this story is that children make seemingly little infractions on parents' rules of checking in on the cell phone and leaving it at home so they can't receive parental safety checks, and their breaking these seemingly minor safety rules can lead to children paying for the misstep with their lives.

The brutal honesty of the story revealed how the criminal justice system breaks its neck to enable criminal behavior to continue, and it revealed an interesting fact that this family could insure their truck, drive it legally, yet be found criminally responsible in the death of a minor, and not have the legal requirement to carry insurance while on the public roads or when driving with a passenger in their car on public roadways.

This article was brutal, honest, and informative. It was missing no element for an interesting and informational retelling of the tragedies and pitfalls that can booby-trap everyone from kids, to their parents, their siblings, and grandparents. It shows the ways in which crime pays and the ways the rich of society abuse the poor of society. After the roller-coaster rides, I wish just one thing about that day would have been different so that Jadean would have lived. I came away from the article with love and respect for the family of Jadean and the courage with which they

fight Jadean's battle, since she has moved on to a better place. That is what our families are for.

I am so relieved that everyone can see how disgusting it is for older twenty-somethings to date children under the age of 18 without parental permission or knowledge, and the best part of the article is that this Doug person can no longer legally date children under the age of 18 without serious legal action being taken against him. So, for that, all children under the age of 18 can be grateful California has one less parentally sanctioned and supported predator in his neighborhood. That effort alone was a mountain most people can't figure out how to move — a problem most of us can't figure out how to get corrected. Good luck to Mrs. Thrasher with the defamation-of-character suit that the predator and his family have financed to file against her. This person needs to not have access to children. Thanks for us parents whose children want to go from 13 to 30. We need every bit of help we can get to see them safely into adulthood and steer them from humans who would do them harm and throw them away like garbage. Children, save your own good judgment when it comes to your personal safety, and don't let older people put illegal substances into your hands. They know better. You don't want to find out the hard way that drugs make you weak and vulnerable to predators in the first place.

Sunday Weiss
via email

Merriam Phooey, Webster Phooey

Duncan Shepherd quotes the Merriam-Webster dictionary affirming that he had correctly used "to beg

the question" (Letters, June 5). The thing is, the Merriam-Webster dictionary is famous for including as an alternate pronunciation or meaning misapprehensions of illiterate people. "To beg the question" means the (a) definition: it means assuming an argument has already been made that hasn't been presented, so you're begging the question. It does not mean prompting a question or eliciting a question. That's exactly not what it means, and unfortunately a lot of people have the misapprehension that it does, and so you hear improper usage of that all the time. And so Merriam-Webster's philosophy is, if a lot of people do something wrong, it's okay — now it's right. Wrong is right.

Name Withheld

City Folk, Country Folk

I want to thank Joe Deegan for his excellent overview of the Sunrise Powerlink boondoggle ("Will These Keep the Lights On?" Cover Story, May 29). It clarified the whole business for me and impelled me to action. I know the folks in the backcountry directly in the path of this monstrosity have been fighting it, but it's time we city folk joined the fray. If you don't want to see your favorite hiking/riding/camping spots blighted by giant transmission towers, I'm urging everyone in San Diego County to contact your local representatives, the PUC, and the governor. Together we can compel Sempra/SDG&E to produce solar energy locally at lower cost. Sorry, Sempra shareholders, don't count your profits yet. Some of us in this little backwater are going to put up one hell of a fight.

Beth McCrindle
via email

Me Too!

Is Maggie Young really part of your staff ("Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife," Cover Story, May 8)? Because I would have to congratulate her so much after reading her article. It made me so happy, as I was in the Navy and the same thing happened to me. She really is one of my heroes. I really wish I could talk to her and learn from her how she pulled through it so

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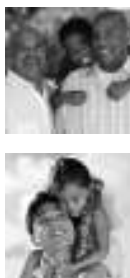


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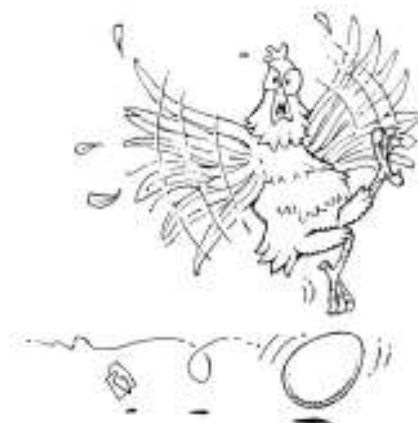
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

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Matt:

When a hen lays an egg, which end comes out first? Settle our bet.

— Fat End and Pointed End, via email

Ever seen a pregnant hen? There's an even better question. With hens and all other birds, you've got to look fast if you want to catch them in maternity clothes. So, say mama chicken is clucking around the barnyard, when a follicle matures in her ovary. It pops out and heads for the oviduct, a long tube that connects the hen's insides to her outsides. If she's been fooling around with a rooster, the ovum is fertilized at this point. But no rooster is required. If this hen is a little cog in the vast machinery of the grocery-store-egg laying industry, the egg goes unfertilized. The ovum keeps moving along the oviduct, where the albumen (the clear, gooey stuff around the yolk) is deposited. Next the shell membrane and the shell are laid down. The shell hardens as the egg moves toward its destination. About 24 hours after the whole process began, the egg pops out, fat end first. Considering the physics of egg laying, it's more efficient for the hen's muscles to push against the small end. Ouch.

Matt:

I have had strawberry ice cream shakes that have a rich, delicious strawberry flavor. But when I eat strawberries, they have very little taste and don't seem to be strawberry flavored at all. What gives?

— Jerry Dixon, Santee

How sad. We have two things going on here, both of which make Grandma cry. She's old enough to remember real food, and she really misses it. So, let's look at your rich, delicious strawberry-flavored milk shake. It might not contain any strawberries at all. It just contains enough of 59 specific chemicals that food-flavor experts have determined will fool us into thinking we're eating the real thing. (For example, amyl acetate, amyl butyrate, benzyl isobutyrate, ethyl cinnamate, methyl naphthyl ketone, ethyl heptanoate, 2-butanone, 4-methylacetophenone, and oh, my gosh, mint essential oil, rose, and rum ether. Yum!) The more of this glop we drink or eat, the more we use this fake taste as our benchmark for "rich, delicious strawberry flavor." It's not. It's rich, delicious chemical and sugar flavor that seems to approximate what we remember as the real thing. Even if there are real strawberries in whatever you're drinking, odds are the flavor has been enhanced with the chemical mixture. Real strawberries just aren't strawberry enough to suit us. We want an intense, jolting taste experience.

The other thing that's happening is on the strawberry's end. Given the economics of fruit growing, the best berry is one that grows big and red really fast. No time to waste letting flavor develop. When we buy in the supermarket, we buy with our eyes, and fat and red are what we're looking for. Unfortunately, any fruit's flavor develops as it sits quietly on the plant, basking in the sun. What we often get in the grocery store are the corporate, gene-manipulated strawberries that look good, ship well, have a longer shelf life, but have no taste. There's a chance that some kids have no idea what a real strawberry tastes like. Kid food is some of the most taste manipulated by the corporate goons.

The industrial tastemakers do admit there are two flavors that so far have eluded them. Cherry and grape. They have yet to come up with convincing substitutes. So, the swill that you drink that's labeled "cherry" or "grape" is very distant from the real fruit taste; but if we drink a lot of it, then we begin to use the swill as our standard for real grape/cherry taste. Makes Grandma yearn for the old days, when you could put a TV dinner in the oven and know you were getting real flavors, not some cooked-up chemical cocktail.

Hey, Matt:

Is there such a thing as spontaneous human combustion? I saw a TV show about it, and it didn't really give a straight answer. I know you will.

— Willis, via email

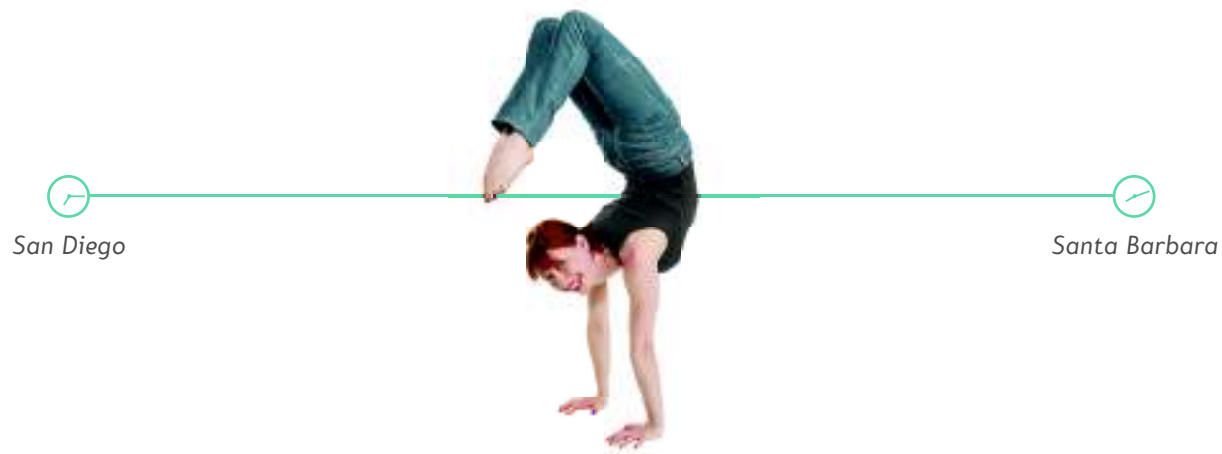
There's been a lot of weasel-wording about this subject. We even contributed to the pointless debate a while ago. The research elves concluded there wasn't any real evidence for the idea of people bursting into flame and dying. But maybe it's time to revisit the subject. Seems somebody has set up an experiment that suggests people can catch on fire without a large heat source. Charred bodies have been found in locations where nothing else in the room was burned.

The scientists rounded up a dead pig, since pig skin and human skin are very similar. They wrapped it in cloth to simulate clothing. Then they set the pig on fire. It burned slowly for many hours, and the charring pattern matched that of people thought to be victims of spontaneous human combustion. The experimenters had opined that human bodies can burn slowly because of what they called the wick effect, similar to a candle. Except in the case of a body, the fuel is fat. So, a smoker konks out, catches clothing on fire with a cigarette, and smolders away. Glad the science guys finally settled the question.

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U.S. Open Edition

Actually, I'm walking the golf course right now. Give me a call around 7:00 or 7:30 tonight."

That's Craig Barlow, professional golfer, scouting Torrey Pines GC, preparing for today's U.S. Open. I found him by way of cellular telephone.

Since the top half-dozen PGA golfers get all the press, I decided to interview someone further down the food chain. I picked Barlow because he was born, raised, and lives in Henderson, Nevada, a town I'm familiar with. This year, according to ESPN, he's 189th on the money list at \$100,794. Not bad money for six months' work.

I call back at 7:15, precisely. Some chit. Some chat. "Do you have a sense of how well you're going to do this week?"

"I know I'm going to play well. I don't know how I'm going to do."

"You've been around for a long time." Barlow is 35, turned pro in 1995.

"I've done okay," Barlow says. "I've made a decent career out of it, for sure."

I have his stats on the computer screen. "This year, you've made \$100,000. A couple years back, 2006, you earned a million dollars. I didn't realize it was so lucrative in the middle of the pack."

"Yup," says Barlow. "Since the Tiger Woods boom, the purses on the PGA Tour went up immensely. You're going to have to make close to \$800,000 to keep your job this year. The cut is the top 125 players."

"The 125th guy makes \$800,000 or more?"

"Yeah, that's how you keep your job. If you don't finish in the top 125, you have to go back to qualifying school."

(Avoiding all details, even important ones, the PGA Tour Qualifying Tournament works like this: You play six rounds of golf against 160-plus survivors of prequalification, first-stage, and second-stage tournaments. Everyone playing in the final stage is great. You have to finish in the top 26 — the 2007 number — to get your card stamped for a year's worth of PGA Tour. The greed, money lust, and fame lust saturating Q-school makes it unbearably stressful. Barlow has gone through that ordeal six times. It's far better to be one of the top 125 golfers on the PGA Tour money list. Those players automatically keep their cards for another year. Barlow has finished 124th, 122nd, 124th, and 100th. This is a man I

can root for, even knowing he's racked up \$5,000,000 in career earnings.)

Resume full speed. I ask, "How long can you last on the tour?"

"If I'm healthy and still have a desire for it, as long as I want. I've had some health injuries in the last few years [hip, shoulder, and wrist]. That's been frustrating. You're not always going to have great things happen. Right now, I'm in my bump in the road."

"Anything can happen," I say. "A great showing at the Open changes everything."

"That's the beauty of golf — you're always one tournament away from breaking through," Barlow says. "There are a lot of good players, but to be at the top echelon, you have to set yourself

apart, whether it's desire or work ethic or positive attitude. There are a lot of great golfers who never make it."

"Well, you're good enough to work your way into the Open." (Barlow shot 141 at the Open Sectional Qualifying Tournament in Daly City, the exact number needed to qualify for Torrey Pines. This will be his fourth Open.)

"Well, yeah," Barlow says, "I'm taking care of the things I need to do to get out of the slump. I'm starting to see good things happen to my golf game, I just haven't quite got the results of it."

And now, a metaphysical question: "What put you in a slump?"

Barlow says, "I can't put a finger on it, but my guess is I got injured, after my injury had high expectations of picking up where I left off and didn't achieve that. So, I started pressing and lost confidence and it's just a snowball effect. There's nothing wrong. I'm not a worse player now than I was two years ago, but you need to have the whole package working to play competitive golf, meaning your expectation levels have to be good, your attitude has to be good, your patience has to be good. If any of that stuff is off, things don't churn as well."

And now, an idiotic question: "It must be tempting to settle for 20th, 25th. How do you avoid shooting for 20th or 25th?"

"I'm shooting for it! It's not that easy. The guys who finish in the top 20 or 25 are the best 25 in the world. The lowest I've been is 189th in the world. People aren't interested in the 189th best player in the world. I want to be the 25th best player in the world."



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Thirty Years Ago

It grieves me that my first letter to the *Reader* should be in criticism of my favorite columnist, Eleanor Widmer. In writing about Sheldon's Restaurant, her comment about "aging waitresses in orthopedic white shoes and faces out of proletarian novels" was unkind and irrelevant. Perhaps if Widmer had to trade in her Halston Basic and Pucci slip to *work* in, rather than *dine* in restaurants, she too might soon be wearing orthopedic shoes and displaying an aging face out of proletarian novels!

—LETTERS: "BABY, LOOK AT YOU NOW,"

Robert Raymond Shanks, San Diego, June 15, 1978

Twenty-Five Years Ago

If the council does as it's expected to do and votes in favor of a proposal to expand San Diego Stadium — 44 new "skyboxes" and about 7800 additional public seats — Klein will be provided with a couple of million dollars extra per year for the next 20 years. Those millions will be in addition to the money you and I now give him every time we fight the stadium parking-lot mess, or when we buy the cap or T-shirt or the hot dog once we finally get inside his stadium.

—"A FEW MORE SEATS A LOT MORE MONEY,"

Vincent Roberts, June 16, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

Circus performances and zoo cage exhibits, cartoons and children's books have led us to think of exotic animals in anthropomorphized, benign images. To say "elephant" is to conjure the animal in fringed parade dress marching to strains of John Philip Sousa; it is to remember plump Dumbo or the Gallic cosmopolite, the green-suited, gold-crowned Babar.

But life isn't literature for an elephant.

—CITY LIGHTS: "THE WHOLE DUNDA EPISODE,"

Judith Moore, June 16, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

Shortly before Christmas 1990, a literary agent asked if I wanted to write a book about Betty Broderick. I had spent hours talking to Betty in the spring and summer of 1988, back when she was merely a wrathful divorcée. With reporter Paul Krueger, I had interviewed Dan Broderick and others involved in the Broderick melodrama. Eventually Krueger and I wrote an 8500-word chronicle of the Brodericks' divorce. Then, shortly before the piece was scheduled to run, Dan Broderick informed us he would sue for invasion of privacy if the story were printed, his earlier cooperation notwithstanding. So we didn't publish the article until after the morning

Betty killed Dan and his second wife Linda.

—"WRITTEN TO DEATH," Jeannette De Wyze,

June 17, 1993

Ten Years Ago

Deirdre and I went out alone for her birthday. Fin was left in the care of Danielle. Danielle was washing up after dinner when she heard the frightening silence of a baby about to do something bad. Then — *clink, clink, CRASH, tinkle, tinkle*. Unless one of us had forgotten to close it, Fin had forced the latch on the liquor cabinet, extracted two red wine glasses, tested them for tone, and then brought them together, cymbal-like, with spectacular results. She rushed into the room; Fin was holding the stems, happy, surrounded by shards of broken glass. He was unhurt. Danielle didn't mention the event when I called from Rainwater's to see how things were going.

—"DA ALWAYS WINS," Matthew Lickona,

June 18, 1998

Five Years Ago

Blender magazine reports that Jewel, the "horse-riding poetess, has disappeared" and that she has been replaced by a corset-wearing "diva whose interests include cleavage, sweating, and 'being served.'"



San Diego Reader, June 16, 1983

Jewel told *Blender* about her chronic kidney infection, recurring bouts of depression, and her famous snaggle tooth, which she blames on not being able to afford good dentistry as a child.

Jewel's new saucy look coincides with the techno sound of her new CD, *0304*. Gone is the yodeling Jewel that helped her move 11 million copies of her first CD, *Pieces of You*.

—BLURT, Ken Leighton, June 12, 2003

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: nondenominational, but affiliated with Calvary Chapel
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Founded locally: 1976

Senior pastor: Mark Foreman

Congregation size: 3000–4000

Staff size: about 30, including part-time

Sunday school enrollment: 900–1000

Annual budget: \$4–\$5 million

Weekly giving: n/a

Singles program: yes

Dress: casual to semiformal

Diversity: mostly Caucasian

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 20 minutes

Website: northcoastcalvary.org

Portrait of a church on the cusp: North Coast Calvary Chapel, founded as a home Bible study in Encinitas, was housed five years in a YMCA, then ten years in the Vulcan Center (now Encinitas City Hall). They had a brief stint in San Diego Academy before settling down in the early '90s at the edge of a shopping center in Carlsbad. But the thing kept growing. Now, a plethora of blue shade tents has transformed the front parking lot into a regular ministry bazaar, and the church is preparing to move into what one pastor termed "a brand-new Tuscany village location right up the road" — one that will provide a more permanent space for all those ministries.

Before the big move, "we're going to have a kind of 'sharing our story' event," continued the pastor. "Testimonies of, 'What did God do at North Coast Calvary Chapel while we were here?' If you have a story that's been memorable to you, we want you to record that...celebrate your past."

Inside and at the outset, the church played host to Vicky Beeching, a British import by way of Nashville, dressed in a snug denim band-leader's jacket. She sang praise songs in her sharp, sometimes breathy voice and said her heart beat "for the revival of God's people and the salvation of those who don't know Him yet." The congregation sang on the choruses, giving the proceedings a concert feel. "Thank you for the cross/ Thank you for the cross/ Thank you for the cross, my friend..."

"There was a time when the church was the pulsating center for the arts," said pastor Mark Foreman. "But 100 years ago, fundamentalism, as a culture, made the decision to kind of back off from its involvement in the world. I think it was a very bad decision; it came from some bad theology. It created a kind of 'us against them' worldview, and the unfortunate thing is that the church stopped producing art. The church stopped being involved. I love the fact that the church here is getting involved in the arts." Foreman had spent the previous day at the Switchfoot Bro-Am, a charity surf contest and concert festival founded by the band (two of whose

members are his children).

There came the invitation to fill out information cards: "We're just excited to have you here, and it really is our desire to help you grow in your faith in Jesus Christ.... We feel like the best way to do that is through groups.... You can see we have a lot going on. It's how we can reach out to you....and see how you can participate in this great journey with us." (Besides ministries for every possible age group, there were ministries for marriage and family, for women, for men, for missions, for military support...)

There came the invitation to consider the youth summer program: "We don't want to just put kids through a curriculum. We want to walk with them and you as parents with your children...that they might grow into maturity and lean on Jesus Christ and discover Him for themselves."

The Offering: "We acknowledge that it's really no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.... We ask that you would use these gifts so that we could touch another person's life."

Communion: "This is one of my favorite times," said the speaker. "When we gather around what's called the Lord's Table...where God speaks loudly to us: 'Whoever is thirsty, come; whoever is hungry, come and partake of the bread of life.' As the Body of Christ gathered here today, we will partake together.... We thank You for the transforming power of your Holy Spirit within us..."

Foreman's sermon tied all these threads together as it took up the last verses of Paul's letter to the Galatians. "This is either the first or second epistle that Paul wrote, and we see the very early foundational principles that were germinating around the followers of Jesus: the centrality of the love of God, of the cross, and of faith in what Christ did for us..."

But, it seemed, not only what Christ did for us. Paul wrote, "Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation." "Somehow," said Foreman, "particularly in the last 100 years, we forgot about this world. We became heaven-minded...and it seemed all we wanted to do was to get souls to heaven. But we forgot about the transformation, the rest of the message of Jesus: the reason you are forgiven is so you can be made back into the image of God...and God thinks about other people, not just Himself.... A new creation invades the present; we are part of that, bringing justice, bringing healing, bringing hope, bringing love."

What happens when we die?

"I think we meet our maker," said Foreman.

— Matthew Lickona



MARK FOREMAN

**North Coast Calvary Chapel
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Sermon

content.....★★★★

delivery.....★★

Liturgy

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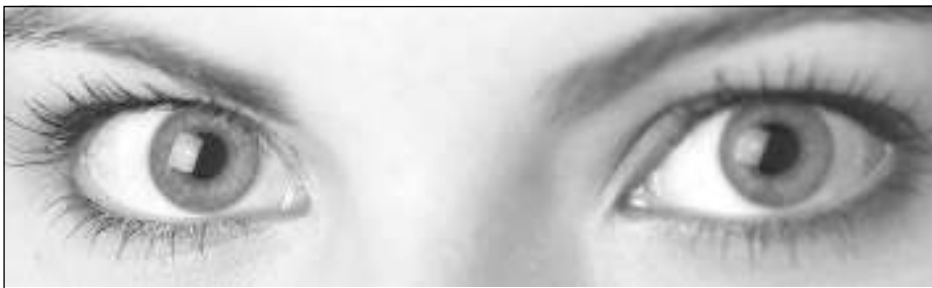
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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

Hubby Patrick's brother Kevin has been a small-time rock musician since he was 18. When he turned 38 this year and the band — Youth Movement — still hadn't made it, he came to the realization that he needed more conventional employment. So now he's in trade school learning medical billing. By June, Kevin should have his first 9 to 5. Patrick applauds his brother for going legit, but he's afraid 20 years of staying up till three o'clock in the morning and getting up after noon is going to be a hard habit to break. "I wouldn't be surprised if Kevin overslept on his first day of work," said Patrick.



"Why don't you get him a wake-up service," suggested my friend Bernice. Eve was on the case.

"The whole idea of automated wake-up calls being available to users anywhere hasn't been around that long," explained John Tadlock, president of Tavoca Inc., of which *MyCalls.net* is a division (800-385-9044). "Doctors and hospitals pay us to remind their patients to show up for appointments. And because of our expertise with automated dialing and our recognition that there was an opportunity to expand the wake-up-call services market, we added this service to take advantage of ideal time on our servers."

How does your wake-up service work?

"It is an online-managed account. The user simply signs up online using any major credit card, and their account is instantly available for use. They can schedule calls to themselves on a repeating weekly schedule or use a calendar to manage calls one day at a time, whichever is better for their particular situation. And they can schedule different times for different days and use various phone numbers if they are traveling.

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"We also offer a one-time wake-up call [**\$1.49**], and you get a wake-up call plus five snooze calls."

What type of clients do you have?
"Our client base is slightly skewed to

"We have a lot of college students who use the wake-up call service."

be more female than male.

"We have a lot of college students who use the wake-up-call service. And a lot of people in the 25-to-50 age range use the service, typically folks who are working early or unusual shifts. They get up really early, or they get up in the middle of the afternoon. And then we have some retirees who just want to stay on a good schedule, and they like the ringing phone as opposed to the alarm clock scaring them to death.

"The majority of our clients do not have children. Those with children tend to be woken up by the children, at least that is what we have been told."

David Batchelor, owner of WakeupLand (wakeupland.com; 866-399-9253), says a lot of parents use his service.

"They are using it for their college students to make sure that their kids actually get up in the morning," Batchelor said. "They sign up their kid's cell phone number, and then that way they can be sure that their son or daughter gets up for class. We have

a lot of people who are diabetics [using the wake-up calls], people that have a hard time waking up in the morning. And we have older people who use it for a medication reminder."

What does the recording say?

"It's a taped recording, and you can pick between a male and a female voice. 'Good morning, this is your WakeupLand wakeup call, have a great day,' something along those lines." And there are other options you can add, like a "weather report, where it tells you your daily local weather, daily news headlines, or joke of the day, things like that."

Is there a suggested placement of the phone?

"As far away from your reach as possible if you really want to get up, so you have to get out of bed to pick it up."

If the phone is not answered, the service will call up to four times. "If you pick up the phone and you are all groggy, you have to verify that you're awake by pressing the one key.

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by Barbarella

Legally Blind

Men seldom make passes at girls who wear glasses.

— Dorothy Parker

When I was six years old I had an imaginary friend named Jesus. Like most children, I attributed nearly everything that happened or didn't happen to my make-believe buddy. When things didn't go my way, I would become angry and wave my middle finger — the way I'd seen adults do it — at the sky because, like the Care Bears, my omnipotent friend

lived in a cloud. When I wasn't blaming my invisible friend for my daily disappointments, I was begging him to play the role of fairy godmother and make my dreams come true. And the thing I wanted most of all was to be afflicted with a visual impairment. People who needed glasses to see were different, and I'd been taught that different meant special. It was clear from the sizeable goggles on their faces that my father and my sister Heather were

special. I wanted to be special too.

I was 12 when it finally occurred to me that my imaginary friend was just that. I gave up my dream of being special and focused my attention on being liked — which meant blending in rather than standing apart, a difficult task given my ever-increasing pudginess. It also didn't help that I sat in the front row of every class, where I could best see the board. I did so all through junior high, which was, not coincidentally, my straight-A phase.

I was in the ninth grade when my best friend Nancy's mom, Mrs. Opfer, forever changed the way I viewed the world. We were watching a Steve Martin comedy, *My Blue Heaven*,

on the television in Nancy's living room. Mrs. Opfer sat in the chair closest to the tube, and I was next to Nancy on a couch about ten feet from the screen. Between scenes, narration would appear in the form of white text against a blue background. Each time the words came up, I'd ask Mrs. Opfer to read the text aloud. At first I think she assumed I was a slow reader. But by the third time, she said, "Can you not see those words?" I told her I could only make out blurry white lines and that her TV was too small for people to sit as far away as Nancy and I. "You should be able to see those words from there," she said. Nancy nodded. Then, in her matter-of-fact Midwestern way, Mrs. Opfer voiced aloud the conspicuous truth that had been overlooked by my teachers, parents, sisters, and even me: "You need glasses."

My mother was horrified — not because I needed glasses, but because she had failed to detect my need and because the same kind of thing had happened with my older sister. (It wasn't until a free vision evaluation was offered at Heather's elementary school that she learned not being able to read the time on the VCR without putting one's nose against the machine wasn't normal.) During my evaluation, I couldn't tell the optometrist which direction the big E on the chart was facing, as I saw nothing more than a fuzzy rectangle. Normal vision is 20/20. Mine was 20/300.

When I collected my first pair of corrective lenses, it was as though I had been given a superhero power. No longer were trees composed of green cotton balls on a brown stalk — I could actually see individual leaves silhouetted against the azure sky. Objects were cartoonishly outlined. As Heather once put it, everything was so *precise*. The difference between pre- and post-glasses was so drastic that for the next month, I spent half the time lifting my specs up and down just to observe their effect — clear, not clear, clear, not clear, clear...

Disappointment set in when it became apparent that needing glasses did not make me special. Compounding my torment, it was around the same time I got my frames that my grades began to decline, dispelling the myth that people who wore glasses were smarter. When the novelty of 20/20 vision faded, I became self-conscious about looking nerdy and struggled neurotically to protect my lenses from scratches and dust. By the time I was a senior, my eyewear had gone from godsend to curse; for the first time in years I thought of my imaginary friend and how, like a mischievous leprechaun, he had been wily about giving me what I'd wished for.

In the name of vanity, I took to wearing contacts. A few years later, at a party in West Hollywood, my interest in eyewear was renewed. While I was chatting with a

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flamboyant, four-eyed friend-of-a-friend, he mentioned that in a few days he'd be getting Lasik eye surgery. He wore dainty wire frames with ultrasmall lenses that he kept referring to as his "dick-knees." When I complimented his hip eyewear, he insisted I try them on. I obliged, and he became even more exuberant. "Those look *fabulous* on you! They look even better than they ever did on me. Take them." I resisted, he insisted, and so on, until he said, "I won't need them after the surgery, and I'm not planning to do much running around before, so just take them."

It was only after the party that my friend Stephanie explained that "dick-knee" was the nickname for DKNY — Donna Karan New York. "You just scored a pair of frames that would have cost you a month's rent," she said. I had my prescription installed the next day. Finally, my glasses lived up to their potential — they kept me from running into things while making me look cool. All I needed was to find the perfect pair. I stopped spending money on contacts and started collecting frames as if they were shoes.

My sister Heather underwent Lasik shortly

after she graduated from college, as did a handful of my myopic friends. Despite the success of their optical adjustments and their happiness with the results, for me, laser eye surgery was always either too expensive or too risky. Eventually, it was no longer a matter of money or fear, but a matter of preference. Whereas in school they were uncool, in adulthood my glasses had become fashion statements. I knew people who wore clear, nonprescription lenses in stylish frames because they liked the way they looked.


Though sometimes I wish I didn't have to

scramble out of bed and find my glasses in order to see the bird chirping right outside my window, or that I could watch what's happening on the ceiling-mounted TV while I sweat away on the elliptical at the gym, I don't mind my minor handicap. Quite the

contrary. David has told me that my glasses were a huge draw for him when we first started dating. Something about finding women in glasses more attractive and how funky frames make a bold statement about the woman behind them.

Looking back on my life with 20/20 hindsight, I now realize that I was one precocious six-year-old. ■

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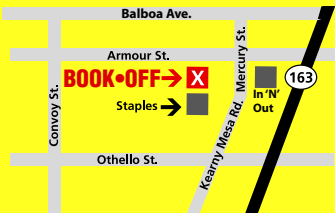
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Allen Fisher's the most loved icon

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Not every guy at Ryden's party is particularly muscular, but they all seem tough. Not a metrosexual male in the crowd. Probably not even a single guy who knows what "metrosexual" means. Tattoos coil out from under the sleeves of muscle shirts. Hair isn't brushed or combed. No one's wearing any cologne. And though it isn't particularly bright beneath the one leafy tree in Ryden's yard, at least half of these men are wearing dark sunglasses. There might be enough testosterone here to fuel the international steroid business.

The Rydens have ordered six enormous pizzas to feed everyone, and multiple coolers are filled with soda and beer. A box is being passed around for contributions to cover Ryden's present, a new iPhone.

But hardly anyone is eating, or even drinking. Instead, they're all "pulling."

"Ya wanna pull a little bit?"

"Yeah. Sure. You pull?"



pull?

in the sport of arm wrestling.

“Pulling” is arm-wrestling vernacular for “engaging in an arm-wrestling match.” No fewer than seven arm-wrestling tables stand in Ryden’s yard. In the crowded little space, at least three or four matches are going on at any one time.

Finally, Ryden and another fellow don official black-and-white-striped referees’

shirts. “Everybody ready for the super-match?” Ryden calls out.

For the main attraction of this year’s party, the lightweight arm-wrestling world champion, Vazgen Soghoyan, from Armenia, has challenged the great Allen Fisher.

Soghoyan, 25, is very short and very broad. He seems almost as big across his

chest as he is tall. “We call him Popeye,” says one man, pointing to Soghoyan’s right forearm. From wrist to elbow his arm is bulbous, like some kind of huge fish, so big that despite the size of his chest and shoulders it doesn’t seem to fit with the rest of him.

But what’s Soghoyan thinking? Why is he challenging Allen Fisher?



Spring Valley’s Allen Fisher (wearing glasses) arm wrestles world champion Vazgen Soghoyan of Armenia.

"Harold ask me to challenge him," Soghoyan admits, in his thick Armenian accent. "And anyway, Harold don't ask, I challenge him myself."

And why is that?

"Because," he says, "it always good to arm wrestle the best."

Soghoyan and Fisher chalk their hands and elbows and line up across from each other, with an arm-wrestling table between them. Ryden and the other referee watch closely as the two men come to grips.

No one's laughing, or even smiling. This is serious stuff.

Fisher doesn't go crazy or anything, pounding on the table and yelling, not the way he might in a real competition, but he does have a severe and determined look on his face. The entire crowd of partygoers turns completely silent. One man calls out, "Come on, Fish," using



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Tom Sorbie and Eric Wolfe "pull" at the Vista home of professional arm wrestler Harold "the Rattlesnake" Ryden.

Fisher's most common nickname.

Finally, the competitors have a grip that satisfies the referees.

"Ready. Go!"

And that's it. In less time than it took for the ref to say, "Ready, go," Fisher pins Soghoyan.

"Match!" the ref says.

"Nice hit, Allen," yells one of the partygoers, with admiration.

And then, someone else says, sarcastically, "You've got to work on your start, Allen," and everyone laughs. Fisher's

start is devastating and flawless.

The two men line up again and come to grips again, and then, again, Fisher wins in less than one second. It's almost ridiculous. What's going on?

"Get in a hook," someone calls out.

"Yeah, let him hook you," says someone else.

They're calling for a

third match, and they're telling Fisher to let Soghoyan hook him. Apparently, a hook is Soghoyan's signature move, his strength.

So Fisher obliges. They start a third match with their wrists bent into hooks.

"Ready. Go!"

And this time, it's just about even. They pull back and forth for

over 30 seconds. The crowd's shouting and calling over their shoulders. But, ultimately, Fisher wins this one, too.

"Show-off," someone says. And more people laugh.

How has Fisher made such short work of the lightweight world champion?

"I swept through him," he says matter-of-factly, sipping a bottle of water. "And I wouldn't let him have control."

The Beginning

Flash back 32 years, to the back room of a North Hollywood Alpha Beta supermarket in 1976, where a scrawny, 20-year-old clerk's helper and an older, brawnier deliveryman have put their elbows on the opposite sides of a narrow table, leaned forward, and gripped each other hand-in-hand.

The supermarket manager had heard that the youngster thought he was pretty strong.

"You want to arm wrestle, Al?" he'd asked.

Al, the deliveryman, outweighed him by 60 or 70 pounds, but the clerk's helper was game. "Why not," he'd answered. "Sure." And at closing time one evening, just about everyone who worked at the Alpha Beta gathered in the back room to see who was stronger: big Al or the little clerk's helper.

All of a sudden, right before the match, Al

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started to transform into a wild beast. He pounded his chest and rolled his eyes and yelled at the top of his lungs. "Whoa," thought the younger man. "What's with this guy?"

And then the two of them went at it.

They pulled.
And pulled.
And pulled.

One minute, two minutes, till no one had any strength left.

And nobody won. They had stood each other up.

Turns out Al the deliveryman was Al Raney, one of the top-ranked heavyweight arm wrestlers in the United States in 1976. And he couldn't beat this little 150-pound clerk's helper, this upstart kid by the name of Allen Fisher.

The Myth

Fast forward to the present day, and you could almost say that Allen Fisher of little Spring



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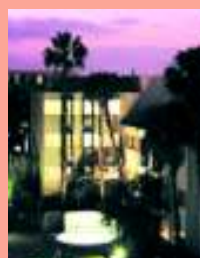


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"What makes Allen a champion is this," says his wife Carolyn affectionately. "One, he's got a heart of gold for the arm wrestlers. Two, his consistency. Three, his ability to draw up his energy from somewhere. And then, four, his incredible speed and strength. And on top of all that, he's 52, and he beats guys half his age who are on top of their game."

Fisher himself estimates that he's won over 1300 professional matches, against maybe 40 or 50 losses. You might say, instead, that Kobe Bryant is the Allen Fisher of basketball, or Tom Brady is the Allen Fisher of the NFL.

"The thing about Allen is, he beats guys half his age and twice his weight," says Jake Smith, a training partner. "And he doesn't just beat them, he crushes them."

How does Fisher do it? Technique? Strength? Experience?

"God's blessing," says Carolyn.

"Intimidation," says Robert Campbell, another of Fisher's training partners.

"It's a combination of everything," concludes Smith. "He's got it all."

Smith, Campbell, and the Fishers are chatting before the start of an evening session of arm-wrestling practice. They're standing in a circle, talking about Allen Fisher as though he weren't even there. Even Allen Fisher is talking about himself as if his

them out. I was watching where their elbow was, where their feet were, where their shoulders were positioned. I'd look at everything. And it just got to a point where I could actually feel where people's power is and where their weaknesses are. So I think it's just a matter of feeling, and knowing where and how to pull, and then waiting for that transition, when someone goes from one position to another.

"Allen won first place, \$5000, and that was our down payment for our first house."

arm-wrestling persona is some different, mythic human being.

"When I'm in a competition," he says, "it's like I go to this whole other level. And when somebody pulls me, I can actually feel where they want to go, and then I can take control of that. It's very odd. When I first got in the sport, I had the same thing. As soon as somebody grabbed my hand, I was trying to figure

There's always a split second in there where you can attack, and you have to know when that is and how to make it work."

Does Fisher have any weaknesses?

"No," says Carolyn decisively. "There aren't any."

But Allen's thinking about the question.

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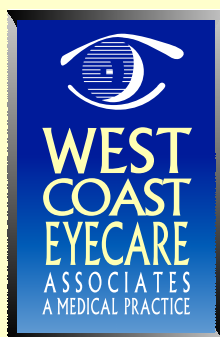
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two weeks before a tournament and back it down. But Allen will be here a week before a major tournament, going just as hard."

Fisher smiles, but he looks as if he's not sure he agrees with Smith. He's still thinking about the question.

"Having an off day," he says, finally.

The plan in Fisher's mind is that he wants to retire in two years. He wants to go out on top, at the 2010 world championships in Las Vegas.

"Every guy there is going to want to beat Allen Fisher in his last tournament," says Carolyn. "It's like he's been the king of the castle for so long. So, will he go out the same way? Or

can somebody else take it from him? It's going to be exciting."

The Man

Allen Fisher may be ultracompetitive and even periodically insane (in a cultivated, arm wrestler's way), but he's also deeply religious and doesn't cuss. The man went to Bible college for two years.

How's that for contrast? Brutally physical, yet sincerely spiritual. That contrast seems to pull the man taut.

If you had to pick one word to describe Allen Fisher, the best choice might be "taut." Fisher's skin is pulled taut over his muscles, and his intensity pulls his personality taut over his

character. He'll never snap at you in conversation and seldom loses his temper, but he does seem like a kind of tension spring, ready to pounce. There's nothing slack about him, nothing loose. There's no give.

But that isn't to say that Fisher isn't giving. In fact, his generosity within the sport of arm wrestling is a thing of renown.

People will fly to San Diego from all over the country — and even from other countries — just to train with Allen Fisher. And he and Carolyn often host these visitors to lunch or dinner.

"He's the kind of guy who'd help you out in any way he can," says one acquaintance. "He'll go

out of his way to do you a favor."

"He's the nicest guy you'd ever meet," says another. "Of course, all that changes when it's time for competition."

"The coolest thing about training with Allen," Jake Smith acknowledges, "isn't necessarily what I learn from him, although I've learned a lot. The coolest thing is all the respect I get just for training with him."

"Allen's probably the most loved icon in the sport," Carolyn Fisher says. "Because he's a people's people. He's like the Roosevelt of arm wrestling. He's there for everyone. You know, you see all these big guys with their heads this big and

they're all full of themselves, and then you'll see Allen giving his time to some schmo who just wants to learn the basics. It's in his heart. He's very well respected. We had his 50th birthday party a couple of years ago, and 300 people showed up. Because they just like him."

The Woman Behind the Man

Carolyn Fisher isn't just the wife of world-champion arm wrestler Allen Fisher. Carolyn Fisher is, herself, a world-champion arm wrestler.

"My first tournament ever, a friend of mine paid the \$10 entry fee for me," Carolyn says, "and they called my name, and I tripped

going up the stairs. I carried my coat with me. I didn't know what I was doing. And the first ten matches, they thought I was fouling, because it was so fast. It was just 'Ready. G—,' and they were down. And then that got me a free trip to the Canadian nationals, and I won lightweight, heavyweight, left arm, and right arm. And that got me a ticket to the world championships, where I met Allen. So it was all kind of like it was meant to be. I was only 19 at that first tournament."

She and Allen met at the world championships in 1985, corresponded for a year, and then met up again at the 1986 nationals. They got

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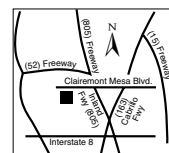
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engaged 11 days after that, and now they've been married for 22 years.

"He's choleric," Carolyn says of Allen. "There's two ways of doing things. His way and the wrong way."

"Freight-train mentality," Allen adds, of himself. "Get on the train, or I'm leaving you behind."

"And I'm a drama queen," smiles Carolyn. "So we've got a very exciting household."

Yet they've made it work for over two decades.

"We know where the low blows are, and we don't go there," Carolyn says. "We just respect it. We'd be hurt. And we have a lot in common. The arm wrestling. We love to travel. And we like our kids."

The Fishers have two bright, energetic, and athletic children. Megan, 18, is a sophomore at Grossmont College, and Austin, 16, attends Heartland Christian private school.

Tonight, Carolyn has cooked a big, healthy dinner for her family. The Fishers seem like a happy bunch, laughing a lot, telling stories, and ribbing each other good-naturedly.

"I was a soccer

mom," says Carolyn, putting her dinner fork down as she tells the story. "But I couldn't just rest on the sidelines. I had to be the assistant coach, even though I'd never played a day of soccer in my life. But

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The whole family laughs together, remembering these stories. "So both of them busted my chops," Carolyn concludes. "One of them by being Type B and the other by being... Type...W."

But it must be awfully tough for Austin and Megan, having two parents who are world champions.

"It's always been a challenge for me," says Austin, over a hearty bowl of his mom's salad, "because I always have to win. No matter if it's computer games, video games, outside with friends: I always have to win."

Why does he have to win? If he loses, won't his parents let him sleep in his own bed at night?

He laughs. "No! No," he says. "I won't let myself sleep. It's like they're world champions, so why can't I be that

good? And that's why I don't get into arm wrestling. Everybody would expect me to be some prodigy child."

Carolyn teaches physical education part-time at Heartland Christian School. And Allen was an architectural metal and glass worker for 22 years. Now both of them are in business with a company called

doing my own thing, and he was, too. And when we got married, and we were going in the same hotel room for the first time, it was very weird. Because I pull right in quiet, and he gets all fired up. And we got into this weird thing, you know? Do we sit by each other? Do we not? So, after a while, we just let each other go, and then

Allen Fisher's only 5'11" and 168 pounds.

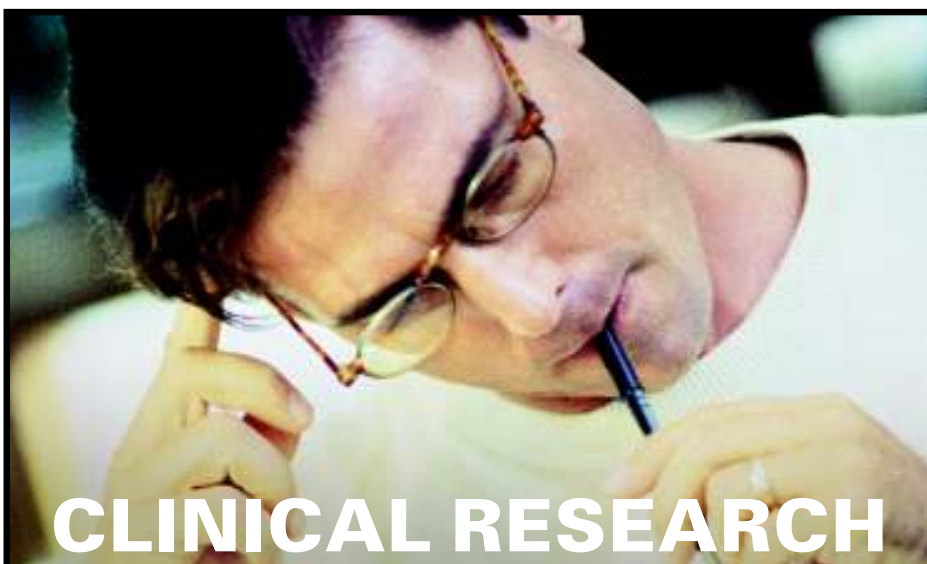
National Safety Associates. They market and sell fruits and vegetables in capsules, in a product called Juice Plus+.

"The interesting thing is," Carolyn is telling the story of how the two champions first went to arm-wrestling competitions together, "before we were married, I was going to tournaments by myself and

I'd bump into him and say, 'Hey, how you doing?' But I do want him there when I'm setting up with a girl. I need him to help me get ready for a match. It's almost like I hear his eyes."

At the highest levels of arm wrestling, the women are just as much machines as the men are. "Those women from Belarus and Germany are

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built for this," Carolyn says. "They mortgage their houses to be arm wrestlers."

But for Carolyn's part, she consciously tries to maintain a balance between femininity and masculinity. "I love competition and I love strength," she says. "But I also love to make people feel special."

Carolyn's formidable musculature is natural; she never lifts weights. So she doesn't look like some female muscle-head. But she tips the scales around 160, and there isn't an ounce of fat on her. She stands about 5'7". And she's 46 years old, but you'd think she's at least ten years younger.

"A lot of times, I'll be arm wrestling a man," Carolyn says, "because he'll hear that I'm a world champion. And when they hear that, they're like, 'Oh, yeah?' And then we'll go, and I'll beat him. But I'll also feel his ego is really big, so I'll try to make jokes to defuse it."

Jake Smith remembers a time when Carolyn was challenged by a wide receiver for the San Diego Chargers. "She pinned him in about two seconds," he says. "And he was, like, 'Oh, okay.'"

And he wanted a rematch. So she pinned him in, like, two seconds again."

After a long arm-wrestling practice one evening, after Fisher's training partners have left, Allen and Carolyn spar a little. They lock into arm-wrestling positions, and Allen spots her two fingers: she uses her full hand against 60 percent of his. They're about even with this handicapping, and they tug and pull at each other with all their might. Neither one

extras in the Sylvester Stallone arm-wrestling movie *Over the Top*.

The film centered around the largest arm-wrestling event of the time, which was held in Las Vegas. During the tournament, Allen Fisher never slept. He was too amped up. "I pinned the last guy at 6 a.m. the second day," he says.

Adds Carolyn, "It was a long shoot. Like, 21 hours. And there were a thousand people there. They filmed it at a real tournament. And we'd

The right hand of Allen Fisher is like a massive slab of beef.

of them is really trying to win, but it's apparent that neither of them wants to lose either. After a minute or so of this, they give each other a nice big hug. It's a beautiful moment, and it encapsulates their relationship perfectly: competing to a standstill on a leveled playing field and then hugging it out in the end.

The Movie

In 1986, Allen and Carolyn Fisher were both

pull while they were filming, and then they'd bring in some actors, and they'd film some more. Allen won first place, \$5000, and that was our down payment for our first house."

Over the Top shows one of Fisher's matches in its entirety. He pins a guy in about two seconds flat, maybe less. If you pause your DVD and watch this two-second clip in super-slow motion, you'll witness the full arm-wrestling

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transformation of Allen Fisher.

He had a thin beard back then, and a good deal more hair, but otherwise Fisher looks pretty much the same. Except for this: in the movie, Fisher's face is fixed into an open-mouthed, jaw-jutting, nostril-flaring, wide-eyed, unblinking, shivering, shaking mask of sheer intensity. He looks terrifying.

Then he pins his man in a flash — even in super-slow motion — and you watch that mask relax ever so slightly. He

lets his breath go and blinks, and his jaw releases its jut a little.

Allen Fisher's game face and his regular face couldn't be any more different if one were chiseled out of stone and the other molded out of clay.

"I asked Stallone which sport he liked more, boxing or arm wrestling," Carolyn remembers. "And he said, 'Arm wrestling is way harder.'"

The History

The history of arm wrestling dates back to

ancient times. You can find stories of arm-wrestling matches to the death, or at least matches until grave injury occurs: scorpions or nails would

Fisher is known for pouncing first and winning fast.

be waiting on the table for the loser's pinned hand.

Modern arm wrestling's popularity can be traced to Charles Schultz's *Peanuts* comic

strip, believe it or not. In 1968, Schultz did 11 strips where Snoopy was traveling to Petaluma, California, to win the world's wrist-wrestling

championships. ABC's *Wide World of Sports* followed suit, showing real matches from Petaluma for the next 16 years.

The longest match in modern arm-

wrestling history lasted 27 minutes. It was between Steve Lusby and Earl Moffner. Their match was shown live on ABC, and they had to cut to commercial in the middle of it. When Lusby and Moffner were finished, they both fainted. Paramedics immediately attended to both men.

In the end, Snoopy was disqualified because you're supposed to lock thumbs with your opponent, and Snoopy had no thumbs. And the sport of arm wrestling receded to sporadic late-

night showings on ESPN.

The Hand

It curls into a fist that's over 13 inches around. The measurement from wrist to tip of the middle finger is 9 full inches. The width of the palm is 6 inches. The five fingers look like a collection of babies' wrists.

The right hand of Allen Fisher is like a massive slab of beef. It's bigger than his left. You might think you could beat this guy arm wrestling, until that hand engulfs yours.

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"There's really no one in the world who has a bigger hand in his weight class," Jake Smith says. "That's the hand of a heavyweight."

"I've never let him spank the kids," Carolyn laughs.

Fisher wears a size 11 ring on his left hand. Very large. But his ring size on his right hand is a 13. Huge. "It costs too much to buy him a ring for his right hand," says Carolyn. "It takes too much gold."

Even the filmmakers of *Over the Top* were taken with Allen Fisher's mythic, monstrous hand. That right hand gets a few seconds of exclusive screen time. It dominates the scene.

Part of the reason why Fisher's right hand and arm are so much bigger than his left is because of an injury he sustained almost 30 years ago. He was working on a construction site, and a plate of glass severed all five of the tendons in his left wrist. He has a scar



Allen Fisher trains at his Spring Valley home.

that winds nearly seven inches up the inside of his left forearm. This is the reason why Fisher doesn't compete left-handed.

"This would be a normal-sized hand," Jake Smith holds up his own very thick and muscular

fist. "And I weigh even more than he does." Then, grabbing Fisher by the wrist, he says, "But look at this thing. It's all girthy and big. Jeez."

The Head

"There's more than just arm-wrestling training," Carolyn says. "There's in your head, too, to be a professional. If you get distracted, you're not going to win."

Adds Allen, "When you're in a competition, you don't hear the people screaming. I shut off everything, and I'm just there in the moment. I'm listening for 'Ready, g-.' I don't even hear the whole word 'go.' I train for 'g-.'"

When it comes to

Allen Fisher's competition-head, the psychological change he undergoes is as extreme as Jekyll becoming Hyde. He becomes a raging storm with a massive arm. You've really got to see how much Allen Fisher, the man, transforms when he becomes Allen Fisher, the arm wrestler. Check ESPN's listings. Or go look up his name on YouTube. It'll give you a sense of how Fisher becomes this other entity entirely. It's a cultivated insanity. His eyes turn wild. He yells and claps his hands and flexes and pounds on the table. It's intimidating, even when you're watching in your living room, much less standing there across from him and getting ready to do battle.

Carolyn says, "Someone said, 'If I had Mike

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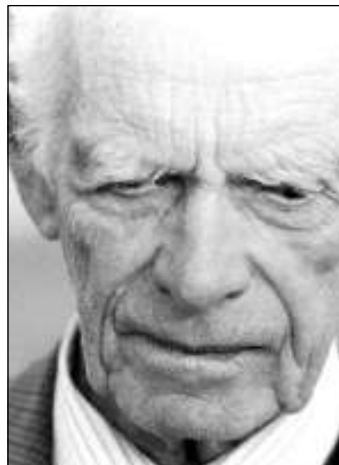
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Tyson or Allen Fisher in a dark alley, I'd rather meet Mike Tyson.' Because Allen just changes. It's his professionalism, his ability to turn it on when he needs it and then turn it off."

Says Allen, "You have to train your mental state all the time. It's like how muscles have memory, and they know what you do. So you have to do things over and over until they become second nature. Well, your mind is the same thing. You have to train your mind to know your move, to not go into sec-

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The Match

An official arm-wrestling table looks like some kind of strange puzzle on four legs. It's got pegs and circles on it, and pads, and if you saw one out of context, you might wonder what on earth it's for.

Competitive arm wrestlers must stand on either side of one of these tables, grip the

pegs, put their elbows in the pads, and have at least one foot on the floor. The other foot is often wrapped around one leg of the arm-wrestling table. Shorter

"It costs \$500 to get to a tournament, and it's \$500 for first place."

competitors may wear boots or thick-soled shoes or even stand on a riser to counter a height disadvantage. The arm wrestlers will grasp each

other's hand, and they have up to a minute to straighten their wrists and achieve a grip that satisfies the referee, who then says, "Ready, go!" The match is over when

one competitor's hand is pinned against the table with the winner's hand over the loser's.

"In an arm-wrestling match, people

will be yelling and screaming," Carolyn says. "The crowd's going wild, and no one wants to see a foul. They're, like, 'Don't foul out.' But one little slip of an elbow... And sometimes these silly little assistant referees are on the side. They're looking for every little thing. And if they so much as see daylight, they call the foul. It's like they're anxious to call it. And most people are saying, 'Just let 'em run!'"

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elbows leaving the table, or trying to escape a pin by breaking out of a grip. Each contestant gets one foul, but on the second foul, he or she is disqualified.

Allen Fisher is one of the quickest arm wrestlers in the sport. He's known for pouncing first and winning fast. Most of his matches last under five seconds, and the majority of those are much shorter than that. The longest he's ever stayed locked up with an opponent in an official match was about two minutes.

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But, despite this quickness, Fisher has only been called for fouls a few times in his whole career.

"There's nothing worse than Allen getting called for a foul that he

didn't commit," Carolyn says. "That gets him so mad. Then all the guys that are arm wrestling him afterwards get scared."

Robert Campbell laughs at this and says,

"Yeah, I liked when you arm wrestled Cobra at Mohegan, and he thought you'd fouled, and he goes, 'Tell him you did it, Allen,' and you were, like, 'Oh? You want to go again? Okay.' And

then you just beat him the same way again."

The Practice

Two or three times a week, around dusk, they meet in a permanent tent that's set up in the

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After a few fast curls, Fisher and his training partners warm up by locking into arm-wrestling postures and pushing at each other with graduating pressure. After a few minutes, they're gasping and straining.

Tonight, Fisher's working out with Jake Smith, 28, and Robert Campbell, 29. Fisher's wife Carolyn is here, too.

"Both Robert and Jake have natural strength because of their employment," Carolyn comments.

Campbell is a contractor, and Smith delivers bottled water.

"Arm wrestlers are meat cutters and bricklayers and hay balers," Carolyn says, only half facetiously. In *Over the Top*, most of the arm wrestlers were truck drivers.

Smith, Campbell, and Allen Fisher are alternating in a sort of arm-wrestling tango, with neither opponent trying to win. Instead, they're pushing each other into vulnerable spots and then trying to fight out of those positions. Real arm-wrestling matches usually last a few seconds, but these warm-up tangos will often go on for over a minute.

"In a real tournament, there's so much intensity in the stable starting position," Campbell says. "And then it's 'Ready. Go!' And then it's done. It's over with. But this is a totally different thing. We're using all the same power



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and technique, but it's like it's in slow motion."

The difference between arm wrestling in a bar or in a workout and arm wrestling in a competition is even more marked than one might imagine. "People will brag, 'Oh, I beat Allen Fisher,'" says Carolyn. "And then you say, 'Oh? At a workout? Or in a competition?' Nobody beats Allen in a competition."

In a competition, Fisher wants to get through each match as quickly as possible, and for a good reason. "When I got started in the sport, it was all inside moves. Hook and drag. Hook and press. We'd get set up inside and we'd both just turn in, and we'd sit there, and we'd hold each other. But I never went that route. People kept telling me that I was so strong inside, so why

didn't I use that move? Well, I knew if I kept going inside, then I'd get locked up for a long time. But I'm looking ahead. I don't want to just win that match. I want first place. So I don't want to get locked up with anyone. My idea, instead, was to pull someone out of their power. So when I would pull, I would turn my body and start to pull away. And it kind of developed. I'd go over the top of his hand and turn my wrist, and it was so easy to hold people, even if the guy weighs 500 pounds."

Carolyn describes the classic Allen Fisher move like this. "He'll get popped out," she says, "and you'll see him look over at the other guy. And you can see him watching and waiting for him to move. And then he'll just lay in or roll out. It's classic. For him

to be in a hook for a second and then to look at the other guy and wait for him to move — he waits for the transition — and then he just beats him to the spot and comes in or pulls out, but either way, he pins the guy, like, a split second after that."

Transitions are the important and minute changes in position that occur throughout an arm-wrestling match. It could be finger pressure, a pronating or supinating wrist, an opening of the bicep, elbow position, tricep pressure, positioning of the legs and body, and on and on. The thing is to feel where your opponent's pressure is coming from, and then, before he or she can change from one move to the next, to counterattack in precisely the best way. That's why Fisher counsels his charges to "keep the

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pressure, no matter what," because if you let up at all through your transitions, you're going to get beaten.

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After an hour or so of working out, Allen reflects on how his practices prepare him for tournaments.

"In sports, you have to be there in the moment," he says. "And not just in competition, but all the time. Because the thing is, muscles have memory. Like these guys, just now, they were forcing me into a hook, and then we were just pulling. But I would never do that a few weeks prior to a competition. Because I'll get in competition, and my muscles will be saying, 'This is what you're going to do in competition.' But that's not what I want to do. I want to do my move."

"It's kind of like thinking negative thoughts," adds Carolyn. "So if he comes to a tournament, he wants to be training in such a way that all he's doing is his move. Over and over, just doing his move, so his muscles remember it. If he does end up in a hook, then he'll cover that when he gets to it. But, chances are, he's creating a 90 percent possibility he's going to do his move."

The Injuries

Two unusual injuries suffered by arm wrestlers are fat lips and bruised bellies. The belly bruises come from leaning in hard against the arm-wrestling table. Allen Fisher wears a towel

wrapped in his waistband to guard against this. And fat lips can occur when an arm wrestler slips out of the grip of his opponent and then punches himself in the face.

"Those injuries have happened to just about everyone at some point or another," says Carolyn.

But about the more serious arm-wrestling injuries — broken bones

and torn ligaments — Allen Fisher says, "You'd rather give some ground than find yourself in a bad position. Better to lose, or have to come from a long way behind, than to break something

or pull something."

This is a lesson that many arm wrestlers will learn the hard way.

Robert Campbell's here at the Fishers' place training, but just three months ago, he broke his

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Jake Smith was there when Campbell's arm broke.

"He was just messing around after a tournament," Smith says. "And I was right there. And I heard what sounded like a broomstick breaking."

"And I was, like, 'Uh-oh,' " says Campbell. "It broke, and my arm flew back, and this ref that was watching us arm wrestle said, 'Ooh, you just broke your arm! Sit down! Sit down!' And I was, like, 'Oh, okay,' And then I realized I could move my hand okay, but when I tried to lift my arm, it wasn't happening."

Spiral fractures of the humerus are just one of the common hazards of arm wrestling. You get your shoulder going one way and you push your hand in the other, and the strain across your arm bone can become too great.

"It only takes about 10 to 12 pounds of pressure to break a bone," Carolyn says.

There can be an upside, however.

"A lot of times when you break a bone, you come back stronger," she adds.

"That's what the doctor told me," agrees Campbell. "He said it will be 20 percent stronger once it heals."

The Money (or Lack Thereof)

Within the coterie of arm wrestlers, Allen Fisher is a legend. But how is it that he isn't rich, or more famous? Why isn't he a household name?

"He's never promoted himself," Carolyn practically whispers, sounding incredulous. Then she adds, "He doesn't know how to do that."

There's also the problem of nonunification within the sport. No strong central governing body promotes arm wrestling the way the

NBA or NFL bring basketball and football into everyone's living room. That's probably the main reason why you haven't heard of Fisher, or John Brzenk, or Steve Bye, or Dave Patton.

And what's the prize money like in professional arm wrestling?

"It's nothing," Carolyn says. "It costs you \$500 to get to a tournament. And it's \$500 or \$600 for first place.

Sometimes we drive somewhere, and we'll go three weight classes each. We'll clean up, and we'll make \$1500 or \$2000. But that's it."

How would that work?

"I'd weigh in for lightweight," Carolyn says. "Of course, this was when I weighed 140. And then I'd enter middleweight and heavyweight. Because you can go higher; you just can't

go down. So we'd both do the same thing, and we'd be, like, 'How much did you get?' "

How much do the Fishers make nowadays from arm wrestling?

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almost simultaneously, laughing.

"How much is Mohegan Sun?" asks Allen, referring to one of the country's bigger tournaments. "A thousand bucks?"

The most he's ever won for a tournament was \$5000 during the filming of *Over the Top*, but payouts anywhere near that large are rarer than rare.

"The only ones making money are guys with sponsors," adds Jake Smith.

"Guys with sponsors, and guys who travel every weekend to some event," says Carolyn.

But no one in the United States — and probably not anyone in the world — makes a living solely by arm wrestling.

The Simple Fact: Size Doesn't Matter

Arm wrestlers run any-

where from 16 years old to well into their 60s.

They can be big or small, athletic or portly, muscular or wiry. It seems that body type doesn't necessarily translate into failure or success.

"It's anybody's game," says Carolyn.

Allen Fisher's training partners, Jake Smith and Robert Campbell, are both made of muscle: huge chests, thick shoulders, and rounded biceps. Smith weighs 177, and Campbell goes about 185. But Fisher himself isn't all that big. The thing about Allen Fisher is that he gets larger in your memory. Maybe it's something about his intensity. You see him, and you size him up, and then you see him in action, and you form an impression of Allen Fisher. In your imagination, the man becomes enormous.

Then you see him again, and it seems that he's lost weight. He's only 5'11" and 168 pounds. Did he shrink?

Says Fisher, "You really don't know who you're up against, at a competition, based on how a guy looks. Sometimes the thinnest, most wiry guy will just kill you, where the big bodybuilder is easy to beat."

"You take Allen," Smith says. "He's never lifted a weight in his life. I promise you, I'd take Allen to the gym, I'm going to destroy him in everything. Except maybe wrist curls. Bench press, kill him. Squats, kill him. But get me on the [arm-wrestling] table with him, and he owns me. And that's just the way it is. He can destroy someone who's 400 pounds like nothing." ■

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I cautiously but firmly pushed the area along the left posterior aspect of his neck, which made him grimace. He'd had excruciating knifelike pain in his left upper chest, left neck, and left arm for almost a week now. Two days before coming into the office, he'd had a temperature of almost 105

degrees. This was his first visit to me with this problem.

"Something bad is going on here," I confirmed. I looked back and forth between their attentive faces. "But the problem's in your neck, not your heart."

Stephan didn't buy it initially, but after ten minutes of explaining why inadequate blood flow to the heart causes intermittent symptoms, without significant fever or focal tenderness, he understood that the problem was in his neck. I could not persuade him, though, that this was an emergency and that he needed to go to the hospital to get an MRI scan of his neck. I knew he was insured through a health

maintenance organization. It would be difficult for me to get approval for a prompt MRI, because the next week would be cut short two days due to the holiday. They would, however, allow an urgent MRI to be ordered through the emergency department.

"It's not my heart, so I'm not going to the hospital to wait for five hours in the emergency room," he concluded. We wouldn't be negotiating this any further, despite my contention that he might have a life-threatening cancer or infection affecting the area next to his spinal cord.

I reluctantly wrote out a prescription for oral morphine and for

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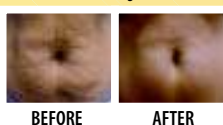
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gabapentin, a medicine for nerve pain, to help him get through the night, and they agreed to come back to the office the following day, or to the emergency room before that if anything changed for the worse.

Because I split time between offices in Alameda and Berkeley, I was not in the Berkeley office the next day when he came back, so his appointment was with David, the other family practice physician in our office. When David told him again that this was not a situation where it was safe to wait for insurance authorizations, Stephan grabbed his medical chart from David's hands and stormed out the door. He was heading to the hospital, just a block from our office.

Carol, our clever, lovable office manager with a mischievous grin that reminds me of my five-year-old daughter, and Kathryn, a high-level administrator in our practice, saw him leave. They devised a plan. They went to the emergency room, where Carol was able

to retrieve Stephan's office chart. They safely delivered it back to its home location, and it seemed our mission had reached a successful conclusion.

Stephan ruined that illusion a short time later when he appeared again in the Berkeley office waiting room, having been thrown out of the emergency room for what had been perceived as belligerent behavior. I wondered why someone couldn't have seen that extra efforts should have been made to

"He needs immediate surgery."

help this man experiencing torture-level pain. Meanwhile, Carol took the time to calm Stephan down enough to escort him back to the emergency room.

Our local emergency department consistently impresses me with the high level of compassionate and competent care they give my patients, but not this time. When to my surprise and horror Stephan surfaced again with his wife Tamara the following Wednesday

morning, heavily sedated but otherwise untreated, I knew we would have to assemble our collective machetes and bulldozers. Carol and Reggie, our designated referral chief and premedical student, whose dry sense of humor and fondness for pranks keep us all on our toes, started making phone calls to the MRI facilities listed under Stephan's independent provider association's (IPAs) radiology providers, knowing that we needed to find a facility

that would squeeze in this one-hour test on the day before Thanksgiving. The IPA informed us that we had to find a facility before they would give us an authorization, while the facilities expected us to give them the authorization number before they would schedule the test.

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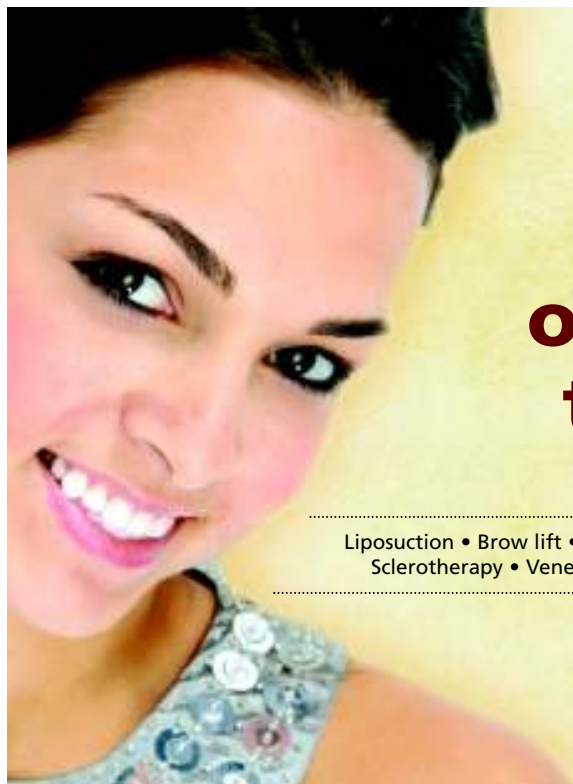
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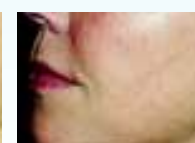
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Reggie finished explaining this to me at 2:40. I knew I had only one hope, and that was to call the radiologist at the local facility.

"Jim," I pleaded, after describing my patient, "I know you all want to go home, but sometimes we have to do what needs to be done, and you are the only person who can help him right now."

"Can he get here in five minutes?"

I knew Stephan was at a pharmacy just down the street.

"Yes," I said.

"Send him over." Reggie called the IPA and got the authorization. Carol called Tamara. Ninety minutes later, Jim paged me.

"He has an eight-centimeter abscess right next to the left side of his lower cervical and upper thoracic spinal cord," Jim explained. "He needs immediate surgery."

Jim then walked out to find our patient. He said, "There doesn't appear to be anyone here." Apparently, his staff was so determined to get out early that they'd all left the building and told Stephan to leave as well.

I had Tamara's cell phone number, so I thanked Jim and reassured him that

I would locate Stephan. Tamara answered the phone driving home on the freeway. I told her what we had found and said, "You have to turn around and go back to the hospital," which she did.

The neurosurgeon operated on Stephan the following morning, removing a section of bone from several consecutive vertebral bones (a laminectomy) and cleaning out the pus-filled abscess. When I went to see him later in his sixth-floor room with a sweeping view of San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge, he was asleep, but Tamara met me in the hall, gave me a long bone-crushing hug, and thanked me. She had dark sleep-deprivation raccoon rings around her eyes but assured me she was okay. "I know I'm overdue for an appointment with you, but I'll see you soon."

The next day I found Stephan sitting upright in the company of friends and enjoying the view. He introduced me and said to his friends, "I have to give the doctor his props. He was the one guy who right from the beginning knew where the problem was. I gave him a bad time, but he was right."

I asked Stephan how he felt. "The pain is almost gone," he said. He pointed to his surgical wound, a vertical line down the back of his neck to shoulder level, with a gentle indentation in the space that the spinous processes of his vertebral bones had formerly occupied. "I can deal with this."

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The sense of relief he projected exceeded mine, but not by much. I allowed myself a wide smile. "I'm so glad" was all I could say.

A few days later, he stopped by the Berkeley office. Previously, he'd never shown us any face other than pride and anger. He shocked us all with hugs for everyone in the office, calling Carol his "angel" while weeping in gratitude, prompting her to pull me aside to confirm that "This is what makes all that we do worth it."

Almost a month later, with Christmas just a few days away, Stephan came back for a follow-up appointment, during which he shook me firmly by the hand and informed me that he now was almost pain free without any medication and that he had full strength in his left arm and hand. He had even resumed lifting weights.

While he was in the hospital, Stephan had opened discussions with his surgeon and with me about where the abscess had come from. "Shooters," what physicians call people who use intra-

venous drugs, get spinal abscesses from the bacteria they unintentionally inject into their bloodstream, but these abscesses are otherwise rare. "The neurosurgeon said it probably came from some dental work I had done a month ago," he'd told me when I came to see him in the hospital. Deep cleanings and procedures involving injury to the gums can cause some of the hordes of bacteria living in the mouth

In any case, this was one of those "bad things happen for no good reason" scenarios that we see often in my line of work, and I was thrilled to see that he had made a complete recovery.

"I want to make you aware of something so you're not caught off guard," he began, and I sensed the end of the happy part of our conversation. "I have consulted three attorneys, and I just want to warn you that they

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to disseminate into the bloodstream and cause infections in other parts of the body. The chances of an otherwise healthy person getting a spinal infection from a dental procedure, however, are similar to the probability of lightning striking one's spinal cord. Perhaps the stab wound to his chest so many years ago had left some scar or pocket that the bacteria had invaded.

want to see your records. They don't want anything having to do with my colonoscopy or matters like that. They want any records that might show a delay in diagnosis so they can sue you. I want to sue the dentist, but the attorneys want to look over what you did also. I've told them, 'I think that all you'll find is that he was the guy who found the

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problem and ordered the MRI so that I could see the surgeon. You are the reason I am standing here today, the reason I'm not dead. I do not want you to be named in the lawsuit."

I thumbed through the chart, gathering my thoughts to come up with a careful answer. His words surprised me only a little, and I chuckled inside the way one does after locating a lost wallet only to find it empty. This is our world, and I have been around long enough to know that pulling out all the stops to save a life does not mean you won't later have to face lawyers.

I said, "I have to tell you that to me this would be an extreme miscarriage of justice. Especially when you look at what everyone here did for you."

He acknowledged that. "I don't want you to be involved, but the attorneys said that they have to review your records. I told the attorney about how you even saw me when I did not have an appointment, during your break when you were going

to go to your other office." Thanks, I had forgotten that, but malpractice attorneys do not have any interest in whatever beneficence a potential physician defendant might have shown; it is their goal to make as much money as possible, and the more professionals they can name in a lawsuit, the more money they stand to make.

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"I know. I don't want this to happen. But you need to understand. While this was going on and days were passing and I was in so much pain..." He cringed with the memory. "I own a .44 Magnum and I took it out and put it up to my mouth several times." He said this slowly, looking me in the eye with his left thumb up and left index finger directed between his lips. "Because I would have done anything to end the pain."

Someone had to pay for the pain, even if it had to be the innocent dentist and me. I assumed at that point that

his attorneys had told him they would not accept his case unless I were included, so I shook his hand, thanked him for the "heads up," and notified Marc, our practice administrator.

He said, "Jim, you need to sit down right now and write down everything that you can remember of what happened and what he said to you." I knew this already and that I would be submitting this to our malpractice carrier to prepare for what might come, so I sat down at the computer and did as I was told.

"I'm fried!" was Carol's reaction. "How can he possibly do that?"

My boss likes to remind me that no good deed goes unpunished, but this seemed over the top to me. In the end, Stephan reached the same conclusion. One month later, at the end of his follow-up appointment, he declared, "I decided not to go ahead with the suit. It was not anyone's fault, and everyone here has been nothing but good to me." ■

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Cover Story

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Posted by dggirl on June 5, 9:50 a.m.

I just read this story and I'm appalled. I would like Staci and the entire Thrasher family to know that they are in the thoughts and prayers of so many of us. Doug Garcia's family should be ashamed of themselves. It's obvious that they taught their son nothing as he has shown no remorse and not an ounce of respectability. I would love to see a response from them.

Posted by qqqqjim on June 5, 12:07 p.m.

What a tragic story. I lost my beautiful daughter

eight months ago unexpectedly to an accident so I certainly understand how Staci feels. And I too am appalled at the sorry excuse for a justice system you were put through. Doug Garcia sounds like a total parasite not unlike Seth Cravens. Just remember Staci, 'what goes round comes round'. I'd be interested to see where this piece of trash ends up down the road.

God Bless You.

Posted by Raina99 on June 5, 1:30 p.m.

Staci, I go to the same coffee shop every day and I pass the reader every Thursday and I don't pick it up. Today all I had to do was read the headline and my heart sunk. Oh how I remember those words. My sister Raina Bybee and her best friend Tiffany Savage were both killed in Poway in 1999. We have so many of the same ties to our stories.

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ment would not investigate -28 year old man with no remorse and tried to blame the girls

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-Raina's funeral was also at a Mormon church

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I feel like I read this story for a reason. My mother and I are very passionate and still angry. We are very active in the community. Contact us if you wish to talk. My heart mourns with you.

Posted by spsassociates on June 5, 2:04 p.m.

I am so sorry that our so called justice system put Jadean's family through additional hell. It seems to me that Doug Garcia's family have some kind of inside connection with the police and that he should have been investigated from the beginning. A 26 year old man driving teenage girls where one is killed is very suspicious and the fact

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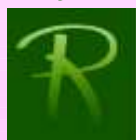
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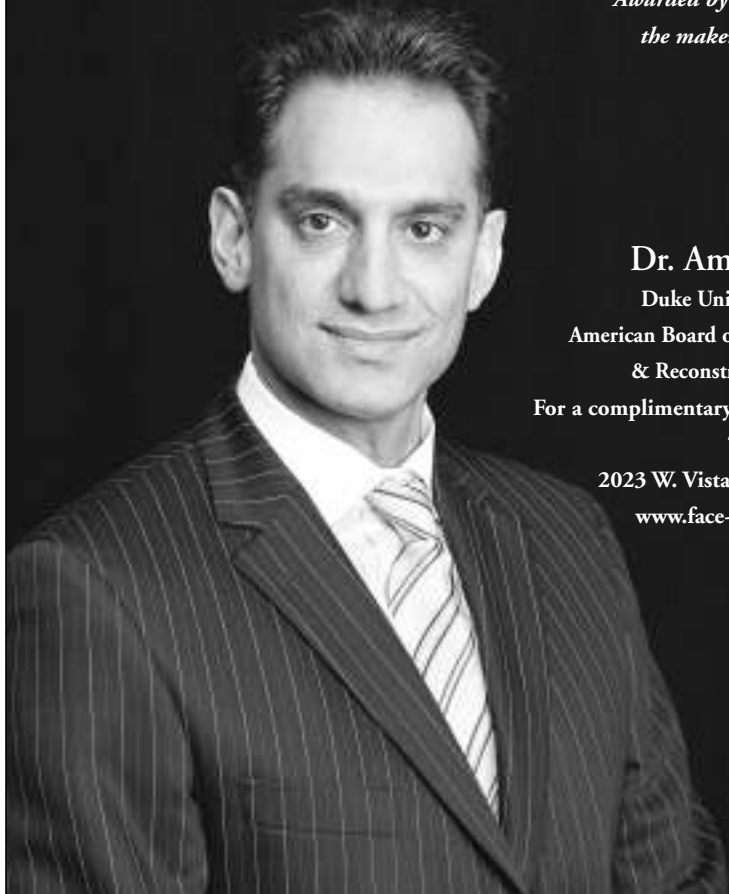
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that he was not investigated for sexual misconduct is appalling. I am totally disgusted with the police, the court and most of all with Doug Garcia. I am not related to this family and never heard of them until I read this story and I too am angry. Doug Garcia needs to be held accountable. How can we trust our police if they allow scum like this to get away with sexually exploiting teenage girls and contributing to the death of a child. I guess if your family has enough money in our society you can get away with it.

Posted by soshimo on June 5, 2:33 p.m.

I'm disgusted by how the Sheriff's dept handled, or mishandled as it were, this case. It screams of the kind of kick back or under the table dealings that are so prevalent in law enforcement today. It is certainly interesting that the perpetrator's family paid his bail, in cash, the day he was arraigned. A 100k bail mind you. Not the kind of money normal people have tucked away, at least not to the point that it can be liquid so soon. I'm willing to bet my very small salary that

this guys family has political ties somewhere.

I do wish the author luck in her wrongful death suit, especially in light of how the perpetrator has treated her so far. Instead of showing dignity or at least expressing some form of regret for what he did, he serves the writer a restraining order on the anniversary of her daughter's death. Very crass indeed.

Posted by floralturtle on June 6, 10:07 a.m.

I found this story to be a pathetic cry for pity. This woman clearly feels incredibly guilty for what happened to her daughter.

I wanted to sympathize with Staci, I really did but, it was difficult to sympathize with a woman who starts the story talking about getting hammered. Her overall tone seemed whiny to me. She is trying to justify her ignorance regarding her daughter by persecuting this man.

Of course this man deserves no sympathy either but kids do stupid stuff, they experiment with drugs, they hang out with the wrong people, they go drop e in the middle of nowhere and they don't always wear

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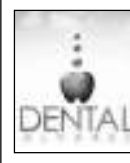
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their seatbelts.

Although it saddens me that her daughter died at such an early age and that the death could have been prevented, you are responsible for yourself. Her daughter is as guilty as the driver of that car and as guilty as her mother.

Posted by Greta on June 7, 9:32 a.m.

I just finished reading this article and these comments. I feel so sorry for Staci and her family. I feel

sorry that Staci needs help dealing with her loss and I agree with some of everyone's comments. I have followed the legal system for decades and I believe it needs to be improved. But I don't believe Staci is going about this in the right way. She goes on and on about all the yelling at different agencies and people and how the Judge was wrong, and this and that. It really detracted from the story. Judges don't make the law,

they follow a very specific set of rules and guidelines that were in place and created by legislation. If a Judge sways, and some do, then their decision usually gets challenged and you know the rest of the story... Usually the appeal overrules a Judge's decision that falls outside the sentencing guidelines. Staci is spending her time making posters and t-shirts attacking the Judge, when she should be channeling this negative

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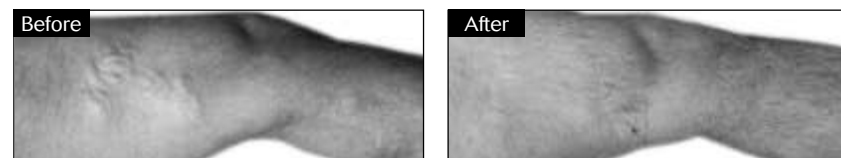
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energy to try to change legislation in Sacramento or at the nations capital. And police and sheriff's have to follow the rules too. I frankly was getting tired of all the references Staci made about her upper handed remarks and rude and insulting comments she made to everyone in the system who disagreed with her. Almost like she was keeping a score card. Our police don't have to stand there and be yelled at, or insulted when they make an attempt to express their condolences, and they don't have to return phone calls if they know all they are going to get is more of the same. I am a retired school teacher. I have dealt with parents every single day of my 29 years of teaching. The vast majority of the interactions was highly positive. Yet from time to time there were parents who simply were out of touch with what was going on in their child's life, and with often tragic consequences. And there were those parents who expected the school system or police department to clean up their mess at home, or wave a magic wand and fix all the injustices.

I support our police and sheriff, but I don't always agree with them and I am the first to support weeding out the bad ones. But I see nothing in her article to suggest there was anything the sheriff department could have done differently, and I am not convinced it was all as Staci's account suggests it was. I don't blame the detective Wells for not returning her phone calls if all Staci was going to do is be rude and insulting and creaming for something that could not be produced for her. I have to imagine the authorities would have loved to figure out a way to lock this person up and throw away the key!

I hope Staci can come to grips with her tragic loss and channel her energy for real changes.

City Light, by Dorian Hargrove

Published June 5

Posted by a_girl_in_oceanside on June 4, 3:01 p.m.

Minorities should embrace JROTC. Afterall, it's this country's great military that allows the freedom

that so many flock here to find.

Maybe they should start protesting wrestling next—since it trains students in the art of grappling and submission.

Posted by Fred_Williams on June 4, 3:23 p.m.

Hi Girl in Oceanside,
I served in the military, completing two cruises with squadrons at Miramar. I was Sailor of the Month for my squadron and recommended for the academy by my commanding officer.

Since that time I've lived and worked not only here, but in Europe and Asia, interacting with people from around the world and learning a few languages along the way.

So I can completely disagree with you with total confidence.

Our military is NOT what makes us great. Quite the contrary. The military is a necessary evil in an unjust world. Our founding fathers didn't even want a standing military, preferring to only call up soldiers as the need arose.

The world admires us (or used to admire us) for our freedom, our creativity, our ability to advance from poverty to wealth.

The world admires our music, our films, our open spaces and natural places. Only a few isolated nuts are gung ho about our advanced weaponry.

The military doesn't allow freedom. In fact, when you sign that contract you sign away a number of constitutional rights for the duration. And if the military chooses, they can unilaterally extend that contract as long as they like. It's like indentured servitude, the close-cousin to slavery.

Recruiters lie. I know it. Everyone who's ever been in the military knows it. They take the gullible young and tell them whatever they want to hear. The truth is you sign your life away when you sign that contract.

The fact that minorities are over-represented in the military is because for many it's the only choice they have left. There is often no other path to getting out of the ghetto. So they believe the promises, only to find themselves chipping paint in the sun, all the offers of job training long

forgotten.

I was one of the fortunate few who got real world training that served me well in later life. The overwhelming majority of my shipmates were taught skills relevant solely to the military. There isn't a lot of demand for bomb loaders in the civilian world, my friend.

The truth is that the schools have so abdicated their responsibilities to teach basic academic skills like research and writing that we are falling far behind as a nation. The proliferation of JROTC and the shanghaiing of students into the programs against their will is a bad sign.

I do support JROTC, but only as a conscious choice. Not as a place to warehouse students until they are graduated and left with few alternatives but enlistment.

Posted by tomo_chan on June 7, 8:39 p.m.

Me and my friends are part of the JROTC program at MMHS. After reading this article on the Reader we quickly rushed to the computer to create an account so we could post a comment. We were all really upset that this article was giving the entire JROTC program a bad face just because there have been some problems in some schools. JROTC is a great class that teaches kids leadership and trust. We learn how to work in groups. There is no 'I' in JROTC. We all either swim together or we sink together.

I'm not going to lie. The only reason I joined JROTC was because I didn't want to do PE. After a while, though, you begin to like the program. JROTC pretty much forces you to interact and eventually become friends with people you normally wouldn't even talk to. You learn to work for what you want because nothing is just handed to you in JROTC.

This might sound corny, but after a while JROTC stops being a class, and the people in it just classmates. They become your family. That is why we were all really upset by that article. Not all JROTC programs are like the ones described on this article. We just hope people realize that.

Dying Ocean, Dying Bay

Beach Cleanup in Oceanside

In the mid to late 1990s, we saw a lot of contamination — from places like the shipyards in particular — flowing freely off those sites, like Southwest Marine and NASSCO [National Steel and Shipyard Company],” says Bruce Reznik, executive director of San Diego Coastkeeper. “When they were working on those ships — painting them, cleaning them — they really didn’t have any pollution control, any policies or procedures. You could see paint and toxins flowing into the bay.”

Reznik partnered with the Natural Resources Defense Council in the late '90s and sued Southwest Marine, “the Navy’s largest ship-repair and maintenance facility on the West Coast.” In June

2002, when the United States Supreme Court refused to hear the shipyard’s appeal, the company was fined \$799,000 and instructed to reduce the amount of pollution it was discharging into San Diego Bay.

“They were required to build a storm-water capture-and-treatment device and send a lot of their waste over to Point Loma,” says Reznik. During litigation a judge ordered divers to investigate the area (now owned by defense company BAE Systems). “Essentially, the leaseholds were devoid of life — everything around where those shipyards were was dead in the bay. Contamination had been going on literally for decades.”

As part of their crusade to promote a healthy ocean, San Diego Coastkeeper hosts

bimonthly beach cleanups. The next takes place at Buccaneer Beach in Oceanside on Saturday, June 14.

“At our average cleanup, we have well over 100 volunteers,” says Reznik. According to Coastkeeper’s annual report, last year more than 2800 volunteers removed three and a half tons of trash from local beaches as part of the monthly cleanups. Debris included cigarette butts, plastic food containers, Styrofoam, syringes, and fireworks.

“Most people see [cleanups] as a way to beautify their beaches, but what a lot of folks don’t realize is that when you do that, you’re actually protecting the ocean. One of the biggest contamination issues is plastics, which get into the ocean and become marine debris and don’t break down.”

Much of the rubbish from the California coast ends up in the North Pacific gyre. “A gyre is a current system,” Reznik explains. “According to studies right now, in the top layer of the ocean, plastic outweighs natural plankton, which is the base of the food chain, by at least a six-to-one ratio in the gyre. It is estimated that that area called the ‘Great Pacific Garbage Patch’ is as large as one to two times the size of the entire continental United States.” Some oceanographers estimate there is in excess of 100 million tons of trash collected in the gyre, located between California and Japan.

Perhaps the most insidious type of plastic debris is the nurdle, plastic pellets that come from the production of plastic. “Nurdles are small, and [animals] think they are food,” says Reznik. All kinds of



plastic, he continues, “get ingested by birds, fish, and marine mammals that actually die from ingestion. They literally just fill up on plastic and aren’t getting any nutrition.”

Reznik explains that a bill regarding the “nurdle hurdle” is pending. “The legislation is about how to control nurdles at the source to make sure they’re not falling off [ships] when companies transport them.” Reznik, also an attorney, sued Caltrans in 1997 (and reached a settlement in 1999) to reduce urban-runoff pollution.

“There are a lot of things you can do to reduce urban runoff,” says Reznik. “You can put in grates that act as sieves in a normal storm drain. Even something as simple as cleaning out the storm drains...a lot of muck accumulates naturally, and Caltrans never cleaned them before our lawsuit.” As a result of the settlement, Caltrans must annually clean 15,000 storm drains and spend \$2.5 million toward designing and implementing pollution-control devices.

Reznik likens a polluted environment to a sick patient. “First, you do triage: you stop the bleeding and the immediate threat. Once that’s done, you nurse them back to health, and when the patient is stabilized you can have an impact on their behavior

so they don’t end up back in the hospital. You stop the smoking, drinking — the root cause of why they ended up in the hospital to begin with.”

One example of this is the city’s history of chronic sewer spills. “For over a five-year period, from 1995 to 2000, we were averaging a sewage spill a day,” says Reznik. “We sued the City and reached a settlement. It turned out that the City just wasn’t investing in the sewer infrastructure. We have a 3000-mile sewer system, and 1000 miles was beyond its life expectancy.”

Since the suit in 2000, the City has invested \$250 million of the agreed-upon \$1 billion to upgrade the sewer infrastructure. As a result, says Reznik, “Sewer spills have gone down over 80 percent.”

— Barbarella

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Serene Lake Wohlford lies near the headwaters of Escondido Creek, its mirror-like surface reflecting the shaggy-with-chaparral, boulder-studded hillsides that confine it. As early as 1895, water impounded for the benefit of Escondido's farms and households began to collect behind a small dam here. The present, larger Wohlford Dam, completed in 1924, holds back a maximum 7100 acre-feet of water — not a lot, even by San Diego County standards. Much of the water entering Lake Wohlford today comes by way of the Escondido Canal, which originates at a point on the upper San Luis Rey River.



Twilight at Lake Wohlford

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To get to Lake Wohlford from Escondido, travel east on Valley Parkway. At Washington Avenue, Valley Parkway becomes Valley Center Road. Continue another 0.8 mile to Lake Wohlford Road and turn right. Drive 1.9 miles uphill to Oakvale Drive, again on the right. Drive 0.7 mile on Oakvale to a gated dirt road on the left, which leads to a parking area for public access to the south shore of Lake Wohlford.

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From the parking area itself, one segment of the shoreline path

called the Oakvale Trail goes 0.2 mile west, while the other segment, the Egret Trail, winds north for about 0.3 mile.

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Gumboots They're high rubber boots, and also a type of dance developed in mines by slave laborers, now considered an "international celebration of South African heritage." Screening hosted by African Arts Council of San Diego Museum of Art. 619-232-7931. Friday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

La Destinazione This 2000 film by Piero Sanna starring Roberto Magnani and Elisabetta Balia screens in Italian with English subtitles. 619-237-0601. Friday, June 13, 7 p.m.; \$2. Italian Community Center, 1669 Columbia Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

A Perfect Full-Moon Movie! Enjoy *An American Werewolf in London* during Stone Late-Night Movies series on 11.5-foot-wide screen. Bring lawn chairs, blankets.

760-471-4999. Wednesday, June 18, 9 p.m.; ages 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Buy Gasoline? Stone late-night movie series continues when documentary creators Scott Roberts and Jeremy Wagener present *Gas Hole*, their film examining "many different potential solutions to our oil dependence." Discussion at 8 p.m., screening at 8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and "get comfy." 760-471-4999. Tuesday, June 17, 8 p.m.; \$5. Ages 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Cinematic Head Trip! Stanley Kubrick's 1968 science-fiction classic *2001: A Space Odyssey* screens for spring film festival. 858-454-3541. Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

El Cajon Video and Film Festival Emerging filmmakers exhibit their work during third annual event. Awards ceremony: 6:30 p.m. 619-

444-3770. Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.; \$20. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

Jack and the Beanstalk Big Joe Productions takes stage through Sunday, June 15. Next up: *Pico's Pail*, presented by Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers, June 18-22. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, June 12, 10 a.m.; Friday, June 13, 10 a.m.; Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.; Sunday, June 15, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, June 18, 10 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Stone Soup Feeds the World San Diego Junior Theatre presents familiar story of making something out of nothing. Author Dane Stauffer's has created this musical adaptation of the classic tale. All ages. 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; through Sunday, June 15, 2008, \$5-\$10. Ages 8 and up. The Theatre on Third, 250 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

All Aboard! Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides. Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. Saturday, June 14, 12:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 15, 12:30 p.m.; Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

Animal Tales Story Time Enjoy animal stories, crafts, and of course, animals. 619-243-3432. Sunday, June 15, 1 p.m.; \$3. Ages 4 and up. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Design a Dinosaur Habitat Plants, soil, dinosaurs provided during this "Secrets of the Garden" parent participation program. Bring a 10-12" diameter container to create a container garden. For those four and older with an adult. 619-660-0614. Friday, June 13, 6 p.m.; \$12-\$15. Ages 4 and up. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Foam Flyers Make a "nifty little glider" from a foam plate during family science day. Sessions lasting 45 minutes are included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. Saturday, June 14, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; \$6-\$15. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Henna Workshop Natasha Papousek of Crescent Moon Designs will be on hand to lead program for those 12-17. 858-538-8159. Tuesday, June 17, 10:30 a.m.; ages 12 and up. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Saturday Storytelling Professional storyteller Harlynn Geisler weaves "fanciful tales around museum masterpieces." 619-239-5548 x105. Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.; ages 5 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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museum. Winner takes home \$300. Signups start at 6:30 p.m. 619-957-3264. Wednesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Pachyforms 2: Bonsai Succulents Philippe de Vosjoli and Rudy Lime plan presentation on their new book, which “focuses on cultivation of caudiciform and pachycaul plants, species with unusually thick or globose bodies that naturally develop into sculptural forms.” View exhibit of mature bonsai succulents; pre-bonsai plants for sale. Included in regular admission. 760-436-3036. Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Shadow of Power Steve Martini signs his “Paul Madriani” legal thriller. 858-268-4747. Friday, June 13, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

The Noble Deer: A Tale of Wisdom and Redemption from India Shadow puppetry by San Diego Guild of Puppetry, with performance followed by interactive demonstration of shadow puppets, for Second Saturday series. Included in museum admission. Reservations: 760-735-3355. Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.; Mingei International Museum — North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

The Nuremberg Legacy: How the Nazi War Crimes Trials Changed the Course of History Judge Norbert Ehrenfreund discusses his critically acclaimed book.

Norbert Ehrenfreund has served as a judge for 30 years in Superior Court of California; he served as a correspondent for *Stars and Stripes* during the Nuremberg trials. 858-456-1800. Saturday, June 14, 7 p.m.; D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Undiscovered Oscar-nominated actress Debra Winger discusses her new book for “Distinguished Author Series.” Book’s vignettes reveal “how she has drawn on her creative talents to transform a successful career into a fulfilling life.” Her acting credits include more than 20 films, including *An Officer and a Gentleman*, *Terms of Endearment*, and *Shadowlands*. 858-362-1348. Tuesday, June 17, 7:30 p.m.; \$20-\$24. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Brilliant and Provocative? *Snow Falling on Cedars* author David Guterson discusses and signs his new novel, *The Other*, described as a novel about youth and idealism. 858-454-0347. Thursday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Bringin’ Baby Jana Kohl brings her three-legged dog Baby to discuss her book *A Rare Breed of Love*, aiming to “stop animal suffering everywhere.” Signing follows. 858-454-0347. Monday, June 16, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Chelsea Lately Stand-up comedian, television host, author, actress Chelsea Handler takes stage. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Saturday, June 14, 8 p.m.; \$29-\$35. Pala Casino, 35008 Pala Temecula Road. (PALA)

Legal Thriller Author Steve Martini signs his new “Paul Madriani” novel, *Shadow of Power*.

OUT & ABOUT

CINEMATIC HEAD TRIP! 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Thursday, June 12.

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619-522-7390. Saturday, June 14, 3 p.m.; Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Local Author Talk Caitlin Rother discusses, signs *Twisted Triangle*, her “factual account of a kidnapping, attempted murder, and love triangle between two married FBI agents and crime novelist Patricia Cornwell.” 619-295-2201. Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m.; Borders Books and Music — Mission Valley, 1072 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Ocean Beach Comedy Enjoy “an underground comedy show” including Aristotle Athiras, Kyle Smith. 619-222-6822. Friday, June 13, 7 p.m.; Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

San Diego Crime Author Don Winslow signs, discusses *The Dawn Patrol*. He’s also writer of *The Winter of Frankie Machine*. 858-268-4747. Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

See You at the Fights! Agitprop Gallery and artasauthority.com present “Art Tapout,” described as a live studio critique in front of public. Artists in the cage: Sandra Doore, Chris Warr, Zuri Waters,

Joe Yorty, Claire Zitzow; the “challenger and art critic” is Kevin Freitas, referee is David White. Each artist will present a series of artworks to the public and the critic, for an “open mike” discussion on the artistic merits, significance, and the importance of the work displayed. All work selected remains on view through Sunday, July 13. 619-384-7989. Saturday, June 14, 7 p.m.; Agitprop Gallery, 2837 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

The Vilna Resistance Laurel Corona discusses the book she co-wrote with Michael Bart, *Until Our Last Breath*, telling the story of the Vilna resistance movement through the eyes of a surviving young couple. 619-236-5800. Wednesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

LECTURES

“Cacti and Agaves and Yuccas of California and Nevada” Photographer and botanist Stephen Ingram speaks for California Native Plant Society meets in Casa del Prado room 104. 619-282-3645. Tuesday, June 17, 7

p.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Insight Seminar: All’s Well That Ends Well” Seminars with actors, designers, directors are offered for each Old Globe production; artists from all phases of production process meet with patrons to exchange ideas and insights. 619-23-GLOBE. Monday, June 16, 6:30 p.m.; the Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

“Intarsia” Intarsia (*opere di commessi*), also called *pietra dura*, is the inlaying of polished stones to create a picture or mosaic pattern, commonly seen in 15th Century Florentine art. Ray Pierce illuminates technique for Palomar Gem and Mineral Club. 760-743-0809. Wednesday, June 18, 7 p.m.; Joslyn Senior Center-Escondido, 210 Park Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

“MFA 08” Annual exhibition of work by graduating master of fine art students from department of visual arts at UCSD runs June 6-July 6. Exhibiting artists lead guided tours of show with sculpture, interactive media, film/video, photography, installation. RSVP: 858-534-2107. Saturdays, 2 p.m.; through Saturday, July 5, 2008, University Art Gallery at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

“Mulch, Compost, Fertilizer!” Water Wise Series continues with examination of benefits of mulch, compost, fertilizer by landscape designer Jan Tubiolo and master composter Elizabeth Ramos. 619-660-0614. Saturday, June 14, 1 p.m.; \$15-\$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

“Pet Acupuncture Lecture” Learn about acupuncture as a healing therapy for pets when certified veterinary acupuncturist Dr. Patricia Ungar, DVM, speaks on benefits. Class for people only. 619-

243-3424. Wednesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.; \$10. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

“Really Reliable Recall” Frustrated when Rover won’t “come when called”? Remedy problem during workshop. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

“South African Plants for a California Garden” South Africa offers wide variety of plants suitable for California friendly garden. Jason Kubrock teaches students how to identify and care for these plants which demand little water but look lush in landscape, June 12, 19, 26. During Saturday class (June 28). Advance registration required: 760-436-3036 x206. Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m.; \$80-\$100. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

“Sustainable and Fire-Safe Planting” Landscape architect Marian Marum presents landscaping ideas addressing fire safety, water conservation, storm runoff. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$15. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

“The Authentic Garden” “How do we create a landscape that works in harmony with our climate, history, and daily life?” Claire Sawyer speaks in Casa del Prado room 101. 619-232-5762. Tuesday, June 17, 7 p.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Plight of Older Women in Prison” Panel discussion hosted by San Diego Chapter of OWL, the voice of older and midlife women. 858-488-4784. Saturday, June 14, 1 p.m.; First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

“Viaggio in Italia” Get authentic travel tips during night hosted by Acqua Al 2 and Italian Community Center. Complimentary authentic Tuscan cuisine, language lesson on common Italian phrases. Flights of Italian wines: \$12 per person. RSVP: 619-230-0382. Tuesday, June 17, 5:30 p.m.; Acqua Al 2, 322 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

“Where I Have Been and Where I Am Going” Emily Martin, owner of Naughty Dog Press, presents visual survey of recent and ongoing projects for book arts lecture series. Martin’s work incorporates images, text, sculptural formats. 858-454-5872. Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.; Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

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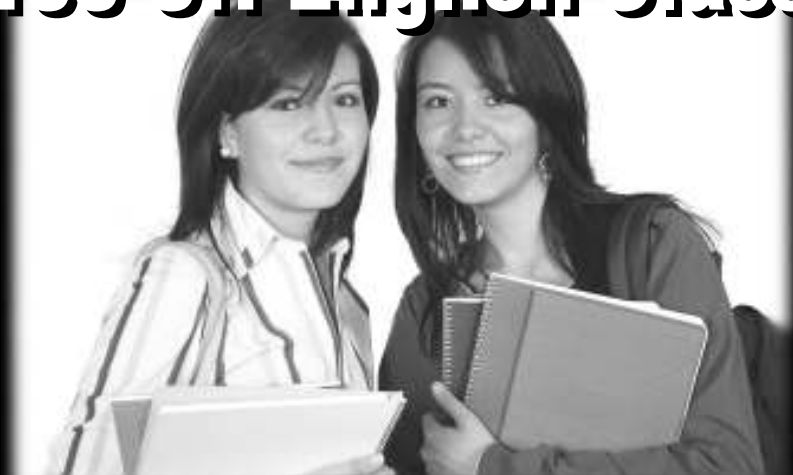
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ready sizzling temperatures inland.
If it weren't for the ocean's enor-
mous resistance to changes in tem-
perature, the hottest weather along
the coast would occur soon after
the summer solstice — June 20.
Our warmest beach weather will
probably not arrive until August or
September, just about the time the
ocean water temperatures are
peaking.

Elderberry, two species of which
range over most of San Diego
County, is in full bloom this
month. The flat-topped, creamy-
white blossoms of this large shrub
or small tree can be seen in the nat-
ural coastal canyon areas such as
Tecolote Canyon and Los
Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, as
well as in the more moist areas of
the foothills and mountains. The
elderberry's tiny fruits, which
ripen in late summer, have tradi-
tionally been used for various
drinks and preserves.

The Chirping of Crickets tells
us the warmer weather of summer
is well on its way. Their plaintive
pleadings for mates are heard
wherever bits of semi-natural
scenery cut across the urban
tapestry of San Diego. Try the
Spruce Street suspension foot-
bridge, just west of Balboa Park be-
tween Front and Brant streets.
From the swaying deck of the 70-
foot-high bridge you can admire a
canyon filled with green and gold
grasses, nasturtiums, and eucalyp-
tus, pepper, and palm trees. Sound
effects begin by mid-afternoon.

Earliest Sunrise This Year, reck-
oned in Daylight Saving Time, oc-
curs Saturday, June 14 at 5:38 a.m.
This event occurs about a week be-
fore the longest day of the year —
the summer solstice — because of
factors related to the shape of
Earth's orbit and the angle between
Earth's axis and the plane of its re-
volution around the sun.

June's Full Moon, which occurs
Wednesday, June 18, is sometimes
called the “rose moon,” “straw-
berry moon,” or “honey moon”
because of its tinted color. Espe-
cially when seen from the high
northern latitudes, the June full
moon always stays quite close to
the horizon, where its light is fil-
tered and reddened by the atmo-
sphere. From San Diego, June's
full moon reaches a maximum al-
titude of about 33° above the hori-
zon — about as high as the sun
gets at noon in December.

“The Man in the Moon” Pro-
fessor Phillip Blanco plans lunar
lecture for astronomy party. 619-
884-5527. Saturday, June 14, 6
p.m.; San Pasqual Battlefield State
Historic Park, 16666 San Pasqual
Valley Road. (ESCONDIDO)

**Asian Pacific Historic District
Tours** Led on second Saturday of
each month, starting at Chinese
Historical Museum. Required
reservations: 619-338-9888. Satur-
day, June 14, 11 a.m.; \$2. Chinese
Historical Society and Museum,
404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Birding the Marsh Chula Vista
Nature Center hosts guided bird-
watching hikes around Sweetwater
Marsh National Wildlife Refuge.
Reservations: 619-409-5900. Sun-
days, 11 a.m.; through Sunday,
June 29, 2008, Sweetwater Marsh
National Wildlife Refuge and Na-
ture Center, 1000 Gunpowder
Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

Buccaneer Beach Cleanup Bay
cleanup hosted by Coastkeeper.
Meet in parking lot near lifeguard
tower 11. Wear closed-toed shoes.
619-758-7743. Saturday, June 14, 9
a.m.; Buccaneer Beach, Pacific
Street. (OCEANSIDE)

Fashionable River Cleanup! As
part of San Diego River Park Foun-
dation's San Diego River cleanup
month, volunteers are needed to
help in ongoing efforts to rid river
of trash and debris. Volunteers
meet at southeast end of Fashion
Valley Mall dirt parking lot. No ex-
perience necessary. Tools, gloves,
trash bags provided, along with wa-
ter, snacks. Directions: 619-297-
7380. Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m.;
Fashion Valley Mall, 7007 Friars
Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fried Eggs and Cream See
matilija poppies and creamy elder-
berry blooms during guided walk
in Mission Trails Regional Park.
619-668-3281. Saturday, June 14,
8:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Camp-
ground entry station, Two Father
Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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flora and fauna. 619-668-3281. Saturday, June 14, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, June 15, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, June 18, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

On the Road Again Naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads three-mile hike promising talk about mid-summer plants on the trails. 760-839-4680. Saturday, June 14, 8:30 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Palm Walk Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Field Ornithologists Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Work Party in Silverwood Sanctuary Help remove noninvasive plants during work event. 619-682-7200. Saturday, June 14, 8:30 a.m.; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

"Baja California y la Revolución Mexicana" Lecture by Marco Antonio Samaniego. 011-52-664-687-9636. Wednesday, June 18, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

"I Love You but I'm Happy Without You" Lecture by Peace and Justice World Prize winner Jaime Jaramillo. 011-52-664-629-5488. Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m.; \$20. Tijuana Country Club, Boulevard Agua Caliente. (BAJA)

"Rumarosa's Round Rocks and Rock Art" Maria and Esther Mitrani and Don Albright lead adventure to Baja California's La Rumarosa, famous for granitic boulders and walls and beautiful Kumeyaay rock art. Learn about the area geology, history of rock art. Tour and taste at Tecate Brewery. Price includes transportation and meal. Passport required.

Reservations: 619-255-0203. Saturday, June 14, 8 a.m.; \$82-\$92. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Danza Del Oceano Hear poetry by Delfina Ramirez. 011-52-664-687-9636. Tuesday, June 17, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Perros de Agua New book of poems from state of Tamaulipas by Sara Uribe, Iván Trejo, and Marco Antonio Huerta. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Sushi Festival Enjoy Japanese food, music, entertainment. 011-52-664-683-6348. Saturday, June 14, 1 p.m.; Pueblo Amigo Mall, Zona Río. (BAJA)

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"A Spot of Tea" Ryan Bros. tea event with Tom Sr., Helena, Tom, Harry, and Carmine Ryan. Learn history, practice of brewing teas, selecting, storing tea. Tea tastings (no recipes demonstrated). RSVP: 888-424-3663. Saturday, June 14, noon; \$10. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Bright in Color, Strange in Origin" Zac Monday, a UCSD graduate student in visual arts program, plans "interactive art event" for everyone. San Diego Children's Museum has established an artist residency to engage teens who work directly with a San Diego artist. During Monday's opening, "interact with hand-crocheted full-body costumes." Artist promises "a mix between performance and video game strategy interaction." 619-233-8792. Friday, June 13, 1 p.m.; \$10. Children's Museum San Diego/Museo de los Niños San Diego, 200 West Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Humanist Thought in Ancient Greece" Brad L. Cook from SDSU's department of classics and humanities on hand for round-table discussion hosted by Humanist Fellowship. 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. Sunday, June

OUT & ABOUT

UNDISCOVERED DEBRA WINGER David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Tuesday, June 17.

(SEE IN PERSON)



15, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Kenneth Capps: Metered" Exhibition of more than 40 sculptures by nationally acclaimed Carlsbad sculptor Kenneth Capps, Sunday, June 15 through Sunday, August 17. Capps has been "a significant figure in the American art scene for the past 30 years, known primarily for sculpture invested with a minimalist sensibility." 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. Sundays, 1 p.m.; Tuesdays, 11 a.m.; Wednesdays, 11 a.m.; through Sunday, August 17, 2008, William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"Reflections IX" Annual exhibition of art in variety of media by artists with disabilities begins with reception, 6-9 p.m. (\$40 per person, \$60 per couple). Show and sale continues through Sunday, June 15. Reservations: 858-450-1443. Friday, June 13, 10 a.m.; Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.; Sunday, June 15, 10 a.m.; San Diego Indoor Sports Club, 3030 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"Summer of Sports" San Diego County Fair runs June 14-July 6. Numerous competitions and exhibits, including fine arts, livestock, children's art, gems, minerals, home arts; fun zone with rides, games; commercial exhibits; food; contests (bubblegum blowing, pie eating); many concerts. Closed Mondays, June 16 and 23. 858-793-5555 or 858-755-1161. Saturdays, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.; Mondays, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, 10 a.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m.; through Sunday, July 6, 2008, Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

"Why This Universe?" "The many possible universes and their many possible causes" explored by North County Agnostics. 760-445-8112. Monday, June 16, 7 p.m.; Oceanside Mission Library, 3861-B Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

A Day of Wine and Roses Horticultural tour led by Friar James Lockman, horticulturist and executive director of Mission San Luis Rey (2-4 p.m.). Tour followed by tasting of wines from the Mission wine label (4-5 p.m.). Hear Friar James's selection of favorite roses to grow along the coast, and see "award-winning rose garden which has doubled in size." Tickets are \$10 for tour, additional \$10 for wine tasting. Reservations: 757-3651 x164. Friday, June 13, 2 p.m.; \$10-\$20. Mission San Luis Rey, 4070 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

Art Exhibit Reception for multimedia art exhibition by 16 artists from Del Mar Art Gallery. On view through Tuesday, July 15. 858-720-2454. Thursday, June 12, 5:30 p.m.; Solana Beach City Hall, 635 South Coast Highway 101. (SOLANA BEACH)

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

Book Sale All manner of books on offer, including fiction, nonfiction, travel books, plus audio books and videos. 619-533-3902. Saturday, June 14, 9:30 a.m.; College-Rolando Library, 6600 Montezuma Road. (COLLEGE AREA)

Bookish Delights Rare limited-edition and fine art prints, children's books, Judaic and non-Judaic, hardcover and paperback, new and well used — all on offer during eighth annual used book sale in Samuel and Rebecca Astor Judaica Library, June 5-15. Sale is closed on June 9 and 10. 858-362-1174. Thursdays, 9 a.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; through Sunday, June 15, 2008, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Cajon Speed Week Cajon Classic Cruise season continues. Wednesdays through September 24. 619-401-8858. Wednesday, June 18, 5 p.m.; Prescott Promenade, 211 1/2 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Canines — Strike a Pose! San Diego Dachshund Meetup Group hosts "Little Paws for a Good Cause" photography event with Paws Fur Effect (a local photographer specializing in professional shots of dogs and their families). Photographs start at \$12, with five percent of proceeds benefiting 2nd Chance Dachshund Rescue. Admission is free. 408-515-5260. Sunday, June 15, 2 p.m.; Capehart Park, 4747 Soledad Mountain Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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LOCAL EVENTS

hibition of work by eight San Diego and Los Angeles artists. The 65 “cutting-edge works” may be seen through Sunday, June 29. 858-513-0040. Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.; Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Fire and Brimstone Pending?

What does the California Supreme Court’s Equality of Marriage ruling mean? Is it the end of sanctified marriage? Join discussion hosted by Humanist Association of San Diego. 760-445-8112. Sunday, June 15, 1 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Game On Board game benefit for Heifer International with variety of board games “ranging from serious to hilarious.” Donation. 619-204-8834. Friday, June 13, 8 p.m.; \$10. Tea N More, 7380 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

House of the Philippines Commemorate Philippine Independence Day 2008 during annual lawn program boasting Filipino costumes, music, dance. Filipino food offered for sale. 619-804-8424. Sunday, June 15, 1 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Lavender Wreath Workshop Learn to make decorative, aromatic wreaths. Registration: 760-944-9369. Sunday, June 15, 11 a.m.; \$60. The Lavender Fields, 12460 Keys Creek Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

Luiseno Mission Indians Intertribal Powwow Local tribal

history and spiritual traditions of the Luiseno people shared. Gourd dancing starts at 10 a.m. both days; grand entry at noon and 7 p.m. on Saturday, noon on Sunday. Intertribal and competition dancing follows grand entries on both days. Many different tribes, cultures represented in dance, art, music. Vendor village; food for sale. 760-724-8505. Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m.; Sunday, June 15, 10 a.m.; Mission San Luis Rey, 4070 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

Lux Family Day Daniel Wheeler presents his new photographic body of work, *GULP (Generative Urban Landscape Project)* and the work-in-progress *Blindspot*, June 6-July 12; Wheeler dives into swimming pools and shoots the view overhead. During family day, Saturday, June 14, 1 p.m., see Wheeler’s underwater photography, take in children’s art activities, music. 760-436-6611, Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. On Wednesday, June 18, 7 p.m., see Wheeler’s work, enjoy music, cocktails, merriment. View Wheeler’s completed work through August 2. (ENCINITAS)

Major League Gaming Pro Circuit Tour Professional video game league announces Pro Circuit tour, June 13-15. Thousands of pro gamers, aspiring competitors, spectators enjoy “intense competition and entertainment.” 310-694-3119. Friday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, June 14, 8 a.m.; Sunday, June 15, 8 a.m.; Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

One of a Kind! Spring pottery sale hosted by San Diego Potters’ Guild. Sale promises “thousands of pieces of handmade ceramics”

OUT & ABOUT

STONE SOUP FEEDS THE WORLD

San Diego Junior Theatre, Theatre on Third, June 13–15.

(SEE FOR KIDS)



by area potters, pot-throwing demonstrations. 619-239-0507. Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.; Sunday, June 15, 10 a.m.; Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Sail Away for Father's Day Celebrate aboard the 145-foot schooner *Californian* during three-hour sailing trips while working the lines and handling the sails with museum crews. Reservations: 234-9153 x101. Saturday, June 14, 1 p.m.; Sunday, June 15, 1 p.m.; \$35–\$60. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Sam Hinton Folk Festival Celebration includes performances of old-timey, Irish fiddle, string-band jamming, cloggers, tales by Storytellers of San Diego, workshops, open-mike stage, family contradiction. Admission is free during day.

Day’s events followed by performance by Grunion Run in Templar’s Hall at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$18. 858-566-4040. Saturday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.; Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

San Diego Antique Bottle and Collectibles Show “The oldest bottle club in the world” hosts show and sale, with “rare and colorful bottles, insulators, glass of all types”

and collectibles on display and for sale. Educational displays. 858-490-9019. Saturday, June 14, 8 a.m.; \$2–\$5. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Think It Over Has affirmative action served its purpose? Present your ideas when P&R Discussion Group meets to discuss. 619-370-1027. Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m.; the Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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, June 14, 10:30 a.m.; \$23–\$43. Campo Depot, State Highway 94 & Forrest Gate Road. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

SPORTS

Coronado Cruising Join Knickerbikers for 25-mile jaunt from Harbor Drive and Hawthorne Street to Coronado. 619-464-3457. Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m.; County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway.

Crack of the Bat San Diego Padres host Los Angeles Dodgers in Petco Park on June 12. Next up:

interleague road trips against Cleveland Indians, June 13-15; and in New York for games against Yankees, June 17-19. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Thursday, June 12, 12:35 p.m.; \$8–\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Dressage at Del Mar Horse show. 858-481-9085. Saturday, June 14, 8 a.m.; Sunday, June 15, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Father's Day Kayak Adventure Adventure in Lake Hodges hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Sunday, June 15, 9 a.m.; \$20–\$65. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Full-Moon Paddle on Mission Bay Gain introduction to kayaking and enjoy scenic nighttime tour of one of San Diego’s most beautiful playgrounds. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Wednesday, June 18, 7 p.m.; \$20–\$65. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Hoyman Memorial Cup Finals San Diego Polo Club action promised. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. Parking: \$5. 858-750-6841. Sunday, June 15, 1:30 p.m.; \$5–\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

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)

Padre Baseball The Los Angeles Dodgers hit Petco Park for games June 10-12. Games broadcast on

radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Thursday, June 12, 12:35 p.m.; \$8–\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Ride with Pride Horseshow Center hosts horse show in which children will be showing “their horseback-riding accomplishments”; silent auction, games, prizes, food. 619-596-2025. Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.; Therapeutic Equestrian Activities Center for the Handicapped, 12152 Moreno Avenue. (LAKESIDE)

Take a “Hardish” Bike Ride San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists plan 80-miler including Valley Center, Lilac, more. 619-688-6536. Sunday, June 15, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

MUSEUMS

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)

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)

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CLASSICAL

Mainly Mozart Festival 2008 Series gets underway with concert by Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra, conductor David Atherton, and pianist John Lill. Program boasts Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 1 in C," "Piano Concerto No. 2 in B Flat," "Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor," "Piano Concerto No. 4 in G," and "Piano Concerto No. 5 in E Flat (Emperor)."

Cellist Ronald Thomas joins orchestra and Atherton on Thursday, June 12, for pieces by Mozart, Strauss, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky.

Next, pianist John Lill performs works composed by Haydn, Schumann, Mozart, and Liszt on Friday, June 13.

Michael Collins (clarinet) joins festival orchestra to play selections by Strauss, Schubert, Weber, and Mozart, Saturday, June 14.

Martin Chalifour (violin) and Joanne Pearce Martin take stage on Sunday, June 15, to present music by Mozart, Schubert, Strauss, Ravel, and Kreisler.

Enjoy selections by Saint-Saëns, Strauss, Ravel, and Mozart when orchestra is joined by pi-

anists Jeremy Denk, Adam Neiman, Anton Nel, clarinetist Michael Collins, and bassoon player Steven Dibner, Tuesday, June 17.

Nathan Hughes (oboe) joins Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra to play selections by Debussy, Brahms, Strauss, and Mozart on Thursday, June 19.

Pianists Jeremy Denk and Adam Neiman take on Mozart, Strauss, Lutoslawski, Berg, Rachmaninov on Friday, June 20.

Festival concludes with selections by Mozart and Strauss performed by Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra and conductor David Atherton on Saturday, June 21. Reservations: 619-239-0100 x2. Balboa Theatre (854 Fourth Avenue), 8 p.m., Thursday, June 12. (DOWNTOWN)

Trio Del Mar Ruslan Biryukov (cello), Mary Au (piano), and Alan Busted (violin) perform Mendelssohn's "Piano Trio No. 1" and the "Piano Trio No. 2" by Shostakovich. 619-298-4580. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego (4190 Front Street), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 14. (HILLCREST)

Tux 'n Tennies Gala San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops series gets underway when conductor Matthew Garbutt and symphony are joined by Dionne Warwick and Kool & the Gang. Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way), 8 p.m., Saturday, June 14. (DOWNTOWN)

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GALLERIES

"Detours" Opening reception for featured artists Dan Adams and Michele Guieu ("Here It's Peace"). Juror Ric Todd selected pieces for inclusion in "Outstanding Visual Artists of the Region." Show closes Sunday, July 13. 619-236-0011. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). 6 p.m., Friday, June 13. (BALBOA PARK)

"Manifestations Sautéed in F Sharp" Reception for "largest exhibition of Floyd Elmore's work on display since New York in the late '90s" representing "the most recent work of his aging youth"; DJ Travisty makes music for the party. Mixed-media exhibition

concludes Saturday, June 14, with music by Karmen from Mad Juana. RSVP: 619-795-3704. Colosseum Fine Arts (2400 Kettner Boulevard, Suite F-109). 6 p.m., Friday, June 13; 6 p.m., Saturday, June 14. (LITTLE ITALY)

"50 Years of Rock and Roll" Exhibition of "world's most famous rock 'n' roll legends by the world's most famous photographers" opens with reception. Photographs are by James Fortune, Peter Simon, and from the Hulton Archive. During reception, enjoy music by Robbie Simmons and "A Hard Day's Night Tribute." RSVP: 888-294-9880. Chuck Jones Gallery (2501 San Diego Avenue). 5 p.m., Saturday, June 14. (OLD TOWN)

"Steve Gibson: Prints and Drawings" Reception for artist Gibson, whose exhibition is on display concurrent with "Todd Carpenter: Black-and-White Paintings and Color Photographs." Closes Wednesday, July 9. 619-501-0879. 4 Walls Gallery (3813 Ray Street). 6 p.m., Saturday, June 14. (NORTH PARK)

"Noir: The Art of Bryan Barnes" This "tasty selection of dark and sexy artwork" opens with reception in conjunction with Ray at Night festivities. Closes Sunday, July 13. 619-297-9663. Planet Rooth Gallery (3811 Ray Street). 6 p.m., Saturday, June 14. (NORTH PARK)

"It Doesn't Take a Wizard" Harry Potter illustrator James Salvatoni on hand for opening reception of exhibition of his illustrations, giclees, original artwork. Through June. 760-505-0063. Gallery Savarese (1034 North Coast Highway 101). 11 a.m., Saturday, June 14. (LEUCADIA)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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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.

"Forms in Wood and Fiber: Southern California New Work," features work of six distinguished San Diego wood artists and many California Fibers members. "Both fresh perspectives on traditional forms and cutting-edge contemporary expressions will be included in works of superior design and craftsmanship." Participating artists include Wendy Maruyama, Russ Filbeck, Patrick Edwards, Del Cover, Brett Hesser, and Gene Blickenstaff. Closes Sunday, January 4.

"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 sec-

ond-generation Japanese-Americans who continued traditions of bonsai and suiseki.

The "Chinese Woodblock Prints in the Style of the Ten Bamboo Studio" are likely from a 19th-Century edition of *Treatise on Calligraphy and Painting of the Ten Bamboo Studio*. Prints are noteworthy for technique of printing using multiple blocks. Both exhibits are ongoing. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown "Maya Lin: Systematic Landscapes" features recent sculptures, drawings, large-scale installations exploring "landscape as both form and content, as well as the role

technology plays in visualizing and transforming our world." Exhibition centers on three large-scale installations; each puts viewer into "a distinctive relationship to the scale and shape of the land." Also featured are a series of sculptures based on water volumes of inland seas, large drawings of landforms and river sheds, and images of Lin's recent earthworks and architectural projects. Through June.

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

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

In "Humanitas: Images of 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" boasts more than 80 pieces, including work by O'Keeffe, Gertrude Käsebier, Pamela Colman Smith, Anne Brigman, and Katharine Rhoades. These artists were "interested in redefin-

ing 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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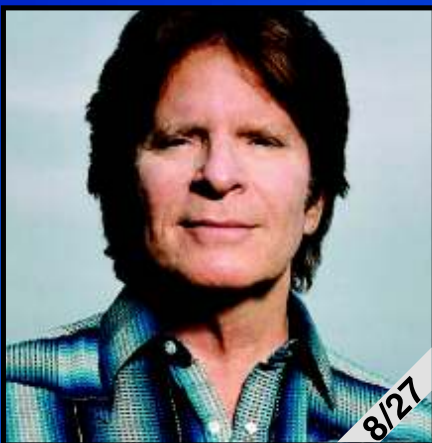
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Dreadful News “A radio station doesn’t usually have the same DJ on for 20 years,” said Makeda Dread in 2003, the 20th

local *Loudspeaker* show, which normally airs from 1 to 3 a.m. on Monday morning, has filled *Reggae Makossa*’s 8 to 10 p.m. Sunday slot.

Last week, Dread said she planned to resume the show on June 8, but she also indicated everything wasn’t right between her and 91X.

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the inside track

anniversary of her *Reggae Makossa* program on 91X.

On May 18, Dread’s run as producer/host of the show was interrupted for the first time in 25 years. She says she was given a three-week suspension because her staff showed up late.

Since mid-May, the all-



SUSPENDED: MAKEDA DREAD

“A lot of people are really pissed,” says Dread. “They say that 91X is not

answering them when they ask why the show isn’t on.”

Someone who answered the phone during the June 1 *Loudspeaker* show said that Dread was on vacation.

Dread says 91X’s new regime may not be as supportive of a reggae show.

“I’m not just a personality; we bring a lot of money to the station.” (Dread co-promotes the annual Tribute to the Reggae Legends show...formerly Bob Marley Day.) “[A lot of personnel] has left the station. They have really different policies now.”

Chris Behar, manager of local reggae band High Tide, agrees that “...there is a personal conflict between 91X management and Makeda,” but he says his band’s music gets played on *Loudspeaker* more often than on *Reggae Makossa*.

“With *Reggae Makossa* you get reverse racism,” says Behar. “White guys playing reggae never got the same support as the more traditional reggae bands.” Behar says that if *Loudspeaker* were to replace *Reggae Makossa*, “[91X] would be in a position to play every kind of music....

My feeling is 91X is moving into a younger direction.”

A call to 91X program director Phil Manning was not returned.

The Arbitron ratings service shows that among locals aged 18–49, 91X is the fourth-most-listened-to station during the *Reggae Makossa* show; overall, during weekdays, the station ranks in 13th place.

— Ken Leighton

Drummer Man

On June 2, 2008, 79-year-old Bo Diddley suffered heart failure and passed away in his Archer, Florida, home. One night in Fresno about ten years ago, I was his drummer. Bo was on tour, and rather than travel with an entire band, he had opted to play with local blues musicians.

He arrived a few hours before the gig to do a sound check and to eat. Wearing that black Stetson hat and thick-rimmed glasses, he looked to me like an offbeat villain from some late-’70s

spaghetti Western; part gunfighter, part Cab Calloway.

Perhaps it was that he’d been a boxer and knew how to carry himself. Or maybe it was just the weight of his accomplishments. Either way, I felt a bit uneasy when he turned to me and said, “Drummer man, play the beat.”

And so I did, with his



BO DIDDLEY

eyes boring down on every thwack of the floor-tom. Then, one by one, my fellow musicians joined in, each receiving instructions on what to do and, mostly, what *not* to do. Then Bo walked over to the drum kit and pointed to my ride cymbal. “See that thing,” he

said, “just don’t ever hit that fucking thing and you’ll do fine.” I removed it immediately.

Bo loved the drums. Other than his trademark rectangular guitar, a thumping rhythm defined his sound. He just didn’t seem to like crashing cymbals...not mine, anyway.

After sound check, we all sat together and ate tri-tip (Bo traveled with his own barbecue sauce). We drank beer and ate and listened to him tell stories and jokes. The one I still remember was “the magic dick.”

The gig was great: “Who Do You Love,” “Mona,” “Road Runner”...we played all the classics. And he had this little handheld drum machine, which he said he had picked up on tour in Japan. We did a drum solo together, and the crowd loved it. Then he came back and sat behind my kit and played.

After the gig, I asked him to sign my snare head. He did. Then he shook my hand and told me that I had done a fine job — definitely one of the highlights of my musical life.

— Kevin McHatten

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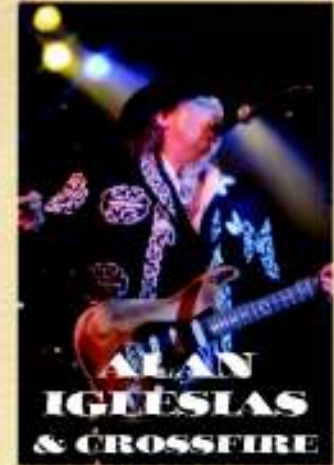
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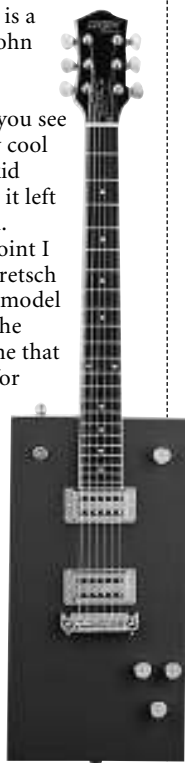
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Guitar Man I had the opportunity to catch Bo Diddley's show at the Belly Up back in June of 2005. I have been collecting guitars since the early '80s. I got the bug from watching the Who movie *The Kids Are Alright*. There is a scene where John Entwistle is walking in his mansion and you see all these really cool guitars! As a kid watching this, it left an impression.

At some point I picked up a Gretsch "Bo Diddley" model guitar...yep, the rectangular one that he is famous for playing. So I figured, "Hell, I'll bring it to the show and maybe I'll get him to autograph it." After the show, I brought my guitar in to get it signed. People were, like, "Where did you get that thing?" Other people had brought along Epiphones, Les Pauls, an acoustic guitar, pick guards, and records.

As I waited, the other guitar player in Bo's band saw me and inquired about the guitar and mentioned that Bo Diddley no longer



THE GRETSCH BO DIDDLEY MODEL

signs guitars that are not his (referring to the Bo Diddley signature models). He said, "Bo has to see this" and took me backstage to meet him. I went backstage and there he was! I shook his hand and introduced myself and said what an honor it was to meet a true pioneer of rock 'n' roll and I thanked him.

When I shook his hand, I noticed he had long, thick, callused blues-playing fingers, which reminded me of the time I met Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top at the Casbah...the same fingers and hands. Anyway, Bo said, "Let me see that guitar," and he signed it "from Bo Diddley." That guitar will always remind me of the true meaning of rock 'n' roll.

— Rex Navarro,
Thee Corsairs

Metal Moratorium In February, the all-age music venue Channel Twelve 25 opened its doors in downtown El Cajon. Adam Paul helps book hip-hop, acoustic rock, blues, and folk acts.

"The only thing we're not booking is metal," says Paul. "We just had a bad experience with a metal band. One person jumped onstage with the singer. The singer and the moshers were rubbing faces like they were making love. It wasn't violent, but it was pretty bizarre. The singer threw up in our bathroom and missed the toilet completely. They were smoking dope in our green room and basically made it into a hot box."

Channel Twelve 25, in a space that used to house a music store, offers headliners a pay-for-play arrangement: either the band rents the room for a flat \$500 fee, or bands agree to cover the price for 60 \$8 tickets.

"The most we've had is 160 to see an alternative-

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rock band called Bending Planets," says Paul. "We also had 150 for a goth night. On that night the promoter just rented the place out."

Paul says all the bands that play get a DVD of their live set provided by an in-house production crew. ("We use two or three cameras.")

How is Channel Twelve 25 doing in generally conservative El Cajon?

"The last couple of shows brought people into the area who were freaks — being freakish isn't bad. People came down here and spent money."

He says adjacent businesses don't have a problem with the venue.

"The only reason I could see [any problems] is if we did something wrong.... Hot Monkey Love [an all-age music venue near SDSU] went away because its neighbors complained. But there aren't any residential

places around us who are going to call and complain.... Downtown El Cajon is going through a beautification process; the City of El Cajon wants this



OPEN-MIKE NIGHT AT CHANNEL TWELVE 25

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to be the next Gaslamp."

Tragic Tantrum Cabaret and Mursic appear tomorrow. Lumina and XCD appear Saturday. (channeltwelve25.com)

— Ken Leighton

Freakin' Neighbors...

Although music on local television has not had much staying power, KNSD-TV resumed its weekly "Concerts on the Square" last month.

Taped outdoors at Horton Square (225 Broadway, next to the

station's studios), the music series is part of KNSD's *Streetside San Diego* program and airs every Friday at 11 a.m. between May and October. Thirty artists take part each season. Playing under a canopy, performers do one song on air and then a full lunchtime set, which is broadcast live via the station's website. The concert is free to the public.

Concerts on the Square has been a part of KNSD's programming since 2002 but was integrated into *Streetside San Diego* in 2005. The concert portion of the show is cosponsored by KPRI-FM. This season, KNSD brings aboard Astra Kelly, the host of KPRI's Saturday-night *Homegrown Hour* music show. Kelly will handle band segments, including interviews.

"She fits into our demographic," says producer Shanna Schwarze, "which includes a bit of everything from college students to housewives."

According to Schwarze, the artists included in the series are chosen by KPRI and generally fit into the station's Triple A (adult album alternative) format. Although the musicians

taking part are primarily local, national acts are worked into the schedule.

Schwarze, who is a former DJ at SDSU's

TV HOST, DJ, GUITARIST
ASTRA KELLY

student-run radio station KCR, notes that "We have a lot of neighbors, so we have noise issues...that's why there isn't any heavy metal."

— Bart Mendoza

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Time to Kill

“At the age of 21, after a dismal settlement with Wal-Mart, I walked into Guitar Center.”

I know it sounds lame, but I actually did come down here [to San Diego] seven years ago to follow my dreams of grandeur,” says Ambient Bob, bass player for the Vulgar Herd.

What was the dream? “To be a rock star,” he confesses. “Met a lot of great people, did a lot of great things, and it all fell through. I didn’t play the kind of music I liked then, in hopes of getting rich quick. Ended up taking a lucrative yet brief stint in the mortgage business. We all know about that one. The way I see it now is... I may as well like what I do.”

“Loud and unapologetic” is how the Vulgar Herd describe themselves, “a cross between groove, 7/8, metal, funk...” A blogger at *dirtbagsdelight.wordpress.com*, discussing a show at the Ken Club, called the band an “odd mixture of Pretzel Logic-era Steely Dan and Europe, of all bands.”

The Vulgar Herd is a five-piece. Trash Arch (guitar) and Ambient Bob provided answers — Theo (keys), Chris (guitar), and Vaughn (percussion) remained quiet.

YOUR AXE?

Thrash Arch: “My electric is an Epiphone 335 DOT semi-hollow body that is relatively new. I bought it a few years ago. Because it’s semi-hollow, it really picks up a lot of sustain, and I swear it’s getting a warmer and warmer tone the older it gets. The wood just picks up so much ambient vibe because it’s hollow — it’s like playing an acoustic but with more guts. It’s kinda cool to think that most of that guitar’s sound is really just the empty space between

the front and back.”

Ambient Bob: “At the ripe age of 21, after a dismal settlement with Wal-Mart at the cost of my back, I walked into Guitar Center. I had frequented the place for a couple of months prior in expectation of a settlement. They had a fretless, five-string Music Man Stingray at the very top of their bass room. Just like Wayne [Wayne’s World], I knew

it would be mine... ‘oh yes, it would be mine.’ After I got paid I had \$2000 to invest in a guitar — \$800 less than the guitar’s list price. I walked up to the first person I saw and acted like I could afford to buy the entire store. I had them get the ladder, grab my axe. I told them that I wanted the Boss GTB-6 effects pedal, a hard case, a mike, a mike stand, and all the cables to make me show-worthy. He asked if I wanted to play the guitar before buying it. I arrogantly said ‘no.’ The gentleman rang me up and said that the total was going to be \$3900. I had my \$2K in cash and pulled it out. I said, ‘I’ve got this to spend; I’m getting more money next week. I know you make commission. Give me your business card, and I will make sure you get the amp I buy next week.’ Essentially I got everything for what I brought in and have never since walked into that store.”

WHAT SUCKS WHEN PLAYING LIVE?

Ambient Bob: “Anticipating the other bands that are on the bill and the soundman’s perception of what we are supposed to sound like. Not to say that either is the problem, but sometimes we have been stuck with bands in different genres than



The Vulgar Herd

what our style is. Also when the soundman thinks that our mix should be one way, finds out that our emphasis lies somewhere else, and does a lot of live mixing. A great soundman is crucial, as is getting on, or making, a bill that fits within the same genre. We have played at Humphrey’s a couple of times, had a great time, but I don’t know — if I were on vacation, in my elder years, would I want to hear a bunch of progressive-type music?”

Thrash Arch: “Not getting drunk before we go on.”

BEST/WORST GIG?

Ambient Bob: “Best: Riverside, playing at a costume party where we represented the future. Every band had a specific timeline that they represented. There was a band called Hobo Jazz that definitely lived up to the old rail-hobo mentality...whether

we really are the future is yet to be told. Worst show would have to be at Scolari’s Office. We set up really early and had some time to kill. Arch lives in Encinitas, so I figured I would be hospitable and have him over for ‘a’ drink before the show. Two bottles of cheap wine and a couple shots of Jim Beam, we stroll back to Scolari’s — we don’t remember the rest of the show.”

SEXIEST LOCAL PERFORMER?

Thrash Arch: “I saw a solo cellist perform with the San Diego Symphony last year at the Embarcadero, and seeing a girl put that much passion into an instrument was sexy as hell.”

FAVORITE QUOTE?

Thrash Arch: “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did.” — Mark Twain. ■



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American Legion Post 310: 465 47th Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-264-1919.
Sunday, 6 p.m. — Willovealot. Jazz.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Ivan Lins. A fusion of Brazilian and jazz. \$18-\$57.
Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Sherrie



Hot Buttered Rum, June 14, Wave House

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Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Kurt Elling. Jazz vocalist. \$15-\$42.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Hiromi. Jazz pianist. \$12-\$36.

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Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Jazz at the Athenaeum. New York-based Edward Simon Trio performs. \$19-\$24.

Beach Grass Café: 159 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632.
Sundays, 6 p.m. — Sambajazz. Brazilian and American jazz.
Monday, 6 p.m. — Paniola Jack. Acoustic/surf.

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Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Adrienne Nims. Contemporary jazz/global music.

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Thursday — Submarines. Indie pop/folk. \$5.
Friday — Scarlet Symphony and the Apes of Wrath. Progressive/rock/pop. \$5.
Saturday — Time Machine. Hip-hop/electro. \$5.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — The Wailing Souls. With Kush & Jah Blood

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Friday, 9 p.m. — The Young Dubliners. With the Silent Comedy. Punk/indie/folk. \$18-\$20.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Cash'd Out. A tribute to Johnny Cash. \$13-\$15.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Helio Sequence. With Talkdemonic and Years Around the Sun. Indie rock. \$8.
Monday, 8 p.m. — Braddigan. With Trevor Davis and Rheanna Downey. Acoustic/rock/soul. \$12.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Tom Curren & the Noah's. With Hectors Revenge. Alternative rock/grunge. \$10.

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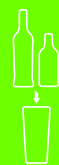
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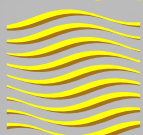


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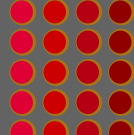
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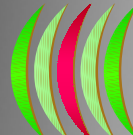
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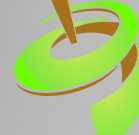
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Friday, 8 p.m. — Restless Natives. Rock/blues/reggae. *Saturday*, 3 p.m. — Nathan James & Ben Hernandez. With Robin Henkel. Roots/acoustic/blues. *Sunday*, 2 p.m. — The Blues Pharaohs. With Jerome Dawson. Blues/jazz. *Wednesday*, 6 p.m. — Johnny "B" Blues. Blues.

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

Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Brad Paisley. Country.

Croce's: 802 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4355. *Monday*, 8 p.m. — Monsoon. Jazz.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1161. *Saturday*, 1 p.m. — Steel Pulse and Pato Banton. With the Mystic Roots Band and Pau Hana on the Grandstand Stage. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Tribal Seeds.

On the Coors Light Rock-On Stage. Roots/reggae/rock. *Sunday*, 7 p.m. — The Hype. On the Coors Light Rock-On Stage. Blues/pop/rockabilly. *Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — La Arrolladora Banda el Limón. With Los Rieleros del Norte on the Grandstand Stage. *Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Grand Funk Railroad and the Guess Who. On the Grandstand Stage. Classic rock. *Tuesday*, 9 p.m. — Keltik Kharm. Traditional Irish/Celtic band on the

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Coors Light Rock-On Stage.
Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Unsteady.
On the Coors Light Rock-On Stage.
Ska/reggae.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive,
Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Ruby & the
Red Hots. Blues. \$15.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Leonard Patton.
CD-release show with Peter
Sprague, Josh Nelson, Darek Oles,
and Duncan Moore. Jazz. \$10-\$15.
Sunday, 7 p.m. — The Elameno
Quintet. \$10-\$15.

Downtown Café: 182 E. Main
Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Joey & the Sting
Rays. Covers rock and country hits.

Dublin Square: 554 Fourth
Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818.
Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Colin Clyne.
Acoustic/rock.

E Street Cafe: 128 E Street,
Encinitas, 760-230-2038.
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Daryl Shawn.
Acoustic/alternative/pop.

El Cajon Elks Lodge #1812:
1400 East Washington Avenue, El
Cajon.
Monday, 5:30 p.m. — Flag Day
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meeting, music (7:30 p.m.).
Donation. 619-444-1812. \$10.

**Embarcadero Marina Park
South:** 206 Marina Park Way,
Downtown.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Dionne
Warwick and Kool & the Gang. Pop
plus R&B/soul/funk. San Diego
Symphony's Summer Pops series
begins. Evening concludes with
fireworks. 619-235-0804. \$35-\$65.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143
Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-
698-2204.
Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. — Cory
Wilkins. Alternative/rock/blues.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Hugh Gaskins &
the G String Daddies.
Blues/soul/rockabilly.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — South of 94.
Covers/standards/rock.

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

**The Handlery Hotel and
Resort:** 950 Hotel Circle North,
Mission Valley, 619-298-0511.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Christopher Dale.
With special guests.
Acoustic/pop/rock.
Sunday, noon — Pool Party. With
Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.
Blues/soul/rock. \$5.
Sunday, noon — The Pool and
Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.
Covers/blues/rock. \$5.
Wednesday, 5 p.m. — Christopher

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Here's how I imagine the recording process
went for **Times New Viking's** *Rip It Off*: Gui-
tar, keyboards, drums, and shouted vocals
play at maximum volume around a cell
phone. Studio receives call, presses sound
directly to vinyl. Vinyl is brought to local play-
ground where toddlers toss it around in the
sandbox for a day. Vinyl is taped over an old
Black Flag cassette; cassette is mastered for
CD with treble turned up all the way.

You know those recent albums by the
Raveonettes and the Magnetic Fields and
how they made you think you had accidentally
punctured your eardrum? They've got nothing

on *Rip It Off* as far as noisi-
ness goes. Even the
reunited Jesus and Mary
Chain sound like Air Supply
in comparison.

But give the disc a fair
listen, and you'll find that
the songs are good shout-
along rock 'n' roll numbers.
One song is called "Times
New Viking vs. Yo La
Tengo," but it sounds more
like another three-word-
named, tape-hiss-happy
bunch from Ohio by the
name of Guided By Voices.
Like that band, Times New
Viking can be very different
in a live setting. Stripped of
all that noise, they sound less like an experi-
ment in aesthetics and more like a rock
band. Maybe that's a plus and maybe it's a
minus, but one thing that's interesting about
all the noise is that it means you have to be
committed to listen to Times New Viking in
the first place. If you can make it through



TIMES NEW VIKING

their sonic obstacle course and still learn to
love their songs, you'll be in heaven when
you hear them live.

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University Avenue, North Park,
619-295-1688.
Tuesday, 6 p.m. — Dan Papaila.
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**Hennessey's Tavern -
Gaslamp:** 708 Fourth Avenue,
Downtown, 619-239-9994.
Sundays, 3 p.m. — The Bill Shreeve

Duo. Jazz.
Tuesday, 9 p.m. — The Jivechops
Ensemble. Funk/jazz.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth
Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.
Thursday — Modern Day
Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock.
Thursday — Augustana. Rock/folk.
Friday, 7 p.m. — Which One's
Pink?. A tribute to Pink Floyd. \$10-
\$25.

Sunday, 7 p.m. — Lil Wayne. With
Dago Braves. Hip-hop. \$52-\$67.

**Humphrey's Backstage
Music Club:** 2241 Shelter Island
Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
Thursday, 9:30 p.m. — The Buick
Wilson Band. Blues/soul. \$5.
Friday, 9:30 p.m. — Laurie
Morvan. Blues/rock. \$12.
Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Detroit
Underground. Covers Motown and

dance hits. \$12.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Native Vibe.
With Willie Royal. Smooth jazz.
\$12.
Monday, 7 p.m. — Chet Cannon.
Blues.
Tuesday, 9:30 p.m. — Rockola.
Classic rock. \$5.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The Soul
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Thursday, 8 p.m. — Kem. R&B/soul. \$52.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Johnny Lang. Blues/rock/gospel. \$60.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Tom Jones. Pop/soul. \$78.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Crosby, Stills, & Nash. Folk rock. \$98.
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Keb' Mo' and Taj Mahal. Blues/soul/R&B. \$55.

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.
Friday — Turbonegro. A tribute to Turbonegro. With Breaker Breaker One Niner and the Calvins. Punk/pop.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.
Thursday — 3 EZ Pieces.
Friday, 9 p.m. — West of 5. Classic to modern rock.
Saturday — Ghost Riders and Blue Heat.
Sundays, 4 p.m. — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock.
Wednesday — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors. Down-home Americana blues rock.

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

The Lake Wohlford Cafe: 25484 Lake Wohlford Road, Escondido, 760-749-6585.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — The Band in Black. A tribute to Johnny Cash. \$20.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
Thursday — Asher in the Rye and Snuffaluffagus. Acoustic/folk rock.
Friday — Carlos Olmeda and Sara Petite. Acoustic/soul/rock.
Saturday — Renata Youngblood and Jenn Grinels. With Kelly McGrath. Acoustic/folk/pop.
Sunday — The Wrong Trousers. Acoustic/indie/folk rock.
Wednesday — Jenni Alpert and Kori Withers. With Courtney Ariel and Johnnie Newman. Pop/folk/jazz.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — Bordertown Blues.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Harmony Road.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Offbeats. Covers/standards/classic rock.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Jim Moore.
Monday, 8 p.m. — Tommy Price. Lead singer of the Stilettoes.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Gene Warren. Folk/blues/rock.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — 2 Guys Will Move U.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Cory Wilkins. Alternative/rock/blues.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — American Rock Experience. Rock.

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel: 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Joey & the Sting Rays. Covers rock and country hits. \$5.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

There's jazz, and then there's jazz — there's traditional jazz that has not changed since the '50s, and there's a newer breed of jazz informed by pop. **Hiromi** is a jazz pianist who fits into neither camp. Her work blurs the distinctions of what it means to be a modern jazz pianist. For added effect she decorates her music with confounding little phrases culled from funk or from the avant or classical and ends up with a complex brew of meters and notes that enthrall even as they divide and scatter. Hiromi's musical world is fluid and dizzying.

Hiromi is Hiromi Uehara. She is a Japanese-born keyboard wizard who began

piano lessons in earnest at the age of six. Some listeners might have a problem with the random starkness of her sound and argue that Hiromi's big-energy technical brilliance is nothing more than a cool neon-blue reserve. Art Tatum, after all, was lightning fast, accurate to a fault, and still had bucketloads of soul.

As for Hiromi, I think emotional aloofness is a choice and not a mandate. Among her stated influences are Sly Stone and King Crimson — the latter a somewhat forgotten (if trend-setting) '70s prog-rock band. She shares the same thematic, urban wit as those two bands in a form of new-age expression meets the darker recess of traditional jazz.

At times her vision exceeds her grasp, and I'm okay with that. Hiromi comes across



HIROMI

as an artist looking for the next new thing in jazz, and I'm okay with that, too. Not every single note in contemporary jazz needs to sound as if it was invented back in the day at the Village Vanguard.

HIROMI, Anthology, June 18, 7:30 p.m. 619-595-0300. \$24.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
Friday, 9 p.m. — The Gift/Curse. With Merkaba Bandits and Circa Now. Indie rock.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Astronaut Love Triangle. With 3rd Alley and Four Minutes Til Midnight. Rock/dub/hip-hop.
Tuesday, 9 p.m. — Aces & 8's. With the Loaded. Punk rock.
Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Moontucky Risin and General Lee. Rock/blues.

Onyx/Thin: 852 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-235-ONYX.
Thursday — Jazz Jam Session. With Gilbert Castellanos.

Osetra: 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800.
Thursdays, 8 p.m. — Live Jazz. In the E5 Lounge.
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Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Superfunk. The Grand Cabaret.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Skynnyn Lynnyrd. The Grand Cabaret: a tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Pasquale on Prospect: 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-456-0722.

Sundays, 6 p.m. — Stage 4. Jazz/rhythm and blues.

Patrick's Irish Pub: 13314 Poway Road, Poway, 858-486-0764.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat. Classic rock.

Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 East Main Street, El Cajon.
Friday, 6 p.m. — Sue Palmer. Boogie-woogie 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.

Rosie O'Grady's: 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-7666.

Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m. — Bdub's Jazz Jam Session. Modern jazz classics and standards every Tuesday, with Bryan Whelan, Doug Walker, Laurel Grinnell, and friends.

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

San Diego Center for Spiritual Living: 1009 G Street, Downtown, 619-491-3087.
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San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-224-4171.
Tuesday — George Michael.

Saville Theatre at San Diego City College: 14th and C Street, Downtown, 619-388-3676.
Saturday, 6:30 p.m. — “A Back in the Day Soul Music Celebration.” Local bands Remembrance, Mellow Movement, Three Shades of Soul, Alice Lundy perform Motown songs of ’60s, ’70s, ’80s. 619-307-1028. \$20-\$25.

Second Wind (Magnolia): 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-596-8350.
Thursday — Dive Bomber. Alternative rock/metal.

Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.
Thursday — BombaChante. Salsa/Latin.
Mondays, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-SOMA.
Friday, 7 p.m. — No Lifeguard on Duty and the Amalgamated. With Dr. Skavra, the Self-Made Men, and Bucket of Fish. Ska rock. \$8.
Saturday, 5 p.m. — Scream the Prayer Tour. With Sleeping Giant, Impending Doom, Blessed by a Broken Heart, and more. Christian/hardcore/metal. \$15.

South Park Bar & Grill: 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696-0096.
Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz jam.
Fridays, 7 p.m. — The John Kopecky Trio. Jazz.
Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. — Open blues jam. With Will Jackson.
Sundays, 6 p.m. — Original Music Modern Jazz Series. Every Sunday, with Doug Walker, Tim Nunnink, Nick Tocco, and Nathan Hubbard.

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — Mick Fleetwood. Co-founder of Fleetwood Mac. Blues/rock. \$65-\$200.

St. Tropez — Encinitas: 947 S Coast Highway 101 # 103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084.
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Thursday — The Full Monty.
Fridays — Trainwreck.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Bobby Fantasy. Electro/rock/pop.
Saturday — The Disco Pimps.
Monday — International Connection. Reggae.
Tuesday — The China Clippers and Giant Peach. Rock/blues/soul.
Wednesday — Listed Musik.

Templar’s Hall at Old Poway Park: 14134 Midland Road, Poway.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — Grunion Run. Band performs for Sam Hinton Folk Festival. 858-566-4040. \$15-\$18.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
Friday — Neptune’s Favor and SO3. Alternative rock.
Saturday — Mississippi Mudsharks. Blues/punk/roots.

Tio Leo’s Lounge: 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.
Thursdays, 7 p.m. — Cajun and Zydeco Dancing. Zydeco dance every Thursday night, with lessons

by Gator Boy. 619-857-8409. \$5.
Friday — The Disrepair, Stereo Summer, a Dull Science. Pop punk.
Saturday — Federal Funk. R&B.

Turf Supper Club: 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363.
Sunday, 7 p.m. — J.D. Boucharde. Covers/standards.

Turquoise Coffee: 841 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-4778.
Saturday, 10 a.m. — Inigo

Figuracion and Ron Greitzer. Acoustic/covers/standards.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.
Thursday, 7 p.m. — Firefly. Classic rock.
Friday, 4 p.m. — Hot Rod Lincoln and the Heroes. Rockabilly/covers/standards.
Saturday, 4 p.m. — Makai. Covers/standards.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Crush. Covers/standards.

Wednesday — Bruce in the U.S.A. Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band tribute show.

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.
Sunday, 4 p.m. — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Blues/funk/rock.

Wave House: 3125 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach.
Friday, 7 p.m. — Fishbone and Delsoniq. Ska/rock/funk.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — Hot Buttered

Rum and Tea Leaf Green. Bluegrass/rock.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
Thursday — 40 Oz. to Freedom. A tribute to Sublime.
Friday — Supa Bad. A tribute to James Brown.
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Calendar

MUSIC

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.
June 20 — Split Finger.
June 27 — 3 Against 1.
June 28 — Mower.

AcousticMusicSanDiego: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
June 20 — Roy Book Binder.
June 27 — Roy Zimmerman.
July 11 — Chad & Jeremy.
July 16 — John Keawe.
July 27 — Peter Lang.
August 2 — Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave.
August 9 — Jim Kweskin.
September 21 — Willy Porter.
October 4 — Eric Andersen.
October 5 — David LaFlamme and It's a Beautiful Day.
October 25 — Eliza Gilkyson.
November 9 — Ellis Paul.
November 28 — Tom Russell.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
June 20 — James Cotton.
June 21 — The Smithereens.
June 22 — The Eve Selis Band.
June 24 — Janiva Magness.
June 25 — Ambrosia.
June 26, June 27, June 28 — Keiko Matsui.
June 29 — Cab 4.
July 1 — Rockola.
July 2 — Les Dudek.
July 3, July 4, July 5 — Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra.
July 6 — The Azar Lawrence Quartet.
July 8 — Anthony Jackson.
July 12 — Howard Jones.
July 13 — The Steely Damned.
July 15 — The Mike Clark Band.
July 18, July 19 — Rita Coolidge.

July 20 — Rory Block.
July 23 — Rachel Price.
July 25 — Lee Rocker.
July 26 — Sophie Millman.
July 30, July 31 — Arturo Sandoval.
August 1, August 2 — Stanley Jordan.
August 3 — Carrie Rodriguez.
August 6 — Dabe Toure.
August 9 — Larry Carlton.
August 16, August 17 — Strunz & Farah.
August 20, August 21, August 22, August 23 — Steve Tyrell.
August 29, August 30 — Dave Mason.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.
June 19, June 20, June 21 — “SoundON Festival of New Music.”
Avo Playhouse: 303 Main Street, Vista, 760-724-2110.
July 11 — Ferron/Bitch Concert.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
June 19 — Morgan Heritage.
June 20 — The Drive-By Truckers.
June 21 — Dead Man's Party.
June 22 — Orquesta Primo.
June 23 — Bebel Gilberto.
June 24 — The Beautiful Girls and Timmy Curran.
June 25 — Gary Hoey and Top Dog.
June 26 — The Album Leaf.
June 27 — Reggae nights.
June 28 — Atomic Punks.
June 29 — Dilated Peoples, Aceyalone, 88-Keys.
June 30 — Abigail Washburn & the Sparrow Quartet.
July 4 — Don Carlos.
July 5 — The Cured and I-90.
July 6, July 7 — Israel Vibration and Outlaw Nation.
July 8 — Teddy Thompson.
July 10 — Ayo and La Tanya Lockett.
July 11 — Elijah Emanuel & the



Album: *Haunt This Town* (2008)
Artist: Arm the Angels
Label: self-released
Where available/price: *CDBaby.com* for \$12. iTunes, Rhapsody, Amazon, *MP3.com*, and Napster for 99 cents per song.
Songs: 1) Last Goodbye 2) Haunt This Town 3) Enemy 4) Prelude to Saints 5) Saints 6) One That Heals 7) Camouflage 8) Interlude 9) We Won't Fall 10) Sidewinder 11) Pagan Hearts 12) Moment
Band: Arnie (vocals, guitar, keyboard), Erock (bass), A Lo (guitar, keyboards), Adam Rapps (drums)
Website: *armtheangels.com*

There's no other band in San Diego with the expertise and honed skill of Arm the Angels. Every beat,

Revelations.
July 12 — Stepping Feet.
July 13 — Hieroglyphics.
July 18 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.
July 19 — 40 Oz. to Freedom and Social Green.
July 20 — Leon Russell.
July 22 — Warrior King and Reggae Angels.
July 24 — Venice.
July 25 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.
July 30 — Kut U Up and Get Your Death On.
August 1 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.
August 3 — Bryan Adams.
August 7 — Immortal Technique.
August 8, August 15, August 22 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.

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BY OLLIE

August 24 — Joshua Radin.
August 28 — Patty Griffin.
August 29 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.
September 8 — Lee “Scratch” Perry.
September 12 — The Pine Mountain Logs.
September 23 — Railroad Earth.
September 25 — Bootsy Collins.
September 28 — Greg Brown.
September 30 — Johnny Winter.
October 4 — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick.
October 8 — Lotus.
October 24 — Stereolab and Monade.
October 30 — Cowboy Mouth.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 619-

aplomb. Except for that, I'm not impressed by this album, their second release.
Arm the Angels cobbled together an act fit to open for midlevel, national-selling artists such as Against Me! or any number of Fat Wreck Chords bands. They offer a little AC/DC, some soaring nu-metal guitar work, and the advanced musician-ship and complex arrangements of emo/pop-punk — track two, “Haunt This Town,” might have been lifted wholesale from Jimmy Eat World (namely, their hit song “Sweetness”).

Arm the Angels play it better than anyone, but unless they garner some originality, they should call their next album *Sign Us! We Like Money*

534-FISH.
July 16 — Eric Hutchinson.
August 20 — Shawn Mullins.
September 17 — Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles.
Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave, North Park, 619-239-8836.
June 21 — The Kenny Burrell Quartet.
August 2 — Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio.
October 18 — Gaelic Storm.
The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.
June 19 — Sheila Sondergard and



Arm the Angels

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Michael Tiernan.
June 26 — Deliverance Machine.
Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
June 19 — Witt, the Slush, One Lonely Robot.
June 20 — Waiting for Decay and New Day Mile.
June 21 — No Control.
June 25 — Gone to Oblivion and Counter Launch.
June 27 — The Toledo Show.
June 28 — Wrong Again and Inhale.
June 29 — Downtown Brown and Magdalene.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
June 20 — 40 Oz. to Freedom and Stepping Feet.
June 21 — Little John and Lambs Blood.
June 22 — One Drop.
June 25 — (E)minds and City in Space.
June 26 — U-Roy and Cornell Campbell.
June 27 — Metal Snake.
June 28 — Iron Maidens.
June 29 — Frontyard.
July 3 — Cash'd Out.
July 4 — Split Finger and High Tide.
July 5 — Pivit and Agent 51.
July 6 — Project: Out of Bounds and Steel Foundation.
July 10 — Canobliss and Six Reasons.
July 11 — Paul Fuga and Stranger.
July 12 — Tainted Love.
July 13 — Love & Groove.
July 18 — DJ DNA.
July 20 — Wolf Parade.
July 20 — T-Irie Dread.
July 25 — Junior Reid and the Reggae Angels.
July 26 — Wild Child.
July 27 — Kapakahi.
August 2 — Dead Man's Party.
August 3 — Tomorrow's Bad Seeds.
August 7 — Agent Orange and Critical Me.
August 10 — Split Finger.
August 17 — Project: Out of Bounds.
August 22 — Katchafire.
August 24 — Roots Vision.
August 29 — Stranger.
August 31 — Atomic Punks.

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.
June 20, June 21 — Laguna.
June 27, June 28 — Crossroads.
July 4, July 5 — The Elevators.
July 11, July 12 — The Hype.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
June 19 — The Blakes and the Broken West.

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Wed Jun 18th
10pm- Maddox Revolution

Thurs Jun 19th
9pm- Sheila Sondergard
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Citizen Band

Fri Jun 20th
9pm- Tie One On at
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Party!

Sun Jun 22nd
9pm- The Lost

Mon Jun 23rd
Killer Karaoke

Thurs Jun 26th
9pm- Deliverance Machine
Eclipse 79

Sun Jun 29th
9pm- Sea Swallow

Mon Jun 30th
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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 25 — A Scribe amidst the Lions.
June 26 — Grand Archives and Sera Cahoone.
June 27 — Fleet Foxes and the Dutchess & the Duke.
June 28 — Reeve Oliver and A.M. Vibe.
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 7 — Port O'Brien.
July 10 — Calico Horse and Silverbird.
July 11 — Scarlet Symphony and Vision of a Dying World.
July 12 — The Parlor Mob and JFK.
July 17 — Earlimart and the Parson Red Heads.
July 18, July 19 — Grand Ole Party.
July 20 — Chuck Ragan and Josh Hanson.
July 23 — Rocky Votolato.
July 24 — Howlin Rain and Earthless.
July 25 — The Life & Times.
July 27 — Japanese Sunday, Syndicate, Fever Sleeves.
July 31 — Jay Reatard and Cheap Time.
August 2 — Buckfast Superbee.
August 3 — Thao & the Get Down Stay Down.
August 4 — Nomo.
August 9 — Manic Hispanic.
August 10 — The Silent Comedy and Or, the Whale.
August 13 — Octopus Project.
August 15 — Xiu Xiu and Carla Bozulich.
August 16 — Ilya and Film School.
August 22 — Bob Log III and Scott H. Biram.
August 24 — El Vez.
August 29 — Get Back Loretta.
August 30 — Polvo and Trans Am.
September 17 — Dr. Dog.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.
June 19 — Citizen Fish, Bumbklaatt, Intro5pect.
June 20 — The Vision of a Dying World and Crocodiles.
June 22 — Phobia, Skarp, Basura.
June 23 — Bird Names and Lilith Velkor.
June 25 — The Album Leaf and Jamuel Saxon.
June 28 — Japandi and BoomSnake.
July 11 — Die Young and Lie & Wait.
July 12 — Bumbklaatt, Thou, Leech.
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.

Cox Arena: 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.
June 27 — Marco Antonio Solis.
September 12 — Alejandro Fernandez.

Coyote Bar and Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
June 19 — Bozzani Brothers.
June 20 — Hot Rod Lincoln.
June 21 — Red Lane and Full Monty.
June 22 — Steamers and Fish & the Seaweeds.

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Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
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.

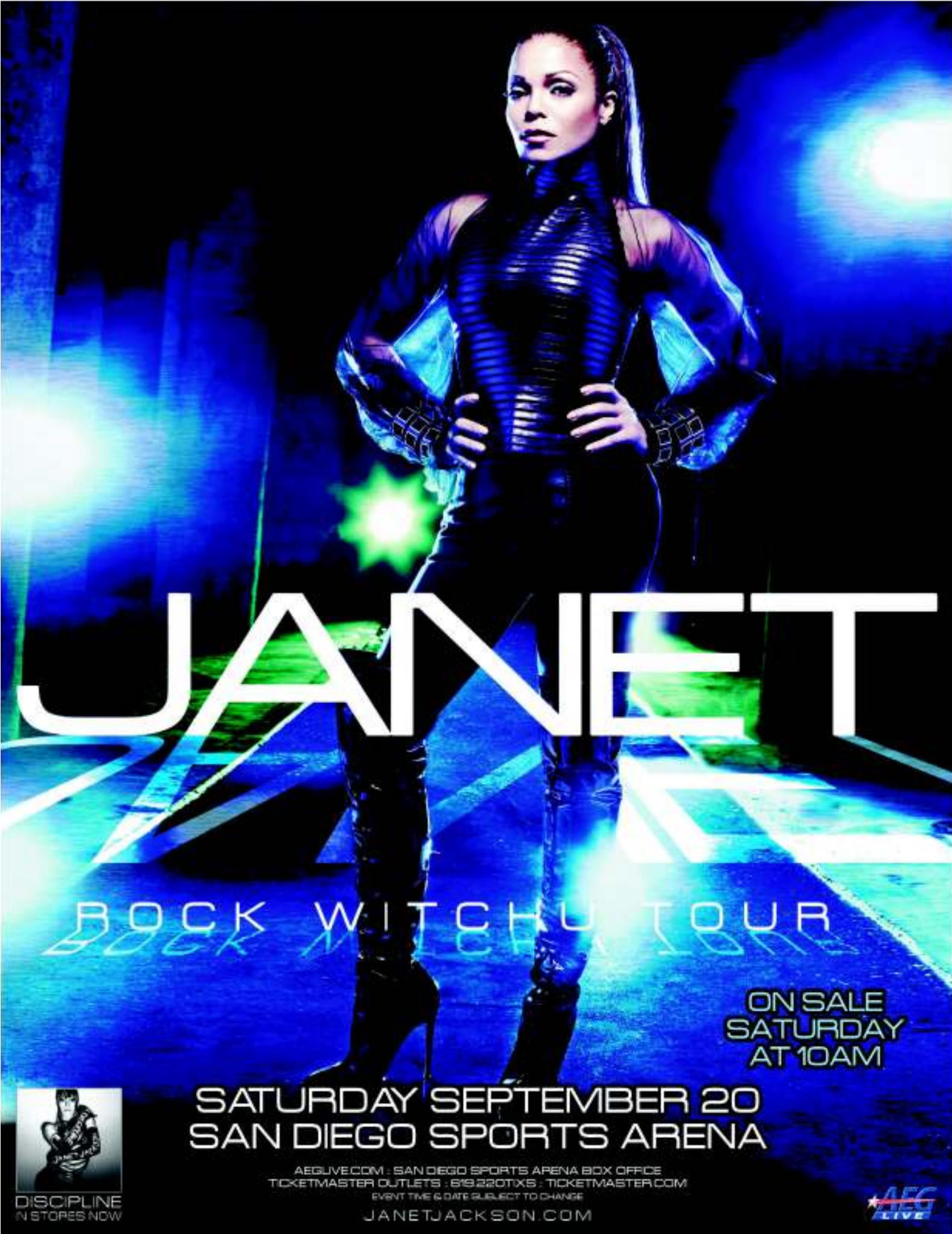
September 30 — Carlos Santana.
October 16 — Jimmy Buffet.
Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1161.
June 19 — The Clay Colton Band.
June 19 — Dwight Yoakam.
June 19 — Micky Dolenz.
June 20 — Satisfaction.
June 20 — Earth, Wind, & Fire.
June 21 — In Color.
June 21 — The Doodlebops.
June 22 — Los Huracanes del Norte.

June 22 — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.
June 24 — The Band in Black.
June 25 — The Hank Show.
June 25 — Cartel.
June 26 — Pat Boone.
June 26 — Mishavonna.
June 26 — B.B. King.
June 27 — Fergie.
June 27 — Wild Child.
June 28 — Tye Tribbett & G.A. and Byron Cage.
June 28 — Invictus.
June 29 — Bayadera.

June 29 — Intocable and Los Horóscopos de Durango.
June 30 — Fleetwood MAX.
June 30 — Weird Al Yankovic.
July 1 — Sugarland.
July 1 — The North County Cowboys.
July 2 — Mursic.
July 2 — Little Big Town.
July 3 — Charo.
July 3 — Boston.
July 3 — The Iron Maidens.
July 4 — Led Zepagain.
July 4 — KC & the Sunshine Band.

July 5 — Joe Lara & Slider Blue.
July 6 — War.
July 6 — Under a Blood Red Sky.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
June 19 — Shep Meyers and Bob Magnusson.
June 21 — Frank Catalano.
June 26 — Toni Price and Sue Palmer.
August 14 — Fran Hartshorn.

A promotional poster for Janet Jackson's 'Back With a Twist' tour. Janet Jackson is the central figure, standing with her hands on her hips, wearing a black, ribbed, form-fitting jumpsuit with long sleeves and high boots. She is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The background is a dark, moody stage setting with blue and purple lighting. A bright, glowing green starburst light is visible behind her. The word 'JANET' is written in large, white, block letters across the middle of the image. Below it, 'BACK WITH A TWIST TOUR' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, it says 'ON SALE SATURDAY AT 10AM'. At the bottom, it reads 'SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20 SAN DIEGO SPORTS ARENA'. Below that, there is a small inset photo of Janet Jackson in a different pose, with the text 'DISCIPLINE IN STORES NOW' and 'JANETJACKSON.COM'. At the very bottom, there is a line of small text: 'AEG LIVE.COM : SAN DIEGO SPORTS ARENA BOX OFFICE TICKETMASTER OUTLETS : 619.220.TIXS : TICKETMASTER.COM EVENT TIME & DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE'. The AEG Live logo is in the bottom right corner.

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Downtown Café: 182 E. Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687.
June 27 — Joey & the Sting Rays.

Embarcadero Marina Park South: 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown.
June 27, June 28 — “Sinatra Sings Sinatra.”

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
June 19 — Islands and Sebastien Grainger.
June 20 — Casino Madrid and Ration the Truth.
June 29 — End the Century and Katsumoto.
July 11 — Tilly & the Wall.
July 14 — Harry & the Potters and Jason Anderson.
August 3 — The Subways.

Fannie’s Nightclub: 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.
June 27 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.

The Flying Bridge: 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-1151.
June 27 — The Lounge Butchers.

The Guild Restaurant and Lounge: 1805 Newton Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-564-7584.
June 20 — Sambossa Trio.

The Handlery Hotel and Resort: 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511.
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.
June 28 — Molly Jensen.
June 29 — Pool Party.

Hawthorn’s Restaurant: 2895 University Avenue, North Park, 619-295-1688.
June 24 — Dan Papaila.

Hornblower Cruises: 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715.
July 4 — The Bayou Brothers.
August 1 — Cool Fever.
September 5 — West of 5.
October 3 — Z-Bop.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.
June 19 — Modern Day

Moonshine.
June 20 — The Old 97’s.
June 21 — Marc Cohn.
June 22 — Detour Live.
June 25 — Ingrid Michaelson.
June 26 — Modern Day Moonshine.
June 27 — Bonfire.
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 11 — Lyfe Jennings.
July 12 — Aleks Syntek.
July 16 — One Republic.
July 18 — The Dan Band.
July 22 — Jesse Lacey.
July 24 — Who’s Bad.
July 25 — The Aquabats.
July 27 — Bullet for My Valentine.
July 29 — Less Than Jake and Goldfinger.
July 31 — Chromeo.
August 2 — Richard Cheese.
August 3 — Cavalera Conspiracy.
August 8 — Me First & the Gimme Gimmes.
August 23 — Eddy Grant.
October 1 — Lagwagon and MxPx.

Humphrey’s Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
June 19 — Indie by Design.
June 20 — Crush.
June 21 — Detroit Underground.
June 21 — Dave Humphries.
June 22 — Reggie Smith.
June 23 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.
June 24 — The Johnny Eager Band.
June 25 — Indie by Design.
June 26 — Blue Rockit.
June 27 — Rockola.
June 28 — Liquid Blue.
June 29 — T-Fox & the Fox City Band.
June 30 — The Eve Selis Band.

Humphrey’s by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
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

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Trend Setters**
Song: **“No Friends”** (from the CD *Cali Crunk Vol. 1*)
Heard By: **Graham Goodenough**, College Area



Graham

It was generic, standard, recent hip-hop that’s got that Southern beat — kind of slowed down almost like “chopped and screwed” music. At first, the beat is almost like Lil Jon took some ecstasy and went to a hardcore rave and then when the lyrics come in it’s just like any other Southern rap song. The lyrics aren’t really too deep, so I didn’t pay that much attention to it right off the bat. Personally, I don’t like the way hip-hop is being commercialized — the sound is just too repetitive. I used to have 98.9 and 90.3 on my radio dials, and now I don’t even really check them out anymore. It just sounds so similar to everything else. I grew up on Tupac and Biggie — when rap was at its highest point.

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.

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **Off Track**
Song: **“Explode”** (from the CD *Explode*)
Heard By: **Ben Lopez**, Paradise Hills



Ben

I thought it was pretty good. I’d probably give them a six or seven out of ten. It sounded like a blink-182/Fall Out Boy combo. The guitar work and some of the keyboards reminded me a lot of blink-182. I guess it’s alternative rock, but to me it’s a little on the pop side. It was a catchy tune, pretty upbeat. It’s got a catchy hook to it. Musically, they were pretty tight. When I’m working or something like that, it’s not what I’d be listening to. It’s not, like, a relaxing type of music. It’s not quite my musical taste. I like Radiohead and a lot of metal, too. I love music, though, and anybody that can do that, I’m pretty impressed with.

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Artist: **Stranger**
Song: **“Takin’ It Slow”** (from the CD *Shelter from the Storm*)
Heard By: **Toni Pope**, Mission Hills



Toni

As a whole, I think all of the musicians were superb. They played well and were a very tight band. You could tell that they’ve been together for a long time. I’m a connoisseur of new and experimental music, and this particular CD was a little bit mainstream. So on that mainstream vibe, yeah, it’s good, but I would love to hear them do something new and experimental. There’s definitely a strong reggae base. I just got Bob Marley’s *Babylon by Bus* the other day, and the bass lines I hear are very similar to the Wailers’. I would say folks would enjoy it. Anybody who’s into reggae music would definitely appreciate this band.

June 26 — Dave Mulligan.
June 27 — Kenny Eng and Melissa Vaughan.
June 28 — Gregory Page.
June 29 — Damon Ray and Tony Martino.

Lyceum Theatre: 79 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-858-0322.
June 23 — “A Musical Tour of the Jewish Calendar.”
June 30 — Klezmer Summit.

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June 19 — Gonzology.
June 20 — The Taylor Harvey Band.
June 21 — Mystique.
June 23 — Steve Brewer.

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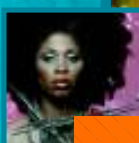


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June 20 — Death Cab for Cutie.
September 6 — Slightly Stoopid and Pepper.
September 24 — The Raconteurs.

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June 20 — Boogie Knights.
June 21 — David Brighton.
June 27 — Superfunk.
June 28 — Belladonna.
July 12 — Arrival.
July 18 — The Spazmatics.
July 25 — Platinum Groove.
July 29 — Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band.
July 31 — Engelbert Humperdinck.

August 5 — Steely Dan.
August 11 — UB40.
August 28 — Poison.
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August 10 — Kidz Bop.
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June 23 — Metro.
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June 28 — Makai.
July 15 — Chris Isaak.
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BIKERS, A BUST, AND BACHATA

by Josh Board

I tried to fit three events into one day. It almost worked.

The first thing I went to was a motorcycle ride for the troops. I heard about it from DJs on Rock 105.3. It was sponsored by Biggs Harley-Davidson in San Marcos, which is in my backyard. There was no excuse to miss it.

I showed up for the after-party. The ride had taken place that morning. Pro wrestler Bill Goldberg was there, and I overheard a few kids talking about trying to get his autograph.

There were games set up for kids. I saw something that looked like horseshoes, but they were tossing motorcycle parts.

There were games for adults, such as the bikini contest. I officially turned into my mom as I watched the ladies walk around the venue in bikinis — I was thinking that they were probably going to get sunburned. It was hot.

There was a long line for free steak sandwiches.

I'd never seen more motorcycles in one place —



there were hundreds of them.

When I approached two guys in leather vests on Harleys, I thought they'd be biker snobs, but these guys were nice. One said, "It's not about who has what bike. This was about the troops and getting everyone together — fam-



Top left: Bikini contest participants; Top right: The VIP area, Jacqueline on left, her sister and boyfriend in middle; Bottom left: Jacqueline in middle; Bottom right: Bikers in San Marcos

told her husband that she had a dream the night before that she won a contest. He rolled his eyes.



I had two events to try and to catch.

One was in my old stomping grounds — Mira Mesa. The guys on the phone told me that there'd be a few bands at a surprise birthday party. I figured the cops would show up with bands playing at a house in the Westonhill development. The homes there are close together.

When I showed up around 10 p.m., there didn't seem to be a party, but I heard voices

in a closed garage. It sounded like a couple of guys and a girl, and they were in a heated argument. I walked up to the door, peered into a window, and didn't see a party going on.

So, I took the big drive to Bonita for the last event of the evening.

A woman named Jacqueline works for the law offices of Lewis Muller. They were sponsoring a dance contest at Club Caribe.

When I got there, the place was packed. A bouncer at the door had a buzz cut and black leather gloves and looked as if he'd squash anyone who got out of line.

Jac got me in without the \$10 cover, and I asked her about the dance, called bachata. She tried to explain it, but with the loud music, I couldn't hear her. I just nodded.

They had a free buffet, and although there were several people eating, the two dance floors were packed. One room was playing contemporary hip-hop, while the other,

"He's funny. They call him the Spanish Howard Stern."

ily, friends — for a nice ride on a nice day."

I grabbed an energy drink and stood under the shade of a canopy. I saw a woman walk by with several raffle tickets. She

I saw a musician tuning his guitar onstage but didn't stay long enough to hear him play. Instead, I headed to the gym for a few hours of basketball because later that evening,

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where bachata would be taking place, had lyrics that were all in Spanish. The songs sounded good, though.

There was a DJ named Mario Alberto from 107.3 FM. Since he spoke Spanish, I didn't have a clue what he was saying. One of the club managers said, "He's funny. They call him the Spanish Howard Stern."

I was seated in a VIP area with Jac, her sister, and a few of their friends. They immediately set me up with shots of tequila. As long as some annoying person with a whistle didn't come by and shake my head with a towel afterward, I'd be fine.

It was high-end tequila and went down smoothly. Well, as smoothly as tequila can go down.

I was given a few whiskey sours and hoped the drinks would help get me on the dance floor. Jac tried to get me out there a few times. When she saw I wouldn't budge, she showed me a few moves and said, "It's simple. You just put your hands on my hips," and then she started moving like Shakira. I felt like an old white guy — I couldn't believe my hands were on her hips and hadn't a clue that a hardwood floor could be used for anything other than basketball.

I talked to José, one of the owners of Club Caribe. I mentioned the club being somewhat close to a residential area. He said that in years past they had had problems with noise. From cars in the parking lot peeling out or playing their stereos too loud. He said, "Since we've gotten security out there, we haven't had the sheriffs come out."

Since Jac works for a defense attorney, I asked her for a good story. She laughed and said, "We had a client that had 40 pounds of weed. He had no priors. And my boss got him a deal that only involved probation." I said, "I would think with that amount they'd try to nail

you for selling it." She replied, "Well, just having it in your vehicle...they can get you for that. That's why my boss is good."

When I asked for other stories, she didn't want to share. She did say, "You can mention that my boss gives the \$100 prize each week for the best dancers."

I noticed that as songs played, the DJ was talking over them, saying things like, "Come on! Move! Shake it!" His words of encouragement seemed to add to the songs.

Once, though, I leaned in to ask him something, not realizing he was in the process of talking into the mic. I just thought his talking was part of the song.

I heard all kinds of instruments in the mix — steel drums, whistles, accordions, keyboards.

I asked a guy named George, a manager at the club, to tell me about the dances. "Oh, we've been doing them here for five or six years. Bachata originated in the Dominican Republic. I'm not sure how long it's been around."

When Jac went down to hand out the prize, a circle formed around her.

Couples took their turns, each with less than a minute. It seemed to be a mix between a tango and dirty dancing. I asked Jac if it would be hard to pick a winner. She told me that they go by applause, which was easy to tell for the couple that won.

The music was turned back up. I could feel the throbbing bass in my stomach and at the tip of my nose.

I joked with Jac as I was leaving, "It's smart of your boss to sponsor this thing. With people drinking...there's the possibility of getting some DUI clients out of this."

She said, "With all the food people are eating, most of the people here aren't driving out drunk. That happens more at clubs when people are drinking all night and they haven't eaten in eight hours." ■

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Italian Green

The old Naval Training Center at Point Loma is now a perfect new neighborhood, a salmon-colored village with shops, groceries, restaurants, and even an arts center, all within a short walk — something like urban heaven on earth (albeit slightly marred by the periodic roars of aircraft). One of the amenities of the area is a new and very newfangled Italian restaurant, Solare.

Solare is an offshoot of the well-respected Bella Italia in Pacific Beach. The restaurant's owner, Stefano Ceresolu, is from Milan, and at his P.B. restaurant the fare is classically Milanese. With this new venture, he decided he wanted to do something different, a "green" restaurant with a less traditional menu. His chef, Mark Peliccia, a New York-born world traveler from a restaurant family, owns a home on a vineyard in Liguria, a province on the Mediterranean coast of Northern Italy. Liguria's regional cuisine is light and bright, emphasizing seafood and vibrant vegetables — closer to Cal cuisine than the familiar heavy red sauces of the south or the austerity of the now-fashionable Tuscan table. At Solare, Peliccia's cuisine is even more Californian, making liberal use of Asian ingredients for an Italian slant on fusion.

The setting is a large, woodsy room with a glass-shielded open kitchen fronted by a small sushi-style wooden eating counter. The floors are uncarpeted wood, and the unclothed wooden tables bear beautiful placemats of soft, dark brown leather, bordered in woven straw. The high ceiling is crisscrossed with anacondas of exposed metal ductwork. The only element of plush is provided by thick gold-colored satin cushions on the wooden chairs. The result is — you guessed it — a racy sound level, even though the ambient music is soft. You don't have to converse in full-out shouts, but you do have to raise your voice to be heard, and so does everybody else. Not a place for serious conversation, romantic or otherwise.

As the hostess showed us to our table, she smiled proudly and said, "All our vegetables are fresh and organic or sustainably raised, and our meats are naturally raised and hormone-free." Our admirable waiter, Pietro, expanded on the theme: "Our chef makes everything from scratch — for his sauces, he doesn't use powders, he makes meat and seafood stocks himself." Pietro



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knowledgeably guided us through the menu and the wine list, where he apparently had tasted everything. "A lot of dishes on our menu are foods that we eat at home, that you never see in restaurants, even in Italy." When he learned that we'd be sharing all our food, he wisely proposed staging the meal in four courses instead of the standard three, if we had the time. Of course we did.

Bread (mostly crusty Italian white, some dark) comes with olive oil and balsamic *bagna*, assembled as usual on the spot. Dave and I caught each other dipping a finger into our saucers to taste the oil. Sorry, it's light, mild, nothing special. If it's extra virgin, this was the extra virgin the monster found too bland to bother eating.

We began with sea bream carpaccio dressed with lime citronette (which is a vinaigrette made with lime juice instead of vinegar), garnished with mandarin orange segments and lychees, the latter's sweetness and louche, sensual texture almost shocking. This dish has a genuine "sashimi" feel, mirroring the Japanese taste for rich fishes

served raw. It was shivery good.

Sharing the table were zucchini tagliatelle — not pasta, but wide ribbons of raw zucchini, lightly dressed in oil and lemon juice and accompanied by two huge, seared jumbo shrimp in the shell, head to tail. We'd been offered the customary grind of pepper before tasting and refused, since, well, we hadn't tasted it yet. "This would be a wonderful dish to eat al fresco

for lunch on a summer day," said David. "But eaten inside, it needs something more." He was right. "A pinch of salt," said Marcela, adding one. "Something darker," said Barb, "maybe paprika." "White pepper," offered Dave, "and maybe balsamic." Maybe a heap of minced fresh basil, I thought, or a frizzle of sautéed garlic. Something.

Slow-roasted pork belly (unsmoked bacon) looked like some ancient mountaintop monument, arriving in the shape of two upright rectangles, plated atop islands of butternut squash purée, next to a surprising scree of chopped mild onions and pears. It took us each two tastes to identify the fruit. The top of each pork block was

REVIEW

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Solare ★★★ (Very Good)

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HOURS: Monday–Saturday 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; Sunday–Thursday 4:00–10:00 p.m.; weekends until 11:00 p.m.

PRICES: Appetizers, \$13–\$18; pastas, \$16–\$30; entrées, \$28–\$35; desserts, \$8.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Creative Northern Italian cuisine with Asian-fusion touches, "made from scratch" with mostly local, sustainable ingredients. International wine list emphasizing Italy, plenty by the glass, but few choices under \$40. Full bar, creative cocktails.

PICK HITS: Sea bream carpaccio with lychees; pork belly; house-made *pappardelle* with lobster and beer bisque; roasted sea bream for two; grilled Brandt beef tenderloin.

NEED TO KNOW: Loud sound level. Wraparound patio dining, including outdoor lounge area behind restaurant. Party rooms available. Informal. Reservations urged for dinner.

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a crisped thin layer of fat; the rest was all lean, tender meat, resembling an unsmoked, unpulled version of pulled pork.

A "mini chick pea pizza" is a misnomer. It's not a pizza at all but a thin crêpe the diameter of a standard tortilla, made of faintly grainy chickpea flour. Resembling a thinner, more delicate Breton crêpe, it's topped with soft, slick, sautéed calamari rings, snow peas, and a frizzy mass of greenery described as a "spring mint salad." The combination is likable but elusive — especially if your mouth is set for pizza. (The menu should call it like it is.)

Other appetizer possibilities include several interesting salads: strawberries, arugula, and dry ricotta in one; spinach with crab meat, blue cheese,

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and blueberry vinaigrette for another; a normal Caprese, along with house-cured salmon, a Middle Eastern “seared beef tartar” with tabbouleh, and an antipasto of Italian cold cuts and cheeses.

The pasta list, mainly house-made, is dominated by unconventional selections. Don’t even think about spaghetti and meatballs. My eye was magnetically drawn to “Ofelle,” obviously one of those home-style dishes you don’t find in restaurants. It consists of near-flat potato dumplings the size of sand dollars, stuffed at the center with house-made “sausage.” The chef later told me that he’s fascinated by the molecular gastronomy practiced by Ferran Adrià in Barcelona and Grant Achatz in Chicago. With the sausage, he seemed to practice some molecular gastronomy of his own: That layer of loose ground meat in the middle was only a few molecules thick, at most 1/8-inch, providing more a texture than a taste. However, the tender disks of potato are lushly bathed in melted butter and sprinkled with a few sautéed fresh sage leaves. It’s so soothing a combination, it makes you feel like a kid eating at Nonna’s house in the Ligurian countryside.

House-made egg *pap-pardelle* with a lobster “beer bisque” is a near-great dish. The menu claims it comes with a “half main [*sic*] fresh lobster.” The chef tells me it really is Maine lobster, but we all took our demi-crustacean for a local Pacific spiny, given its shape, size, and texture. We must have gotten the runt of the lobster litter: It was small and clawless, undersized and overcooked, toughening the little meat in its skinny-butt tail. But — big *but* — the silky noodles and light, rich sauce were scrumptious. The sauce is made like a classic lobster bisque (from shells and spare parts), but with beer replacing the standard cognac and white wine, and no cream. Who could have imagined that beer would flatter lobster? The liquid was dotted with fresh, sweet, lightly cooked cherry tomatoes and had a but-tery undertone. Now, if it came with a whole Maine lobster, even a scrawny one-pound cull with a missing claw (like the lobsters that sell for about \$7 per pound at Sea Fruits, the shellfish wholesaler in Barrio Logan), it might come closer to justifying its \$30 price tag.

Other current pasta choices include house-made ravioli and agnolotti, asparagus risotto with seared scallops, potato gnocchi with (get this!) tem-pura clams, and a light spaghetti with arugula, oyster mushrooms, and fresh tomatoes. Liguria or California? Hard to say.

The fresh tomato theme (using the only variety reliably ripe in this season, cherry tomatoes) reappears in oven-roasted sea bream (\$50 to feed two). We’d tasted this fish raw in carpaccio. Then we met the in-

tact raw fish face to face, courtesy of our waiter, who introduced us to it hoping we’d be enchanted enough by its good looks to order it. It was fresh-looking, plump, silvery-pink and bright-eyed, of a manageable size. Once it was cooked, Pietro filleted and boned it expertly before serving. This was the most purely Mediterranean dish we tasted — buttery-tender flesh sauced with a light, lively mixture of cherry tomatoes, olives, capers, fresh herbs, and white wine. The exquisite fish came with small sweet carrots and a few asparagus spears, all from local farms and tasting fresh-picked. (The difference with the carrots is in the amount of residual sugar. As with corn, the sweetness fades with each day in transit from the farm.)

Turns out that Barb doesn’t like most finfish, especially rich ones (she’s a halibut gal, to my shock). So we made the sacrifice of ordering grilled Brandt beef tenderloin with truffle and coffee sauce, to make sure she’d be sufficiently fed. We ordered it medium-rare to suit Barb and David, but maybe Pietro or the chef fell under the magnetic sway of my powerful mind-beams: It arrived beautifully red, not pink — but definitely cooked, the flesh “like buttah.” The sauce was sparse but very savory. B. and D. had no trouble eating it. There was even a little waft of ground coffee decorating the plate. This dish also came with asparagus and carrots, augmented by something called “crunchy potato purée” — by any other name, a mashed potato croquette lightly coated in panko.

A grilled version of the sea bream is another choice, as is a rack of Colorado lamb. The remaining entrées include a crisp-skinned, rare-cooked, farm-raised Atlantic salmon served with rhubarb dressing — something of a departure from the “green” theme, but there’s almost no Pacific salmon this

year. Other choices include such standard fusion-fish as panko-and-sesame-crust rare tuna and mahi mahi with Asian pesto. Given the ubiquity of the last two, you wonder about the rationale for serving them at an Italian restaurant. Maybe NTC residents, living in Eden, never venture to the fusiony fleshpots of Hillcrest or downtown?

I admit to feeling a certain trepidation when I peeked at the wine list — lots of terrific bottles, but very few under \$50. Once again, Pietro saved the day. For a first-course white, he steered us to the crisp Gavi di Gavi. (I’ve had this before and find it more trustworthy than Pinot Grigio, which in its baser incarnations can resemble acidulated water fit only for soaking dirty artichokes.) For a red, he described in dizzying detail the making of a full-bodied but nontannic wine called Ripasso, which involves some Valpolicella grapes treated unconventionally — something like, “First they have all the young men of the village stomp the grapes, and when they’re done, they call in the grandmothers to stomp the grapes some more.” It did nicely, but if you order it, have it opened before you need it and poured a little before you’re ready to drink. It started out clenched but opened up genially in the glass.

We were curious about desserts, especially when Pietro seduced us with a description of the evening’s special: a hazelnut mousse with fresh strawberries, balsamic, and a cute little crisp cockscomb of dried balsamic (good eating, that). The vast excess of whipped cream on the plate stayed on the plate. We also tried a tiramisu, which was sound and sane — not too sweet, although not my ideal version. (That one is from Café Milano in San Francisco, and I’m like a picky widow for it — nobody else’s will do as well.) Solare is still probably find-

ing itself: Italian and Asian are not quite comfortable yet as platmates. But every dish we tried was at least enjoyable, with not one serious clinker. And if in the restaurant’s early days some food-bloggers complained about service, well, that’s obviously been fixed. “Are any of you Italian?” Pietro asked as we finished. Barb raised her hand. “I like seeing you enjoy the meal like this, sharing everything,” he said, seeming as happy with us as we were with him. “This is the way we Italians eat together.”

ABOUT THE CHEF

Chef Mark Pelliccia, aged 32, was born to the job: Both parents are in the restaurant business, and both cook professionally. Although born in America, his English bears a faint accent and distinct Italian rhythm. “My mother is from Calabria, my dad is from near Rome. Do you know Luigi’s Italian Restaurant, in Mission Beach near the roller coaster? It’s a family restaurant, it’s been there for 22 years. Luigi’s my dad. I was born in New York, but when I was 10, we moved here and he opened it. Then he sold that one and opened another one. So when I was 15, 16, I decided I wanted to keep on cooking, doing the same profession. I wanted to go to Europe — France, initially, but my mom was sort of worried about me. I was only 18, so she sent me to my uncle’s in Italy. And from there, I started going to school. I went to trade school, studied cooking and waiting and business — it’s like high school, you also study English and French and math and literature, all that kind of stuff, but you also learn cooking...I’m just following the family tradition.

“In Italy I worked mostly in Northern Italy — I spent some time in Torino, some time in Venice, then I went to Florence and the Isle of Elba and traveled around working in different

countries also. Then I spent four years living in Liguria, where I have a house and a little vineyard. I worked there as an executive chef for a little company. But my parents are here, so after 15 years I decided to come back home.

“I just got back six months ago. This is the first job that I’ve had since then.” I asked if he had devised the menu for Solare. “I worked with [owner] Stefano — the plates are all mine, but when I came here he had already started building the restaurant, and he had the idea that he wanted to do a green restaurant, organic, which I’m really into also, so I took his idea and brought my plates and took his ideas of using domestic lamb, domestic beef, local vegetables.” Mark is still going around to local farms in Poway, Ramona, etc., to meet with farmers and learn who’s growing what and who can supply the restaurant. “It’s gonna take a little bit of time, but we’re getting there.”

And the Asian-fusion touches? “I’ve always loved the Orient; after Italian food, my favorite foods are Japanese and Thai. On my times off, I’ve always traveled to places like Japan and Thailand, northern Africa, Kenya. And I always try to pick up about their food, their culture. When you go back, it influences what you cook at the end. So the menu is also based on my traveling. We do Mediterranean with an Asian flavor. I think certain cul-

tures cook certain things in a better way than others — for example, duck — Chinese cook duck the best, Japanese cook eel the best. So just getting these characteristics of various cultures and bringing up their high points and putting these things together, that’s it for me.

“And I follow a lot of molecular gastronomy — doing stuff to have fun with food, and also looking at food’s scientific side. If you know what happens to food when it’s cooked, chemically, it makes it much easier when you have to cook. We’re just like chemists in a laboratory — we take two elements, we heat ’em up, we cool ’em off, mix ’em together, and come up with something, just like people do in labs. Chemistry has a lot to do with food. In June, right now, I’m going back to school. I want to do some science, but I have to take some math first. It makes it much easier when you know what happens to food scientifically, and the end result is much better. I like tradition in cooking, but I also like technology...I want to do more *sous vide* cooking, the slow food, all of that. But over here, coming in from Europe, Europe is much more ahead — here the cost is so high to buy the equipment. Eventually, a little at a time, we’re going to buy a vacuum sealer, [after] a little bit of time, more equipment. I like learning new stuff, it’s fun. We’re having fun, and a little bit at a time we’re growing.” ■



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That’s what happened to me, anyway, this Thursday evening. I’m starting to get used to all this Middle Eastern food popping up around town. I mean, yeah, we invaded the Middle East with tanks, but the Middle East has invaded us right back with grub. And baby, we’re willing to be occupied. The shawarmas (or from Turkey, the doner kebab), the Middle East’s equivalent of the Greek gyro, and baklavas are taking us by dessert storm — heh-heh — just about everywhere. They lure us with those *sabroso* rotating vertical stacks of layered, spiced meat roasting in front of racks of flames. The glistening fat dripping off is enough to slap your saliva glands awake and march your feet in off the street to face the man behind the counter.

Or, in this case, the woman. Avan. Her name means “Ocean.” She stands below a wickedly smiling sultan in a turban and the sign Sultan Shawarma. Two kids, a girl and a boy, play around her. Huh. So this is a family affair. It’s quite a narrow little place, with a nice patio on the street and a bunch of red tables inside, and cream-and-red walls with large paintings of Mediterranean towns overlooking blue waters. Artificial flowers, like geraniums and ferns, sit around in baskets. A flattened copper Aladdin’s lamp hangs on one

wall. It’s all very new and clean.

So — this is five minutes ago — I’m staring up at the menu board. Hmm. You basically have a choice of combos or plates or sandwiches. There are five plates, beef shawarma, chicken shawarma, beef kebab, ground beef kebab, and shish tawk (chicken). These all cost \$8.95 and come with hummus, rice, salad, and pita bread. Then there’s a shawarma combo, of beef and chicken, for \$10.95, and a “three of a kind” combo — beef kebab, *kefta* (ground beef), and *tawk*, for \$13.95.

Me, I look to the sandwiches, pretty much all \$6.49. And exactly the same choices, but without the sides. Plus, they’ve added a cheesesteak sandwich with grilled onions and mushrooms (\$6.49), which kinda steps out of the Middle Eastern thing. They have a chicken salad (\$6.95) and vegetarian dishes, including baba ghanouj (a dip made from eggplant — \$4.95) and hummus (\$5.95); or a “Mediterranean Veggie Plate” (\$9.95) with stuffed grape leaves, falafel, hummus, baba ghanouj, and pita.

I pick a chicken shawarma sandwich just because the slabs on the three-foot-high tower of chicken look so golden and delicious. Then I see you can get a side of hummus or baba ghanouj for \$1.95. Hmm. Plus 50 cents for pita bread. So, okay, I order the hummus.

Avan calls out, “Chicken shawarma. Sandwich!”

Guy she’s calling to is Baktiar (“Happiness”), her husband and the owner here. He brings out a sword with a bunch of chicken chunks stabbed onto it and sets it hissing on the grill.

Then I’m outside on the patio on Fourth. The

frontage is olive green with big varnished planks, black iron railings. In the fading light, a coronet of dripping lights switches on. Avan brings out a beautiful little plate of hummus with pita, plus a glass of water. The hummus has a black olive in the middle of a puddle of golden olive oil, with parsley for the green effect. Little extra I love is the stick of red pickled turnip that comes with it. Can’t beat that garbanzo and lemon taste. Then Baktiar brings the shawarma. Must say, one bite and this spiced chicken thing truly works great. Can taste...sesame? Maybe has tahini paste in? Hummus? Both? Whatever, those golden chunks of chicken taste rich and moist. They’re surrounded by onion, pickle, lettuce, tomato. It’s so juicy I hardly need the water to slosh it down.

Baktiar comes and sits with two dudes eating chicken and beef shawarmas out here, Christian and José. He knows these guys. His little boy Rewan (“Guide”) wants to come out too. He must be all of seven, eight max. “No no, Rewan,” Baktiar says. “This is man talk.” “I’m a man, aren’t I?” says Rewan. His dad relents, and the boy sits down, looking really proud. It turns out Baktiar is Kurdish, from northern Iraq. The people Saddam gassed. He escaped to Turkey and Greece, and finally San Diego. “I ended up driving a cab here, at the airport,” he says. “Then when 9/11 happened, flying tanked. Taxi business tanked.” So Baktiar decided to take a job as translator with U.S. forces in Iraq. “That’s what financed this restaurant,” he says. “Three tours in Iraq. Three years. It was worth it. This is what I’ve always wanted, a little place of my own.”

Wow. While we’ve been talking, Rewan has



Baktiar

wandered out onto the sidewalk. But his dad’s not worried. “He’s in love with Monique,” he says. “He just stands and looks at her.” And, yes, Rewan’s leaning against a lamppost, staring at the hostess outside the café next door, Café Sevilla. Monique. She smiles at him. Rewan breaks into a grin and runs back inside.

Think I may head inside too, for Kurdish baklava (\$1.50). Can’t resist. Guess I’m just another victim of Operation Dessert Storm. ■

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BEACHES

A.R. Valentien 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. A superb choice for a splurge: Chef Jeff Jackson cooks up a daily changing menu of California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of peak, in-season produce and top-quality well-raised meats and wild seafood. Not only is the food delicious and quietly inventive, but it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than at most restaurants. Note that all dishes on the "chef tasting" dinner are also available solo. The setting (a country inn on a golf course) is beautiful, the warren of dining rooms quiet and romantic unless packed. Validated valet parking, free self-parking; full bar with steeply priced wines, moderate-price cocktails. Reservations essential for weekend and holiday dinners. Open three meals daily. Very expensive. — N.W.

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," served un-

til noon—the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex restroom. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. N.W.

California Pizza Kitchen — La Jolla 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is 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,

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caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. — E.B.

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Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB

party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-

style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ranchos Cocina — Ocean Beach 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard #H, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. At both locations of this delightful mini-chain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. And sample something with the housemade mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try... anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W.

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least four Japanese beers and more than a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? This renowned

sushi bar offers seafood of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. And beauty, of course, such as the aji sashimi, a whole small Spanish mackerel bent into the shape of a swelling sail. These joys don't come easily. First, reserve. Then find the place, tucked into the corner of a minimal mini-mall on the east side of the street, marked with the large 7-Eleven sign (opposite Rubio's). Don't waste your time with the California roll ilk; instead, snoop on your neighbors' choices (particularly those of Japanese customers), watching for off-menu extravaganzas. A printed Omakasa menu at the tables (the equivalent of a lavish chef's tasting dinner) of either sashimi or sushi will feed one person royally or two lightly for under \$30. Cooked dishes are dull except for seafood miso soups and *chawan mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play, so best bet is to go late in the week, when the master's most likely to be present and keeping an eye out. To be served at the counter by Ota-san himself, reserve one month ahead. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

BAJA

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Cien Años Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Baja, 664-634-3039. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all, a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, posole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mescal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.)

The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Vegetarian on request. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — N.W.

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131, Baja, 664-685-8494. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrian Pedrin Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeuvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B.

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59, Baja, 646-155-0307. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and diner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Vegetarian upon request. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Original Ortega's Calle Principal (next to Casa de la Langosta), Baja. In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually

Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Vegetarian upon request. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — N.W.

Señor Frog's Via Oriente 60 C6, L4, Zona Río, Baja, 664-682-4962. Normally this is a moderately priced eatery, but Tequiza Tuesdays promise as much food and drink as you can handle for one cover charge (\$15, last time we checked in). Food includes a buffet with good fish tacos, *birria* (stew, usually beef), pork, *chicharron*, *carne asada*, ceviche, on and on. House beers and Mexican liquors including tequila are in the deal, too. Refill your plate and glass as often as you want, truly. Only caution: if a sombrero-totin' *charro* comes up offering tequila shots from his bandolier, you'll pay. "Free" food and drink 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays only. Other days, inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

CENTRAL

Anthony's Fish Grotto — Downtown 1360 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-5103. If you don't want overcomplicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winery sauce. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

Bambu Bistro 3882 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-9727. How many American chefs do you know who actually went to Asia and learned by working in traditional restaurant kitchens of Vietnam, Indonesia, India? Chef Alexandria did. The result is her Asian fusion cuisine. The Bistro is huddled in the corner of a strip mall, but you can still eat under exotic umbrella lampshades (inside) or tropical palapas (outside). The food is fresh, original, and often tasty. Dishes to try include Chinese Chopstick salad (shredded chicken, fried rice noodles, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds), Indo-Chinese burrito with steak (beef, rice noodles covered with a sesame and lime sauce), Drunken Noodles (chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon, or tofu), and Sea Salad (glass noodles, wild salmon, greens). Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

East Village Tavern and Bowl 930 Market Street, Downtown, 619-677-2695. "Tavern" says it all. This is a big, rowdy but not brawly, street-open, multiscreen sports bar. Half drink, half food, half bowling alley. East Villagers are making it their local because the kitchen's open late, plus, on a date, rolling those balls helps break the ice. The food's surprisingly good. List topper: steak sliders. Imagine three New York strip steaklets, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. A perfect strike. Then there's the pretty good Don't Mess With Texas burger, a *Panino Cubano*, and even chicken wings brined in salt, water, and herbs that have their own taste. Open daily 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends, breakfast from 9 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5478. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The

"chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner Monday through Friday. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Golden Dragon Asian Bistro 414 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The historic building has been freshly redecorated, keeping only the overhead sign that used to mark a one-time Chinese "dive." Now the eclectic pan-Asian menu emphasizes Thai flavors — the owners and kitchen staff are Thai, including executive chef "Miss Songsri" (who put Celadon on the map), working in a more casual vein here. Don't miss "Atomic Hog's Wings" (small pork shanks) or the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named "Jumping Jarvis." The beer and wine lists are international and affordable. Lunch and

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Joe's Crab Shack — Downtown 525 East Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-233-7391. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. Also in Mission Valley, Oceanside, and Pacific Beach. — N.W.

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly com-

fortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamodd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

Mediterranean Cafe and Lounge 1352 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-515-2233. Don't come early. You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a *sheesha* — water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 5:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Mission — North Park 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-

8992. "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the wait staff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, post-industrial, coffeehouse feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork — a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W.

Sadaf — Downtown 828 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-0008. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Turns into

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Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sushi Itto 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is *Mexican* sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (*surimi*), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain *nigiri* — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W.

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ — Mira Mesa 6904 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

El Bizcocho 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500. The deluxe restaurant in this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury resort ambience. Dinner nightly, Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — N.W.

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient lo mein (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Flavor Thai 4768 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3750. This opulent-feeling, great-value place (especially for lunch), is housed in an ex-Taco Bell restaurant, but you'd never know it. It has a small rose garden outside and ferns and plants inside. Nearly two dozen lunch specials include curries, soups, rice, and noodle dishes. Mock (or real) duck with green curry is great, as is the

massaman, the potato curry. They set the spice heater-meter at low but respect heat requests. Check out the chef's specials — a couple of dollars more but usually interesting, like *ho mok* (shrimp, green-shell mussel, and calamari with veggies in red curry sauce). Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Enjoy an entree of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — S.M.

Spices Thai Cafe — Mira Mesa 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Cafe at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess *heaven*. Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Sunday all-day lobster buffet. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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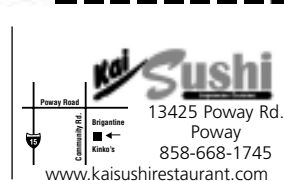
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NORTH COASTAL

Beach Grass Café 159 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami's Cafe and Honey's), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and "Beach Benedict" with eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the "maple" syrup and "butter" spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multi-ethnic "coastal cuisine," with the best results in seafood dishes like "Moroccan crabcakes" and the fish-n-yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W.

Buca di Beppo — Carlsbad 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Buca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain — but it works. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Firefly 251 North El Camino Real, Suite B, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. At this spacious wine bar and restaurant (sharing a small mall with well-known Savory), the wine list emphasizes California boutique wineries and lesser-known bottlings from around the world, and plentiful choices by the glass make it easy to experiment with unfamiliar wines. The menu starts with a half-dozen wine-bar snacks including a cheese plate and a charcuterie plate. The most popular lunch item is a grand Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a tasty bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts are a strong suit here, including a creative crème brûlée featuring white chocolate and the fragrant bergamot of Earl Grey tea. For weekend brunches, Firefly does it up big with a long, seductive array of choices, including a delicious Dungeness crab Benedict. The menu changes frequently, but this likeable spot feels like a sophisticated neighborhood restaurant where, if you're old enough to enjoy a taste of the grape, you can pretty much come as you are. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Il Fornaio — Del Mar 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "*Il fornaio*" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread,

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we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. *Pizza puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish 'n' chips, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers, which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open weekday nights until 8 p.m. and weekend nights until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

SOUTH BAY

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are wonderful. The juicy roast

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Dakine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchi. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway cafe is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow

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Jimmy's — Chula Vista 1198 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Parisi's Italian Restaurant 323 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-4490. This is an area where a lot of folks live in trailer parks on fixed incomes, and Parisi's has become their affordable, often daily treat. The good news is they don't just open cans. Nick and Rosemary Parisi, who opened here back in 1979, brought New Jersey traditions with them. Nick had been a butcher. His son Nick still makes his own delicious fennel-flavored sausage just as

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EAST COUNTY

Jimmys - Mission Gorge 9635 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot

syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive — *E.B.*

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of stand-alone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great

sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all 19 of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American), to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location, outside Santee, from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Woman on a Mission

Any tentative hypotheses you might form are sure to fall short of the full story.

The Gaslamp 15 still bears keeping an eye on. Hopefully this won't turn into a deathwatch, though I note that the hours of operation have been scaled back on weekdays to a late-afternoon start, a worrisome sign. Under the new management of Reading Cinemas, however, the theater continues to be what it was under Pacific, if not more so: a shelter to prolong the shelf life of the mainstream film (e.g., *21* and *88 Minutes*, still lingering as of this week), as well as an outlet for alternative films, oftentimes hand-me-downs from Landmark (*The Counterfeiters*, *Before the Rains*, *In Bruges*, et al.), sometimes even first-run ones, to chip away at the Landmark monopoly. I missed the blink-of-an-eye engagement of the American indie, *Meet Bill*, a couple of weeks back, but this Friday's offering of Giuseppe Tornatore's *The Unknown Woman* was screened ahead of time. (The concurrent offerings of Harmony Korine's *Mister Lonely* and Christopher Zalla's *Sangre de Mi Sangre* were not.) It bears a closer look.

Tornatore's name imprinted itself on the filmgoer's consciousness twenty years ago with *Cinema Paradiso*, and,

riding that tidal wave, each of his half-dozen films in the interim (counting his one-third of an anthology film) has been blessed to see the light of day, or light of projector, at one or another of the Landmark houses, *Malena* most recently. *The Unknown Woman*, dated 2006, and now saved from the orphanage by the Gaslamp, keeps us abreast of developments. Which in this case means deviations. His made-in-France crime thriller, *A Pure Formality*, had once before taken the filmmaker out of the syrup and into the slime, albeit with some cerebral-absurdist-surrealist pretensions. In his latest one, he has ventured again into the thriller realm, without such pretensions. The cognoscenti might even be tempted to dust off the term *giallo*, Italian synonym for dime novel, penny dreadful, the pulps, *série noire* (to the French), and, in its particular incarnation on the Italian screen, heyday in the Sixties and Seventies, the erotic thriller, or, in awkward but graphic translation, the "sexy-thrilling." Dario Argento, one of the pillars of the genre, has a film currently in production titled bluntly *Giallo*, strict equivalent of Tarantino's



The Unknown Woman

Pulp Fiction.

The Tornatore film begins in a fog of intrigue. Its first shot, a lascivious stunner, is a rear view of three women in thongs and bras, symmetrically lined up in a vague cavernous interior. A disembodied male voice gives them direction: *turn around* (revealing the women to be wearing masks), *strip*, and *send out the next three*. He

selects the one in the blond wig on the left: *she'll do fine*. Do what? We then drop into the chosen one's life, *sans* wig, as a Ukrainian immigrant looking for work as a maid, bedevilled by brief, almost subliminal flashes of flesh and rope, too quick to make out, but redolent of S&M. She sets her cap for a specific apartment building, kicking back thirty percent of her

salary to the super for the privilege, turning down other jobs, and setting her cap anew for a specific apartment in the building, befriending the elderly nanny of the accident-prone little girl in residence, and then ruthlessly getting the nanny out of the way, in a pool of blood. (The fog thickens.) What's she up to? Are we supposed to sympathize?



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One senses, one smells, the possibility of a revenge scheme, although the insidious insinuator proves to be not in perfect control of the situation. After a while one gets a whiff of something sweeter, a protectiveness towards this bruised little girl, a benevolent regimen to toughen her up. Any tentative hypotheses you might form are sure to fall short of the full story. And yet the plot twists are not so loopy as to overpower centripetal force and to send credibility hurtling off into space. It requires a tight rein. At times Tornatore could stand comparison with Hitchcock. (In lieu of his usual point of comparison, Fellini.) One of those times, an excruciating exercise in subjectivity, perhaps just a bit rushed, would be the heroine's lifting of a set of keys from her companion's purse at the movies, her excusing herself to the ladies' room, and her frantic dash next door to get copies made, only to find long lines at the counter and to draw ticket number 51 when they're now serving customer 37. Nor is Tornatore afraid to make a stab at upmanship: the denigration of the scissors as a lethal weapon can be seen as a deliberate snub of the Master's *Dial M for Murder*. The Bernard Herrmann-esque score of Ennio Morricone, in the pulsing, revving, driving vein of *North by Northwest*, *Vertigo*, *Psycho*, invites more of this comparison than Tornatore can truly stand.

All the same, the high polish of his technique goes far to counteract the luridness of the material: the couple of strong-arm thugs in Santa suits, the veteran character actor Michele Placido as a hairless ogre called "Mold," the gradual fleshing-out of those fleshy flashbacks, tawdrier and tawdrier. (The fog clears.) And the Russian-born leading lady, Ksenia Rappoport, with her haunted and hunted look, starved face and bug eyes, smoldering fire and subtle shading, makes a very strong showing. She, all on her own, merits a look. The unforeseen coda spirits her, and us, back to the Tornatore of old, a step into a puddle of syrup.

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The *Indiana Jones* preview screening this past month was held at the brand-spanking-new AMC Plaza Bonita 14 in the South Bay, roughly at the junction, as I peer at my Thomas Bros., of National City, Chula Vista, Paradise Hills, and of course Bonita. That's a ways off my beat, and since the lineup of movies is pretty much the same lineup as at any other multiplex, it looks unlikely that I'll be returning there often or ever. Nonetheless it seems incumbent upon me as a gracious guest to say that all those who live within a reasonable radius have themselves a nice new place to see the big new movies. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SDReader.com.

Around the Bend — Old Henry's last will and testament includes an ashes-scattering map for the three succeeding generations of males, Turner, Jason, and Zach. An insufferably cutesy salute to family ("A family carries each other"), regularly interrupted by ads for Kentucky Fried Chicken: mandatory stops on the map. With Christopher Walken, Josh Lucas, Michael Caine, Jonah Bobo, and Glenne Headly;

written and directed by Jordan Roberts. 2004. ● (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 6/16, 6:30 P.M.)

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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Before the Rains — Interracial, extra-marital 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. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Bigger, Stronger, Faster — Chris Bell's documentary on steroid abuse in America, including his own family. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/13)

The Big Sleep — The Bogart-Bacall team's playful, pattycake exchanges are quite dated now, although at times still quite salacious, and the adaptation of the labyrinthine Raymond Chandler mystery novel is not as baffling as it is reputed to be. However, there is also a grand confidence in the allure of *film noir* atmospheric detail and narrative conventions — night-time

fogs, neon lights, trench coats, clandestine comings and goings and doings — for which director Howard Hawks has a non-chalant knack. And there are unforgettable impersonations, by Martha Vickers and Bob Steele respectively, of a debauched sex bomb and a humorless gunsel. 1946. ★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 6/12 AND 13, 8:30 P.M.)

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)

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 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Counterfeiters — Stefan Ruzowitzky's Holocaust survival tale, loosely based on fact, tells how "the world's best counter-

feiter" (the long, long face of Karl Markovics) eases his existence in a Nazi concentration camp by suppressing his scruples and aiding the German war effort, speedily mastering the British pound, but then dilly-dallying over the U.S. dollar, theoretically affecting the outcome of the war. It is a passably interesting tale to tell, a new path through old territory, but the interest is rather in the tale than in the telling. At any number of stopping points along the path, the sights are liable to seem all too familiar (the bullet in the head, etc.), never mind the refreshing route that led there. And the coarse, raw, desaturated image, whether a chosen cliché or an imposed hardship, is at no point much to look at, a harsh thing to say about a motion picture. 2007. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

88 Minutes — 102 minutes minus closing credits. A famous forensic psychiatrist (a puffy-haired Al Pacino), on the scheduled day of execution of a sadistic killer against whom he testified, receives a distorted-voice cellphone threat, "You have 88 minutes to live." Once the countdown begins, not a single minute is remotely credible. How could the plotter count on the doctor returning to his car, after a wild-goose chase in pursuit of a suspicious leather jacket, just in time to read "72 Minutes" scrawled in the coat of dust? How could the plotter be sure the doctor would-

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n't be blown up too soon by the car bomb or cut down by the sprayed bullets? And if the purpose of the plotter is to secure a stay of execution, wouldn't it have been advisable to spring the plot a tad earlier? The full foolishness of the thing can't be appreciated till the final ah-ha. (Heh-heh, more like it.) Even in the ashen photography, Alicia Witt and Amy Brenneman, as two of the doctor's acolytes, are recognizable as among the most eye-appealing American actresses today. True, the creaseless wax-museum visage of the former might, in other company, give a bit of a chill. But not in the company of the almost airbrushed Leelee Sobieski. Like everything else, waxiness is relative. With William Forsythe and Neal McDonough; directed by Jon Avnet. 2008. ● (GASLAMP 15)

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 Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and Pachelbel's *Canon*, bodes ill for originality. With Lee Pace and Catinca Untaru. 2008. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Foot Fist Way — Bargain-basement comedy, improvisational in feel, documentary in technique, about a tae-kwon-do instructor (Danny McBride) with a fragile ego and a thin veneer of machismo. Some of the notions seem viable, though they don't really flourish. With Ben Best and Mary Jane Bostic; directed by Jody Hill. 2008. ★ (MISSION VALLEY 20)

Forgetting Sarah Marshall — Comedy of heartbreak and heartmend, under the imprimatur of producer Judd Apatow, but directed by newcomer Nicholas Stoller, and written by its star, Jason Segel, who envisions for himself the role of a would-be serious composer, cranking out mood music for a network crime drama when he would



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rather be devoting his time to a *Dracula* stage musical. (When, that is, he's not devoting his time to eating Fruit Loops out of a mixing bowl on the couch.) The vocational aspect of the role, in any case, straightaway gets put on the back burner in favor of the personal aspect: the dumped boyfriend of the lead actress on the aforementioned crime drama. The main point of interest in the movie, fractional though it may be, is Segel's penis, a raising of stakes over the old reliable tush shot. ("Would you take a look at my penis?" is an actual line of dialogue he has written for himself. It could just as well have been the advertising slogan.) For the rest, the movie gives the game away early when the schlumpy protagonist accidentally-on-purpose runs into his ex-girlfriend at her preferred Hawaiian resort, where she's cavorting with a lavishly tattooed British rocker, and where the copper-toned hostess at the check-in desk immediately jumps out at us as (a) a ready and willing shoulder for the schlump to cry on and (b) a couple of miles prettier than the ice-sculpture Hollywood girlfriend. Russell Brand's self-absorbed rock star ("Yeah," he responds to the fan who had slipped him a demo tape, "I was going to listen to that, but then I just carried on living my life") and Paul Rudd's dopehead surfer ("When life gives you lemons, just say 'Fuck the lemons' and bail") are funny enough for skit-level comedy, but scarcely for comedy of character. Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis, Jonah Hill. 2008. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18)

The Happening — M. Night Shyamalan's

science-fiction thriller starring Mark Wahlberg and Zooey Deschanel. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 6/13)

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. ● (GASLAMP 15)

Impact Point — Small-budget suspense film with Brian Austin Green and Melissa Keller, directed by Hayley Cloake. (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8, FROM 6/13)

In Bruges — Writer-director Martin McDonagh, in his feature debut, dispatches two British hit men to lie low, after a job with messy collateral damage, in the "fairytale" Medieval town near the coast of Belgium, where one of them (the tousled Brendan Gleeson) is interested in seeing the sights while the other (the tight-wire Colin Farrell) sizes the place up as a "shithole," excepting only a Bosch museum piece. To-

gether they engage in forced, overwritten, exhibitionistic comic dialogue at some variance with the guilty conscience and the thoughts of suicide. Ralph Fiennes, attempting to do (if not outdo) Ben Kingsley in *Sexy Beast*, comes into it late as a hot-tempered, high-principled crime boss. A little later, bullets fly, blood flows. The beauties of the town survive all this, and even the wan photography. 2008. ● (GASLAMP 15)

The Incredible Hulk — Louis Leterrier's new screen treatment of the comic-book superhero, played by Edward Norton. (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; FROM 6/13)

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull — Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg rejoin forces, nineteen years later, for a fourth archaeological adventure. 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 disarming 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. 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; 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 unflinchingly 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. Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf, Karen Allen, Ray Winstone, John Hurt, Jim Broadbent. 2008.

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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, 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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Jellyfish — Gynocentric parallel lives in Tel Aviv: a broken-hearted catering waitress, a broken-ankled bride, a language-impaired Filipino caregiver, a mute five-year-old. Stretching barely beyond an hour and a quarter, the film doesn't lead anywhere except a strained poetic end, but it's engaging enough en route, sprinkled with visual flair. Sarah Adler, Noa Knoller, Ma-nenita De Latorre, Nikol Leidman; directed by Etgar Keret and Shira Geffen. 2007. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 6/12)

Kung Fu Panda — Plump computer cartoon about a tubby panda (voice of Jack Black, tubby typecasting), an envious aficionado of the martial arts, dissatisfied with his lowborn "place" in the family noodle business. Wanting nothing more than to witness the anointment of the new Dragon Warrior, inheritor of the Secret of Limitless

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Power, he manages by dumb luck to get himself so anointed, in effect hitting the kung-fu lottery. With that, the filmmakers set about to purvey a dearly and widely held fantasy: the idea that the neophyte in any field, but especially the martial-arts field, can quickly close ground on the masters by means of a remedial crash course. No matter how low your opinion of kung fu or its film genre, you would be justified in finding this insulting, to both the specified martial art and your intelligence. And animation, despite its easy defiance of physical laws, does not much soften the insult. If the Furious Five — Tiger, Crane, Mantis, Monkey, and Viper — are together no match for the rogue snow leopard, Tai Lung, how can the Portly Panda compete? (As the Tiger rightly tells him, “If you have any respect for what we are and what we do, you will be gone in the morning.”) Apart from its featherweight reinforcement of the something-for-nothing ethic, there is probably no great harm in the movie. And in its own field it cuts no corners, leaves no stone unturned. It wouldn’t let a doodling neophyte anywhere near the drawing board. Or the keyboard. With the voices of Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie, Ian McShane, and Jackie Chan; directed by John Stevenson and Mark Osborne. 2008.

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The Man Who Knew Too Much — Hitchcock’s remake of his own 1934 thriller. Many people claim to prefer the earlier version. But Hitchcock did not go to all the trouble to do it again because it had gone so well the first time; and he got it better, if still not perfect, the second time. (He did not, for comparison, re-do *The Thirty-Nine Steps*; a couple of other directors have done that, and foolishly.) James Stewart, Doris Day. 1956.
★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 6/14 AND 15, 8:30 P.M.)

Mister Lonely — Indie filmmaker Harmony Korine (*Gummo*) in a more whimsical mood, showcasing Diego Luna as a Michael Jackson impersonator.
(GASLAMP 15, FROM 6/13)

The Promotion — Workplace comedy with Seann William Scott and John C. Reilly, written and directed by Steve Conrad.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/13)

Reprise — Norwegian film by the Danish-born newcomer, Joachim Trier, traces the diverging literary careers of a pair of pissy-and-vinegary young friends in Oslo. One of them (the sallow Anders Danielsen Lie, with an institutional shaved head) has an earlier success, a mental meltdown, and a prominent girlfriend, while the other (the blond and robust Espen Klouman-Hoiner) comes on later but stronger, and would hardly be caught dead in the company of his girlfriend. Trier lays out these paths in an exuberantly youthy style — scrambled timeline, biographical digressions, hypothetical alternatives, know-it-all narrator — such that you might think to look around to see whether there’s not a swelling Norwegian New Wave. (Lifted snippets of Georges Delerue’s music for Godard’s *Contempt* — the same snippets lifted by Scorese in *Casino* — call to mind another New Wave.) Much of the exuberance settles down as the film rolls along, and the people come to seem, despite the all-over pasty color, quite flesh-and-blood, quite real. Which is not to say interesting or compelling, other than to themselves. 2007.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Roman de Gare — Claude Lelouch, still very much his own man at age seventy, retains an authentic romanticism and optimism, undimmed by rueful realities. A fully rounded filmmaker, good with actors, locales, color, camera, movement, dialogue,

the works, he is here shown 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, the film 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. 2007.

★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 6/12; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 6/13)
Sangre de Mi Sangre — Feature debut of writer-director Christopher Zalla, an illegal-alien drama located in Brooklyn.
(GASLAMP 15, FROM 6/13)

Sex and the City — The big-screen resuscitation of the defunct HBO series (1998-2004) runs, or better say sashays, two hours and twenty minutes. That’s a lot of clothes and accessories, a lot of accompanying pop songs, a lot of chatty first-person narration, a lot of superficiality, a lot of vacuity. Maybe it would help if you had followed these four bosom buddies — the stringy Sarah Jessica Parker, the Amazonian Kim Cattrall, the pop-eyed Kristin Davis, the pinched Cynthia Nixon — throughout their six seasons of looking for love. To be sure, there’s not much looking anymore, and yet not much relating, either: the men, now that they’ve been landed, are little

more than accessories themselves. Tempestuous developments do occur: one of the buddies neglects to wax her pubes, one of them poops her pants, one of them packs on a spare bicycle tire, and the remaining one dyes her hair. (Symptoms of bigger things, but even so.) Maybe, on the other hand, it would be better to follow these buddies no further. Written and directed by Michael Patrick King. 2008.

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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. 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.
● (GASLAMP 15)

The Strangers — The debut of writer-director Bryan Bertino is a lowbrow (and low-blow) *Funny Games*, “inspired by true events,” centered on a romantically rocky young couple (so, don’t feel too bad for them, Liv Tyler, Scott Speedman: they were miserable already) terrorized by ghostly now-you-see-them-now-you-don’t masked

intruders at an isolated summerhouse. The grim outcome, as compared to that of *Funny Games*, is more blatantly signalled in a printed prologue (“The brutal events that took place there are still not entirely known”) as well as in the flashback structure (preludial 911 call: “There’s blood everywhere!”); and the assault on the viewer’s nerves, even though slow to get started (the camera has the jitters well in advance), is more blunt and aggressive, if less potent and lingering. Inasmuch as the ghostly terrorizers are not actual ghosts, their ghost-like behavior raises the issue of their self-conscious mummery. Actual ghosts would be easier to believe, not to mention easier to stomach. 2008.

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Surfwise — Disorganized digital documentary on the nomadic Paskowitz family, eight boys, one girl, born on the road after their father, a twice-divorced Jewish doctor since remarried to a Mexican Indian, dropped out of conventional society in the late-Fifties to pursue his bliss: surfing, screwing, proselytizing. Then the children began to grow into adults, and the picture darkens. Mostly a reminiscing interview film, lightly laced with old family photos, home movies, news footage (the Paskowitzes had not gone unnoticed before now), and capped off with a reconciliatory reunion. Plenty of human interest if little cinematic. Directed by Doug Pray. 2008.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 6/12)

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 titers. Bette Midler, as the biological mother, will tend to turn anything into shtick, and the reliable Matthew Broderick and Colin Firth, as the old and new prospects respectively, are pretty much limited to one note apiece. (Salman Rushdie, wildly out of his element, sees the light of day as an obstetrician.) Hunt, however, with her drawn face, downturned mouth, roadmap of worry lines, and courage in displaying all this, appears more like a figure of Greek tragedy, an Electra maybe, even a Medea. A purging outburst of anger at her mendacious 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.

★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 6/13; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 6/12)


21 — Takeoff from a true story, presumably far, far off, about a team of MIT math whizzes who, drilled by a Mephistophelean mentor on the faculty, visit Vegas on weekends to beat the house at blackjack. The film is not able to make the frowned-upon practice of “card counting” comprehensible, much less cinematic (unless you con-

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sider fast-shuffle editing to be cinematic), but then it’s not really interested in mental acumen and application, only in the re-wards and perks: a run-of-the-mill Sin City fantasy (dazzling montage of casino neon, top-of-the-world luxury suite, strip club, stacks and stacks of hoarded chips) in which the natural-born nerd can forget who his friends are, become somebody different, go around acting like a cross between Richard Gere in *Pretty Woman* and Michael Douglas in *Wall Street*. Director Robert Luketic, whose lightweight credits consist of *Legally Blonde*, *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*, and *Monster-in-Law*, permits himself to be entranced by the fantasy, serving more as press agent than reporter, greasing the wheels for a smooth ride, picking compatible pop songs for tempo. Jim Sturgess is Young Paul McCartney cute as the whizziest math whiz, or in other words a fantasy figure from the get-go. (If he’s so bright, why is he piling up hundreds of thousands of dollars in the ceiling of his dorm room instead of in a bank?) Kate Bosworth is a still more distorted fantasy of the Smart Girl. And Kevin Spacey, who gets all the snappiest dialogue, puts his innate repulsion to good use as the manipulative mentor, the adult authority figure who, in order to complete the fantasy, must finally be overthrown. The most sympathetic figure, even when (perhaps especially when) he’s slipping rings onto his fingers for a brass-knuckle work-over, is Laurence Fishburne as an old-school casino watchdog who’s being phased out by computer software. 2008.

● (GASLAMP 15)

The Unknown Woman — Reviewed this issue. With Ksenia Rappoport, Michele Placido, Claudia Gerini, and Clara Dossena; directed by Giuseppe Tornatore. ★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 6/13)

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



When Did You Last See Your Father?

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. 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

When Did You Last See Your Father? — Anand Tucker’s adaptation of a memoir by British writer and poet Blake Morrison, probing his uncomfortable relationship with his blustering, bluffing, bulldozing dad, reviewed in flashback from the cancer-racked end. You can recognize some universal truths, but it’s a distant recognition. The particulars do not strongly pull you in — in the manner, say, of *I Never Sang for My Father*. Jim Broadbent and Colin Firth are fine as father and son, although the latter character goes through two child actors as well, the second (older) one physically further from Firth than the

first. The family maid on whom the boy had his first crush, meantime, remains the same actress, Elaine Cassidy, in his teen years as in his adult. With Juliet Stevenson, Gina McKee, Sarah Lancashire. 2007.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 6/13)

You Don’t Mess with the Zohan — Adam Sandler’s Israeli accent (plus his stammering multiple negatives: “No-no-no-no-no”) seems like a sufficient base for a spy comedy revolving around a hirsute agent of Mossad, a sort of anti-*Munich* if you please. But the jokes stray a long way off the base and in diverse directions: the hero’s superhuman powers (snagging a bullet in his nostril, doing no-hands pushups, etc.); his pursuit, in America, of his secret desire to cut hair (“I just want to make people silky smooth”); his time-warp sense of fashion, gleaned from a disco-era Paul Mitchell catalogue; his sexual predilection for grateful old biddies; his, or rather (one and the same) the writer-producer’s, Pollyannish appeal for peaceful coexistence; and the hypocritical stigmatization, since *somebody* has to be the bad guy, of the corporate money-grubber — *anybody*, to be more particular, besides those altruists at Happy Madison Productions and Sony Pictures. Just as Sandler’s accent could seem a sufficient comic base, John Turturro might seem an adequate comic adversary as a Palestinian terrorist and fast-food entrepreneur, but this would be hard to verify on the laugh-meter. There are good-sized parts, too, for an all but unrecognizable grease-painted Rob Schneider, Lainie Kazan, Nick Swardson, and Emmanuelle Chriqui as a Palestinian cutie-pie, and bite-sized parts for Shelley Berman, Chris Rock, Kevin Nealon, Mariah Carey, and John McEnroe — and not enough laughs to go around even were they sliced into thin smiles. Directed by Dennis Dugan. 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG); **The Happening** (R); **The Incredible Hulk** (PG-13); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13); **Kung Fu Panda** (PG); **Sex and the City** (R); **The Strangers** (R); **You Don’t Mess with the Zohan** (PG-13)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)

Baby Mama (PG-13); **Before the Rains** (PG-13); **The Counterfeiters** (R); **88 Minutes** (R); **Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay** (R); **In Bruges** (R); **Mister Lonely** (Not Rated); **Sangre de Mi Sangre** (Not Rated); **Sex and the City** (R); **Son of Rambow** (PG-13); **Then She Found Me** (R); **21** (Pg-13); **The Unknown Woman** (Not Rated); **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13)

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

Caregiver (NR) Fri. (10:20, 1:10, 4:05) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 1:10) 4:05, 7:10, 10:00; **The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian** (PG) Fri. (10:25, 1:30, 4:35) Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 1:30) 4:35; **The Happening** (R) Fri. (10:15, 10:45, 12:45, 1:15, 3:00, 3:30, 5:15, 5:45) 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 10:45, 12:45, 1:15, 3:00, 3:30) 5:15, 5:45, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15; **The Incredible Hulk** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 12:35, 1:05, 1:35, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40) 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 9:55, 10:30

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LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)

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La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

The Children of Huang Shi (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Roman de Gare** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **The Visitor** (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30; **When Did You Last See Your Father?** (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)

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MISSION HILLS

Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)

The Big Sleep (Not Rated); **The Man Who Knew Too Much** (Not Rated)

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

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Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

The Happening (R); **The Incredible Hulk** (PG-13); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13); **Iron Man** (PG-13); **Kung Fu Panda** (PG); **Sex and the City** (R); **You Don’t Mess with the Zohan** (PG-13)

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)

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STATE UNIVERSITY

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

The Animation Show 4 (Not Rated) Fri. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; **Friday the 13th (1980)** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:55p.m.

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

Bigger, Stronger, Faster* (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; **The Fall** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; **The Promotion** (R) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00; **Reprise** (R) Fri. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **The Visitor** (PG-13) Fri.

1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)

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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk (NR) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 1:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 1:00, 5:00; **Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs** (NR) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure** (No Rating) Fri. 3:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 3:00; **Wild California** (NR) Fri. 6:00p.m.

San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)

Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:00; **Pompeii: The Last Day** (NR) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:50) 7:00, 10:20; **The Happening** (R) Fri. (11:30, 11:50, 2:00, 2:20, 4:30, 4:50) 7:00, 7:20, 9:30, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 11:50, 2:00, 2:20) 4:30, 4:50, 7:00, 7:20, 9:30, 9:50; **The Incredible Hulk** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:20, 11:40, 1:50, 2:15, 2:35, 4:40, 5:00, 5:20) 7:30, 7:50, 8:10, 10:20, 10:40, 11:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 11:20, 11:40, 1:50, 2:15, 2:35) 4:40, 5:00, 5:20, 7:30, 7:50, 8:10, 10:20, 10:40, 11:00; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 12:40, 3:30, 3:55) 6:45, 7:15, 10:00, 10:30; **Iron Man**

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100)

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

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Cubicle Gal

"When there are no distractions, like words and other actors, every move becomes enormous."

We watch a woman just home from work. Her eyes are so blank, it's hard to tell if she's glad to be back in her spotless studio apartment or relieved to clock another eight hours. She checks her mail: a lone advertisement. No human contact.

Almost immediately she goes to work. She stores groceries in careful piles, labels front. She makes a meal, washes dishes, cleans her hands every time she touches something. She checks a blemish on her right cheekbone, rechecks later: a nagging imperfection.

Much of what she does prepares for the next day. But something about her mindless rituals, ending one and immediately beginning another, suggests that tomorrow will mirror today, just as today has countless yesterdays. It's as if, as Wordsworth wrote, her whole "vocation were endless imitation."

She's Miss Rasch, the sole character in Franz Xavier Kroetz's *Request Programme*, a minutely detailed study of compulsion and emptiness. In German, *rasch* means "impetuous, brisk, rash." For most of the drama, which closes this weekend at Ion Theatre, the 45-year-old woman's anything but. In the end, however, she's aptly named.

"In the piece," says Linda Libby, who plays Rasch, "the audience is like a fly on the wall. They become Jimmy Stewart in *Rear Window* but can't take action when they need to."

Request Programme is one of the most talked about, many say unique, dramas of our time. Kroetz

strips away all the usual sources of information — dialogue, other characters. He leaves one actor alone onstage, speechless, for 65 minutes. Libby agreed to talk about what it's like to play a character "as daunting as Hamlet."

INTERVIEW

JEFF SMITH

Kroetz radically narrowed the depth of field. Nothing "big" happens. Every action is mundane, which requires the audience to look closer than usual. At one point, for example, Rasch decides to have juice. Instead of telling another character, or licking her lips to show intent, three fingers of her right hand flicker for an instant, as if something inside has said, "Aha, beverage time."

In this sense, *Request* shows us how lazy our eyes have become, how we often don't see something the first time but rely on instant replays. And how, in an era of sensory overload, we accept obvious clues and easy answers at face value — and overlook the fine print.

"In most theater, especially musicals," says Libby, "actors thrust the story into the house with great energy. But when there are no distractions, like words and other actors, every tiny move becomes enormous."

To narrow the focus even more, Libby had to silence her most expressive instrument: her eyes. Most actors stress them, often to the exclusion of everything else. Libby had to dull hers, collapsing them from "musical big" to almost lifeless orbs that regard objects without editorializing.

"It's important we don't explain her too much," says Libby. "The audience should do the interpreting." Anything that lets people say, "Oh she's just..." — as in, she's just had a tough day, just broke up, etc. — "disconnects her from them."

In his notes, Kroetz offers a few biographical details: Rasch works at a stationery factory in the envelope section ("makes sense: the form but not the content"). She has a small salary and once lost a lover and has an "involuntary virginity." But since each of these facts could create a disconnect, the Ion production refrained from explanations. "She's definitely a cubicle gal," says Libby, "but we leave it at that."

After one performance, a woman confessed to Libby that she had Miss Rasch's job. "No, I do," said two others, none of whom had the same vocation.

Libby also removed a social mask. "People have an exterior layer they wear like Teflon. It could be a smile, a sourpuss, whatever. Miss Rasch doesn't. There's an absence, not of energy, more like a missing aura." In effect, Rasch has no protective shield. She's naked in the most profound sense, and "for an actor — whooo-weee-DAWGIES! — that's scary!"

"I have a rep for being a lively performer, and this character requires a stark flatness, like erasing almost everything actors use to explain and, quite frankly, to please."

When Libby's mother saw the show, she barely recognized her daughter's dead-eyed stare and obsession with order. "After, she had to make sure I was okay. She was a little unsettled."

Libby began studying for the project two years ago. "Rasch is *not* like me a lot," she realized. "I'm neither organized nor clean." Libby focused on simple activities. "Do I put the dish soap on the sponge or in the water?"

Libby invented a whole lexicon of Rasch's physical habits: open both cabinet doors at once; close the armoire with both hands (quietly at first, louder later), fold things with microprecision, even toilet paper in neat squares. Rasch moves as if she *must* stay busy, must have the TV on, or a radio concert (which awakens moods, memories?), as if she must remain on automatic pilot.

"Every move speaks. For instance: who would



Linda Libby

believe that a smidgen of a toenail, tossed on the floor, would hold such significance?"

What in her background prepared Libby for this once-in-a-lifetime role? She cites Samuel Beckett's late one-acts, where he insisted on taking all the "color" — everything actors add to a character or use to help the audience understand — out of a performance ("Less," he shouted at Billie Whitelaw in rehearsals, "even less"). By eliminating color, Beckett made the audience more a participant in the process, tilting forward and paying attention, than a passive recipient.

"Most acting requires layers," says Libby. "Beckett subtracts, so you just do the action by itself: when you look out the window, that's it: *just look out the window*. It's one of the most challenging things an actor can do."

Libby also recalled an exercise she did as an MFA student at Temple University. Wal Cherry, department head, demanded simplicity. One day he asked students to walk in a room, club a guy over the head with a rubber truncheon, and walk out. The first actor didn't just enter. He stealthed in, eyebrows bouncing, inspecting every mote of dust. Then he saw his target and froze. His face bubbled with perplexity: to club or not to club? He half-stepped forward. His legs locked.

"No-o-o-o-o!" shouted Cherry. "Stop adding stuff! Just walk in, belt the guy, and walk out! Is that so hard?" Given most actors' training, Libby recalls, this exercise ranked among the toughest.

But it prepared her for what she calls "the invisible line" in *Request* between the "actorly" and the unadorned. In rehearsals she and director Glenn Paris squelched every theatrical impulse. Lately,

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however, she's moving away from the line. During a performance she went from one section of the play to the next and couldn't remember how she got there. "Total blackout. I stopped thinking. Spooky."

In her most recent performances, Libby confesses to an out-of-body experience. "Honestly, when I'm in the moment of the play, I have looked, and sometimes what I see is unexpected. I lose a sense that I'm onstage — me, Libby. Miss Rasch has entered the room." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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The Big Bang

The Lipbals are vacationing in Israel. They have, or have not, allowed Jed and Boyd to use their penthouse for a backer's audition of *The Big Bang*, a 12-hour musical history of the world. Audience members at the North Coast Rep are potential in-

vestors. Since the authors have only 90 minutes, they race through the centuries, hurdling five or six at a time, and slam on the brakes at Woodstock, ending with a list of names from popular culture and a whimper. The best part, along with Steven Withers's versatile keyboard: the duo ransacks the apartment for props and costumes and always gets a laugh (a pillow, minus the stuffing, becomes Columbus's jaunty cap). The rest of the show's hit and miss and clobber, if you count the racial stereotypes exploited for humor. The original authors, Jed Feuer and Boyd Graham, played themselves. At North Coast, Andrew Ableson and Omiri Schein haven't figured out how good they should be: too polished and the frame tale doesn't work; too amateurish, the songs and impersonations don't. So they're somewhere in between, half into an accent or vocal riff, barely Frank Sinatra and Marlene Dietrich. The result, many of the numbers sound the same, and the overall joke wears out. Both actors, it becomes obvious, could do far better work if asked. 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.

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Called "a new Gershwin musical comedy" when first produced in 1992, *Crazy*'s actually a book, written by Ken Ludwig, used as a vehicle to feature many of Broadway's most unforgettable songs. As I watched Starlight's at times glitchy but entertaining opening night, I wondered what it would have been like if *Crazy* were a genuine Gershwin musical. How would an audience, sometime in the 1930s, have felt hearing so many classics — "Embraceable You," "Nice Work If You Can Get It," "They Can't Take That Away from Me," and "Someone to Watch Over Me" — for the first time? Not to mention having "I Got Rhythm" as the Act One curtain! That would have been a miraculous, albeit temporary, antidote to the Depression. Bobby Child, NYC playboy, goes to Deadrock, Nevada ("the armpit of the West"), to foreclose a theater. Were this a melodrama, he'd be the moustache-twisting villain. But Bobby's a natural born hoofer who just wants to dance. By musical's end, complications flop like fake Hollywood façades, and "Things Are Looking Up" for everyone. Amid reluctant drops, lapsed lighting cues, and a terse, oddly bland conclusion, the Starlight show features big tap numbers and talented, triple-jointed Dennis Clark as the indefatigable



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Bobby. Clark’s also adept at the Groucho Marx-like groaner come-backs Ludwig sprinkles throughout the script. Clark and Barry Pearl, who plays the producer Bela Zangler, steal the show with “What Causes That?” — in which Clark dresses as Zangler and they mirror each other’s actions (Pearl at one point observing “I’m beside myself”). Musical director Parmer Fuller, as always, has the orchestra in fine shape.

Worth a try.

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The Hit

Lamb’s Players stages Mike Buckley’s romantic comedy “about love, antiques, and attempted assassination.” Robert Smyth directed. LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH JULY 13.

I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents the popular “mating game” musical about “the joys of dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives, and in-laws.” Marjorie Mae Tregger directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 14.

In the Blood

Golden/Bushnell Productions presents Suzan-Lori Parks’s riff on *The Scarlet Letter*. Set in the inner city, the play follows Hester La Negrita as she tries to raise her five children “while dealing with individuals that constantly victimize her.” Jeff Bushnell directed. NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, NORTH PARK. 619-647-4958. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 28.

Monsieur Chopin

For a brief run, the Old Globe Theatre presents Hershey Felder’s tribute to the legendary composer Frederic Chopin. Joel Zwick directed. 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. THROUGH JUNE 22.

'night Mother

The new Ascension Theatre Company opens its doors with Marsha Norman’s psychological drama about Thelma Cates and her daughter Jessie and a “roller-coaster night” they spend together. SEWS AND SHOWS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 7860 GOLDEN AVENUE, LEMON GROVE. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 29.

A Number

Caryl Churchill’s 70-minute drama unfolds like a hall of slowly warping mirrors. The play opens with Salter, in his early 60s, talking to his 35-year-old son, Bernard. They refer to people and things. And things as people. Bernard, it turns out, is Salter’s son once-removed. He’s B2, a copy of the original, cloned by “some mad scientist.” And B2 isn’t the only one. For experimental reasons, or some Andy Warhol proliferation fetish, the scientist made 20 Bernards. Salter says they’re just duplicates, “things,” calling to mind the cyborgs in *Blade Runner*. B2 disagrees: they’re every bit as human as the original. They just weren’t first. In five terse, packed scenes, *A Number* combines nature with nurture. Different clones become different Bernards in a *Rashomon* of replication. For Cygnet Theatre, Francis Gercke plays B2 (sensitive, nervous), Bernard (the original: a thug, his tattoos the mark of Cain?), and Michael Black (who fell, so to speak, far from the tree). Whether flopping backwards on the leather sofa or doing violence to an orange, Gercke’s sharp, physical performance shows how different a similarity can be. As the various Salters (he’s different with each son), Douglas Jacobs verged on

the strident, early on opening night, but became moving as Salter pays the price for playing God. Salter’s differences open up a counter-theme: Churchill suggests that each of us may be multiple, may already have “a number” of selves within us. As she did with *Yellowman* at Cygnet, director Esther Emery took a script with no stage directions and filled it with theatrical life. Jungah Han’s midnight blue set, tile squares from floor to ceiling, could be a lavish, ancient Roman bath. Exposed caulking creates groupings. As the play’s theme takes hold, the clusters come to resemble chains of molecules.

Worth a try.

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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 Tenth 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 hyper-realistic 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. THROUGH JUNE 14.

Robert Dubac’s Male Intellect: The Second Coming!

Robert Dubac’s sequel to his *The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?* promises “more truth, less” — actually it should be “fewer” — “lies.” Afflicted with too much male chauvinism, he tries to find a balance between his left brain (linear, rational) and his right (emotional). He labels the two hemispheres “male” and “female.” They aren’t, but anyway. In Act Two, having found his balance, he ventures behind the “door of truth” and gives us unvarnished, outside-the-box revelations (“there are no stars in *Dancing with the Stars*”). Although the tidy oppositions — women are this, men that — come from pop psychology (which has always been allergic to multi-polarities), and though Dubac upholds stereotypes as much as he warps them, the show’s often quite funny. Some of the best material comes when his characters, like grumpy Uncle Bob, say unexpected things. His repertoire includes magic tricks (demolishing a newspaper, clumping it together, and unfolding

the pristine original), a quasi-mystical blackboard with key words embedded, and, the highlight, a cigarette in each ear performing “Dueling Banjos” from *Deliverance*. On opening night Dubac blasted through the evening as if he had a plane to catch. His characters’ accents often blurred the jokes, the punch lines in particular. Unlike most stand-up comedians, Dubac wants his audience to think. His show would be even better if he gave them time to do it.

Worth a try.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-858-0322. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 5 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 5 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH JULY 13.

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. 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. Life-long-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.

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Woman before a Glass

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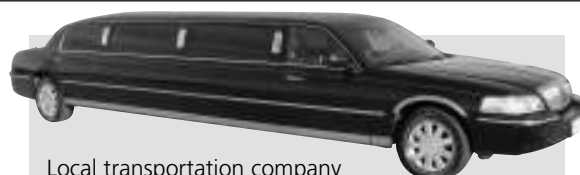
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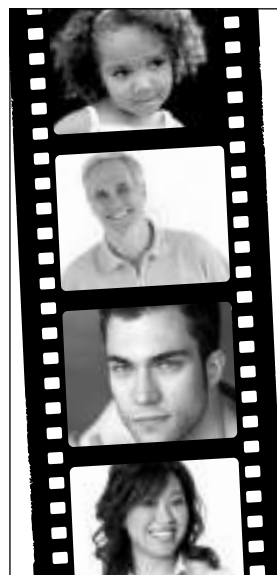
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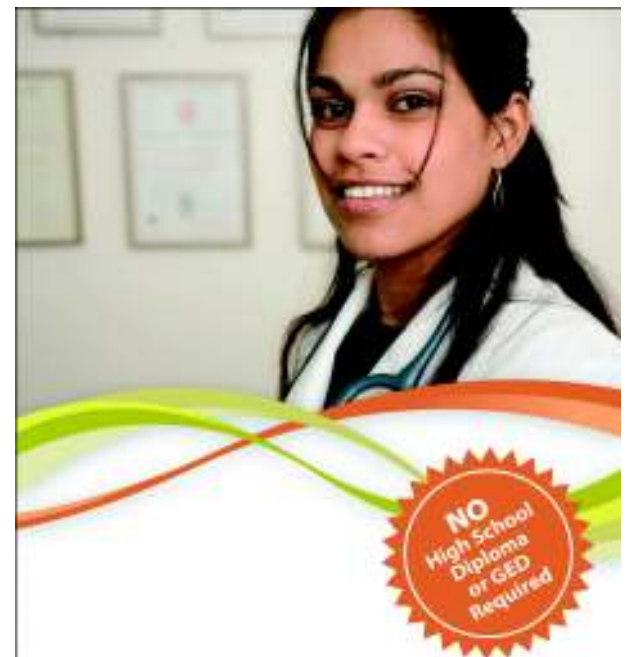
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Jamie, originally from Long Island, New York, moved to San Diego two months ago."There was still snow on the ground when I left and 20-degree air, and I was still in the water. You can't have a busy life in Long Island and be a surfer; you have to watch the computer, you have to watch the storms."

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including a nearly fatal drowning.

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Spreckels Theatre, c. 1915. Signage also advertises “Vaudeville Hippodrome.” Clarence Alan McGrew’s 1922 book *City of San Diego and San Diego County* mentioned, “In 1915 the Hippodrome vaudeville started

to appear at the Spreckels Theatre,” suggesting that it was perhaps a touring theater company that had a residency at the hall.

—by Robert Mizrachi

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Typo Patrol Results

Issue of June 5, 2008

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“sandal” should be “scandal”

Found by **Joe Miller**, College Area

T-shirt or money, Joe?

Sporting Box, page 16

“Kevin Garnet” should be “Kevin Garnett”

Found by **Tom Beans**, University City

“...the money, please.” \$10

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“Or deliver” should be “or deliver”

Found by **Chelsea Navarro**, Carlsbad

“Money!” \$10

Club Crawler, page 88

““Canes” should be “Canes

Found by **Eli Gonzalez**, San Diego

\$10

Local Events, Dance listings, page 68

“ages” should be “Ages”

In Person listings, page 70

“ages” should be “Ages”

Blurt, page 84

“Michaels” should be “Michael”

Of Note, page 94

“Tod A’s” should be “Tod A.’s”

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“funny...” should be “funny....”

All found by **Molly Ryan**, East Lansing MI

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collection brewing.” \$50

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Mira Mesa 18

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Donna Jackson
Payroll
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It was that [my father] was cheating on my mom. And he still lies about it to this day, only I know the truth. The woman he's now married to, and has been for years, knows things about me from when I was ten. She wouldn't know certain things about my childhood. My mom was still alive then, and they were together. The things my dad lied to me about...I can give you a list.



Sheryl Clark
Pharmaceuticals
Michigan

My answer would probably be the same as a lot of kids': the truth about Santa Claus. I was probably six or seven when I found out it was my parents. I was so happy, too, realizing that my mom and dad cared enough to buy us things and pretend about Santa. My older sister found out about Santa because she smelled paint. A lot of the gifts were always painted in this battleship gray, and you could smell it in the morning.



Jenna Sloan
Waitress
Sorrento Valley

Regarding the existence of Santa Claus. My sister told me one time that there was no Santa. She is actually younger than me. I asked my mom. I was probably in third grade. She said there wasn't a Santa but that his spirit lives on. I started crying and said, "How could you lie to us about something so important?" And she hasn't lied to me since then.



Dan Allman
Project Engineer
La Mesa

It was my father telling me he was a priest. For a long time, that's what he used to get me to be good. We called him "father," so it seemed believable. I was probably around eight or nine when I realized it was a lie. Then his big quote was, "It's only a suggestion, but don't forget who made it." I guess that's not really a lie. He was big on Catholic guilt.



Michael Hawk
Bartender
San Diego

I would say the time my mom found the outline of a condom in the Velcro surfer wallet I had when I was 13. It had been in there for so long it formed a permanent outline. She was really upset. I just thought it was cool to have one because a few friends had them in their wallets. None of us had money in our wallets, so storage of things was the next best use. I immediately got the birds-and-bees talk with my parents. I was told that sex really isn't that great. In their attempts to keep me abstinent for the rest of my life, a lot of lies were told.



Kim Ford
Waitress
Mira Mesa

I don't think they ever lied to me. Maybe a few little white lies. They used to tell me if I don't clean my ears they'll grow potatoes in them. I don't know, maybe I still believe that because I'm always cleaning them. Regarding the Easter Bunny and Tooth Fairy, I never really believed they were real. You just want to enjoy those things as a kid. One of my co-workers was told by his parents that weeds didn't produce oxygen, and that's why he needed to pull them all out of the garden.

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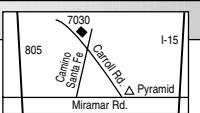
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Last week's place: (clue: Crown this our smallest park?) Rotary Park, at the intersection of Orange Avenue, Isabella Avenue, and Park Place, by Tenth Street, Coronado (unofficial moniker: "Crown City"). The little park was created to preserve the 95-foot-tall, 80-year-old Norfolk pine that serves as Coronado's official Christmas tree. "Christmas Tree Park," as most folks refer to the approximately 700 square feet of green space, may be the smallest in California. (Last week's winners: Brian Hickman, Marie Pedrin-Gizoni, Lance Rhyder, Hazel Quartermain, Robert Wasilewski)

Clue: Yowler at the third jewel's theater?

Describe this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a *Reader* T-shirt. E-mail to NameThisPlace@SDReader.com; fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to *Reader*, Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. Please put "Name This Place" in the subject line. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)



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by David Levinson Wilk

Across

- 1. ____ Moines
- 4. Insight
- 10. Good for what ____ you
- 14. European peak
- 15. Oldest among the Huxtable children on “The Cosby Show”
- 16. Barbershop sound
- 17. 1992 Meryl Streep movie
- 20. Sr.’s test
- 21. Where “Measure for Measure” is set
- 22. Grows bored with
- 26. Pro’s opposite
- 27. First female-directed movie to gross over \$100 million
- 30. Act cautiously
- 33. Seattle-to-Tacoma dir.
- 34. TV’s Anderson
- 35. And others, for short
- 36. Poet famous for the words that begin 17-, 30-, 47- and 59-Across
- 40. Indians can be found there
- 43. Times
- 44. Copy
- 47. “Over my dead body!”
- 52. Flabbergast
- 53. She played Mia in “Pulp Fiction”
- 54. Some magic acts
- 55. Former Golden Arches sandwiches
- 58. Discount label abbr.
- 59. Utterly self-satisfied
- 65. Color
- 66. Strands in the winter?
- 67. Do zilch
- 68. Pulitzer winner James
- 69. Twinkler in le ciel
- 70. Asner and O’Neill

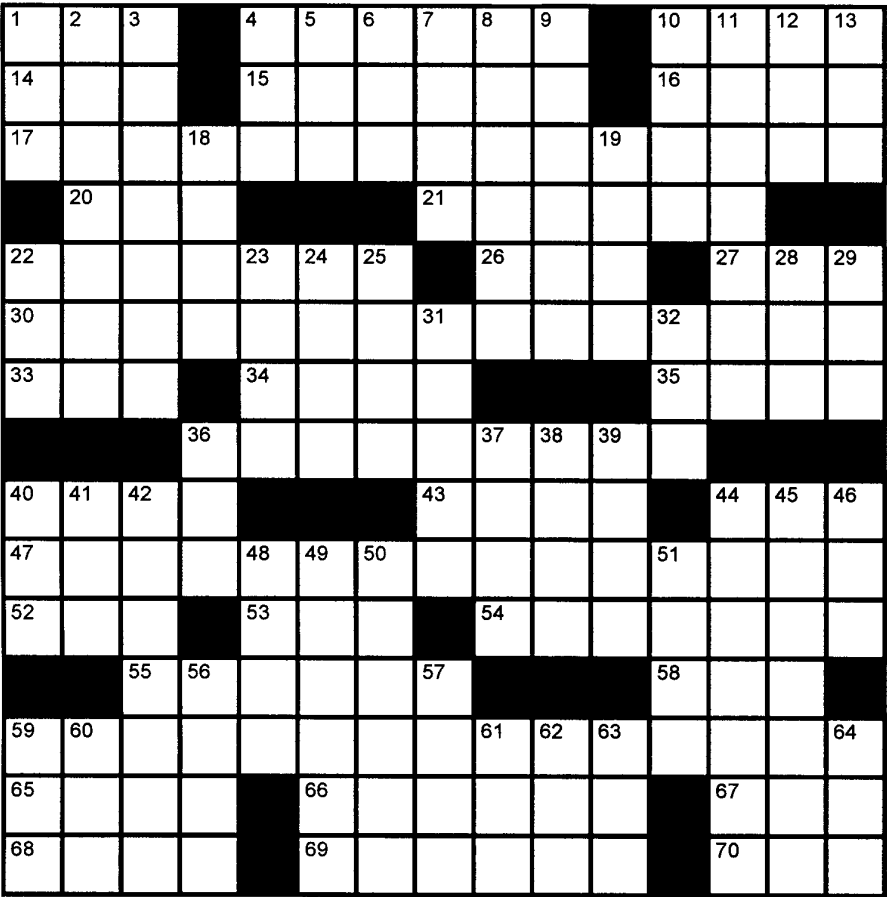
Down

- 1. “Dear old” guy
- 2. Poems of passing
- 3. Small songbird
- 4. Campfire residue
- 5. Corn on the ____
- 6. Article in Le Figaro
- 7. Year “Don Quixote” was published
- 8. Beethoven’s Third
- 9. Umberto Eco’s “The ____ the Rose”
- 10. YMCA member?: Abbr.
- 11. Occupy
- 12. Say what isn’t so
- 13. It begins in Mar.
- 18. Typical Mad reader
- 19. Feminine suffix
- 22. Cable channel with the slogan “Very funny”

- 23. Normandy town
- 24. Eager student’s cry
- 25. Actress Sherilyn
- 28. Early civil rights activist ____ B. Wells
- 29. Coiffeur’s goop
- 31. Most-played half of a 45
- 32. Spot
- 36. ____ alai
- 37. Author Sarah ____ Jewett
- 38. Slangy rejections
- 39. Tiny fraction of a min.
- 40. Santa ____, Calif.
- 41. Petunia Pig, e.g.
- 42. Top of the agenda
- 44. Sanction
- 45. Like some noses
- 46. Martians, e.g.
- 48. Wabbit hunter
- 49. Rusher’s cry
- 50. Keep tabs on a tabby
- 51. Not of the cloth
- 56. Puppyish
- 57. Not loco
- 59. Child advocacy org.
- 60. Fix
- 61. Penultimate Greek letter
- 62. Moray, e.g.
- 63. Black and tan ingredient
- 64. Metric wts.

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We’ve only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we’ll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 6/5/08.

There were 48 entrants. The winners are:

- 1. Trinaise Abbott, San Diego
- 2. Ted Scafidi, San Diego
- 3. Amanda Hall, San Diego
- 4. Bob Maxwell, Coronado
- 5. Katie Puppung, Encinitas

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When I first met my roommate, she was a very involved and social person. We were fine for the first year; neither of us was home often, as we kept busy. In the second year, everything changed. She went from being in a sorority, working at the gym, playing soccer at UCSD, and not being home much to almost literally doing nothing but staying home and studying. I never did learn exactly what happened, but all of a sudden she got kinda wacky.

As she started staying home more and more, Sarah started acting as if the apartment was hers. It began when she started making

Blackest Thumb

what I call “huffing and puffing” breathing sounds when I walked around our shared one-bedroom or opened a drawer looking for something or did, well, anything. This expulsion of air was her signal that I was distracting her from her intensive studying. It got to the point where I couldn’t even do laundry without the exhalation.

Eventually, even the regular, quiet noise of the bathroom light started bothering her. Seriously, the apartment might as well have been a library; no music or noise allowed. The worst came when I invited my boyfriend over for dinner one night — although we were in the living room, as far from her as possible, Sarah actually asked us to stop

talking!

She would warn me 10 to 15 minutes before she was going to bed so that I could “get everything done” (brushing teeth, etc.) so as not to bother her during her sleep. This was fine...until the one time I needed to take a nap. Just as I was about to fall asleep, there was suddenly a ridiculous amount of noise from the living room. I got up and asked her what she was doing. No joke, she said she was “shredding last year’s receipts.”

Out of nowhere Sarah devel-

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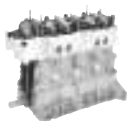
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oped an obsession with plants, despite having the blackest thumb you've ever seen. Not only did she kill every plant she owned — and there were a lot, one after another — when the plant inevitably died, she would refuse to admit it! When one of her larger plants died on a windowsill — located on my half of the room, by the way — I asked her if she had realized that the plant had died. She shouted, "It isn't dead!" and burst into tears. The dead plant sat there,

curled over its pot, for the next six months. I was afraid to dispose of it.

Sarah would always leave two pieces of toilet paper on the roll so that she didn't have to replace it. I bought all the toilet paper — perhaps my biggest pet peeve. At one point I noticed the characteristic two pieces short of empty. I was about to go home for a week for

Christmas break, and Sarah was staying, so I didn't replace the roll. Just to see what would happen. When I came home the roll was still empty.

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Today, I feel sorry for our kids when I see them playing. I don't even consider it playing. It's a parody of playing. You don't play by yourself with a machine. You don't concentrate when you play. You just let yourself go and...play. Times have



changed, though. Poor today-kids; we yesterday-kids had all the fun.

I hated dolls. They bored me. I could not comprehend how anyone in her right senses would spend hours "accessorizing" a stupid doll. What a waste of time. Girls are such sissies. My best friends were all boys. We used to play bad guys and cops. No one ever wanted to be a bad guy. They died when shot. The cops resurrected. We all ended up being good cops who killed each other and resurrected.

It was fun, but we got

bored and started provoking each other in order to have a real fight. It sometimes ended with our mothers yelling at each other. The one whose nose got broken...their mother did most of the yelling. We hoped that one day they'd quit yelling and have a real fight.

My best friend's name was Ahmed. His parents were from Chad but lived in Sudan. His father was a colleague of mine. University professors. He didn't know how to fight and always got beaten. That was bad, especially in school where it

meant a loss of respect. We explained it all to him, but he didn't understand how important it was not to be the beaten guy. You had to win more often than lose a fight. You weren't supposed to cry or go tell your parents who did it to you.

Not only was he a coward, he wasn't a smart one at that. He provoked. Not the small kids he could handle. No. The big guys. One big guy in particular. Oumar was his name.

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was but never got to know. When Ahmed and I got admitted to school — on the same day — Oumar was three classes ahead. When we passed our primary school certificates exams, Oumar was two classes behind us. We decided he was just a bad kid who enjoyed torturing other kids.

I still have no idea what went on between the two of them — Ahmed and Oumar. During break time, Oumar came over and told Ahmed that he was going to show him good after school for what he did. I asked what the matter was, and Oumar told me to mind my own business. I thought that wasn't fair; I was just asking, and he didn't have to talk to me that way. Oumar said fine, he'll show me too. Ahmed bared his teeth at Oumar. Oumar scowled and said rendezvous

after school. Only he was talking to Ahmed, he wasn't talking to me. What to do.... I had to be there, otherwise my reputation was done.

After school, I had an errand to run for a friend of my mum. She gave me a 2.5-liter empty gallon I had to fill with peanut oil at the grocer's. When I got back to school, where we would be picked up to be brought home — seven kilometers away — my classmates and Oumar were holding siege. Some thought I'd run away. They cheered when I turned the corner.

Oumar and I took our positions. There was sand all over the place.

Oumar: "C'mon, hit me...touch me!"

Me: "No, you start!"

That's the way our fights started — you had to touch your opponent for the fight

to be declared open.

Slaaaaaap!

He slapped me. I almost fell. He snickered. It was no use trying to slap him back; he was much taller than me. I hit him with the gallon of oil. One of his classmates tried to grab it, and I lashed at him. I guess I looked demented because he sure got scared.

Oumar slapped me again. I dropped the gallon and tried to dodge. He started playing Jackie Chan, and his classmates cheered him. My classmates looked worried. If I lost the fight, they'd take the shame too. Oumar was getting excited. I was starting to tire, and he knew it. Soon I'd fall and he'd get over me, slap me some more, and be declared winner. Then, Eureka!

His being tall was an advantage; I decided my being shorter should be too.



His next Jackie Chan kick found me prepared. I grabbed his foot. He had nothing to hold onto. The sand was slippery. My classmates went crazy. I pulled and pulled him! He was yelling; I was laughing. I pulled and pulled and he fell. I kept on pulling. The stupid boy started playing mad and got sand all over his face, blinding himself. I sat over him, took up my gallon, and hit him on the face, the chest, wherever I could reach.

My classmates chanted

my name. It was great! I won.

The next day, Oumar brought his father to school to show him who'd done it to him. The director came to fetch me, feeling sorry for me because he knew

Oumar was a no-good

kid. When Oumar's father saw me, his jaw dropped. He looked at his son, the length and size of him, and at tiny, skinny me. He slapped his son for shaming him and went home.

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FX 5:30 P.M.

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INNING BY INNING: PORTRAIT OF A COACH
ESPN 7:00 P.M.
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coach. By the time players have hit the major leagues, they already know how to hit and bunt and all that. As a coach, your main concerns are (a) chewing something and (b) getting one foot on the highest step possible to let that cameraman get a nice close-up of the “place that shall be scratched.” You could be drunk as hell. Man, I want to be a coach.

MONDAY, JUNE 16
SAM THE COOKING GUY
CASD4 9:30 P.M.
Probably the most embarrassing food is the hotdog. In public you have to say, “Oh, hotdogs. Gross! They’re made out of butt and knees!” But you know you love ’em. You sneak hotdogs. Your girlfriend caught you once because you came home smelling like hotdog, but you played it off and told her that a bum jumped

you and rubbed hotdog smell on you, but you didn’t eat one. “No way. Not a hotdog. Gross!” When she turned around you smiled a happy just-ate-a-hotdog-and-got-away-with-it smile.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17
NORA’S HAIR SALON 2: A CUT ABOVE
BET 8:00 P.M.
If I were black, I’d write someone in Congress. “Please prevent Hollywood from making any more black-hair-salon movies. Really, we have lives outside of hair salons; in fact, I spend more time at the bank and grocery store, easy, but this is the 19th movie about black hair salons in the past three years. Please. Asians have martial arts movies and white people have weddings and robots, and those are cool. Please, help us.”



Numb3rs

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18
CELEBRITY CIRCUS
NBC 9:30 P.M.
Ah, cute. Is there anything celebrities won’t do for money that makes them look completely stupid? No. That’s why they’re celebrities. Dance,

monkey boy! Dance!
THURSDAY, JUNE 19
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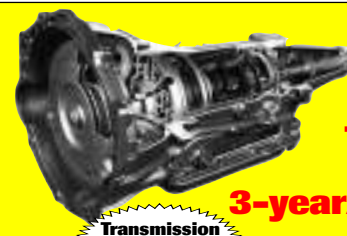
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I look forward to these: Fridays falling on the 13th of a month. It appeals to many of my interests, which might be described as "dark." Superstition itself has only a limited attraction, though I am, in some small ways, superstitious. While I don't really consider Friday the 13th itself as bad luck, I believe in luck of some kind or at least in a pervasive influence of the random on the events of one's life.

I once wrote a science-fiction story that included aliens whose deity was translated into Terran as the Random Factor in the Universe. The particular cult of this belief system was those who worshipped a god whose specialty was random violence, which somehow leads me back to one theory as to the origins of the Friday-the-13th superstition. I wrote about it some years ago and now remember only that it had to do with the execution of several Knights Templar during or just after the Crusades. It was either 13 knights or the event took place on the 13th of the month. I no longer care, and it may well have been just another specious fact dredged up to promote *The Da Vinci Code* anyway.

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fear of things going too well. As common as it may be, there is no logical reason why a series of desirable events need be followed by a series of the undesirable. I think of this as the "other shoe dropping" theory or the "It's quiet, too quiet, Kowalski" theory.

I suppose I am in one of those periods where nothing is going hellishly wrong, or what I call Good Times. This makes for poor subject matter along the personal or confessional lines, which is why I often have something interesting to go on about. As for this mid-weekend in June, I foresee nothing foreboding. In fact, I foresee sitting at a friend's poolside, sipping iced coffees just a shuffle away from his condominium's clubhouse featuring four pool tables. Another friend also has a pool at his building. He also has a great record collection, a Rickenbacker 12-string, and a convertible in case we want to go cruising for chicks or replenish our supply of Depends. Hey, Gary, I always liked you best!

So what could go wrong on Friday? For one thing, it's payday, which means Bank Day. Every Friday at the bank I am open for some unpleasant surprise involving my balance or some new lien on my account courtesy of one of my muses...that is to say, my creditors. Another real possibility is some new crisis involving my son — it always seems to happen on weekends. But I am put in mind of my mother's adage (not original with her, but she was fond of it), and that was "Never borrow trouble."

And the whole Friday-the-13th thing is nothing if not an occasion for that sin. When things are going well, a hazard is boredom or complacency. And while boredom has never been a serious problem of mine (always having been gifted with some order of suffering or another as it has been needed), I do find myself looking for or borrowing someone else's trouble. This is the root appeal of all adventure stories, which was once defined by someone or other as "Someone else, far away, in trouble." And it is during times like these that I find stories of someone else's misery gratifying.

I'm better at this than I used to be. I find, looking around at the books piled up around my bed, that fewer titles than usual indicate some truly bad scene or another for someone, real or imagined. Here is *The Day of Saint Anthony's Fire*, by John G. Fuller, a book that I discovered in the '70s that I am re-reading. It is about a town in France, Pont-Saint-Espirit, some 800 years ago, which was dosed with a crude form of LSD in the form of ergot (fungus) in the town's bread and flour supply. Fifty-some people had one very bad trip and three people died in the throes of diabolical hallucinations. Damn bad luck and great reading. I also



have *The Ruins*, by Scott Smith, a commercial horror novel and a summer chiller, well written but a little formulaic: vacationing young people in the Yucatán encounter mythic ancient evil, and — aaarghh! — it gets them.

I've also been reading *The Shadow of the Wind*, by Carlos Ruiz Zafón, a cozy, bookish tale set in Spain in the 1940s and '50s concerning a demonic boogeyman who sets out to systematically burn certain obscure novels as if they needed any help on their way to oblivion. Cheesy (as Stephen King called it) and purple, it is good fun and couched in reassuring comfort-food-type prose.

These are the only real touchstones to the dark side I find I need this weekend and hope the fates will be happy with that. Possibly with the exception of *The Ruins* (though it's not at all bad) I can wholeheartedly recommend the other titles. *St. Anthony's Fire* is hard to find, but you should have no trouble with *Shadow*. Those stories contain all the troubles any dozen or more readers could want, and I see no problem with borrowing them at all.

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