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Dumpster Diving for Dinner

Half of a “nutrition bar” sat before
me on the wobbly café table.
I couldn’t eat the rest because
it was oily yet granular but
also couldn’t force myself
to throw it out.

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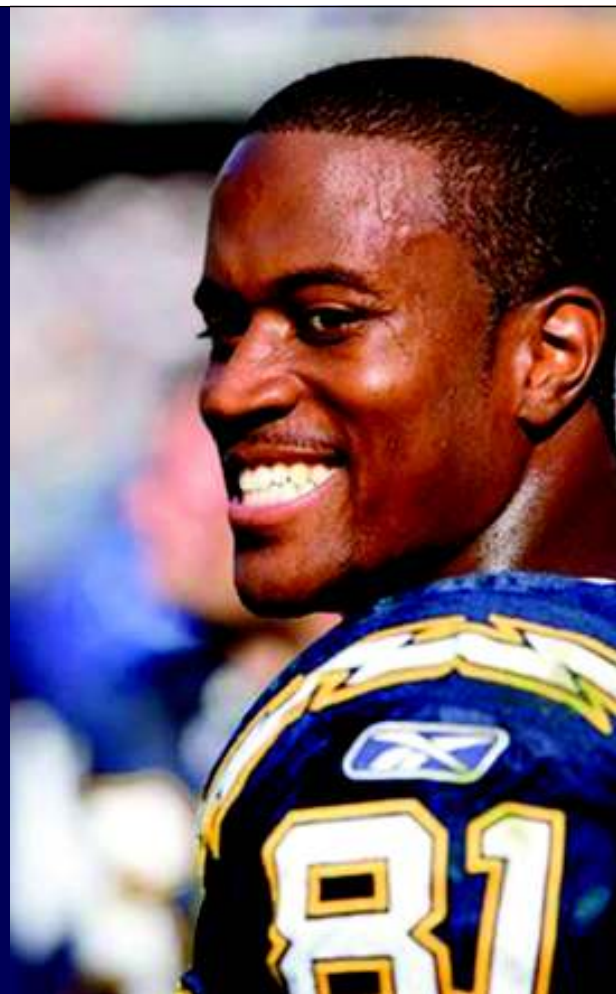
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Lynn Schenk

"Hello wonderful Hillary supporters," the message begins. "Some people have asked why they have not heard from me after Hillary suspended her campaign. The truth is, I have been without words sufficient to express the many thoughts and feelings churning within me. I have lost my own elections and have faced defeat in other arenas, but nothing has affected me as this primary outcome has. Also, I did not want to write from anger.

"For the past nearly 40 years," Schenk continues, "I have devoted a good part of my life, my time, my work and my money to advancing the causes of women — in law, in politics, in business and in society. Always, always I was fueled by hope that when sexism was pointed out that the 'majority' of people would see it and act to eliminate it.

"Oh, there would always be 'those people' who didn't 'get it,' but in my mind they would be in the distinct minority because the good people of this amazing country, this breathtaking experiment in pluralism, would do what is right just because we are so fair minded.

"For over 40 years, my ultimate political fantasy, which would be the exclamation point to my life's work, was the election of a Democratic woman as President of the United States. Yes we have eliminated so many blatant forms of sexism, so many obvious roadblocks to the advancement of women, yes we have created so many opportunities that 40 years ago were almost unimaginable.

"But I am suffused with sadness as I realize what effort still lies ahead. How do we get at the subtle sexism, the subconscious sexism the structural sexism that even good and well-intentioned people (some women as well as most men) don't see and don't acknowledge?



Hillary Clinton

"The journalists who are indignant that they are being accused of sexism? I think most of them are good people who would be horrified to have someone point out examples of racist bias or bias against the disabled etc in their coverage.

"I believe that they believe they are not sexist. I believe that they believe they treated Hillary as just another candidate, customizing their questions and coverage to the sum of who she is. But that is why I am so sad. They don't see it, understand it, or get it, that inherent in that 'customizing' is sexism.

"I am ineffably sad that the head of the Democratic Party, an otherwise good and decent man, did not understand his own sexism. He did not

call out that 'enough is enough' when a woman in New Hampshire asked Sen. **McCain**, 'how are we going to beat the bitch?' or when men held up a wrinkled shirt and taunted Hillary with 'iron my shirt.' So there is so much left to be done."

Schenk, an ex-aide to former governor **Gray Davis** recently appointed to the board of Sempra Energy, concludes by telling her followers to support the party's presumptive nominee, **Barack Obama**, with conditions. "I have participated in several calls with [Clinton] and she is without question committed to a Democratic win in November. She is equally committed to her 'team' being treated with respect. So, if you are inclined to participate as she has asked us to do, please consider doing it in such a way that the Obama campaign knows you are doing so through 'Team Hillary.'"



Barack Obama

Falling sky Problems aboard a San Diego-based "mini-jet" have caused the temporary grounding of the nation's fleet of Eclipse 500s, a new generation of light executive jets capable of ferrying four business passengers into small airports. On June 5, the pilot of one of the planes — belonging to Coronado's **Kevin Kiernan**, a real estate developer with major holdings in Arizona — was coming in for a landing at Chicago's Midway Airport when the throttle suddenly stuck in the open position. That forced the pilots to pull



Vern Raburn

up and go around while they frantically wrestled with the controls. After reading their manuals, they shut down one engine, then lost control of the other, but were finally able to regain power in both and manage a bumpy landing that blew out two tires. No injuries were reported.

After the incident, the National Transportation Safety Board ordered all the planes grounded until the throttle mechanism of each could be inspected, a move that drew the wrath of Eclipse company founder **Vern Raburn**, who insisted the aircraft was safe and government regulators were just looking for publicity. "They issued an urgent press release and an urgent safety communiqué on something that had already been taken care of by Eclipse," Raburn told the *Albuquerque Journal*. "To call the aircraft unsafe is at best a massively gross exaggeration and at worst it's just an outright lie." Officials defended their action, saying that they believed that the mishap had been caused by bad software that needed fixing. Two hundred of the planes have been sold since January of last year. Kiernan's plane is based at Lindbergh Field's Jimsair executive jet center. Kiernan did not respond to a request for comment about the incident.

— Matt Potter

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Debt Doesn't Pay

By Don Bauder

"Live well. Retire rich." That was the proverb that Dan Holbrook preached over radio and TV, as he exhorted San Diegans

to take on debt and pour the proceeds into real estate investments. "Real estate is an asset that you can leverage ten to one and still sleep at night," effervesced Holbrook. This month, his empire collapsed into Chapter 7 liquidation bankruptcy, as unpaid investors who had plunked money into his enterprises finally could take no more sleepless nights.

Attorney Erwin Shustak, representing people who had been promised 11 percent annual returns in Holbrook's trust deed operation, filed to put Holbrook personally, his Atvantage Group, and its multivarious subsidiaries into involuntary Chapter 7. "I had planned to contest the involuntary bankruptcy," says Holbrook, claiming that he could have dug out of his hole. "I had hoped to be able to work through the [bad] mar-

ket...and pay my creditors.... I had tried for months to avoid bankruptcy.... I have been advised that it would be better to just let the process proceed."



Dan Holbrook

"He has broken with reality," responds Shustak, who believes that Holbrook originally may have intended to run an honest operation. But the real estate market turned south severely, and Holbrook had no chance to pull himself and his investors out, despite his alleged claims that the subprime calamity would not crimp his ability to pay. Investors and creditors examined Holbrook under oath

on June 9. A bankruptcy trustee has been appointed.

One irony is that Holbrook, who proselytized for folks buying real estate with borrowed money, is now counseling people on the short sale, or a borrower's attempt to avoid foreclosure by convincing a bank to accept less than is owed on a loan. Hmmm.

In his bountiful days, Holbrook was busy. In the morning, he would name his "Top 6 on Fox 6," real estate tips on

the local Fox TV outlet, XETV. Holbrook "paid for time on the morning show," says Chuck Dunning, manager of the station. Then Fox would frequently quote him when it did real estate stories. He didn't pay for the privilege of being interviewed. He hosted a talk radio show from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on KCEO (1000 AM), called "Real Money Real Estate." He paid for that too,

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Neal Obermeyer



The Creek Reeks

By Dorian Hargrove

On June 11, the local division of the state water board ordered the North County Transit District, which recently completed the Sprinter rail project, to pay a \$685,000 fine for discharges of construction sediment into waterways, including southern Oceanside's Loma Alta Creek.

The discharges are just the latest incidents in the creek's murky history, which, according to the Loma Alta Creek Watershed Management Plan, includes a decade's worth of pollution caused by residential and commercial development.

Loma Alta Creek runs parallel to Oceanside Boulevard, starting approximately seven miles east of the creek's outlet at Bucañeer Beach. The creek is a natural drainage course, fed by storm drains and hillside seepage from over 6400 acres of land, 70 percent of which is deemed urbanized. During its journey to the coast, the algae-

covered flow picks up high concentrations of chlorides, sulfides, oil, grease, and coliform bacteria — from human, bird, and pet fecal waste — earning the creek a spot on the federal Clean Water Act list of impaired water bodies.

The creek empties into the Loma Alta Slough, located across Pacific Street from Bucañeer Beach. A man-made sandbar prevents the bacteria-laden water from flowing onto the beach and into the ocean, but during heavy flows, the water breaches the sandbar, causing closures at the popular beach.

Bucañeer Beach, as well as the 1.1 miles of coastline surrounding it, also has a spot on the federal Clean Water Act list of impaired water bodies.

In 1992, in response to frequent closures of Bucañeer

Beach, the City of Oceanside installed a pipe in the slough. The pipe hooked up with the outflow pipe from the La Salina Wastewater Treatment Plant, just to the north. The combination of treated sewage and untreated water from Loma Alta Creek was released 1.6 miles out into the ocean. Nearly one million gallons of untreated water was discharged per day.

Guss Pennell, environmental compliance officer for Oceanside, recalls the decision to divert the water. "The City of Oceanside made the decision to try and clean this beach up. Kids would typically play in the water from the creek because it was warmer and there weren't any waves. I used to walk the beach back then and take samples, and I'd have to advise the parents to not let their kids play there. They would run over to the showers and start washing their kids off.

"We started thinking about diversion, and that's when we diverted the water to the outflow pipe for the sewage plant. For us, at the time, we considered it to be an ideal solution. It's 1.6 miles out, and anything bad in the water gets diluted," says Pennell. "But because of the city growing like it has, we started getting closer to reaching the capacity for the outflow pipe. Plus, the Regional

Water Quality Control Board didn't like the fact that we were discharging untreated water into the ocean."

In 2006 the City of Oceanside approached the State Water Resources Control Board for financial help in solving the problem at Bucañeer Beach. The solution, a \$5 million ultraviolet-light treatment facility, is designed to capture the water and zap it with high-frequency electromagnetic radiation before sending it through a newly installed pipe onto the beach.

Pennell explains the process. "The water goes into a pipe, which is connected to a wet well. The wet well is actually deeper than the slough, and it's got pumps in it. So when the slough fills up, the water just flows through the pipe and into the wet well. A pump then sends it through a two-millimeter filter. After that, it is sent to a sand filter, which is constantly cleaning itself. The debris gets bubbled up and flows into the sewer line."

Two 16-foot-tall sand filters, half hidden in a concrete trench located just outside the treatment plant, provide the final filtering process before the water streams through ten-inch pipes into the boxy cinder-block plant to get zapped by the two-and-a-half-foot-long lamps.

"There's a tube that the water goes through," Pennell says, "and the ultraviolet lights are inside sleeves, and the water passes around them while the light is radiating. The light is enough to kill all

ever, anything over the maximum will require the City to shut down the plant.

The plant will be operational only in summer months. In the winter, the outflow from the Loma Alta Creek



Ultraviolet-light bacteria zapper

the bacteria. As the bacteria pass, they just get zapped. But the water needs to be clear. If you have dirty water or it has chunks, the light can't go through it.

"The process has been used for quite some time for drinking water," adds Pennell.

The facility, located at the southwest corner of the La Salina Wastewater Treatment Plant, is designed to filter up to 700 gallons per minute, more than adequate during meager dry summer flows, which average approximately 300 gallons per minute. How-

and slough can be far too much for the facility to handle. "During winter, after heavy rains, it's like a river here," says Pennell, "and you would have probably 5000 gallons per minute going through here."

Not only does the ultraviolet light facility not treat water in winter months but

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Guss Pennell at Bucañeer Beach



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says Peri Corso, vice president and general manager of Astor Broadcast Group, which owns the station. For a while, Holbrook had a similar two-hour show on KSDO radio, 1130 AM.

On his shows, he touted his seminars, at which he ped-

dled his various investment schemes.

His business was diversified. His Atvantage Group had offices in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. He and a large staff did mortgage brokerage, real estate sales, escrow services, reverse mortgages, residential development and lending, property management, custom home construction, and trust deed

investing, sometimes called hard money lending. This last business has an ugly history in San Diego. In the inflationary 1970s and 1980s, the company Boileau and Johnson paid very high yields to mainly elderly clients. The business failed, and in 1982, Paul Boileau took the Fifth Amendment behind a bulletproof shield while his elderly victims glowered in the courtroom. He was sentenced to nine years and eight months in state prison. Stephen Lochmiller pulled the same stunt and went to prison. In the 1990s, Gary Naiman had one of the larger trust deed operations in the United States. He wound up in the slammer too. Through the years, several other such operations failed ignominiously.

In the trust deed business, people who cannot get loans through conventional sources — usually because of poor credit ratings or unverifiable income — put up collateral and get high-interest-rate loans. Their collateral is

backed up by deeds of trust on the property pledged — hence the name “trust deed investing.” Holbrook’s borrowers were paying 10 to 15 percent interest during a period when the general level of interest rates was low. Investors provided the capital for the loans, and they were promised very high yields — initially 12 percent, and later 11 percent. Holbrook boasted that every property he took as collateral had 30 to 35 percent equity. And, he claimed, he would not lend out any more than 65 to 70 percent of the fair market value of the collateral.

But as the diversified enterprise came asunder, says Shustak, “the money did not go where it was supposed to go.” Shustak says that Holbrook told him that he took in \$4 million to \$5 million in trust deed investments; one time he said that \$165,000 actually went into the trust deed operation. A second time, it was \$600,000, according to Shustak. In either case, it was very little, says Shustak. “The rest of the money was diverted into other deals.” I put the question of where the money went to Holbrook, his bankruptcy attorney Judith Descalso, and his litigation attorney Louis

Galuppo and got no answers. Holbrook says he would “like to address and refute the false allegations being made against me.”

In one case, Shustak represented Diana and Paul Chernofsky. In a superior court suit, Holbrook and his companies were charged with securities fraud, fraudulent misrepresentation, and breach of contract, among many things. The suit was settled on confidential terms. According to the suit, Holbrook promised the couple 11 percent a year interest on their \$200,000 investment. This income would permit them to service the debt on their planned retirement home. However, according to the suit, the Chernofskys received “only one full interest payment and one partial payment” and were then told that “returns on their investment would be suspended indefinitely,” despite Holbrook’s earlier assurance that the subprime crisis would not affect the business. Holbrook knew all along that his company “was essentially imploding and in fact was never able to execute the promises of returns,” according to the suit.

The Chernofskys were told that the trust deeds backing

the collateral would be in first position, but in fact, the secured liens on the borrowers’ pledged collateral “were junior to at least one other enormous deed or mortgage encumbrance on the secured property, thus making a return on the [Chernofskys’] investment highly unlikely,” according to the suit. Holbrook told the couple that he had not been sued by clients, according to the suit. Actually, Holbrook and his companies “have been named by defendants in multiple lawsuits since 2000.” Holbrook settles them out of court, says Shustak.

The trust deed offerings were securities, but they weren’t registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or the California Department of Corporations, charged the suit.

A number of people who have not been paid have joined in the involuntary bankruptcy filing. When he lines up others he knows about, their losses may be above \$2.5 million, says Shustak.

Galuppo, Holbrook’s litigation attorney, says, “When his business fell apart, he asked me to intervene and help him to do workouts with existing lenders. His entire business operations have fallen apart. He is continuing to do real estate brokerage and short sales. He lost a few homes to foreclosure. Some homes he built — some subdivisions, other things — he couldn’t keep up the payments on. He is having difficulties throughout the entire organization. Homes and developments got in trouble in this market.” Galuppo says he doesn’t know where all the money went, “but Shustak doesn’t have enough information to make the statements he is making.” There are other creditors, such as banks, Galuppo says.

So what does Shustak say?

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Holbrook "commingled all the money that came in from these other investments. At most, maybe 10 percent [of the money Holbrook took in] went where it was supposed to go."

As Holbrook himself says, the bankruptcy court will have to straighten all this out. ■

The creek reeks

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the source of the bacteria has not been addressed. "We've just hired two guys to inspect every industry in the city, in hopes to curb the issue of runoff, and we monitor the storm drains every year," says Pennell. "But if you look along the creek, these pipes coming from neighborhoods flow

24/7, because people are over-watering their lawns and washing their cars."

Chiara Clemente is a senior environmental specialist for the Regional Water Quality Control Board. "More detection or micro-scale removal has to happen," she says. "In other words, they're just treating it at the mouth. One way to approach it would be to go up into the regions and try to have more detention

bases where pollutant removal would occur. They would be like little ponds and would capture the water, allowing the bacteria to attenuate. It would clean up the water upstream, and it would clean up more than just the bacteria. The more micro-scale you go, the better.

"I am concerned that by putting in these pollutant structures they are only treating the pollutant du jour, and

it gives the citizens the false assumption that they don't have to worry about what they are putting down the storm drains. In reality, for people dumping their motor oil upstream, this project isn't going to do squat for that."

Kirsten James, water quality scientist for Heal the Bay, a Santa Monica-based non-profit organization that focuses on California's coastal waters, says the City of Oceanside is

acting in a manner similar to other coastal cities. "I know, in general, a lot of communities are working first to meet standards in the dry weather. We support this approach, because during dry weather is when the health risk is greatest because of all the people at the beach. Naturally, we want the water to be safe all year round, but it's going to take some steps in order to get there."

In the neighboring coastal town of Encinitas, where Cottonwood Creek flows toward Moonlight Beach, an ultraviolet treatment facility was built in 2002. The plant cost under \$2 million, though it is smaller than Oceanside's plant. Instead of a sturdy cinder-block building, the Encinitas facility is housed in a metal storage container and has filters that are half the size of Oceanside's.

During typical summer flow, the Encinitas facility treats nearly 135 gallons per minute, says Eric Steenblock, water quality manager for Encinitas. "It's primarily on during the dry summer months. It's not completely taken off-line during the wet season, because there could potentially be some dry periods. If we go two weeks without a rain event during the wet months, the facility is still on, but if we anticipate rain, then we're out there shutting it off."

Before Encinitas built its ultraviolet treatment facility, Moonlight Beach was closed, on average, 40 times per year. After the facility was built, the average dropped to 6.

Pennell is looking forward to seeing similar results in Oceanside. "For the entire dry season I'm going to monitor the process — the raw water, the water through the system, and the discharged water. It will be fun. We monitor it everywhere, you know, 'cause we're a beach town, and we don't want to be a beach town and say, 'Oh, we've got contamination.'"

For Pennell, the fun is set to start on July 7, when he says testing will begin on Loma Alta Creek Ultra-Violet Treatment Facility. The City will run water from the slough through the facility and back into the slough for a week. Then the beach outfall pipeline will be connected, says Pennell, and the treated water will go onto Buccaneer Beach. ■

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An Important Message From the Port of San Diego Board of Port Commissioners



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Chairman of the Board

The Board of Port Commissioners wants to set the record straight by letting you know of its unanimous and adamant opposition to a proposed developer-backed ballot initiative which could threaten the very viability of the San Diego Unified Port District's maritime operations and many waterfront industries.

During a public meeting on May 6, 2008, the Port Commissioners unanimously voted to oppose the initiative known as "The Port of San Diego Marine Freight Preservation and Bayfront Redevelopment Initiative."

The initiative language is vague and unclear, conveying a message that the initiative would "protect" the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. This initiative, however, could result in competing and conflicting uses at the terminal.

Rather than protect the thousands of jobs that benefit from maritime and the working waterfront, the initiative proposes incompatible commercial and recreational uses such as hotels, restaurants, and possibly a sports venue. These incompatible uses are problematic at best, since the terminal is a federally designated "Strategic Port Facility" that is used by the Department of Defense for military cargo shipments requiring heightened security put in place after September 11, 2001. The initiative's proposed uses would severely impair the District's ability to maintain a secure marine terminal.

The initiative appears to rest on the false premise that the terminal is underused and therefore should be transformed into a commercial and public attraction. However, the San Diego Bay's working waterfront is a major regional and state asset that provides 42,000 well-paying jobs and adds \$7.6 billion in economic impact annually to the San Diego region, processing 12.6 million tons of marine cargo, and terminal business is projected to grow 15 percent or more annually for the foreseeable future.

Before casting a ballot, the Board urges your careful consideration of this educational message. Please examine the facts. Learn about the Port and its region-wide importance by visiting www.portofsandiego.org. This is your land, public land. This initiative threatens an important source of regional jobs and well-paying jobs, which we believe you should protect and preserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael B. Bixler".

Michael B. Bixler
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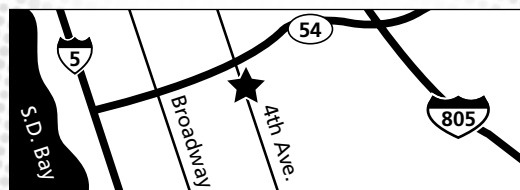
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Library Love

Wow, what a great story ("No Shushing in This Library," Cover Story, June 19)! I'm happy to learn so many young people love the library too.

Ernestine Smith
Student Support Services
San Diego County
Office of Education

Look What We Did!

I read the article in today's Reader, "No Shushing in This Library," by Alex Finlayson (Cover Story, June 19).

I was very happy to read the positive comments about the design of our North Clairemont library, particularly since I am the artist that gave that poor, neglected building a well-deserved face-lift. When we moved to Clairemont 18 years ago, I would drive by the library and would get depressed looking at it. Yet I could see the beautiful bones it had covered in Navajo white. There was no landscaping, lots of graffiti, and a few derelicts hanging around. It was *not* the place I wanted to take my young daughter to discover the wonders of reading. When Clairemont Square, across the street, was remodeled, our poor little library faded further into the background.

In 2004, I finally decided that something needed to be done. So I came up with a design to give the building some color to enhance its diamond pattern and balance the blaring colors from Clairemont Square. Then I submitted the design to

Friends of the Library and the Clairemont Town Council. Everyone loved the idea and the design. After the approval from Donna Frye's office, pro bono paint from K-Co Construction, and added landscaping, our library finally is a pleasant, family-friendly building that I am very proud of. As far as I know, all the work was done for free. I hope this can be an example of how a community can get together to make their public buildings a little bit nicer.

Perhaps this should be called the "Little Library That Could!"

Carol Cottone-Kolthoff
via email

Hit The Delete Key

Dear Mayor Sanders,

The San Diego Public Library system refused service to an estimated 50,000 patrons last year. These 50,000 are visitors or locals who wanted to use a one-hour computer station but were *refused* and informed that all computers are oc-

cupied and that they had to wait an hour or longer.

Most never return. It's a hardy crew that occupies a one-hour computer station at a public library, and I'm one of them.

The downtown central library has a ratio of one librarian on duty for every one-hour computer station.

A modern library has a ratio of one librarian for every 30 computers, e.g., Lied Library at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Biomed at UCSD. Love Library at SDSU. Copley Library at USD. Encinitas library.

There is an overwhelming need to cut the staff and use the money for one-hour computer stations that would increase the libraries' usages by 50,000 patrons a year at no cost to the public.

Robert J. Kachur
Centre City

Dewey Decimal Meltdown

Re "No Shushing in This Library" (Cover Story, June 19).

I'm an unemployed librarian. I'm sure there are many of them, and I probably will actually have to change careers. The *U.S. News and World Report* article mentioned in the story is not factual. Career opportunities are growing much more slowly than average, contrary to what the article said. And our future is in grave danger. Reference librarians will be replaced by library associates, who get half the pay and only require a B.A., not a master's in library science. Only people requiring MLSs will be directors, branch managers, and corporate. In reality, I wouldn't recommend getting an MLS. They'll be useless in five to ten years. I'd recommend people becoming an X-ray tech, nurse, or something in

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Heymatt:

This is a question about the most useful stuff in the world: duct tape. I used to call it duck tape until some friends laughed at me and said no, it's duct tape. With a t, not a k. Okay. So now I call it duct tape. Until the other night when some old guy said that it's not duct tape, it's really duck tape. He said he was right because he remembers a time when his father and his friends all called it duck tape. Okay. I give up. What do you tape with this stuff, ducts or ducks?

— Very Confused Duct/Duck Tape Fan, via email

Gotta fix a leaky duct? Use duct tape. Must subdue an unruly duck? Use duck tape. But originally, nobody was wrapping ducts or ducks with the stuff. In the beginning was the Department of Defense. During WWII the feds asked Johnson & Johnson (the Band-Aid people) to develop a material that could be wrapped around ammunition cases to keep them dry. Once the soldiers got ahold of the stuff, though, they found a million other uses around the base for the strong, waterproof tape. Because rain rolled right off it and it was green, somebody got the idea to call it "duck tape." Granted, it's a name that was known only within the military. But once the war ended, J&J knew they had a gold mine in the versatile stickum, especially during the postwar building boom, when it proved perfect for sealing lengths of air ducts. Natch, it became "duct tape" to the installers and everybody else on the site. J&J axed the green, switched to silver (to match the ducting), and duct tape was born. But yeah, originally its nickname was duck. (And there now is a Duck Tape brand on the market.) So I guess if you want to be a real tape insider, you can smugly call it duck tape, then regale your critics with the true history of the stuff. A modest goal for life improvement.

As small side notes, electricians (gaffers) on movie sets call the stuff gaffer's tape. And in a fascinating interview we once had with a female impersonator at Lips, we learned that duct tape is perfect for taping up back fat so it doesn't show and for squeezing out some alluring cleavage.

Heymatt:

There is some strange radio station, FM, at approximately 104.7 or maybe 104.9, and it plays classical music without stop, 24 hours a day, and there is never any human voice or station identification. One selection will end, and there'll be a couple of seconds' delay, and then another selection will start. I assume it's some pirate station. I live in University City, so maybe if you live farther away, you won't get it.

— Bob, University City

"The top 400 hits of the last 400 years." That's the motto of XLNC 104.9 FM. It's no pirate. It's the only remaining classical music station in the SD-TJ area. Bilingual, noncommercial perpetual Puccini 24/7. The station was founded by Mexican radio king Victor Diaz. At one time he owned pretty much every big station in the border region: Radio Latina, Fiesta Mexicana, Jammin' Z90, and Hot Country. In the 1990s he started a campaign against smut on the airwaves, in particular KGB's Dave, Shelly, and Chainsaw. Unfit for children's ears, he declared. Phooey, we declared.

Diaz made his millions on pop, salsa, and hip-hop, but his true love was Bach, Beethoven, and the rest of the longhairs. In 1998 he put up XLNC as streaming audio on the Internet. By 2000 he had a Mexican transmitter and simulcast the classics to the SD-TJ region. Unfortunately, he was (illegally) assigned a frequency that interfered with L.A.'s Pacifica outlet, KPFK. The station finally moved to 104.9 this year. They have only a puny 1000 watts of power, so their listening area is fairly small. XLNC can't be heard at all in North County.

Diaz himself bankrolled the station until 2002, when it began running pledge drives. The station's transmitter may be in Mexico, but its business offices are in Chula Vista, so they qualify as a public-benefit corporation in California and can beg for funds from listeners. They've done well enough to keep them on the Internet and the airwaves for the past six years. Plucky little operation.

Hey, Matt:

Why do paper cuts hurt so much? They're just tiny slits in our fingers, but they hurt like crazy.

— Lisa, El Cajon

Ah, the insidious paper cut. Painful, annoying, the smallest of all wounds that attracts the most attention. Our bodies contain kazillions of nerve endings, and two places have more than their share: lips and fingertips. Any fingertip cut will hurt more because there are more pain sensors sending *ouch!* messages to our brains. If you can learn how to handle paper with your toes, you'll be much safer.

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Olympics Loophole

I am at a table in a Chinese restaurant, inside a Chinese shopping center. Both entities are crowded with Chinese shoppers. Opposite is Todd Anderson, gnawing on a pork rib. Todd says, “This is a lonely time for me.”

I think, *Where did that come from?* I ask, “Why?” “I hate the Olympics. I may be the only person on the planet who hates the Olympics.”

Chinese restaurant, Chinese shopping center, Chinese Olympics — I get it. I lean back, relieved, and consider his statement. “Well, I hate the Olympics too,” I say. “Wasn’t always that way, only since NBC began televising it.”

The first full-on NBC Olympic broadcast was the 1988 summer games in Seoul, South Korea. Back in those simple, pastoral times, NBC televised 179 1/2 hours of Olympics. This year, they plan to broadcast 3600 hours.

When you’ve got 3600 hours to fill, sports consumers are not going to be seeing a lot of sports. Instead, we’ll get endless human-interest drivel featuring little Anna Badfealp, the Armenian one-legged gymnast, or little César Gualala, three-time cancer survivor, orphan, and slum dweller. The Olympics are transformed into daytime reality TV. Unwatchable dreck. But — and here’s the good news — this year there might be a loophole.

But first, we should stop right here and give thanks to the People’s Republic of China for:

1. Rounding up 500,000 cats, hauling them to cat death camps on the outskirts of Beijing.
2. Rounding up 15 million residents...just joking. Rounding up 300,000 residents, telling them to move along, there are Olympic beautification projects to build where you used to live.
3. Kicking 50 percent of the population off the highways. The government announced, “From July 1 to September 20, Beijing-registered automobiles with license plates ending in odd numbers will be banned from the roads on even-numbered calendar days, and those with plates ending in even numbers will be banned from the roads on odd-numbered days.” Bingo, no traffic jams.
4. Instituting a fine of up to 50 Yuan (\$7.27) for spitting.
5. Hiring 8000 toilet cleaners.
6. Teaching citizens how to stand in a line. Since February 2007, Beijing has been putting on a monthly “Learn to Line Up Day” to show residents how to, well, how to stand in a line. In addition, 5000 Beijingers will be employed to make sure residents

do not walk across the street against the spotlight.

In Beijing town there’s a 50-50 chance it will rain on any given day in August. Bad for outdoor sports. Much more bad for TV scheduling. China’s new National Stadium, known as “Bird’s Nest,” is a 91,000-seat stadium that will be used for the Olympics’ opening and closing ceremonies. Said stadium is roofless.

You see the problem. The solution revolves around the application of money, the Chinese Meteorological Administration/Weather Modification Office, an IBM p575 supercomputer (the one with 9.8 trillion floating point operations per second), specialized airplanes, and at least 20 artillery sites

dug in on the outskirts of Beijing. Battalions of weather changers will fire volleys of silver iodide and dry ice into invading rain clouds, thus causing premature rain to fall down upon locals and sparing Olympic spectators wet stadium seats.

All right, the People’s Republic of China has done their part, now it’s time for us to do ours. Here’s how you can make your trip to the Olympics more enjoyable.

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What else? Beijing imported 120,000 Chinese migrant workers to crank out 300-plus office towers, built new subway lines, built a modest airport terminal that, by itself, is bigger than any airport in the world — over 3,000,000 feet of floor space, making it the world’s largest building and creating a worldwide steel shortage along the way.

But, I promised a loophole, a path to see the Olympics, a place where you can actually watch the best people in the world compete against each other in arcane and little-understood sports.

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Either NBC Universal loves us or it hasn’t figured out how to make money on video streaming. Either way, this much free won’t last, but while it’s here, perhaps we’ll finally get to see Olympic summer games.

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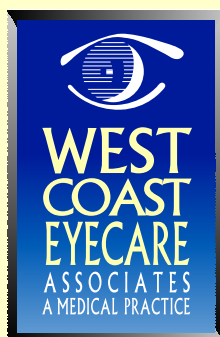
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Founded: 1984

Senior pastor: John H. Massie, Sr.

Congregation size: fluctuating, about 10 on Sunday

Staff size: no paid staff

Sunday school enrollment: none at the moment

Annual budget: n/a

Weekly giving: n/a (no collection taken, offering basket up front)

Singles program: no

Dress: casual to formal

Diversity: diverse

Sunday worship: 10 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

Length of reviewed service: 2 hours, 25 minutes

Website: none

Among the posters and banners lining the long wall behind the pulpit in the storefront church was one that collected the names ascribed to

Jesus in Scripture: "The resurrection and the life/ Judge/ Lord of Lords/ Man of Sorrows/ Master/ High Priest/ Door/ Living Water/ Bread of Life/ Rose of Sharon/ Divine Messiah/ Light of the World/ Image of the Invisible God." There were more, but that last one was perhaps the most germane to Sunday's service, which repeatedly took up the rather thorny (if rarely preached upon) theological issue of the precise relation between Jesus and His Father (and, for that matter, the Holy Ghost). Amid the praise and petition, amid the heartfelt testimonials and expressions of concern for the suffering and downtrodden, amid the drawn out "Hallelujahs" and the interjected "Amen," there was a detailed reading of Scripture and an impassioned argument.

After the opening hymns, Sister Harris gave a lesson on Jesus' name.

"Does anybody know

why it's necessary for us to know the name of Jesus?"

"Because there is salvation in no other name," came the reply.

"Amen. You must know His name if you want to be saved. There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Jesus' name is the supreme name." Why? Because, according to the handout, it is a combination of God's name ("He is" or "Jehovah") plus the notion of being a Savior ("Yeshua, meaning 'Jehovah saves'"). "Since Jehovah is the only Savior [the text here cites Isaiah, saying, 'There is no other Savior'], it is clear that Jesus is none other than Jehovah manifested in the flesh to provide salvation." As Sister Harris said, "Jesus does not change — so He was God, too, because He says in Scripture, 'My Father and I are one.' But we knew Him as Jesus, who would save the people from their sins."

The cantor noted another passage from Isaiah: "As I live, saith the Lord, to me every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess to God" — a line echoed in Paul's claim that "at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow...and every

tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father."

"That's wonderful," said Pastor John Massie, taking the podium. "From Genesis to Revelation, you can see Jesus all the way. He's God. In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. It's all wrapped up in Jesus Christ! No other name is given among men.... 'Father' won't save us; 'Son' won't save us. Only 'Jesus.'" As if to drive the point home, he led the congregation in what he called "the revelation song," his hand beating time on the podium as his deep voice bulled forth over the drums, the electric piano, and the harmonizing congregation:

"A mighty God is Jesus/ The Prince of Peace is He/ The everlasting Father/ The king eternally... The fullness of the Godhead/ It's all in Him."

"It's a revelation," concluded Massie, "and I'm going to show it to you in the Scriptures. Philip said to Him, 'Lord, show us the Father.'" Listen: Jesus said unto him, "Have I been so long

a time with you, and yet thou hast not known me, Philip? He that has seen me hath seen the Father.... I am in the Father and the Father is in me." Who is the Father?" Massie answered with the angel's message to Mary: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee...and God is a spirit."

Later, Brother James Rosier, preaching on maintaining a firm foundation in preparation for the world's end, taught that "Jesus was God manifested in the flesh.... The word of God says that He enrobed himself in flesh." Rosier warned against those who preach contrary to sound doctrine: "They've come up with the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost up in heaven, all kinds of things, and they've left the principles of the doctrine of the word of God.... There's only one God, and He has only one plan! Be sure that you're on the right foundation!" And he cited

the passage from Acts 2, the same one posted on the front of the pulpit: "Peter said unto them, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.'"

"Jesus is coming soon; where will you and I spend eternity?" asked Massie at the conclusion. "Flowers and beautiful things are fading away, but we have to spend eternity somewhere. I don't want to be outside of God."

What happens when we die?

"We make a transition," said Massie. "We go to be with the Lord. The Bible says that to be absent from the body is to be present to the Lord. That's my expectation, and that's what I'm living by, and living on."

— Matthew Lickona



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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope.” — *Bill Cosby*

Insert tie for soap-on-a-rope in the Kelly household. Another boring Father’s Day rolled by. Hubby Patrick got the tie; the man doesn’t even like ties. Cuban *guayaberas* are much more his look for a formal occasion. Eve was disappointed in her lack of creativity, so the call for ideas went out to the ladies. Father’s Day 2009 is going to be a winner.

“The way to a man’s heart is through his stomach.”

“That adage really holds true,” laughed Bernice. “I think it’s so hard to buy something for fathers; they don’t need for anything. For my man Frank, Father’s Day means blueberry nectarine pie from my *Baking with Julia* cookbook. Blueberries are a favorite fruit of his, and they come in season around Father’s Day. Pies are a bit of work, so I don’t make them very often.”

For sis Nancy, Father’s Day includes champagne and filet mignon. “We had brunch on our veranda surrounded by our flowering lily bushes,” she explained. “There was champagne, seafood salad, filet mignon with potatoes au gratin, and we finished the meal with strawberry shortcake. If the man’s stomach is happy, everyone’s happy.”

“Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” — *Berthold Auerbach*

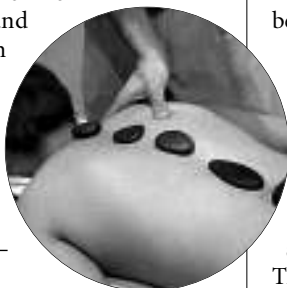
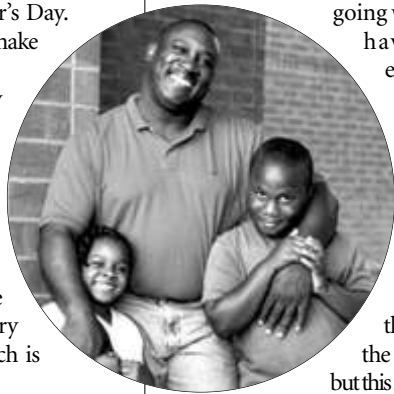
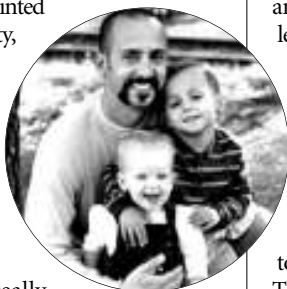
“The best gift I ever gave Scott was an electric guitar,” said Lissa. “I knew he was dreaming of learning the guitar, and one day I caught him looking at a guitar catalog. Pointing out my favorite on the page, he said, ‘Yeah, but if I ever buy a guitar, it will be this one.’ He taught himself the guitar and now he is really good.”

Rose bought tickets for her father John. “One year, John received season tickets to the opera,” she smiled. “He loves lots of different styles of music and art forms, but opera for him combines two of his favorites: drama and music. So every month he attended a different show. It was a gift that kept on giving.”

“True creativity often starts where language ends.” — *Arthur Koestler*

“I’m not a very creative person,” said Teresa, “so my ideas aren’t that unusual. Probably the most interesting gift I ever gave James was an ‘Under the Sea’ card I designed. I cut out the heads of my children from photos and a head of my husband. And with each photo head, I drew a sea creature body. So one kid was an octopus, one was a crab, one was a squid. And James had the body of Neptune. I thought it was just a silly little card, but James treasured it.”

“This year the kids created a scrapbook



“If the man’s stomach is happy, everyone’s happy.”

for Dad,” Beth said. “Each kid wrote a short letter to Dad explaining why he was their hero, and then they decorated their page with that letter, stickers, photos, and ribbons. The pages really illuminated the kids’ different personalities, and their dad just loved the keepsake.”

“One year when the kids were very young,” offered Sarah, “I bought the book *Guess How Much I Love You*. I inscribed the inside cover: ‘I can find no better way to express how much I love you than this.’ The kids helped me wrap it up in a shirt box filled with chocolate kisses, and when he opened it, he read it with the kids.”

“Play is the only way the highest intelligence of humankind can unfold.” — *Joseph Chilton Pearce*

“My husband Wally is going with his brothers to have a men’s weekend,” explained Jane.

“They’re heading up the coast where they will be hiking, camping, kayaking, fishing, drinking beer, all that stuff. We ladies get together frequently through the year, or all the couples get together, but this is a chance for the men to hang with the men.”

Monica always gives her husband Peter a morning of golf. “Last year he golfed Torrey Pines, which made this year’s U.S. Open that much more interesting for him to watch. This year we also bought him a subscription to *Sports Illustrated*.”

“Dance is the hidden language of the soul of the body.” — *Martha Graham*

“We had a family dance party,” laughed Jill. “Pat loves to dance, so we pushed all the furniture to the edge of the room, and we danced and danced to all sorts of different music. It was a great family activity to do because everyone can dance. Even our six-month-old was bouncing up and down in his Exersaucer.”

“Safeguard the health both of body and soul.” — *Cleobulus*

“My man likes spa treatments,” laughed Clare. “Last year the kids and I gave him a gift certificate to a local spa for a sports massage followed by a mud scrub. This year, we decided to take the massaging in our own hands, and we bought a hot stone massage kit. After breakfast in bed, the kids laid out a blanket on the family-room floor and gave him a hot stone massage. They followed it up with a four-person hand-and-foot massage. Each kid took a hand or a foot. Jack felt quite loved.”

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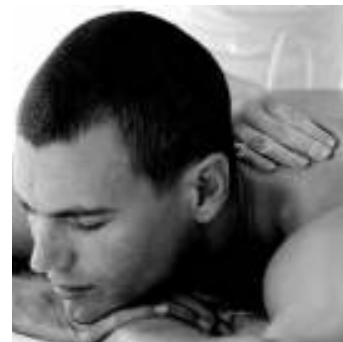
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by Barbaraella

Panty Party

Brevity is the soul of lingerie.

— Dorothy Parker

Most of the “lingerie parties” I’ve attended have featured women arriving in their finest lace or leather thongs and teddies. But the invitation on my desk was from my conservative sister Heather, and this wasn’t really a lingerie party — this was a bridal shower with a lingerie theme. We were to bring for the bride, not wear on our bodies, the salacious undergarments.

Jenny lifted a cardboard panel to reveal colorful tissue paper, into which six pairs of practical but cute panties had been folded.

Whether bridal or baby, most shower invitations addressed to me are treated like used Q-tips — briefly inspected, deemed a bit gross, and tossed away. Such affairs lack a certain appeal for one who prefers to be the center of attention. Despite my usual aversion, however, I was looking forward to attending this particular panty party, as my sister Jenny is

no run-of-the-mill bride-to-be.

Mom offered her home, Jane arranged the flowers, I engineered the gourmet cheese spread, Jenny’s friend Rosie played bartender, and Heather — maid of honor and shower virtuoso — attended to shower details such as decorations, games, prizes, and favors. Among the guests of female family members and friends were a few of Jenny’s future in-laws, including Candie, the groom’s mother. As this was the first time the mothers of the bride and groom had met, the initial mood was reserved and polite.

As I understand it, the goal of any bridal shower is to run the future bride through a gauntlet of senti-

mentality and embarrassment. The first part was handled by Heather, who had pasted love poems to the mirrored wall in Mom’s foyer. She followed that up with a game in which she gave everyone a list of amorous quotations and asked them to name the romantic film from which the quotes were obtained. As for the rest of us, all one had to do was mention Brad, the groom, and Jenny’s face would soften in that sappy, lovesick way.

Making Jenny feel sentimental was a piece o’ wedding cake, but it was not nearly as fun as stoking that other emotion; once we began to torture and tease her, the façade of reserved politeness deteriorated into a delightfully informal crudeness.

Making the bride blush is an ancient tradition harkening back to a time when brides were still virgins who required enlightenment in regard to the dark and mysterious goings-on of the postnuptial bedchamber. In modern times, sex (and, if a couple is clever, living together) is more common than not, so instead of teaching a bride something she should already know prior to walking down the aisle — such as how to navigate her man’s body — we make bawdy references to her private sex life and try to disconcert her with humiliating gifts. Of course, the gag gifts (like penis-shaped pasta called “mac-a-weenie and cheese” or hooker-style garments) are merely entertaining precursors to the real

gifts — provocative lingerie.

Heather had told me earlier in the day that a sexually themed party was a way of “celebrating the intimacy” of the soon-to-be newlyweds. Whereas Jane, our eldest sister and expert antagonist, believes it’s part of a hazing ritual all brides must go through before entering the “married women’s club” and that the real reason we torture the guest of honor is because “it’s fun to watch her squirm.” In my case, it’s a good thing I chose to elope. I’m more of a “shocker” than a “shockee,” and I’m sure that my lack of suffering would have disappointed the girls.

My family is so accustomed to my antics that there was great concern as to what my gag gift would be. While Mom and I were having tea a few weeks before the party, I decided to flex my sadistic muscles.

“So, I figured out what I’m going to get Jenny,” I said, and casually sipped. Mom’s face lit up with expectation. I took a moment to savor her ingenuousness.

“Well?” Mom asked. “What is it?” “I’m going to give her a big strap-on,” I said, relishing that confused look on her face.

“What for?” I couldn’t repress my smile. This was going to be good. “You know, for Jenny to wear.” I could see by Mom’s furrowed brow that she still didn’t get it. I deliberate-



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ly refrained from spelling it out so that I could continue to watch her struggle to comprehend the words. The look on her face when realization struck was worth the wait.

"Barb, no!"

"Come on, Mom, you don't really think I'd do that. Do you?" I said with a smile that also said, *then again, you never know.*

During the week preceding the party, I continued making references to my gift, using words like latex, funnel, and ball-gag. "Brad's a cop, so I'm pretty sure they've got the handcuffs covered," I quipped to Jane. By the day of the event, I was satisfied that I had sufficiently terrified my family members.

The gifts were saved for last, ensuring that everyone had been loos-

ened up with alcohol and was offered the chance to bond over games. As Jenny opened her presents, I noted some of her verbal reactions to her bounty. Seeing the pad of paper on my lap, Jenny said, "I know this game. Nothing is coming out of my mouth," which I immediately jotted down.

Along with some crotchless panties, Jane gave condoms and a pregnancy test. Both Heather and Jane gifted Jenny with a "honeymoon kit" that included edible powder and scented oil. Most packages included negligees so scant they were more like suggestions of lingerie. Candie, uncomfortable with the idea of selecting bedroom clothing for her future daughter-in-law, took a classier route by giving Jenny a gift

card to a local spa.

My gift was one of the last. After reading my card, Jenny looked up to catch my eye. In a half whisper only my mother and I could hear, she said, "Is it okay to open?" Her eyes darted quickly over to Brad's mother, sister, and step-grandmother, then back to me, where they narrowed in trepidation. I gestured for her to go ahead, and as Jenny shrugged and tore into the wrapping paper, I sensed my mother tensing beside me. "Wow, this is just a very awesome...*thing*," Jenny said as she made her way through the paper to find a box for a 250GB external hard drive. "I wasn't expecting this."

"Well, open the box," I prompted.

"Oh," Jenny said with a bit of disappointment.

But when she saw the pamphlets and software, she lit up again. "It is!"

"There's more," I said, indicating she should continue to fish around inside the box. Everyone else in the room seemed as confused as the bride. Finally, Jenny lifted a cardboard panel to reveal colorful tissue paper, into which six pairs of practical but cute panties had been folded.

My mother breathed a sigh of relief, and Jenny seemed flummoxed. The gag of my gift was to have everyone expect the worst and then throw them with something completely... tasteful. It never occurred

to me that Jenny would have been ecstatic to receive an external hard drive and disappointed to find panties where the device should have been.

Because I felt bad and wanted to put a smile on Jenny's face (while cleverly stealing the spotlight), I called everyone to attention and, in a raised voice, explained the last game Heather had devised.

"Here in my hand are some things Jenny said while opening her presents. I will read them now, and you are to think of them as though they are the things Jenny will say on her wedding night." When the playful gasps

subsided, I began with: "I know this game. Nothing is coming out of my mouth." By the time I'd reached the last phrase, "It's so big, how could I *not* find it?" all faces in the room were strained from laughing. When I saw Jenny's face contorted in the unlikely combination of mortification and sheer delight, I knew it was "mission accomplished" for this bridal shower, and I wanted nothing more than to do it again. ■

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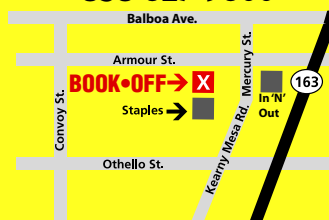
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Dumpster

I'D HOPED THAT FREEGANS WOULD BE CLEAN, GROOMED, V

had arranged to meet freegans at

the Other Side coffeehouse on 30th and Lincoln. If they saw me toss out good food, they'd probably think, *yeah, another wasteful American*. Glancing around to make sure they hadn't arrived, I wadded the bar up in its foil wrapper and whisked it into an overfilled trash can.

My friend Casey had arranged for us to meet the freegans to get the lowdown on their cause, and they'd agreed to take us along with them on their Dumpster-diving route. It was near midnight now. People buzzed about the café, sipping coffees and biting cookies.

"Maybe that's them," Casey said, pointing to a group of young men. "They look like they dig in the trash."

We asked. Wrong guys.

Diving for Dinner

"Maybe that group over there?"

"With the girl?" Casey said, unconvinced. "In an ivory angora sweater?"

"I guess you're right." White fuzz was wholly inappropriate for picking through

we avoid buying anything to the greatest degree we are able."

In other words, they don't like to purchase things because they don't want to support unethical production means, wastefulness, and

wear ill-fitting and cheap clothes, and look like what one might categorize as "dim-witted, incredulous, and worried." But I've studied modern, classical, and contemporary art in the museums of 14 different European countries.



WEALTHY, AND HEALTHY.

So I really wanted *that* from these guys.

Oh, how I'd hoped that they'd be clean, groomed, wealthy, and healthy. I wanted them to come into the shop, set their rugby ball down, show me their last paycheck for starring in a toothpaste commercial, and roll their sleeves up so we could get down to the business of arm wrestling and long jumping. Alas. Alas. They passed our table, and we knew from the disheveled hair, greasy T-shirts, and aroma that they were our freegans.

I want to be nice to the guys because, as I was to find out shortly, they are all quite affable. But, if you imagine what four twentysomething males who dig in the trash for food look like, you've got them. They look exactly the way

you think they do. Also, imagine what those trash-digging young men would smell like. And bingo.

Casey and I were a bit nervous. We were unsure of what exactly was taboo in this community, what we could talk about and what we couldn't.

"Have you guys already been out tonight...um, Dumpster diving?" I asked, not knowing the proper term, trying to break the ice, and attempting to interpret the bouquet.

"No," they each answered.

"Oh, um. Sorry," I said. Still feeling pressure to put everyone at ease with some mindless chatter, I asked, "So, are these specially designated clothes for...digging in trash?"

"No," they each

answered, then glanced down at their shirts.

I wanted to cry I was so uncomfortable. I turned to Casey and mouthed, "Help...me."

"So what do you guys do?" she blurted. Oh, thank God!

Turns out, one of them is a graphic designer, and the others work at an organic, vegan, and raw restaurant. The restaurant uses fresh foods and the employees don't rummage in other outlets' garbage to get the ingredients, but still, these guys were seriously grubby. I wrote the name of the restaurant in my book with a "NEVER EAT HERE!" note in the margin.

"Okay, what do you guys call what we're going to do tonight?" I finally asked.

They preferred the

term "Dumpstering," although they sprinkled into the conversation "Dumpster diving" and just plain old "diving."

Tom, unofficial spokesman for this group, said, "Shopping at D-Mart," which I thought was the best. But they didn't use it often.

After getting all their names and ages, I told them I wouldn't use their real identities. "No, it's okay," they all agreed. "You can use our real names."

"Really?"

They didn't mind. What they wanted me to assure them of was that I wouldn't name specifically which stores, locations, and trash bins we'd be visiting in our night of Dumpstering.

"Is it because it's illegal and you might get a ticket or something?" I asked.

"No," Tom said. "It's because, you know, you'll have this awesome Dumpster, where you just get all kinds of food and stuff. One week it's fine, the next week there's a fence around it, there are locks all over it, it's chained up."


They were also concerned that if I named the location of an "awesome Dumpster," there might arise competition in the picking over of leavings. You know how it is when you find a nice little restaurant. If word gets out, the place becomes clogged with newcomers and the quality of the food spirals downward. Same principle.

Regarding the legality of Dumpster diving, they were unsure. The consensus among the group was "Trash is trash. It's discarded and doesn't belong

to anyone."

There's a Supreme Court ruling that freegan and Dumpster-diving "junk dealer" websites fondly cite. The case is *California v. Greenwood* of 1988. In it, Investigator Jenny Stracner of the Laguna Beach Police asked a trash collector to bring her the garbage of Billy Greenwood. In the trash, Investigator Stracner found drug paraphernalia and with that as evidence petitioned a judge for a search warrant of Greenwood's apartment, which turned up more drug evidence.

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his trash on the curb for pickup, essentially giving it away. They also noted that it is common knowledge that trash set outside of private property is “readily accessible to animals, children, scavengers, snoops, and other members of the public.” I like that the Supreme Court said “scavengers and snoops.” It has a nostalgic and romantic ring to it.

The case established this: it’s not illegal for police to dig through your trash. The leap that freegans and junk dealers want us to make is that it’s okay

for civilians to do the same — a principle with incredible potential to whip around and bite your ass.

Tom said, “It probably depends on what state you’re in and the cop who finds you.” Wisely he noted, “It’s probably not illegal to take someone’s garbage, but what are you going to do, argue with a cop?”

The four freegans debated legality for a minute, sometimes reversing a previous stance. What they agreed on is, trespassing and making a

mess are definitely against the law, and if an owner, manager, or employee wanted to press the issue, that’s what they’d use.

Tom said that the one time he was hassled was in a different state, in the bin of a sporting goods store during a cross-country trip. “The police pulled up and told us to leave, and that was it, we just got out and left.”

“While you traveled, were you eating from Dumpsters out of necessity?” I asked.

Tom leaned back, looked up, and thought for

a second. “I’ve never been faced with the option of either eating from the trash or not eating at all. But it was a ‘necessity’ to save money, which let me travel longer.”

The guys agreed; none of them had ever *needed* to Dumpster dive. And they’d each been doing it for the better part of a decade. They did it to save money, but also because they disagree with the amount of food thrown away in this country.

Concerning their stance on waste, it’s hard to disagree philosophically

with the freegans. We’re a wasteful country. A study by the USDA from 1997, but still in wide use, reports that “5.4 billion pounds of food were lost at the retail level in 1995.” The “retail level” applies to food that was produced on a farm or factory but never reached a restaurant or consumer. Mostly, that food is discarded from grocery stores.

That’s 5.4 BILLION pounds. Let’s convert that numeric concept of weight into something visual and cool, one of my favorites: dump trucks. American

company Caterpillar makes a big yellow-and-black mother dump truck they call the Model 797B. It’s one of the biggest dump trucks in the world, measuring in at 32 feet wide (yes, wide). The Caterpillar 797B can handle a payload of 380 U.S. tons — a U.S. ton is exactly 2000 pounds. So by my calculations, the 1995 retail loss of food equaled 7105 gigantic dump truck loads. Over 7000 dump truck loads of food, wow. Parked side by side, at 32 feet wide each, a line of those mega dump trucks would span a little over 43 miles. All of them filled with food that at one time was edible, and all of it thrown out to rot in a landfill.

Looking at those facts, the only intelligent conclusion one can draw is that a better system should be devised. The freegans think they have it. In short: Dumpster diving. If a food item hits the trash but is still fit for consumption, they labor to round it up and make sure it’s eaten.

That was our plan for the night’s adventure. We

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decided to quit jabbering in the dim coffeehouse and instead venture out into the murky night, breathe in crisp air, and plunder trash bins. Excelsior!

You can already guess that the Volkswagen van, our chariot, was dismal, sputtering, cluttered. Casey said the interior looked like a set for the slasher movie *Saw*. It also smelled of brown rice and forsaken soymilk. In the back seat I searched for a window to crack. My efforts were futile.

I promised I wouldn't name the outlets we were to visit that night, but I will tell you that both places are major staples of La Jolla. We traveled in the clunky camper van from the quaint streets of North Park, up the 5, past the

bright spiky towers of the Mormon temple. Then we wiggled our way through surface streets until the consensus was that we were lost.

"I think it's back that way, dude" was offered but turned down by the driver.

As we drove on, Tom figured out where we were and skillfully directed us on to the first stop. "On the other side of this fence is the entrance," he said. "It's before the parking lot. It'll take us to the back." We motored in. Loading docks behind the store sat silent. I checked my phone; it was half past midnight.

Horror from the scent, and fear of potential maiming in the mechanically unsound deathbox, abated when we reached our first destination and

cracked open the door.

"Was the van free?" I asked and received a glare in response. We disembarked into the pools of mercury light that flooded the cold asphalt parking lot of a major grocery chain. Four Dumpsters lined up in a row.

Wait a minute. Wait, wait, wait. Let me tell you a brief story of something nice, really quick. This little story will cleanse the palate, and then we'll forge on.

On a baking-hot afternoon last week, I rode my bike up University Avenue. A man pushed a cooler cart emblazoned with images and names of icy treats like "Daffy Duck Taffy Pop!" and "Cherry Creamsicle!" I stopped my bike and fished around in

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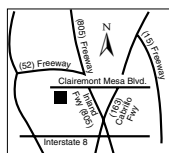
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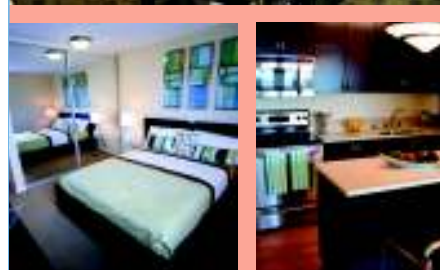
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my back pocket, only to discover I'd left my wallet at home. I asked how much a "watermelon Bomb Pop!" was and hunted for change.

When he said, "One dollar twenty-five, my friend," my palm turned over, filled with pocket gatherings, and revealed five quarters. Incredible providence!

If you've never had one, let me tell you, a watermelon Bomb Pop descends to Earth on little pink wings of sweet goodness. Mine was so frosty it stuck to my lips at first but, as it melted, offered itself up to me in the form of sugary juicy love. After our divine encounter, I set the watermelon Bomb Pop's stick and wrapper in a nearby trash can, without touching the receptacle.

That's my little story of Everything That Went Right and Nothing Gross Happened. Feel better?

Now, let's get to the nasty stuff. (I promise to use sensitivity.)

Back to the Dumpsters. These particular Dumpsters surprised me. They were shorter than the normal ones. The edge of the Dumpsters behind my apartment building were probably collarbone height, but those we first encountered with the free-gans that night might have reached the waistband of my jeans.

"Our" Dumpsters also weren't gut-wrenchingly disgusting inside. Gusts from the nearby coast delivered scents of seaweed and salt; the area was not at all "Dumpster-y" smelling. Before we'd gone out, I'd steeled my constitution in preparation for the worst. Really, I hadn't needed to be so uptight. Inside, the metal walls of the bins were dusty but not horrendous and offensive. You wouldn't want to bend over the lip of the

thing at your waist with your mouth open and drag your tongue around, but the interiors weren't slime covered and reeking of forgotten meat as I had imagined they would be.

Looking into the bins, I saw that there wasn't much in them. Two stood completely empty, one had inconsequential papers in it, and only one had anything of any use to anyone: random wilted fruits and vegetables along its floor. I popped my finger into my mouth and extracted it, holding it up. Testing for wind velocity and barometric pressure, temperature, and humidity, I concluded the air was just right for shopping at D-Mart. I grabbed the edge, leaned over, and swung myself in.

"I got a plant!" one of the guys exclaimed.

Tom took the little brown plastic cube with the green sprout out of the top and inspected it.

"Dude," he said, "you can take this home if you'd like, but it's a shamrock. Shamrocks are basically free. This is a weed."

Dejected, the other young man replaced the plant in the bin.

Casey hustled to the van to retrieve milk crates we'd brought along with us, while everyone else took seats along the Dumpster edge, our legs inside.

"Get the gloves too," I yelled. I had brought a bag of latex gloves along. They sat on a seat bench in the van, but they seemed prissy to me now as I stood in an almost empty and practically clean receptacle with four guys who had spent two week-ends per month of the last six years in real gunk up to their ankles. "Uh, never mind," I called to Casey.

She brought the bag of gloves anyway. "You want these, Alice?"

"Too late now, isn't it,"

I said and held my hands up. What I wanted to say was "Psssh! I'm super tough!" but I didn't. I put the bag of gloves in the front pocket of my sweat-shirt. We all bobbed down and picked at things.

"Why am I putting these artichokes into this box?" Tom asked rhetorically. "This box is sickening," I didn't dare look inside the cardboard box he had across his lap. He removed the artichokes from it and placed them in the milk crate Casey set on the edge of the Dumpster next to where Tom sat.

We filled the crate with everything we had then exited the can. After editing out some produce that had decidedly joined the dark forces, the haul was complete and we took inventory. "What do we have here?"

"Four artichokes; five bell peppers; and one watermelon."

"And a shamrock,"

one of them said and dropped the small brown container with the lucky weed into the Milk Crate o' Treasure.

"Kind of a crappy haul," I said. "We drove about 15 miles in a Volkswagen bus to get here... let's see, that's about..." I wanted to figure out how much fuel we'd consumed in our pursuit of four brown artichokes smeared in red gelatinous goo. The guys stopped me before I had it calculated.

"We know," one said. "It doesn't work out sometimes. We've had a lot of bad luck lately. It doesn't even pay to do it anymore."

They felt bad about the pitiful load. They wanted to show us, the newcomers, that it wasn't a wasted pursuit. Casey and I wanted to believe that what they were doing made a difference. But there it sat, a watermelon and an armload of wilted

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"So why do you do it?" Casey asked. "For the chicks?"

"That's the running joke," Tom said. "Matter of fact, you're the first one."

"We'll try one other place," the driver of the van said. "Nobody's ever found it, but we might tonight. It might pan out."

We loaded the Crate o' Sad Plunderings into the van and embarked. We rattled out of the lot and onto the road. Streetlights and palm trees whizzed past in the navy blue night, and the guys talked of our potential next target. It existed in rumor only. Friends of friends knew

people who worked at this grocery chain, and the rhapsody unwound about the freshness and cleanliness of the offerings. To hear the tale you'd think this grocery outlet stopped just short of setting out café tables with napkins and silverware for their fresh, hot, complimentary comestibles.

The legend of our fantasy Dumpster rivaled that of only one other place. A mom-and-pop grocer in East County had been a favorite of freegans, homeless, and what our guys said were "regular people."

"Regular people?" Casey asked.

"Yeah," Tom said. "It worked out too. Nobody fought over anything, it just worked out. It was all cool. Regular people

would take the stuff we didn't want: meat, cheese, all that. We'd get the breads, vegetables, pizza dough, pizza sauce, stuff like that."

As we drove, the freegans told us of the division between Dumpster divers. There are "regular people," who apparently just *cannot* pass up a bargain. There are the homeless, poor lost souls who we're all comfortable with having rummage through crap. And there were the philosophical freegans, who did it for good cause. The groups don't get along, but the East County Dumpster of Yore used to serve as a civil territory. Until one day the guys drove out to their favorite trash bin and saw that it had been locked up. Employees or owners, who had previously encouraged the nosing about, had put an end to it with chains and a fence. No homeless, freegans, or "regular peo-

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- Possibility of 4 visits within 14 days
- Qualified participants receive study-related care, study medication and may be compensated for time and travel

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Is your current Schizophrenia medication not working?

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Not sleeping?


Are you:

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- Having trouble staying asleep through the night?
- Between 18 and 64 years of age? • In overall good health?

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Are you living in the shadow of bipolar depression?

We're working to bring future treatment options to light.


As a person with bipolar I, you know what it's like to live with the darkness of depression. So you may want to know about this clinical research study examining an investigational drug for bipolar depression compared to a placebo, an inactive substance, when used in combination with a mood stabilizer, if:

- You are at least 18 years old • You have a history of at least one bipolar manic or mixed episode
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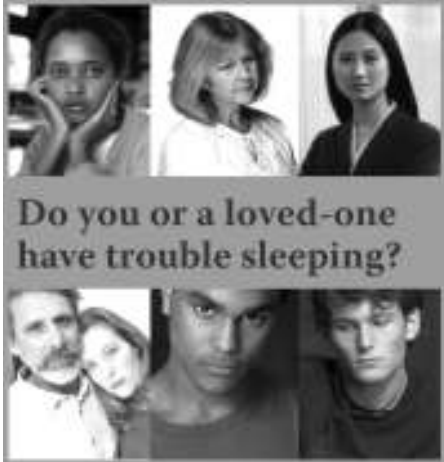
Participation may last up to 12 weeks, and includes study-related care and monitoring from specialists in bipolar I, access to a mood stabilizer, and potential access to investigational medication, all at no cost.

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INSOMNIA



Do you or a loved-one have trouble sleeping?

If you or a loved one are between the ages of 18 and 64 and have had trouble sleeping for 3 months or more, you may qualify for a 7-week research study of an investigational new drug's effects on sleep disturbances. Qualifying applicants will receive the study drug or placebo (sugar pill) and all study-related medical treatments at no cost, as well as compensation for time and travel.

Participants must:

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- Be between the ages of 18 and 64
- Have a history of primary insomnia for at least 3 months

For more information, please contact:

JoAnna Williams, CRC
Dr. Steven Drosman
619-260-0010



Do you have psoriasis?

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ple" allowed anymore.

We didn't know what type of people we'd run into at the New Folkloric Dumpster of La Jolla, although we weren't worried. Tom said there was mostly just friction between the groups, never confrontation.

We pulled the rocking and swaying Stinkswagen into the parking lot. The Mini Mall of the Legendary La Jolla Dumpster sits between two major streets, not too far from the Mormon Temple and only a quick ride to the tony art galleries and couture clothing shops of

Girard Avenue and Prospect Street. Mercedes-Benzes and Porsche SUVs streamed in around us. Even well past midnight, cougars in slick high heels and designer bejeweled jackets prowled the shopping center. We wore hooded sweatshirts and crappy stained jeans, looking as if we were there to collect their trash and eat it. We cruised around to the back lot, behind a furnishing store, movie theater, and the grocery store we aimed to scavenge.

After hunting around the rear lot and investigating the underground

garage, we spotted a big blue Dumpster. If the last bins we'd visited were built for easy foraging, with their low lips and wide-open lids, this one stood as a testament to impenetrability. This was like the Pentagon's Dumpster. The can was a good ten feet tall, its gate chained and locked, and three sides of the Dumpster were surrounded by brick wall.

Gecko-like, I sprang up from a nearby banister, scaled the brick wall, then crept around its top. The guys came up too. Besides a pair of crutches, a scattered ream of paper, and a

RESEARCH STUDIES

Are you currently diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder and receiving treatment with Lithium or Depakote?

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Low Back Pain

Do You Wake Up to Pain?

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Low Back Pain
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- Study-related medication
- Reimbursement for time and travel may be provided
- Participants must be at least 12 years of age

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University Clinical Trials
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sleeping bag that looked as though it moonlighted in a pet hospital, the giant can was empty.

"Maybe someone lives here. There are crutches and a sleeping bag," one of the guys said.

"Are you suggesting someone who needs crutches jumps from that banister, climbs that wall, and drops ten feet to get to his home?" I said.

"Either way," Tom said, "it smells like poop and cough medicine."

Glum, we dropped down from the wall. We kicked our shoes and dragged our heels, saying things like "Well, we tried" and "I guess that great Dumpster doesn't exist." We looked like a scruffy bunch of mid-century Little Leaguers who lost the big game. (Perhaps scruffier.)

Across the chilly parking lot, our van waited to carry us home. Meandering past a large beige shed, Tom reached over and opened its metal cabinet door almost as a bored afterthought to a dejected evening. After a peek inside he jolted and shouted, "HOLY SHIT! GET THE VAN! HOLY SHIT! GET THE VAN!"

The guys ran to get the van, their shoes scuffing along on the asphalt. I peered over Tom's shoulder into a vast hold filled with cardboard boxes and fluffy plastic bags. It was definitely a full container of trash, and it looked to be from a grocery store. He hurriedly handed me a box and began pulling out more and more items and laying them on the blacktop.

What could be in the box? It was almost like Christmas! "Uh," I said, opening it, spinning the box and extracting a puffy clear pouch from inside. "This one's got peanuts." There were 30 bags bigger than your fist, all lined up inside, all unopened.

Casey ripped into one of the large plastic bags and retrieved smaller bags filled with brown glop. She held the sacks in her

clothespinned fingers because of a smear of undetermined sauce along the outside. I looked the blobs over but couldn't make anything out. One of the masters of identifying amorphous lumps in sticky plastic sacks said, "That's pizza dough."

The van arrived and we dragged more and more out of the beige shed. Large trash cans filled with onions and

oranges. Boxes of bread.

While Casey and I stood there gawping at what we'd amassed, out of the cabinet door Tom slung a large bag. The bag rolled, twisting in the air. It landed at our feet with a splash. A bottom seam of the bag had been split, and the hole blew out a flow of sludge onto us. My hands were up in front of my face. Casey wasn't as lucky.

I rolled my forearm

RESEARCH STUDIES

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Diabetic Foot Ulcer Study



Dr. James Longobardi at Absolute Foot Care is participating in the MATRIX clinical study to evaluate the therapeutic effects of Excellarate™ in patients with chronic diabetic foot ulcers. Excellarate is an investigational product that is designed to stimulate wound healing. If you have been diagnosed with Type I or II diabetes, requiring insulin or other agent to control your blood sugar, and have had a foot ulcer for 6 weeks or more, you may be eligible for this research study. To learn more about the MATRIX study, please contact **(866) 447-4848**.

PI: Dr. James Longobardi
Protocol Number NA 00012739

Do you or someone you know experience any of the following:

**Delusions
Hallucinations
Paranoia**
**and possibly have a diagnosis of
Schizophrenia?**

Medical researchers at UCSD are currently conducting a clinical research study to evaluate an investigational drug for the treatment of schizophrenia. Participants will receive either study drug Olanzapine (an FDA-approved antipsychotic medication), or placebo during the course of this 6- to 8-week inpatient study.

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Medical and psychological evaluations and study drug will be provided at no cost. Eligible participants will also receive reimbursement for time and travel.

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over, and at the sight of what clung to me I involuntarily contorted my face into the emotional configuration of "Berserk Objection." Smeared from wrist to elbow was a dense, sticky coat of black congealed crud. Someone screamed. It might've been me.

"What is this?" I shouted, eyes shut, holding my contaminated arm to the side and as far away from my face as anatomically possible. I peeked.

Casey bent over at the waist and gagged.

"What is this?!" I shouted again.

"I swallowed something," she said.

"What?"

"I swallowed something, something from that bag." She righted herself and with her sleeve wiped at an oily film on her cheek and lip.

While I was interested in what had happened to her, my own possible contamination had arrested my attention. I searched the busted sack and asphalt for a clue as to what coated my arm. There, disemboweled from a cracked plastic shell lay strewn four chocolate cupcakes with smeary black icing. *Oh, sweet molasses in the morning, thank you, it was only chocolate frosting.* Bent in on myself like a whooping crane yogi, using the bottom of my shoe, I scraped the goo off of my arm.

I was relieved, but I don't think Casey was. She had that look, one that only girls can make, that says: *We need to go.*

"You all right?" I asked.

"No, I'm not. I just...drank...something." Her hands fluttered. She grimaced and swallowed. "Something from that bag splashed into my mouth."

"What did it taste like?"

"Cinemuck," she said. "Cinemuck just flew into my mouth." Cinemuck, she told me, tastes like hot dog wrappers marinated in popcorn butter, Coke syrup, and nacho cheese.

She said it was also slightly warmer than her own body.

"Well, how much of it did you...drink?"

"About a teaspoon."

I gagged but didn't feel so bad about my sug-

arcoated arm. At least the filth that splashed me hadn't penetrated my mouth. We collected ourselves as best we could.

After throwing some eggs and cheese back into this odd Dumpster that

looked like a beige shed with a metal door, we cleared the tarmac of our filth as best we could and loaded our bounty into the VW Stenchmobile.

Its metal door rolled shut, and we traveled,

encapsulated in the cargo area, which was crowded with puffy bags of former food/garbage/now food again. In all, we'd pulled out whole trash bags and boxes full of bread, lemons, onions, peppers,

mushrooms, pizza dough, peanuts, and salad. It all sat around us in the van. Streetlight yellow glare strobed the interior as we glided along the freeway beneath a glorious moon. "How did you guys all

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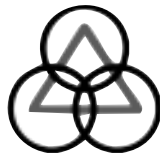
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meet?" I yelled over the creak and clamor of the old van. "You know, when I was your guys' age I was a drug kid. But you can't just bring that sort of thing up at a party. You can't just blurt out, 'Hey, who wants to do coke or E or meth?' You know? You have to be cool about it. Some people don't like that kind of stuff around them. And it's illegal. So how did you guys meet? How did you broach the subject of picking through trash?"

Tom said, "We all met through mutual friends. I think I just asked, 'Hey, who wants to Dumpster dive?'"

The Driver turned his head a bit to project his voice to me. "It's not that out of place with our friends. We hang out with pretty dirty people."

"Well," Tom interjected. "We just don't think the world is as dirty as 'they' would have us believe." The freegans definitely had a knack for this, and in some way, I guess, it helped out with the waste of our nation. Activism, a low income, and an indifference to black fingernail grit made eating usable trash a natural thing for them. I didn't think I had the guts for it though.

"Anyone ever get sick from this stuff?"

No. None of them had ever gotten sick from eating trash.

"I even ate eggs once," Tom said. You can imagine the potential for violent fluid eruption if a person gobbles down eggs from a sun-baked trash bin. "Never been sick from it."

Our van slowed and we exited the freeway, motoring through the sleepy neighborhood of North Park. We unpacked the crates, bags, and boxes at a house. Casey and I said our thank-yous and left them.

Two days later Casey called. She was sick.

"I think it's just allergies," she said.

"I think it's already-been-eaten hot dog grease and backwashed Coke."

"Shut up. It's allergies.

Did you get sick?"

"No," I answered.

"Although I wasn't happy about what I looked like when I got home. There was something in my eye-brow. Something I'd rather not discuss."

"We didn't even use the gloves," Casey said, proud. She coughed.

"I know. They're still in my sweatshirt, which I may or may not burn," I said. "Well, even though

you contracted hepatitis A through Q from drinking other people's leavings, I think it was a success."

Still chatting with Casey, I walked out my apartment courtyard, headed for the mini-mart down the street. I wanted a small bag of cashews and an iced tea. At the corner, I passed a city trash can. I couldn't help leaning over and taking a look inside. ■

— Ollie

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And we will list the number of weeks you have submitted the correct puzzle solution, placing the winners with the longest winning streak at the top!

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TROUBLE STAYING ASLEEP?

Do you feel rested when you wake up?

If not, you may qualify to participate in a research study for adults who experience problems sleeping throughout the night.

Qualified Participants Must Be:

- between 18 and 65 years of age

Qualified Participants Will Receive:

- All study-related care, exams and study drug at no charge
- Compensation for time and effort



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Do you have sleep apnea and use a CPAP?

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- Taking medication to treat depression

Qualified Participants Will Receive:

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- Compensation for time and travel

Chronic Nighttime Heartburn...

You are tired of the fire.



Local physicians are participating in a research study that will help determine if an investigational medication can alleviate chronic nighttime heartburn or GERD symptoms.

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I Was Hoping It Would Come to Fists

March 11, 2008 — It's past noon at the Round Table Pizza in the Price Center at UCSD, and there are three groups of young men watching European soccer quarterfinals on five different large plasma screens mounted to the walls: one group of five Americans, another of three British exchange students, and a third of eight Asian students. The Yanks and Limeys are drinking beer and eating pizza; the Asian young men eat pizza and are quiet, watching the game with inert tension.

It's Liverpool playing against Manchester. At least that's what I see on the screens. The loudest spectators are the fellows from Great Britain — they get excited, high-five one another, boo when a score is not made. The American guys are rowdy too, but not the way Americans get rambunctious in a bar while they watch NFL or Major League Baseball.

The Asian gentlemen do not make a sound.

I'm not sure who is rooting for whom, but it is apparent that the Americans are not for the same team as the Brits; the two groups eye one another, and I wonder if a brawl will break out. I will admit, with a smidgen of shame, that I was hoping it might come to fists — the violence of different opinions — because I was curious about what extremes people reach when defending the honor of their chosen sports team.

International soccer has a reputation for bursts of violence and even rioting, sometimes making scuffles between Chargers and Raiders fans appear trivial. The following is a selected list of notable

violence in the history of contemporary sports fandom:

May 24, 1964

Lima, Peru. Three hundred eighteen people are killed and another 500 injured in riots after Argentina beats Peru in an Olympic qualifying match. The bedlam discharges when the referee disallows a Peruvian goal in the final two minutes.

October 31, 1976

Yaoundé, Cameroon. A penalty kick was awarded to Cameroon in a World Cup qualifying match vs. the Congo. The Congolese goalie attacked the Gambian referee. Fighting escalated. The president of Cameroon, watching the game at home, sent in paratroopers by

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helicopter. Two bystanders were killed.

October 20, 1982

Moscow, USSR. Three hundred forty reportedly killed at a European Cup match between Soviet Spartak and Haarlem of the Netherlands. Police were accused of pushing fans down an icy staircase before the end of the match. A late goal was scored, and exiting fans tried to re-enter the stadium and create a "human mincer." Russian officials disputed the claims, saying that only 61 had died and that police never pushed any fans.

July 13, 1998

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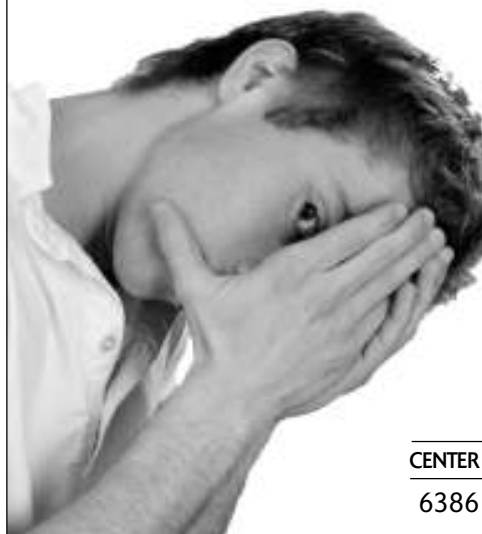
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living in the Gaslamp, and one summer afternoon a group of 50 or more Brazilian nationals began an impromptu parade down Fourth Avenue, going north. They had drums, whistles, singing, women taking their shirts off and exposing bare breasts. People standing around decided to join them, and so did I, at the insistence of a friend I was with. "Why not?" she said. Why not celebrate, indeed? The Brazilian team had lost the World Cup to France 3-0. Initially, I thought they were celebrating a win. But the Brazilians, I discovered, just like to have a good time, with parades and other kinds of fun. The police showed up and escorted the parade for a while, then asked for it to disband. Nothing dangerous or criminal happened. "You never see that in America," said my friend. "When teams lose, people get angry and start fights." Local bartender Edwin Decker recalls an infamous San Diego incident from 1996. "It was a football Sunday at a now-defunct place

in O.B. called First Round Draft," he says. "The Chargers were playing and the Raiders were playing, but not against each other. There was a table of three Charger fans watching their game, and across the way was a table of two Raiders fans watching theirs. Both tables were talking shit to each other. I could tell that the Raiders table was taking it

The Raiders game was in the final seconds, with Jeff Hostetler driving for a go-ahead touchdown. They got to about the Chiefs 30-yard line and Hostetler threw a pick, and the game was over. The table of Chargers fans went nuts, taunting and smack-talking. I could see the one Raider fan, the huge one, getting all riled up, turning red in the face and just

"He just jumped out of the stands and ran onto the field and started hitting the ref."

more seriously than the Chargers table, especially one guy in particular, who was enormous and rather tightly wound.

"The Chargers game ended first with a victory. The Raiders/Chiefs game was almost over, with the Raiders behind, so the table of Chargers fans were shouting with glee and generally pissing off the Raiders fans.

itching to do something. "Suddenly," Decker claims, "he attacks. He rushed the table of three Chargers fans, found the smallest guy, and threw a fist into his face that cracked through the room. The force knocked him to the ground, and the Raiders fan jumped on top of him. He landed fist after fist on the poor Chargers fan and just stayed on top,

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putting all his weight onto the guy.

"Incidentally, this is all happening at my feet," Decker notes. "So me and a couple others jumped on the Raiders fan's back to try and pull him off the guy. When I grabbed him, his body was as hard as a rock. My first thought was *roid rage*."

"At this point the Raiders fan burrowed his mouth into the side of the Chargers fan's head, started shaking his mouth and head like a shark trying to rip flesh off his prey and then — *plop!* Out of the pile, like a football in a fumble frenzy, rolls the ear."

"I thought it was a finger — it was about that size. Then the Raiders fan, blood dripping from his mouth, stands up, high-fives his other Raiders fan friend, and strolls out the side door as though nothing happened."

"The commotion to help the one-eared Chargers fan was such that no one noticed the assailant leave," continues Decker. "I decided to follow him to see if he

was driving and get a license number. The crime of mayhem is a felony. It is the willful dismemberment or crippling of another person. Fuck that guy, I thought. I followed them outside, but to my dismay, they did not have a car. They just proceeded to walk north on Bacon Street. At that point, I went back inside. The place

out with a bag of ice, and they put the ear in it."

March 27, 2005

Bamako, Mali. Angry Mali soccer fans set cars on fire, looted stores, and ruined monuments hours after rushing onto the field and forcing the suspension of a World Cup qualifying game against Togo. The fans were

"Brazilian, French, Canadians, Kiwis and Aussies, the Brits, they love soccer, but they just shout and slam their fists on the table."

was still in chaos. The Chargers fan was bleeding down the neck, and the ear was in a plastic bag and looked like a bloody turd. That was when I uttered six words I never thought I would ever say:

"Somebody put that ear on ice!"

"Then a bartender came

angered when Togo took a 2-1 lead late in the game. Dozens of fans rushed the field. Officials stopped the game, and state television immediately cut the live transmission.

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match between Sicilian teams Catania and Palermo, Italian authorities temporarily suspended games and threatened to ban all soccer matches if fans continued to engage in violence. The Associated Press reported that this prospect did not sit well in Italy, "where soccer is a religion for many." The Vatican's newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, stated, "Let's acknowledge this: soccer in Italy dies...with the policeman."

Other deaths and injuries at international games result from stands crashing down when too many people are in them and stamping their feet or when massive crowds rush entrances, crushing and stampeding over one another. The majority of this violence is over soccer ("the real football" outside the U.S.) and overshadows violence in American sports games.

Did the ancient Greeks behave this way at Olympic games (although, in early Olympics, there were death matches between athletes

trained to kill and die in the arena)? What causes this mass hysteria when a team is losing or loses?

May 17, 2007

Robert Charles Comer, 50, was executed in Arizona for murder and rape. According to the Associated Press, when Warden Carson McWilliams asked Comer if he had any last words, Comer, a California native, stated, "Yes — go Raiders."

"When the foreigners come in for the soccer games, they don't usually get too out of control," says Rick, who asked not to be identified. He also asked that I withhold the name of the sports bar he works ("I'll get fired for it," he said). "Brazilian, French, Canadians — French-Canadians! — Kiwis and Aussies, the Brits, they love their soccer all right, and they love to drink, but they just shout and slam their fists on the table. I've found that if a fight starts — or an almost-fight, since we usually stop it or tell them to take it to the streets — it's because of local Amer-

ican patrons. They'll call the foreigners pussies or pansies, say that soccer is not real 'football.' The foreigners will make fun of the Chargers, they'll say, 'That's not football, it should be called handball.' Sometimes it's all in fun, but sometimes someone wants to throw a punch, and it's usually an American who throws it."

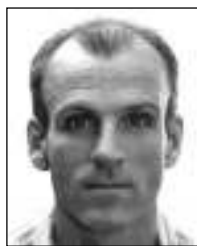
February 1, 2008

Violence is not limited to the stadiums and bars. Eduardo Jimenez Arenas, a San Ysidro High School soccer coach, was accused of choking an opposing team's player and punching another teenager that ended the soccer game, resulting in a brawl involving an estimated 20-50 people and witnessed by 200.

Arenas spent four days in jail. He denied choking or punching anyone. "I am not guilty about the things they said about me," he told NBC 7/39 News in an interview, claiming he was only trying to stop the fighting. He accused a parent from Otay Ranch of instigating the

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brawl. "He started insulting me." He was initially suspended, but the district attorney's office declined to press charges.

Alberto "Tito" Ayala, 17, who was watching the game, at first alleged that Arenas hit him when Ayala got involved in the ruckus. The boy's family filed a claim for \$1 million against the Sweetwater Union High School District; however, after an investigation, Chula Vista Police arrested Sergio Perez, 18, a student at San Ysidro High, for kicking Ayala in the head several times. A number of witnesses claim Perez instigated the violence. Perez is charged with assault with force and battery causing serious bodily injury; his trial begins in July, and if convicted of these felony charges, he could face a maximum of four years in prison.

An ex-girlfriend once told me that her father was banned from her North County high school girls' soccer matches when he started a fight with the referee. "It was embarrassing," she said. "He just jumped out of the stands and ran onto the field and started hitting the ref."

"The Australians can get out of control at times," says Rick. "They're in the bars at 6:00 a.m. because their bodies are still on Aussie time and the games are starting then. By 10:00 in the morning, they're trashed and ready to wrestle each other and fight Americans, if any are around. I would not recommend coming into a bar that early with the foreign guys watching the game."

"So what is it?" I ask. "What makes guys lose control over a simple game?"

He shrugs and says, "Who knows — national identity, I would guess. Pride for the homeland? The same shit that starts wars."

March 9, 2008

All the Irish pubs in the Gaslamp show the soccer games. I go to a fairly new Irish bar in Ocean Beach to see who is watching the games. All the flat-screen TVs on the wall are on, one tuned to ESPN, but there are no games shown. I ask a bartender wearing a green miniskirt and a green hat what time the crowds come in to watch soccer. She thinks

I am asking to see soccer myself; she looks for the remote control and then scans the TV for a game. "Which country you like?" she asks. I repeat my question. "Oh," she says, "well, we don't get any groups, just

the occasional person who wants to see a game."

People just drink at this bar, she hints.

"Good thing too," says a man sipping a pint of green ale (it's a week from St. Patrick's Day) at the counter.

"A bunch of drunk Irish types ogling soccer only means the brass knuckles will come out."

March 10, 2008

Bogotá, Colombia. Violence erupted during America de

Cali's match against Deportivo de Cali. Fighting moved from the stands to the field and then the streets. Armored riot police arrived, which only united the enraged fans against the officers. The police were bom-

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teams and scores but started by an apparently jealous boyfriend who picked a fight with a man flirting with his girlfriend.

March 16, 2008

I'm in a Tijuana cantina off

First and Los Niños Héroes. A soccer (*fútbol*) game is on two TVs, the Santos vs. the Jaguares. I arrive halfway through the game. The cantina is full — perhaps 40–50 men, most local residents, a couple of Americans, and

one Japanese tourist who looks out of place — I'm not sure if he is here for the game or looking for a prostitute. There are half a dozen women in the bar, and they all stand off to the side, looking bored; no one is paying

attention to them, buying them drinks or dancing with them; all eyes are on the TV. I'm not sure where the game is being broadcast from, but the stadium stands are packed with people jumping up and down, cheering

or booing, which the homobres in this cantina emulate.

"Who you for, homie?" a drunk guy in his 30s asks me in strained English as I stand by the counter, trying to get a beer.

I shrug.

"You have to be for somebody," he says in Spanish.

I take a chance: "Los Santos."

Slowly, he smiles. "You know the winners," he says, slapping me on the back. He offers to buy me a beer.

Los Santos are not winning, however; within half an hour, the Jaguares are ahead 3–0, scoring two goals back-to-back in less than five minutes. Half the men in the bar go wild, cheer, toss bottles against the wall. The others are not happy, including the fellow who bought me a beer — his bloodshot eyes squint and his fists clench. I think that I am about to witness some typical across-the-border violence, or I may find myself in the wrong place at the wrong time. I understand now that it is all about projection and identity — that team out there you're rooting for is *you*. When they win, you feel good about yourself; when they lose, you become embarrassed, angry, and defensive. The anthropology, psychology, and sociology of it all fascinate me even more than usual, especially since I can feel it in the warm air inside the cantina, charged with the possibility of sudden brutality.

Three *federales* stroll in, swaggering with macho authority, decked out in riot-gear regalia — Kevlar vests and masks, machine guns in hand, grenades on their belts. The bar goes very quiet, and everyone stares at their drinks, not the TV, nor the *federales*. This is a good time to duck out, I tell myself.

On the street, the Mexican army has stopped traffic; troop transports sit still in the streets, Humvees with gun mounts are ready for action, and soldiers in khaki uniforms and combat gear stand by the entrances to cantinas and hotels. They are making their presence known in the city.

The three *federales* step out of the cantina behind me and tell the soldiers the score of the game. Heads nod. Everything is very quiet on the street, none of the laughter and loud music and honking car horns typical of Tijuana; the air of imminent aggression and uncertainty is as thick as the dark beer I was drinking just moments ago. ■

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In the spring of 1878, Thomas Savage went to Santa Barbara to record recollections for Herbert Howe Bancroft's massive *History of California*. In particular, Savage wanted to interview the family of José de la Guerra y Noriega, prominent Californios.

But they weren't available because one of the sons, Miguel, was fatally ill. Angustias de la Guerra said Savage should talk to Apolinaria Lorenzana, who lived nearby.

Savage had heard of Lorenzana when he visited San Diego in January: "Many native Californians of both sexes spoke of her in the highest terms of praise. She was known by many as Apolinaria la Cuna [the foundling] and by most as La Beata [the blessed one]." Some said she was stern and demanding. Others hailed her as a living saint.

Curious, and with time on his hands, Savage encountered an enfeebled old woman, dirt poor and "stone blind." She'd spent the entire 19th Century in Alta California, she said with a cracked voice and proud Castilian accent. She'd taught school, nursed the sick, and helped administrate Mission San Diego. She owned three ranchos and lost them after the American invasion. Now

the "good old soul" lived on the charity of others, which she decried as a burden to her. Although Bancroft preferred male histories, Savage decided to record the ancient woman's story.

LA CUNA, NOVEMBER 1799 Twenty-one orphans leave Mexico City for San Blas, where they will board a ship and sail to Alta California. They are an experiment. At first the government sent skilled workers and their families to populate the territory. But since most returned after their two- to six-year contracts expired, the Viceroy wants the children of the new "orphan project" to find work, marry, and add to the 3000 settlers already in the region.

"Alta California was a most unattractive province to the success-seeking colonist of New Spain," writes Manuel P. Servin. If adults objected to the duty, and most did, maybe homeless children might be more agreeable. The original plan called for 60 boys and 60 girls. Quartermaster Manuel Carcaba, who did the recruiting, found only 21.

Nine boys, 10 years old and under (when they turned 11, they'd be old enough to work), ride on horses and pack mules, 12 girls in a mule-drawn, covered four-wheel cart. Francisco Barron heads the procession. He bid 3600 pesos for the task and promised not to feed the "tender innocents" with "heavy foods that would endan-

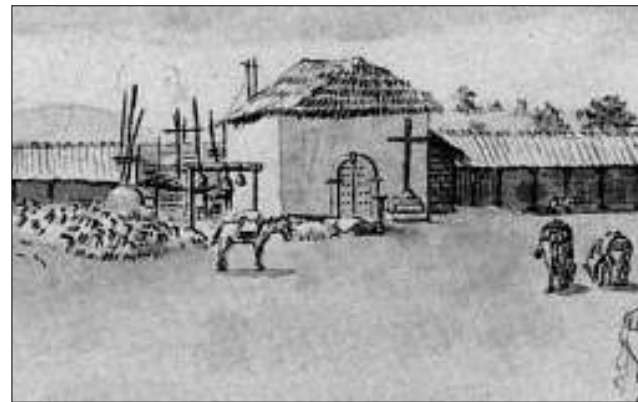
ger their health." An escort, composed of "men of honor and good conduct," rides along. Barron even screened the muleteers.

The children wear simple white cottons, wool skirts and pants, ironed by hand. They've marked their first names on every article. All share their benefactor's surname. In 1767, Archbishop Francisco Lorenzana founded the Real Casa de Expósitos — the Royal House for Abandoned Children — in Mexico City. The orphans are all named Lorenzana, which tells the world they were left behind.

Although one of their medical examiners, Dr. José Vicente de Peña, said they "had inherited the weak character of the parents who abandoned them," the 21 are well behaved as the caravan makes the 400-mile trek to the coast and the unknown. From afar they don't look special: just a caravan of kids on their way to school.

Only one has objected. María de Jesus Torres Lorenzana, a 22-year-old orphan chosen to be the girls' *cuidadora* (nursemaid), pleaded not to go in two letters to the Royal Minister. She didn't want to abandon the children at the *casa*, who loved and respected her "as a mother." And she feared for her "honor and soul" in the new territory.

The Royal Minister said no. She must help the girls "avoid the sufferings that might result from some disgrace with a



Monterey Presidio plaza, c. 1800

sailor."

Fears were so great in this regard, the ministry gave boxes of tobacco to seven of the older girls, "who smoked excessively," so they wouldn't have to ask sailors for cigars.

When the procession reaches San Blas, María writes again. She not only wants to return to Mexico City to continue her religious vocation, two of her youngest "orphan sisters" — Inez and Apolinaria — are ill and should go back with her.

The Royal Minister remains firm: María must find each child a home in Alta California. The King of Spain commands it.

At San Blas, only 20 orphans board the *Concepción*. One dies in the mountains. The frigate has made several trips up the coast stuffed with everything from soldiers to cattle to farm implements to letters from home.

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QUOTATIONS

1. Antonia I. Castaneda: "The foundlings of 1800 were part of the last government-sponsored effort to promote colonizing families until the era of Mexican rule, when new invaders — Europeans and Euro-Americans — began arriving in California."

2. Salome Hernandez: "[Orphan] women were clearly to remain in California. María Gertrudis's case

illustrates the reluctance of some women to endure life on the California frontier."

3. Genaro M. Padilla: "The world [Apolinaria] had known was receding into a past as unrecoverable as her sight."

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the heat of San Blas, must have been quite a spectacle to the youngest child, seven-year-old Apolinaria Lorenzana.

In 1793 or 1794, someone left her at the *casa* for abandoned children, rang the bell, and ran away. She had neither birthmarks nor a note of identification. Probably less than six weeks old, she was one of 601 admitted in 1793–94, when the *casa* had over 1000 children. In 1794, 405 died. In 1795, only 107 found families.

The chaplain, who labeled her “Spanish,” named the child Apolinaria, after a second-century saint, and María Guadalupe, after the Old and New World names for the Virgin Mary.

Apolinaria’s life at the orphanage, writes Rose Marie Beebe, “was highly structured, to the point of being monastic.” Boys and girls were segregated. Each hour in the day had a purpose, and no one wasted time. When she came to San Blas, she knew how to read (but not to write), sew, do “round number” arithmetic, and

make artificial flowers.

In her memoirs, Apolinaria says she sailed north “with my mother.” But the passenger list has no such person. And her last name and lifelong tag name — La Cuna — make her a double foundling. She had been ill on the journey. It’s possible that she bonded with María de Jesus Torres, and the reluctant *cuidadora* became her mother figure.

The *Concepción* sailed in June 1800. For the two-month voyage, as the frigate tacked into tricky Pacific headwinds, young “recruits” wavered between feelings of exile — yet another abandonment — and the hope of finding a home.

On August 24, they rounded the white dunes of Point Pinos and sailed into Monterey Bay. To the children, who had come from the capital of Mexico and the bustling seaport of San Blas, Monterey must have seemed tiny. It wasn’t a city, or even much of a pueblo — just a presidio, a church, and a few houses dwarfed by dark, cypress-green hills. The

orphanage had more people.

Military Commandant Pedro de Alborni distributed the children “like puppies” (“*perritos*,” writes Lorenzana) to the homes of various soldiers. Twelve of the youngest went to Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, and San Diego. Five women, along with María de Jesus Torres and Apolinaria, remained at Monterey.

“Those that were already women,” writes Lorenzana, “were married very soon.” That included María Francisca Ignacio (17) and María Josefa Pasquala (19). Young Inez was wed within the year. Macedonio Suárez and José Timoteo joined presidio families. And Valeriana Lorenzana, who went to San Diego, married Desiderio Ybarra, a soldier.

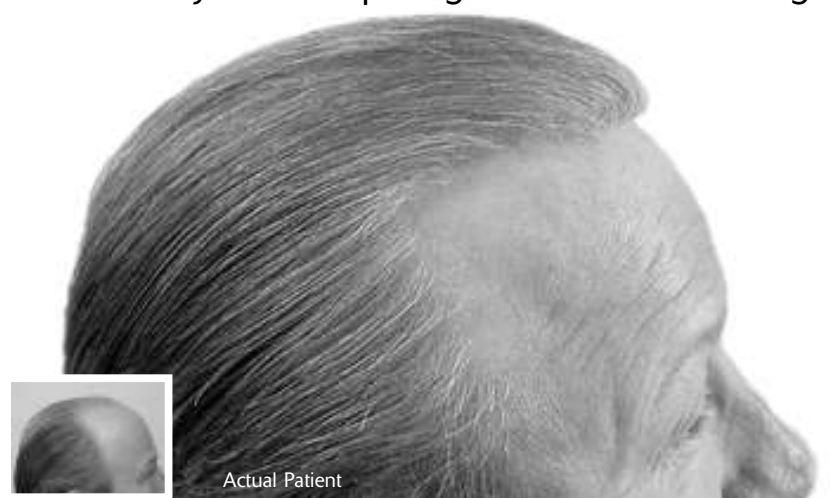
At first, five of the young women resisted marriage. They were already betrothed to “Mother Church,” they claimed. Eventually all but one followed orders and found husbands.

Within two years, the “orphan project” proved a failure. “Raymundo Carrillo, the children’s protector,” writes

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Salome Hernandez, “complained that female orphans generally lacked those skills appropriate to their sex, such as cooking and sewing, [which] caused suffering since Carrillo found it more difficult to place them.”

“I do not believe,” wrote Carrillo, “that there are any advantages to be gained by sending more children as these. The inhabitants do not want to take them in, because they have growing families of their own. These children

are so unhappy, it seems pointless to take them away from the capital and expose them to hardship. They are too young.”

Sixteen-year-old María Gertrudis married José Truxillo, a Catalan soldier. When he died two years later, she begged to return to Mexico. She had fulfilled her contract, she wrote. No, said officials. She must remarry and could not return “because the rest would do likewise using the same or another

excuse.”

The officials stressed that if she couldn’t find a mate, one would be found for her.

By the time Gertrudis sent the letter, in 1803, the government had forgotten the orphans. Her request, followed by word that many girls couldn’t sew and some boys had become criminals, led officials to abandon the experiment. The Lorenzanas were the only orphans sent to Alta California.

Officials tried a new strategy: married convicts, with no “bad habits,” and their families could escape prison sentences in Cuba and become settlers. That experiment failed. Carrillo, in charge of their distribution, complained of “scandalous” conduct: “The majority brag about their ugly crimes and even worse, do so without thinking seriously of reform.” Plus, they were “corrupting the Christian and pagan Indians and the children of the *gente de razón*.”

José de la Guerra y Noriega, scion of the clan Savage wanted to interview, advocated sending the convicts “a million leagues [away] for a couple of centuries, an

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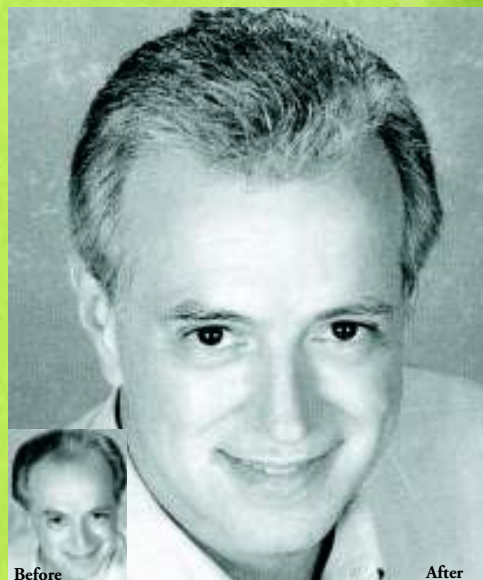
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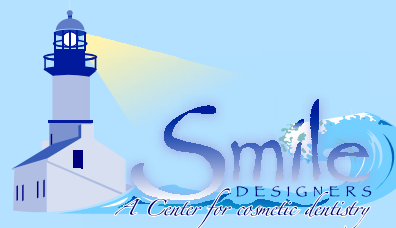
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Apolinaria and her "mother" Maria lived at the home of Raymundo Carrillo. He and his wife Tomasa Lugo had room because their four sons were fully grown and their daughter, Maria Antonia, would marry José de la Guerra y Noriega in 1804.

Carrillo may have come to Alta California with Gaspar Portola on the first expedition of 1769. He married Tomasa in 1781. Father Junipero Serra conducted the ceremony. On December 8, 1800, the 51-year-old lieutenant became *comandante* of Monterey.

The Carrillos didn't adopt Maria and Apolinaria. His wife was an invalid, and Maria became her *cuidadera*. Along with performing household duties, young Apolinaria helped Maria nurse Tomasa.

Apolinaria could read the catechism. But she couldn't write, a skill women weren't encouraged to acquire. In her spare time, she took whatever book was nearby

and whatever "empty cigarette papers or a blank piece of paper that somebody had thrown out" and copied pages from the book. She carefully drew each letter, memorizing its shape, listening to its sound. Discarded scrap paper became a blessing. It meant she could practice self-expression. "That is how," she later wrote, "I managed to learn enough to make myself understood in writing whenever I needed something."

Life settled in: long, full days of nursing and servant's duties and study in free time. Then Maria de Jesus, who had never wanted to leave Mexico City, met Miguel Briot, a young artilleryman. They fell in love and married in 1802. Apolinaria, who calls Briot "stepfather" in her *Testimonio*, thought she'd found her family at last — and that, when his replacement arrived, all three would sail home to Mexico.

During this time Carrillo was named commandant of Santa Barbara. Maria, Miguel, and Apolinaria moved south with the Carrillos. When Miguel's relief arrived

later in 1802, writes Apolinaria, "he took my mother with him" to Mexico on the frigate *Princesa*. They left the child behind.

Because Maria wasn't, technically, her mother? Because Apolinaria was under contract to marry an Alta Californian? Other reasons? She doesn't say.

"That is how I became separated from my mother," the blind old woman told Savage 76 years later. "I never saw her again. Shortly after she arrived in San Blas my mother died, perhaps from a broken heart because she had to leave me behind."

An orphan once again, Apolinaria Lorenzana was nine years old.

Next time: La Beata: The Child Is Mother to the Children. ■

— Jeff Smith

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Eric Holmberg
via email

Oops!

I am the owner of Solare Ristorante Lounge. I am writing about the article that Naomi wrote last week in the *Reader* (Restaurant Review, June 12).

There were a few mistakes in the article that Naomi wrote, and I would greatly appreciate these corrected.

1. Our website is wrong. It should be www.solarelounge.com.

2. I personally counted, and we have over 30 wines that are under \$40 per bottle.

3. We never use whipped cream on any of our desserts. I am not sure where that came from.

4. Our location is made out of wood and glass, and of course it will be noisy on a Friday and Saturday night.

If Naomi were to come any other night, it is not that noisy. Also, since we

are in a historical building, we are limited by what the board of directors will allow us to do in order to deal with the noise.

5. We have two private rooms available for dining. We have the all-glass wine room, where a couple or group of up to four can enjoy a quieter meal, and the Prana Room, which holds up to 24 guests.

Lastly, the last name of my husband (who is also the owner and the other executive chef) is spelled Ceresoli.

I would appreciate that these issues were dealt with and published in the next *Reader*.

Roberta Ruffini

Naomi Wise responds: I do apologize for the incorrect website. I have no idea how that snuck in there except to ascribe it to some evil gremlin taking possession of my typewriting fingers. Ditto the typo on Mr. Ceresoli's last name. (I can only say I'm sorry; my sole excuse is that earlier that same week, a dinner at the restaurant that I actually planned to review that week "flunked out" royally, making that restaurant unfit for print; Solare was a last-minute substitution, written in regrettable haste after a meal on a "noisy Friday" rather than the quieter Thursday nights when I normally eat out for reviews.)

Your wine list is indeed very long, and seeing it in the bright light of your (correct) website I do find more bottles under \$40 than I spotted when wrangling with the tome in the restaurant. But perhaps you've added more wines since I ate there: Had I spotted the Verdicchio, I would have ordered it in a New York minute, as it's an old favorite of mine.

As for the dessert, there was a sea of a sweet, creamy white substance on the plate under the mousse. Might it have been a crème anglaise lightened with whipped cream (the way Hollandaise is sometimes lightened in French cuisine)? With or without that mystery sub-

stance, it was certainly a delightful dessert! Your chef told me that my table was the only "taker" for it; too bad the rest of the diners in the room missed out on this pleasure.

Correction

The photo printed in the June 19 "Blurt" article on Joe Rathburn, "You Rock...No, You Don't...Yes, You Do," should have been credited to Steve Covault.

Straight Record

I'd like to correct a couple of main points the "Blurt" article made ("You Rock...No, You Don't...Yes, You Do," June 19).

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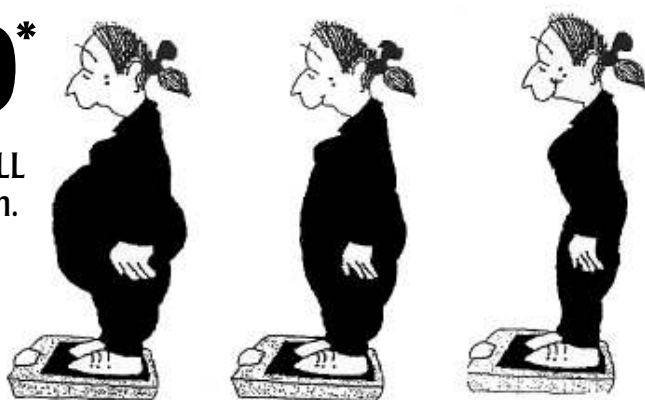
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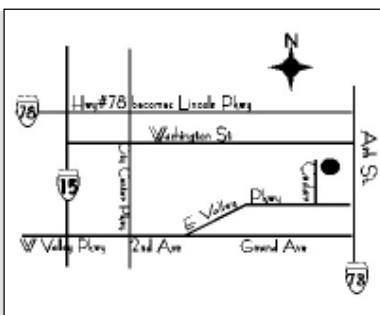
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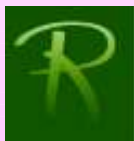
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plained, but Sgt. Labore of vice ops confirmed they'd never gotten any complaints the whole time I'd played at the Tin Fish. That was not an issue.

Secondly, I never said that the owners of the Tin Fish had spoken to the mayor. What I really said

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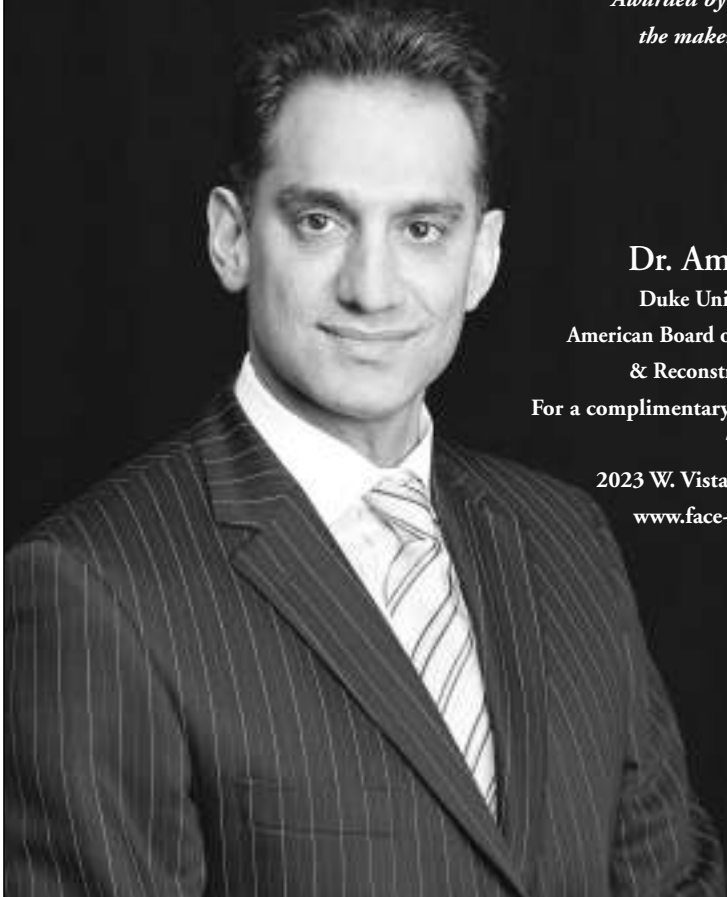
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Ken Leighton responds: Mr. Rathburn did say that code enforcement was "doing a general sweep of the Gas-lamp, checking for code violations"; however, that line was edited from the article before publication. The line in which Mr. Rathburn says, "Nobody ever complained, and now this year somebody complained" should have ended with a question mark. I regret that error. Mr. Rathburn's quote that "The owners of the Tin Fish talked to

the mayor" was read back to Mr. Rathburn after he was interviewed.

A Pink America

Re "Greed, Gambling Society," by Don Bauder ("City Lights," June 19).

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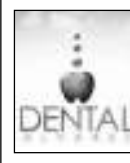
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The defining trait of the Chicago School is Milton Friedman’s admonition that a slow, steady growth in the money supply, coupled with government spending restraint, leads to long-term economic prosperity and low inflation. The Chicago School does prefer free

markets — so do all economic schools. (Marxism is a political philosophy which masqueraded as an economic theory. That’s why Marxist economic models collapse.)

The Keynesian view is opposite. It argues that inflation (read: the government printing money and handing it out through public-works projects or to pay bills it’s incurred) is a necessary evil and actually salutary to society.

In today’s economic situation, one wishes that Wall Street financiers would heed the advice of the Chicago School, not scurry for short-term cover in a desperate rear-guard action embrace of using inflation to get us out of the

rough.

Keynes famously observed that “In the long run we’re all dead.” How sad to see this sentiment reflected in Wall Street’s toxic addiction to short-term gain and gluttonous appetite for bigger and bigger paydays, at the expense of investing in R&D (which Bauder did quote an expert as lamenting). It’s invited our current peril. Were Wall Street to have preferred slow and steady growth, disciplined management, and abeyance to long-term sturdiness, we wouldn’t have our current problems. So that Wall Street’s failure to hew to the Chicago School, and misplaced trust in Keynesian sophistry, has brought us to this end, not the other way

around, as Bauder implies.

Confusing the issue by attaching the current call for financial oversight to Keynesian economic principles is nonsense. Simple common sense should tell investors that when they are putting their money into some sort of financial certificate whose basis is hopelessly obscured, they are being conned. Financial derivatives and the like are a con job. Econ 101 — displacement of responsibility from the direct transactors leads to relatively worse outcomes. This observation is buttressed when observing that Mr. Bauder treats the financial communities’ hypocrisy about government intervention as some sort of revelation he learned

of in two new books.

In fact, Econ 101.1: it is axiomatic that businessmen expect financial discipline and a government hard hand for everyone except themselves. Philosophically, they are purists. As a matter of fiduciary obligation and survival instinct, they dunk their figurative heads in the trough of government preferences. Rationalizations to obscure the fact abound for them to point up, but the fact of this axiom has never been more in evidence, or in much of any doubt.

Let’s bring this around to our current dilemma. The prices of oil and gas are chiefly rising because of the loss of value of the dollar. Last year a dollar would buy you so much gas. This year the dollar is worth less and will buy you less gas. That’s inflation. Sure, it’s compounded by speculation, but

isn’t it speculation that the dollar will continue falling, and isn’t the dollar’s future value based on confidence in the dollar, i.e., confidence in the government to not print a new load of greenbacks to cover its arrears. Rising demand from China and India are only ancillary contributors.

Let’s just get the hell out of Iraq, which is what has bled the Treasury dry in the last six years. And that’s not so much economics or high finance — it’s simple accounting. But I love Diva’s account of her mac down. Delicious.

Robert Hagen
Downtown

Bravo Joe

It’s late, but I want to acknowledge the tremendous job that Joe Deegan did putting together the article on the so-called Sunrise Powerlink (“Will These Keep the Lights On?” Cover Story, May 29). Please thank him for me and for hundreds and hundreds of other people who were so impressed by his incredibly well-researched article.

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Armadillo for Dinner

Journey to the Lowest Points on Earth

Once I ran out of dry underwear I started hitchhiking, which is something you can do easily on a bike," says author Jim Malusa. "A bike evokes a certain amount of sympathy. And everyone knows that psycho killers don't pedal."

On Monday, June 30, Malusa will appear at REI in Kearny Mesa to present a slideshow and reading from his book, *Into Thick Air: Biking to the Bellybutton of Six Continents*, an account spanning six years during which Malusa traveled by bicycle to the lowest elevation points on every continent but Antarctica.

LOCAL EVENTS

While hitchhiking on his way to Australia's Lake Eyre (52 feet below sea level), Malusa was picked up by two men in a jeep. As he took his seat in the back of the vehicle, Malusa was horrified to see a blood-soaked bag.

"It was quickly revealed to me that it was actually a kangaroo they'd run over recently," he says. According to Malusa, the "road gourmands" he encountered "have a firm belief in eating whatever they run over," and they had recently crossed paths with a kangaroo the size of a large dog. "And then it was teatime," he recalls. "They showed me how to prepare a nice 'roo-tail lunch. It tasted like meat with a lot of tendons."

Another run-in with strange food came when Malusa was cycling through South America's Patagonia to Laguna del Carbón (344 feet below sea level). There he encountered

a small group of men who "stopped our conversation to chase down an armadillo to catch it and slice its throat for dinner."

Malusa hesitates to call himself a bicycle enthusiast. "I don't even have any bicycle clothes," he says. Still, Malusa's preferred method of travel is by bike because he believes it intensifies the experience. "When I'm sweating bullets in the tropics of northern Australia and watching a storm build on the horizon for hours and the sky changes color and the clouds form tendrils of mist that come down, I'm not just merely observing the storm — I'm going to be in it. There's no 'inside' in which to retreat, which is both terrifying and breathtaking."

Each low point is accessible by road. For each of his six escapades he was dropped "about a month's ride away" from the deep destination. In Africa, this was 512 feet below sea level, at Lake Assal in Djibouti, a location Malusa says was the most mentally challenging.

"As I was leaving the capital city of Djibouti, I passed a refugee camp and was rather effectively stoned by children, and I had to flee. I only got hit once in the leg, but it instilled a certain degree of terror."

Malusa tried to research the small country he describes as "unhappily sandwiched between Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia, which are constantly quarreling." But in 2000, the year he was there, only a scarce amount of information was available.

"There were books about Djibouti that had names like *Hellhole of Creation*. Authors



Jim Malusa

would remind you frequently that the local people would castrate their enemies and wear their testicles as ornaments."

Malusa had this in mind when, near the beginning of his journey to Lake Assal, he paused to rest at an Ethiopian truck stop and crossed paths with a goat herd and a member of the Danakil tribe. The man wore a skirt, flip-flops, and a Nike T-shirt. When the tribesman learned of the cyclist's destination, he astonished Malusa by pantomiming the area's geological history.

"He pantomimed how the volcano between Lake Assal and the Indian Ocean had erupted. Then he put his hands together and identified one hand as the horn of Africa by saying 'Kenya' and 'Somalia,' and he [referred to] the other hand as 'sizemo' [as in "seismic"], and he slowly separated his hands. He was absolutely right — this was part of the Great Rift Valley, which goes from the Dead Sea to Lake Tanganyika. The plate tectonics are pulling apart Africa there. I was flabbergasted and happy. The 'savage' ended up being a self-taught geologist."

Malusa points out that every one of the lowest elevation points in the world is located in a desert. The lowest point on the

North American continent is 350 miles northeast of San Diego in Death Valley, 282 feet below sea level.

Including the days he has spent as a botanist mapping vegetation, Malusa estimates he has spent over 1000 nights sleeping outside without a tent. "And never has anything annoyed me. I had a tarantula walk across a book I was reading — things go by — but they will not bother you. Not on purpose."

— Barbarella

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"4 Corners" Multimedia dance theater collaborations between transcendANCE and the Aja Project, sharing "intergenerational stories of City Heights young people and their elders." Evening performances include dessert reception, "moderated discussions." 619-255-3812. Thursday, June 26, 8 p.m.; Friday, June 27, 8 p.m.; Saturday, June 28, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, June 29, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; \$15-\$10. Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Bringin' the Country Back" Country-western dance bar holds line-dance lessons every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. with open dancing all night. Wednes-

days, 6:30 p.m.; ages 21 and up. In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Belly Dance Showcase Rajiin and Sadaf Restaurant host performances every Friday. No cover. 619-338-0008. Fridays, 8 p.m.; through Friday, June 27, 2008, Sadaf — Downtown, 828 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

English Country Dancing Chris Page calls for English country dancing, with live music by Kathleen. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. 858-676-9731. Sunday, June 29, 6 p.m.; \$8. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Foxtrot Friday Learn the basic "magic step" (beginner level: 7:15 p.m.) and "some cool variations" (intermediate level: 8 p.m.), with open request dancing until 9:45 p.m. Hosted by Waltz & Such in Casa del Prado room 207. All ages. Partners not required. Donation. 619-583-9956. Friday, June 27, 7:15 p.m.; \$1. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

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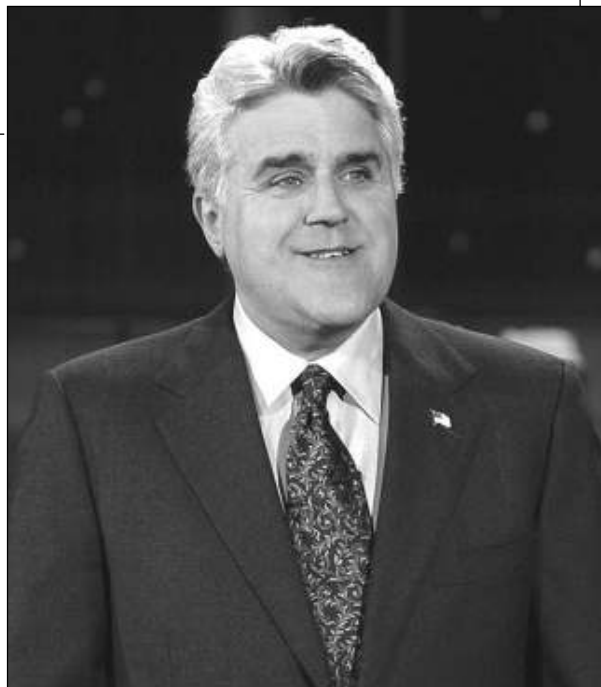
Ranting Banshee Band makes music for contradance, Steve Barlow calls. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. Optional potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.; bring some food/beverage to share. 619-283-8550. Saturday, June 28, 6:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity

OUT & ABOUT

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both. 619-615-8928. Monday, June 30, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Swedeborg Hall, 1531 Tyler Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Africa, Sing Me Your Song SaveAfricaNow and San Diego Public Library host screening of film examining ways "ordinary people can make a difference in the lives of children left orphaned as a result of the world AIDS crisis." 619-236-5821. Wednesday, July 2, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

"San Diego Filmmakers Showcase" Chronos Theatre Group presents original short films by local filmmakers. Tickets: \$5 for one night, \$8 for

Big Wednesday The seminal surf flick hit the screen 30 years ago. Anniversary screening includes discussion with cowriter Denny Aaberg, benefiting Moores UCSD Cancer Center. Reception at 6 p.m., screening at 7 p.m. 858-822-0023. Thursday, June 26, 6 p.m.; \$60. La Paloma Theatre, 471 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

Napoleon Dynamite Sleeper hit showcased for "Stone Late-Night Movie." Children under 21 admitted with parents. Film screens on 11.5-foot-wide screen outdoors. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and "get comfy." 760-471-4999. Wednesday, July 2, 8 p.m.; Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Dark Side of the War on Drugs Kieran Fitzgerald's *Ballad of Esequiel Hernandez* screens in English and Spanish with English subtitles for Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Monday, June 30, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

COMCAL Film Festival Southwestern College Telemedia Film Club hosts festival screening of ten short films from local community college entries. "Red-carpet event" at 6 p.m., screenings at 7 p.m. 619-840-9499. Thursday, June 26, 6 p.m.; \$5-\$15. Chula Vista 10, 555 Broadway #2050. (CHULA VISTA)

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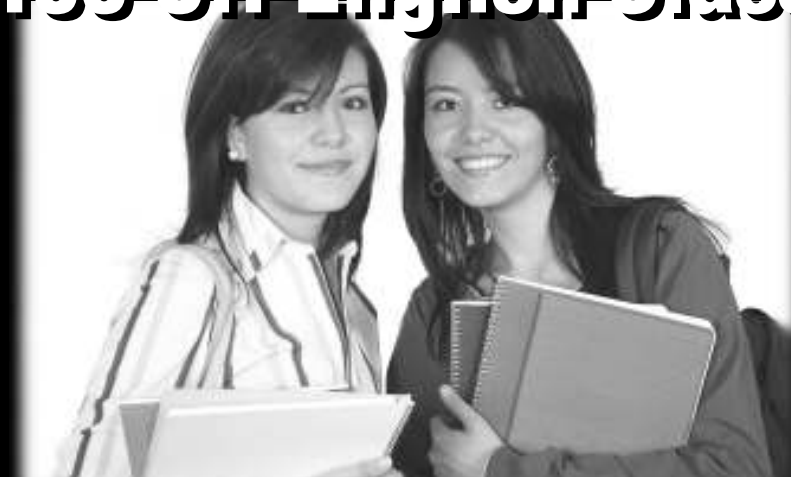
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Sunday Dive-In Enjoy *Surf's Up* as part of Splash Sunday fun; catch flick while floating in a tube or splashing in pool. 760-940-WAVE. Sunday, June 29, 7 p.m.; \$6-\$8. Wave Waterpark, 101 Wave Drive. (VISTA)

Take Your Stinking Paws Off Me! Enjoy Charlton Heston in the 1968 film *Planet of the Apes* when it screens for spring film festival. 858-454-3541. Thursday, June 26, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Teen Producers Project Screening of three of the group's most recent videos, including *I Want My Parents Back*, *Fighting Community Violence*, world premiere of *Perspectives of the American Dream*. Student filmmakers from variety of local neighborhoods have produced these short documentaries examining immigration policy, community violence, experiences of refugees and immigrants. 619-230-1938 x101. Friday, June 27, 6:30 p.m.; Crawford High Educational Complex, 4191 Colts Way. (COLLEGE AREA)

FOR KIDS

"Experience Hungary" Create Hungarian crafts, enjoy dance performances and music, listen to traditional folktales. For children of all ages. Suggested reservations: 619-239-0003 x107. Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m.; Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"When Elmo Grows Up" Abby Cadabby, the newest Muppet on Sesame Street, joins Elmo, Zoe, Rosita, and all of their furry and feathered friends in asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" for Sesame Street Live shows. All seats on opening night: \$13.

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

Bounded by some 32 freeway lanes carrying a half million vehicles a day, and smack dab in San Diego County's busiest commercial zone, the San Diego River greenway in Mission Valley offers a surprising bit of tranquility. An agreeable, though thoroughly artificial simulation of a riparian habitat exists here now, in stark contrast to the massive ripping apart of the landscape that took place in the early 1990s.

The "First San Diego River Improvement Project," as the flood channel and greenway is known today, stretches between the 163 and 805 freeways. Designed for both flood control and wildlife habitat, the project has so far contained winter-storm runoff and attracts its fair share of resident and migrating waterfowl.

Wide concrete sidewalks follow both the north and south banks of the river between Qualcomm Way and a point west of Mission Village Road near the 163 freeway. The paths will likely be extended farther east and west along the river upon completion of future "improvement projects."

Some three miles of walking, running, skating, or cycling suffice to cover the existing paths. The last decade has seen a remarkable growth of seeded riparian vegetation along the paths and riverbank. The now-jungle-like screen of mature willow, sycamore, and cottonwood trees blots out the view of the river from most spots, so that birdwatching is possible only from a few select vantage points. This rampant growth, however, is effective in diffusing the sounds of omnidirectional traffic and the occasional overhead passage of the San Diego Trolley on elevated tracks.

A good place to park and start walking is on Camino de la Reina near Camino



del Este or Qualcomm Way. During the early morning or after rush hour on a summer evening, the frenzy of mechanized transportation slackens, and you can hear the twittering of birds, the buzz of insects, and the whisper of

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Cinderella Puppet Express and Weaver's Tales perform through Sunday, June 29. Next up: *Big Joe's Fireworks*, presented by Big Joe Productions, July 2-6. 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 26, 10 a.m.;

Friday, June 27, 10 a.m.; Saturday, June 28, 11 a.m.; Sunday, June 29, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, July 2, 10 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Really Rosie San Diego Junior Theatre season continues with musical boasting book and lyrics by Maurice Sendak, music by Carole King. For those of all ages. Performance on July 12 is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Friday, June 27, 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 28, 2 p.m.; Sunday, June 29, 2 p.m.; \$8-\$13. Casa del

Prado Theater, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Yoga Yoga Vista Studio leads classes on fourth Saturday of each month; families with children of all ages encouraged to attend. Bring yoga mat or a towel for each family member. 858-538-6161. Saturday, June 28, 10:30 a.m.; Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Fleas You'll Love! Tom Jensen's World-Renowned Performing Flea Circus and Insect

Menagerie visits for bug-themed puppet show. 858-573-5007. Thursday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.; Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

IN PERSON

"Say It Loud" Black Music Month celebration with Bobby Hearn, Jimmy Lovett, Maria Reed in a theatrical revue taking audience on musical journey through sights and sounds of contemporary black popular music history.

Donation. 619-527-3405. Saturday, June 28, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$20. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

Running from Coyote: A White Family among the Navajo Danalee Buhler reads from, discusses her new book. "Living in Shiprock, New Mexico, from 1958 to 1962, the author and her four sisters learn Navajo myths and taboos, wander in and out of the local trading post, and wear moccasins to school every day." Signing follows. 619-236-5821. Monday, June 30, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Justice and Science: Trials and Triumphs of DNA Evidence DNA authority George "Woody" Clarke discusses his debut title, focusing on his experiences as prosecutor at San Diego district attorney's office, 1982-2003. During that time he worked on O.J. Simpson trial, many others. 619-667-2870. Thursday, June 26, 6 p.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)

Mistress of the Sun Sandra Gulland discusses, signs her new historical novel, based on life of Louise de la Vallière, consort to King Louis XIV. 858-454-0347. Friday, June 27, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

A Wanderer? Botanist, bicyclist, author Jim Malusa discusses, signs *Into Thick Air*, a chronicle of his trip bicycling alone to the lowest point on each of six continents. 858-279-4400. Monday, June 30, 7 p.m.; REI San Diego, 5556 Copley Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Aren't They Romantic? Local romance authors Judy Duarte, Jill Sorenson, and HelenKay Dimon sign their new releases. 858-486-5280. Saturday, June 28, 2 p.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

Botanist, Cyclist, Author — Adventurer! Jim Malusa discusses, signs *Into Thick Air*, his chronicle of his trip bicycling alone to the lowest point on each of six continents. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, July 1, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's

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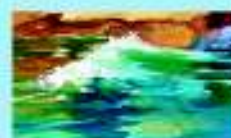
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What have you written?

"One collection of short stories: *Jenny and the Jaws of Life*, published by Thomas Dunne Books, St. Martin's Press, in 1987; reissued in paper in 2002 with a foreword by David Sedaris; and again just now, in a new edition. Two novels: *The Writing Class*, published June 10, and *Winner of the National Book Award* in 2003 — both also published by Thomas Dunne Books. There are some uncollected stories, one recently published in *McSweeney's*."

Tell me about *The Writing Class* — what's the story?

"A reclusive teacher living in Escondido runs writing workshops at the extension division of an unnamed San Diego university. The novel focuses on one such workshop, which seems to be going well, except that somebody in class is playing increasingly mean-spirited pranks on the other members, often in the guise of critical feedback on their stories. The identity of this person — dubbed the Sniper — remains unknown, the spirit gets meaner, the pranks turn dangerous, and some-

body dies. In form, then, it's sort of like *Ten Little Indians*. You've got a collection of characters, one of them is a killer, and you have to figure out who it is."

How did you come to write it?

"I've taught writing workshops, off and on, for decades. When people submit their own work to a roomful of strangers and ask for critical feedback, they're really sticking their necks out. It takes nerve to do this. They're putting on the line something they've produced which is important to them. Sometimes, no matter how hard you try to avoid it, people's feelings get hurt. One day I wondered: what if a creative, talented person (or at least someone who imagines himself creative and talented), embittered by years of rejection, finally decided to hurt back?"

What's the funniest novel you've ever read, and what made it work?

"*Lucky Jim*, by Kingsley Amis. The Brits do annihilating social embarrassment better than anybody else."

When and where do you write? Do you have any curious writing habits?

"Sporadically, and wherever I happen to be. I don't need peace and quiet or a locked room. Actually, I finished up my last novel in a band room full of brilliant, boisterous, and spectacularly loud high school musicians. My son went to the Coronado School of the Arts, and I had to write on campus there because there weren't enough hours in the day to make the trip from Escondido more than once. All that energy was downright inspirational."

Do you think writing classes are generally useless or just good enough to be worthy of satire?

"Neither. If you know what you're doing, they're worthwhile. I've met some good writers in my workshops. What makes a well-run writing class worthwhile is that it's the only opportunity that I know of for a beginning writer to get quasi-disinterested feedback from a bunch of strangers. When you're writing on your own, you tend to get generic encouragement from friends and relatives and brutal rejections from publishers. In a workshop, you can actually get some idea of what works and what doesn't. And even if you're a seasoned writer, a writing class can offer you deadlines. Often, that's enough to get you writing again."

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(LA JOLLA)

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Gospel Jam featuring Mark Christopher Lawrence, "a regular on NBC's *Chuck*." 619-819-7838. Saturday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.; \$7-\$12. Bayview Baptist Church Martin Luther King, Jr. Christian

Center, 6134 Benson Avenue.
(SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

Epic Fantasy Author Lynn Flewelling signs *Shadows Return*. 858-268-4747. Saturday, June 28, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Joys and Perils of Motherhood
Author Kimmelin Hull reads

from her recent memoir, *A Dozen Invisible Pieces and Other Confessions of Motherhood*, and leads open forum discussion on joys and perils of early motherhood. Booksigning follows. 760-633-3754. Sunday, June 29, 10 a.m.; Indigo Village, 609 South Vulcan Avenue. (ENCINITAS)

Laughter Promised Comedian and *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno takes stage. 866-843-9946. Thursday, June 26, 8 p.m.; \$85. Ages 21 and up. Valley View Casino, 16300 Nyemii Pass Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

MTV Reality Show Star Christopher "Big Black" Boykin appears to meet fans, sign autographs in support of his show *Rob*

& Big. 760-436-6613. Saturday, June 28, 11:30 a.m.; K-5 Boardshop, 280 North El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Sardonic Wit and Mordant Social Critiques The talented David Sedaris appears for UCSD's ArtPower series. Among his books: *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, *Naked*, and *Me Talk Pretty*

One Day. 858-534-TIXS. Monday, June 30, 8 p.m.; \$30-\$36. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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"Explorations and Research into Four Centuries of Japanese Woodblock Prints" Study group of Asian Arts Council shares recent investigations. 619-696-1935. Thursday, June 26, 1 p.m.; San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"MFA 08" Annual exhibition of work by graduating master of fine art students from department of visual arts at UCSD continues through 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)

"Old Town's Cosmopolitan Hotel: A Study in Vertical Archaeology" San Diego County Archaeological Society's "Summer Saturday" lecture series begins with talk by archaeologists Nini Minovi and Nicole Turner, focusing on current plans to restore the venue formerly known as Casa de Bandini to its external appearance as the 1874 Cosmopolitan Hotel. 858-538-0935. Saturday, June 28, 8 p.m.; Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

"Peace Works: IPJ Nepal Project and Partnerships" Institute for Peace and Justice (IPJ) members have continued to analyze Nepal's fragile transition to peace; impact of peace-building initiatives in Himalayan nation discussed during event. Youth activist and journalist Santosh Shah presents IPJ with Everest Summit Award. 619-260-7509. Thursday, June 26, 12:30 p.m.; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Supernovae, Neutron Stars, and Black Holes" "The Sky Tonight" astronomy presentation, with tour of current night sky. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. 619-238-1233. Wednesday, July 2, 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.; \$6-\$8. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Technology on the Border" "Exploring Ethics" lecture series continues. 619-238-1233. Wednesday, July 2, 5:30 p.m.; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Next Big Thing in Computer Genealogy" Gary Hoffman reveals "his version of the future of computer genealogy" when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego gathers. Hoffman is a computer manager at UCSD, current webmaster for CGSSD. 619-426-8295. Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m.; Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Writing in Community" City Heights poet Jim Moreno and UP-ACA Center host poetry workshop for beginning or mature poets. Participants will watch the video *Voices in Wartime*, then write and read a poem. Moreno is author of *Dancing in Dissent*. 619-285-9737. Saturday, June 28, 3 p.m.; \$2-\$5. Urban Performing Arts and Cre-

ative Arts Center, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

Beginning and Refresher Genealogy Class Course offered by North San Diego County Genealogical Society and Carlsbad City Library. Optional tours of genealogy division of Carlsbad Cole Library on June 30 and July 7. Attend any or all sessions. Materials provided. Nonmembers welcome. 760-757-0528. Mondays, 7 p.m.; through Monday, July 7, 2008, Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Chinese Language Workshop Offered in conjunction with "People, Prints, Politics: China 1920-1980." 619-239-2001. Saturday, June 28, 1 p.m.; \$2-\$12. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Hillside Gardening Landscape designer Connie Beck shows "how to make the most of gardening on a slope," focusing on erosion control, plant choices, terracing, retaining walls. Required registration: 619-660-0614. Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m.; \$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca

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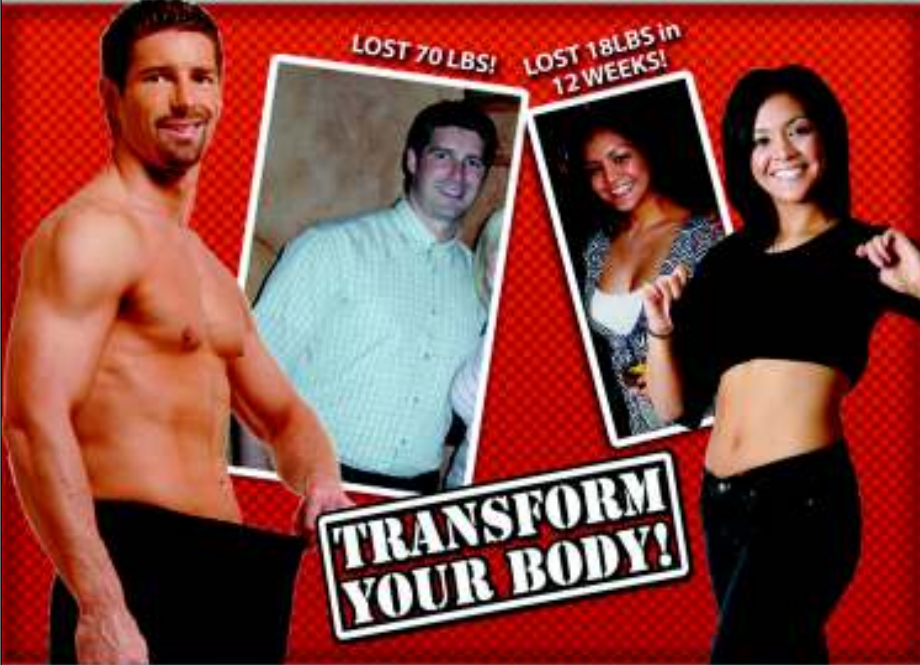
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Tribal Belly-Dance and Drumming Class Middle-Eastern drumming class taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7 p.m.), followed by tribal fusion belly-dance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drummers (7-8 p.m.). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6 p.m.; through Monday, June 30, 2008, \$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

OUTDOORS

Early July's Extreme Low Tides are for early risers only! Check out the local tidepool life without hordes of other people around. Wednesday, July 2 features a minus 1.7-foot tide at 3:39 a.m. Thursday, July 3 brings a minus 1.8-foot tide at 4:24 a.m. Wake up extra-early on the July 4 holiday to catch the minus 1.6-foot tide at 5:08 a.m. Perhaps even better, roll out of bed early enough on Saturday, July 5 to catch the minus 1.3-foot tide at 5:50 a.m.

June Bugs are emerging as summer's warmth is finally upon us.

The green June beetle, only one of some 300 species of scarab beetles found in Southern California, flashes a metallic green underbelly as its buzzes about erratically. The mature scarabs flying about have spent at least a year underground in larval form munching at the roots of lawns or your favorite ornamental plants.

Agaves, (a.k.a. century plants), are coming into bloom in many summer gardens this month. After a decade or more (not a century) of growth, the larger kinds of agave send up a tall, yellow-blossomed flower stalk from a base of fleshy, succulent, thorn-tipped leaves. The stalk and basal leaves die, but suckers make new plants and begin the cycle anew.

Latest Sunset of the Year, 8 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time in San Diego, occurs Friday, June 27 – one week after the summer solstice (our longest day). From now until late July there will be little change in the time of sunset, even though the total length of daylight will steadily shorten.

"Red Diamond Rattlesnakes" Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderately strenuous 4-mile hike and discusses rocks, common plants, and rattlers. Bring water, wear hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Saturday, June 28, 8 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

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Basic Birding Tom Troy leads basic birding program with emphasis on identifying birds by sight and sound and using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides. Directions: 760-967-6915. Saturday, June 28, 8:30 a.m.; Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. (CARLSBAD)

Birding Basics Class Trail guide Winona Sollock presents five simple steps for identifying birds at a glance, how to use a field guide (bring yours if you have one). 619-668-3281. Saturday, June 28, 1 p.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Birding the Marsh Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National

Wildlife Refuge. Reservations: 619-409-5900. Sundays, 11 a.m.; through Sunday, June 29, 2008, Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

Desert Garden Tour Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Fried Eggs, Easy! See matilija poppies and elderberry blooms during guided walk in Mission Trails Regional Park. 619-668-3281. Saturday, June 28, 8:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

June Bloom, Not June Gloom! Experience joys of June bloom

during trail guide-led nature walks amid flora and fauna. 619-668-3281. Saturday, June 28, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, June 29, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, July 2, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Set Out for Silverwood Open visitation day. Special topic hikes at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Phil Lambert explains proper landscaping with native vegetation in fire-prone areas. 619-682-7200. Sunday, June 29, 10 a.m.; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

"Classics of Romanticism" Violinist Konstantin Ziumbilov and pianist Evgeny Korolkov perform

works by Tchaikovsky, Schubert, and Grieg in Sala Ernesto Muñoz Acosta. 011-52-646-173-4307 or 011-52-646-173-4308. Saturday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.; \$20. Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

"Street Tour 4" Car lovers unite along Avenida Revolución to walk past over 200 customized sports cars and motorcycles, meet drivers, "cheer them on as they rally to Ensenada." Inaugural ceremony is in front of jai alai *frontón*. Clubs participating include Wild Horses of San Diego, Road and Customs of San Diego, Club Five Element, Club Westside of Los Angeles, Club Mustang of Tijuana, Jeep Extreme of Tijuana, Tecate Volks. Donations benefit Animal Protection Association of Baja California. 888-775 2417. Sunday, June 29, 9 a.m.; Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

La Sombra del Sol Discussion of new book by Mario González Suárez. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, June 26, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Classical Music Concert by Orchestra of Baja California. 011-52-664-687-9636. Thursday, June 26, 8 p.m.; \$10-\$20. Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Comedy Show Liliana "La Chupitos" Arriaga and Carlos Bardelli entertain. 011-52-664-104-7021. Friday, June 27, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.; Grand Hotel Tijuana, Boulevard Agua Caliente 4500. (BAJA)

Harvest Festival Enjoy concert by Mariachi Vargas and Fernando de la Mora. 011-52-664-685-3031. Saturday, June 28, 4 p.m.; \$40-\$60. L.A. Cetto Winery, at km 73.5 on Ensenada-Tecate Highway 3, in Guadalupe Valley. (BAJA)

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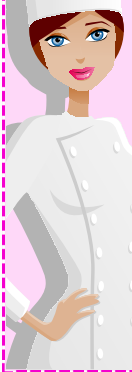
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“Art and Intrigue” Opening reception for new exhibitions: “Active Duty,” “Contemporary Ruin,” “United and Severed: That Window of Time,” “Shannon McNeill: Little Drawings,” and “Warning Signs.” Live music by Ben Powell, cocktails, hors d’oeuvres. 760-839-4120. Saturday, June 28, 6 p.m.; California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

“Mystic India” Spiritual gathering (*satsangha*) inspired by a pilgrimage to South India offered by Jaruska Solyova. Tribute to Swami Vivekanada, “Who introduced yoga to the West.” 858-456-9964. Wednesday, July 2, 7 p.m.; \$30. La Jolla Cove Bridge Club, 1160 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

“Summer of Sports” San Diego County Fair continues through 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. 858-793-5555 or 858-755-1161. Thursdays, 10 a.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m.; 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)

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Planet of the Apes,
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“Symbols of Freedom” Freedom Day Parade with floats, marching bands, community groups, cool cars, and this patriotic theme starts in front of 101 Cafe, works north to Civic Center Drive (just past City Hall). 760-967-2005. Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m.; 101 Cafe, 631 South Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Benefit for Burma John Assaraf from the movie *The Secret* and singer/songwriter Donna De Lory as they help you “learn how to achieve everything you want.” Proceeds benefit “the people of Burma.” 760-536-8231. Friday, June 27, 7 p.m.; \$20-\$30. Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Canine Runway Show off your pooch on the red carpet! Pooches will be judged on appearance, talent, overall presentation. Two winners from South Bark will proceed to semifinals in Los Angeles. Advance registration required. 619-232-7387. Saturday, June 28, 11 a.m.; South Bark Dog Wash, 2037 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Commission on the Status of Women Public Hearing Commission is holding a series of public hearings highlighting current issues facing women and girls, what role the state can play in addressing them. RSVP: 619-525-1686. Information: 916-445-3173. Thursday, June 26, 1:30 p.m.; California Western School of Law, 350 Cedar Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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Dumbek Drumming Mary Marshall leads class for newcomers and beginners (7-7:30 p.m.), with review and teaching for drummers with prior experience and skills (7:30-8:30 p.m.). Beginners welcome to stay, participate in later class. Regular dance program follows. 619-281-5656. Saturday,

June 28, 7 p.m.; Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Energy Crisis? What Energy Crisis? P&R Discussion Group gathers to consider whether nuclear energy can solve the energy crisis. 619-370-1027. Thursday, June 26, 7 p.m.; the Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Evolution Expo Enjoy exhibits, counselors, healing, lectures, music, vendors. Evolution Lounge inside expo (\$33) includes music and speakers. 831-706-4336. Sunday, June 29, 10 a.m.; Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Harvest Fair Celebrate 100 years of the Model T during antique engine and tractor show with blacksmith and wheelwright demonstrations, antique equipment parade (daily, 1 p.m.), vintage skills, food, music, displays of antique cars and steam engines. Live music by Bayou Brothers (June 21, 2-4 p.m.) and J.D. Crawford (June 22, 2-4 p.m.). 760-941-1791. Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m.; Sunday, June 29, 9 a.m.; Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

House of Finland Finnish fun including dancing, ethnic costumes for lawn program at House of Pacific Relations. 619-234-0739. Sunday, June 29, 2 p.m.; House of

Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

La Jolla Festival of the Arts Organizers promise over 190 local and national artists displaying their work in variety of media, food, live entertainment, kids’ area, all found in UCSD’s east campus parking lots (at Genesee Avenue and Regents Road). 858-456-1268. Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m.; Sunday, June 29, 9 a.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Lavender Is Blooming Visit Lavender Fields, where *Hidcote* and *Grosso* are being harvested and yellow lavender is being distilled. Fresh lavender bundles: \$9 each. This is the last year the fields will be open to public. 760-742-1489. Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m.; Sunday, June 29, 10 a.m.; the Lavender Fields, 12460 Keys Creek Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

Meet Some Sky Hunters Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve plans annual meeting, with presentation by wildlife expert Nancy Conney of Skyhunters. Group rescues, rehabilitates hawks and owls. Conney will discuss behavior, habits of birds in the wild, bring a variety of birds. 760-749-5320. Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m.; Valley Center Library, 29200 Cole Grade Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Pollinator Awareness Festival

Learn about and explore importance of pollinators during hummingbird presentation (11 a.m.), beekeeper Pete Holtzen discussing pollination crises (1:30 p.m.), garden tours, caterpillar metamorphosis, more. 760-804-1969. Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m.; Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 1580 Cannon Road. (CARLSBAD)

San Diego Scottish Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans

The 35th annual event gets underway with concert on Friday, June 27, in Moonlight Amphitheatre (free). On Saturday and Sunday, attractions include caber toss, bagpiping, sheepdog trials, drumming, highland dancing, kids' athletics, much more. 760-726-3691 or 619-425-3454. Friday, June 27, 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m.; Sunday, June 29, 9 a.m.; Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive. (VISTA)

See Spot Surf! Loews Coronado Bay Resort surf dog competition returns; last year, 47 surf dogs took to waves — how many will hang 20 this year? Scheduled: optional surfing lessons by Coronado Surfing Academy for less experienced canine competitors (9:30-10:30 a.m.); heats one and two for surf dogs (11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.); tandem surfing for canines and humans (12:30-1:30 p.m.); furry fashion show (1:30-1:45 p.m.); awards ceremony (1:45-2 p.m.). Puppy portraits, mutt massages, goody bags, more. Free for spectators. Registration for competitors: 619-424-4000. Saturday, June 28, 9:30 a.m.; \$45-\$50. YMCA Camp Surf, at Seacoast Drive and Carnation Avenue. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Shakti Rising Summer Faire Family-oriented event celebrates Golden Hill community with health and well-being workshops, yoga therapy classes by Embody Yoga and Physical Therapy, massage treatments, dance performances, ethnic foods, kids' activities in community park at corner of 25th and A Street. 609-501-2746. Saturday, June 28, noon; Golden Hill Recreation Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive. (GOLDEN HILL)

Stars and Stripes Cajon Classic Cruise season continues. Wednesdays through September 24. 619-401-8858. Wednesday, July 2, 5

p.m.; Prescott Promenade, 211 1/2 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Summer Barbecue Chef Tina Martini of Effortless Fitness demonstrates recipes including teriyaki tempeh grilled pineapple. 619-299-9811 x4231. Saturday, June 28, noon; \$10. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

Vintage to Modern Everything photographic offered during Bargain Camera Show. 310-578-7446. Sunday, June 29, 10 a.m.; Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

SPORTS

Boys of Summer Padres host Minnesota Twins June 26 as inter-league play continues. Seattle Mariners arrive for games, June 27-29. Road trip to meet up with Rockies in Colorado, June 30-July 2. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Thursday, June 26, 12:35 p.m.; Friday, June 27, 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 28, 7 p.m.; Sunday, June 29, 1:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Fernando Gutierrez 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 29, 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)

Ramona — The Shortest Way Bicycle to Ramona for lunch with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders. Bring money for nosh. Expect 64 miles of pedaling. 619-561-3846. Sunday, June 29, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Signature 4 County Horse Show 858-481-9085. Saturday, June 28, 8 a.m.; Sunday, June 29, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Snorkel with Sharks! Adventures among harmless leopard sharks and smooth hound sharks during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Sunday, June 29, 8

OUT & ABOUT

SEE SPOT SURF!

Loews Surf Dog Competition, Saturday, June 28.

(SEE SPECIAL)



a.m.; \$30. Ages 10 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum

The museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum

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

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

Birch Aquarium at Scripps

Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly

30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobbegong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

California Surf Museum

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

Chula Vista Nature Center

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

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

Coronado Museum of History and Art

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado

ado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. 1100 Orange Avenue, 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

Flying Leatherneck Museum

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

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum

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

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the

utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West, 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library

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

Junípero Serra Museum

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

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

La Mesa Depot Museum

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

Magee House Museum

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. 258 Beech Street, 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of Making Music

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

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

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum Complex of historical buildings includes the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex. 645 Main Street, 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

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

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum The 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. 2384 San Diego Avenue, 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum Museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating

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San Diego Natural History Museum "Aerial Portraits of the American West: Photographs by John Shelton" closes on Sunday, November 2. Shelton is author of *Geology Illustrated*.

"Enraptured: Works by Mitch Dobrowner" is said to capture "otherworldly images of the Earth." The Ordovery Gallery at the San Diego Natural History Museum also displays glass sculpture by Dick Ditore,

photographs by Richard Garrod and Robert Walter, more. Show continues through Sunday, August 3.

Current "giant-screen film" is *Ocean Oasis*. 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Garden. 2115 Park Boulevard, 619-239-2100. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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Hailing from Taipei, Taiwan Concert by Kuang Jen Symphony Orchestra, a traditional Chinese chamber orchestra. 707-704-9904. Starlight Musical Theatre (South Pan American Plaza), 6 p.m., Thursday, June 26. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sinatra Sings Sinatra" San Diego Symphony and guest Frank Sinatra Jr. perform standards and best-known singles of his legendary father, Frank Sinatra. Seating is first-come, first-served. Bring picnic blankets for seating in upper lawn areas. 760-630-7650.

Moonlight Amphitheatre in Bregle Terrace Park (1200 Vale Terrace), 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 26. (VISTA)

"Sinatra Sings Sinatra" Frank Sinatra Jr. performs songs by his father for San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops series, with conductors Matthew Garbutt and Terry Woodson. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way), 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 27, and Saturday, June 28. (DOWNTOWN)

"Classical and New Music Forum" Fine Arts Trio plans concert for National University with selections by Jean-Baptiste Loeillet, Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Hart. Selections from chamber music repertoire juxtaposed with original compositions by Robert Hart, "resulting in new perspectives on both." Required reservations: 858-626-2000. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 27. (LA JOLLA)

Summer Workshop Concert Westwind Brass hosts concert by participant ensembles in culmination of summer workshop in Rhapsody Hall. 619-501-3562. San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive), noon, Saturday, June 28. (COLLEGE AREA)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams plans concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, June 29. (BALBOA PARK)

International Summer Organ Festival Concert organist Stephen Tharp performs for series. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion

(2211 Pan American Road), 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 30. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

"A Slice of Life in America's Finest City" Artist's receptions for exhibition of impressionist paintings by Michael Flohr. 800-599-7111. Exclusive Collections Gallery (7007 Friars Road). 6 p.m., Friday, June 27. (MISSION VALLEY)

Jolt of Pop Culture! Reception for "Thought to Pop: The Art of Jim Lee, Carlos D'Anda, Rich Friend, J.J. Kirby, Michael Lopez, Joel Gomez, Oliver Nome and Eduardo Nuñez." Also opening: "Selections from the Erika and Fred Torri Artists' Book Collection: Olafur Eliasson, Books." Both close Saturday, July 26. 858-454-5872. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 6:30 p.m., Friday, June 27. (LA JOLLA)

"One Hundred Rabbits" Opening reception for exhibition of video art by xho6o and paintings by Liesje Keziah. Show closes Tuesday, July 15. 619-313-3373. Brokers Building Gallery (402 Market Street). 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 27. (DOWNTOWN)

"Case in View" Opening reception for exhibit of paintings, drawings, sculpture by San Diego artist Richard Allen Morris. Closes Saturday, August 9. 858-459-3917. R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, Suite 201). 4 p.m., Saturday, June 28. (LA JOLLA)

"CADILLAC: Photographs by Stephen Salmieri" Opening reception for this exhibition, along with photographs by Dana Montlack. Exhibit features photographs

from Salmieri's series and book, *Cadillac: An American Icon*; Montlack's work is said to explore "idea of really observing what dwells in nature's otherwise seemingly small things and attempts to capture and display their essence." Both close Saturday, August 30. 858-456-5620. Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). 6 p.m., Saturday, June 28. (LA JOLLA)

Meet Creative Geniuses! Many artists and designers gather for launch party; chat, mingle, drink wine, view art. Art on display for month of July. 619-546-0304. 9th & E Gallery (920 E Street #102). 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 2. (DOWNTOWN)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum Five new exhibitions of work by local artists open Saturday, June 28. See "Active Duty" by Owen Mundy; "Contemporary Ruin: A Selection of Prints by the Los Angeles Printmaking Society"; "United & Severed: That Window of Time"; "Shannon McNeill: Little Drawings"; and "Warning Signs," prints by R.H. Brownfield. Each "touches on issues relevant to contemporary life in America including motherhood, active duty military life, loss, and more." Through November. 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

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

sive 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. 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 redefining the identity of the modern woman and explored the changing themes of femininity in modernism." On view through Sunday, September 28. 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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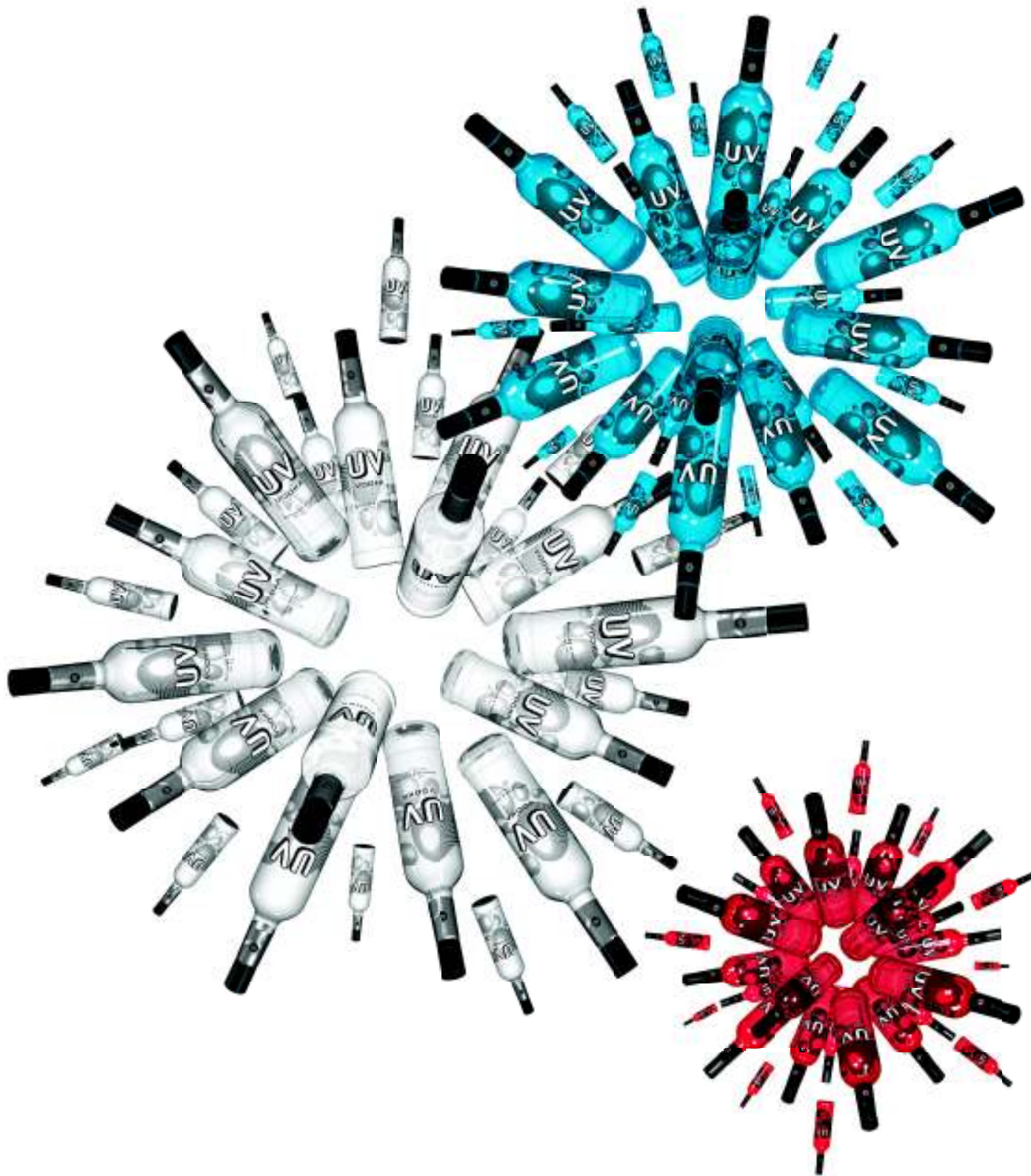
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Great, Just Fabulous

The Fabulous Rudies, a seven-piece North County ska band booked to return as the "BBQ band" on this

serving the food for 50-plus bands almost nightly, they would have played every date on the 46-stop tour.

In preparation for this year's tour, Rudies members quit jobs, sold cars, and gave up apartments. But trombone player Don Carter says one of the band's key members stopped

director] Kevin Lyman to let him know that one of the members was missing but we were going full-steam ahead and wanted to be the best barbecue band ever."

But the missing musician continued to avoid contact with his bandmates. One member of the band blamed the player's absence on a "meltdown." On June 12, eight days before the tour began, Carter and Lyman knew they couldn't count on the Rudies. Carter talked Lyman into replacing the Rudies with the Bleeding Irish, a four-piece group that relies heavily on traditional Irish drinking songs. Carter manages the Bleeding Irish.

Carter has been with the Rudies since high school. He and three others spent 12 years in the band.

"I think the Fabulous Rudies are over, but some of us have reorganized and are recording for a new project," says Carter. He blames part of the Rudies' demise on the fact that ska music has stagnated commercially. Carter says that the Rudies were asked to be on last year's tour because of Lyman's appreciation for ska.

The BBQ band gets \$700 for each date of the tour —

\$300 for performing and \$400 for food. The band is responsible for buying the burgers and hot dogs at each stop.

The Bleeding Irish are the third BBQ band from North County; the first was punk band Wanted Dead, which went on the 2002 tour. Pennywise and the Dropkick Murphys are two former BBQ bands to go on to commercial success.

— Ken Leighton

Hellacious L.A. A Scribe Amidst the Lions singer/guitarist Kristofer Towne says the band was unloading before a recent gig at L.A.'s Viper Room when... "Out of nowhere, a speeding car [was] careening into the parking lot at more than 30 miles an hour. The car hits the curb, almost runs over three or four people, nearly slams into [our] extra rental van for fans, and proceeds to crash into the rear of the band van!"

Towne says he and another band member

avoided being hit by "just inches." When police arrived, the woman was arrested.



THE SCRIBES AVOID DISASTER

"During all of this," according to Towne, "there was considerable stress, as the venue was expecting us to load up and play while the police needed to get all the information and statements at pretty much the same time." The band made their slot on time and, upon packing up to leave, members were informed that the woman who crashed was on her way to the Viper Room. "She had a ticket and everything!"

On the band's next trip to L.A. — in their now-damaged van — another near-disaster occurred at the House of Blues.

"The first sign of trouble

seemed to be [that] one of the outlets wasn't working," says Towne. "Once I plugged in my amplifier, pedal board, and synthesizer, an electrical fire started and the outlet strip went up in flames! A friend ran outside with the melting strip, and the manager went to find incense to cover the burnt-plastic aroma that was slowly consuming the plush VIP rooms."

The HOB set, too, eventually went on as scheduled. A Scribe Amidst the Lions just released a new CD, *Sunken Cities*.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Dust Up "By the time we went on stage, everybody had been drinking all night," says singer Richard Gwaltney of a recent House of Blues gig featuring his Guns N' Roses tribute band Dust N' Bones.

"About halfway through the set, a fight broke out. A few people said there was a guy groping someone else's girlfriend, but a good friend of mine claims the moshing just turned a little too serious. I asked the crowd to calm down, but they started right back up after we began playing again. At that point, about a third of the crowd

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BLEEDING IRISH TO BBQ

year's Vans Warped Tour, have had a change of plans. In exchange for towing a large grill behind their tour bus and preparing and

communicating with all other band members six weeks ago.

"Two weeks after I lost contact with him, I called [Warped Tour founder and

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"It was nearing the end of the set, like, the second-to-last song, and we were supposed to stop, at which point the fighting erupted again. I don't know why.

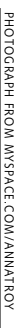


COMFY IN THE JUNGLE
(GWALTNEY)

“In March, I saw Metal Skool — now Steel Panther — and they started playing ‘Sweet Child o’ Mine.’ I went up to the front of the stage,

— Jay Allen Sanford

The first 3-D concert film was released in February by the band U2. Televisions capable of screening new-format 3-D are expected to be on sale to the general public in the next five years. In



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"At the moment it's new. For bands that get in early on 3-D, there will be a lot of extra focused attention. That's something that hasn't happened for musicians in

—Bart Mendoza

Guitarist Dean DeLeo and
bassist Robert DeLeo,



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threatened anything more than remaining away from the studio until equitable terms could be arranged. The precipitous filing of this action is yet another example of the difficulties facing artists in the new music environment as relationships

Last month, STP launched its first national tour in around eight years. Reviews have been mixed. One YouTube clip from New Jersey shows singer Scott Weiland mumbling about the band being over an hour late. He's interrupted by Robert DeLeo, who says, "Apology accepted, brother." Weiland sits down on the stage and holds out his mike, letting the audience handle the vocals on most of the song. A *New York Times* review of the show said, "[Weiland] seemed bedraggled and bushed, like a scarecrow. His first comments were barely coherent, and what came next was dispiriting."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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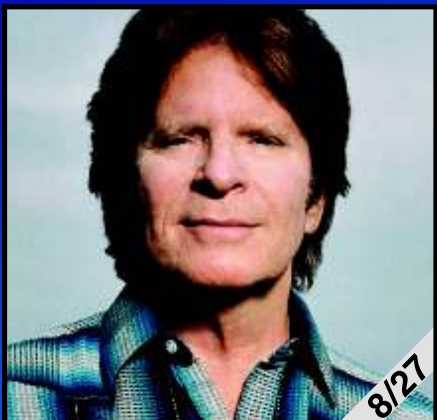
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This Week In Music

Thursday 26

Songstress **Nikka Costa** will exercise the pipes at House of Blues tonight. The L.A.-based artist is daughter to famed pop producer Don Costa, who recorded and arranged the vocalist's first albums, and goddaughter to family friend Frank Sinatra. Costa will preview soon-to-be-released *Pebble to a Pearl*, another collection of her big-voiced, rock-n-soul. Check her Space take of White Stripes' "Denial Twist" for a taste. **DJ C-Minus** sets the stage.... Peruse the **Grand Archives** at Casbah, where the sunny folk-pop artists will tout their s/t SubPop debut. The Seattle-based band features ex-Band of Horses/Carissa's Weird singer/guitarist Matt Costa, who has turned from the dark side of his previous bands to a more California-dreamin' vibe. This suits the current pop climate, as indie crits are creaming over this one. Former Carissa's Weird drummer **Sera Cahoon** and locals **War Stories** open with acoustic sets.... Sidestages: Tower Bar books a trick triple bill with indie kids **Kill Me Tomorrow**, the **Crocodiles**, and new twosome **Christmas Island**. Check the kick and melody on Island's Space takes and get out to one of their summer sets.... Lo-fi locals **Album Leaf**, **Manuok**, and **Calico Horse** trot up to Belly Up.... Japanese jazz chanteuse **Keiko Matsui** and her baby grand check into Anthology for three nights.... L.A. pop acts the **Hectors** and **Happy Hollows** have an appointment at Beauty Bar.... While bluesman **B.B. King** and his loyal Lucille play the Del Mar Fair.

Friday 27

Fleet Foxes are like Grizzly Bears, only bigger, broader, scarier. The



FLEET FOXES AT CASBAH

Seattlites' Sub Pop debut suggests a more vocal-based freak-folk collective, but the layers lift over listeners, revealing Brian Wilson-worthy multi-part harmonies and roundelays of dark poetics over backwoods guit. Git it in your carousel. The Foxes



B-52S AT VIEJAS

scamper onto Casbah's stage after opening sets by **Dutchess** and the **Duke** and **Fantastic Magic**. **Fast Computers** play the Atari. Best note per nickel this week.... He's got his mind on his money and his money on his mind, yo! Comrow coolio **Snoop Dogg** rocks the mike at Cricket behind his latest, *Ego Trippin'*. The West Coast rapper owns the sales charts despite losing some of his piss and vinegar. Pitchfork pitch-slapped D-o-double-g wif a 6.6. Omaha's rock-rap act **311** opens.... Viejas' Concerts in the park fills a bill with campy old-schoolers **B-52's**, **Cyndi Lauper**, and **Joan Jett**.... Elsewhere: **Princeton** and **Rafter** coif at Beauty Bar.... Acid jazzmen **Pocket**ll be in the pocket at Bar Pink Elephant.... **Scarlet Symphony** and **Paddle Boat** dock and rock at Ken Club.... Latin dance bands **Big Mountain** and **Agua Dulce** do it downtown at 4th&B.... And smooth rock-n-soul sextet **Bankhead Press** plays their fave watering hole, Whistle Stop.

Saturday 28

Yippee!! is the debut disc from **Hotel St. George**, who check in at the Ken. Here's what Ollie had to say in last week's Hometown review: "Hotel St.

George combines punch-in-the-gut garage-rock guitar work with fierce glam vocals — simple and tasty." Good 'nuff. The **Stereotypes** and **Team Abraham** in support.... *Endless Bummer*. Power poppers **Reeve Oliver** join a.m. **vibe** and **Blackout Party** to fill a locals-only bill at Casbah. Give a listen to a.m. **vibe's** "sometimes noisy, sometimes nice" *Capricorn*.... Local art-rock act **Japandi** perform with Portland minimalists **Boomsnake** and local rawk throw-backs **Scarlet Symphony** at the Chê.... Bar band **Roxy Monoxide** seeps into Tiki with a cloud of choice covers and power-pop originals. Hear tell their new singer

Coree brings it.... **Removal** and **Dirty Legs** kick the Tower.... Noise rockers **Hostile Combover** wake the Zombie.... And L.A.'s she-tribbers the **Iron Maidens** cover Canes with the heavy metal act's best-of set.

Sunday 29

Belly Up books the "Fresh Rhymes and Videotape Tour," featuring Cali underground hip-hoppers **Dilated Peoples**, who are out to tout last summer's *Release Party*. L.A. rapper **Aceyalone** opens with *Lightning Strikes*, while Harlem hip-hop krew **88-Keys** kicks it off.... 94/9's Tim Pyles hosts an indie-rock freebie at Casbah with **Napoleon Complex** and **Beautiful Noise**. Radio-free snacks will be made available. And the Casbah's site suggests Sunday night's the night local bands should deliver demos to the back booth for future freebie consideration.... House of Blues holds a hardcore all-ager with Jersey City street punks the **Casualties**. **Youth Brigade** and **Time Again** open.... At Beauty Bar, San Fran sextet the **Magic Bullets** preview *Young Man's Fancy*, a collection of pop due to drop this summer. Our local **Swim Team** dives in first.

Monday 30

Zep head **Robert Plant** and bluegrass baby doll **Alison Krauss** pair to deliver their hit disc *Raising Sand*, a collection of Americana covers, to Humphrey's haute. *Raising Sand's* producer, **T-Bone Burnett**, "the third star of the record," will open with his own psych-folk set.... Brazil's Minister of Culture, **Gilberto Gil**, brings bossa nova to 4th&B. The 65-year-old singer just dropped his, like, 50th album, *Banda Larga Cordel*.... Pop-rockers **Swim Party**, **Henry Clay People**, and **Writer** preside over Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up.... Belly Up stages **Abigail Washburn** and the **Sparrow Quartet** featuring banjo virtuoso **Béla Fleck**.

Tuesday 1

Steeltown trio the **Modey Lemon** lay psychedelic blues rock on Casbah. The Lemons' Space takes smack of Jon Spencer. They're out to tout new Birdhouse collection *Season of Sweets*. Yum! With stellar local openers **Muslims** and **Christmas Island**, these be catchiest sets of the week.... Dead holdovers **Rat Dog** and Southern-rock jam band **Gov't Mule** camp out at Humphrey's by the Bay for two nights.

Wednesday 2

This Casbah bill reads like haiku: **We Are Scientists**, **Cut Off Your Hands**, **Blood Arm**. Brooklyn-based band **We Are Scientists** just dropped sophomore bomb *Brain Thrust Mastery* — less of their angu-



WE ARE SCIENTISTS AT CASBAH

lar dance punk, more nu-wavey jams. Eh. Should be a lively

— Barnaby Monk

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So Ill on the Mic

“No matter where you go, there will always be haters.”

Brendan Bohan (aka Brendan B) is a rapper out of Ocean Beach. Like many San Diegans, he’s a transplant. Brendan grew up in Chicago — or “Chi-Town,” as he likes to call it. He doesn’t feel that being from out of town has hurt his street cred in San Diego.

“No matter where you go, there will always be haters, but since I’m so ill on the mic, SD has shown me love,” says Brendan. Well, not everyone. The cruelest irony for Brendan since he left the mean streets of Chicago to live in the bohemian sunshine of Ocean Beach occurred one night in October 2006 when he was stabbed in an alley behind the Arco on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. The young perpetrators were never caught, and Brendan was left with a wound that just missed some vital organs.

Over the past couple of years Mr. B has added a full backing band to his live shows. The group consists of his cousins Patrick Bohan on percussion and Ryan Bohan on guitar and sax. Chelsey Nelson plays the violin, and Chris Plaia plays...the kazoo. (Have I mentioned that Mr. B is known for his sense of humor?) Emcees M-double-A-L and Audios join Brendan on stage.

Brendan cites Redman, Ol’ Dirty Bastard, Kanye West, and Rodney Dangerfield as inspirations and says the best places to play around town are Canes, Winstons, Kava Lounge, and “anywhere else the Fresh Committee plays.”

Fights and other acts of violence surrounding San Diego hip-hop shows have caused some club owners to back away from booking rappers. Brendan feels there is room for improvement. “There are definitely some

flakes in San Diego. If everyone kept their word and stopped getting so damn drunk, we would move forward a lot faster.”

When not rocking the mic, Brendan can be found working at Lahaina’s Beach House, PB Shore Club, and Bub’s Dive Bar. He doesn’t seem intent on working at bars forever. “I’m a doorman and a bar back, but I’m sick of taking trash out and toilet-bowl cleaning.”

DESERT-ISLAND DISCS?

1. A Tribe Called Quest, *Midnight Marauders*. “Phife and Q-tip are some of the illest lyricists, and I love the jazzy smooth beats.”
2. Snoop Dogg, *Doggystyle*. “It’s a classic. Pop that disc in to get the party jumping.”
3. The Beatles, *Rubber Soul*. “I’m a huge fan of the Fab Four. The track ‘Girl’ may be my number-one song of all time.”
4. The Clash, *London Calling*. “Expand your music collection, hip-hoppers. The album is so raw and original. R.I.P., Joe Strummer.”

DESERT-ISLAND DVDS?

1. *Fight Club*. “The movie is good, but the book is better.”
2. *The Blues Brothers*. “Lots of cameos, the music is good, and it’s filmed in Chi-Town, baby.”
3. *American Psycho*. “I swear this movie is based off of my old roommate’s life. It’s funny, sad, and disturbing all at once.”
4. *Donnie Darko*. “Spooky movie, confusing ending, cool bunny suit.”
5. *Pee Wee’s Big Adventure*. “Yeah, son — I’m a Pee Wee fan. Don’t hate.”

BEST GIG?

“My best show had to be in Telluride, Colorado.



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Brendan B

Me and my boy Apoc opened up for Slick Rick in front of thousands of people. Slick Rick watched from the side, and after we got off he told me we ‘killed it.’”

WORST GIG?

“The worst show I did was at Canes last year. I opened up for KRS-ONE and De La Soul. I was the sixth opening act, and the crowd was growing restless and started booing...this was the first show my mom attended.”

CITIES I LIKE TO PLAY OVERSEAS:

1. London. “The day after my show on October 25 I am going to see the Chargers play at Wembley Stadium against the New Orleans Saints.”
2. Amsterdam. “I hear they have delicious baked goods.”

3. Munich. “I will be there for Oktoberfest. I’ve been watching *Beerfest* to prepare myself.”

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION?

“My most prized possession is my beats. As long as I have my intros to lay my lyrics over, I’ll be fine.”

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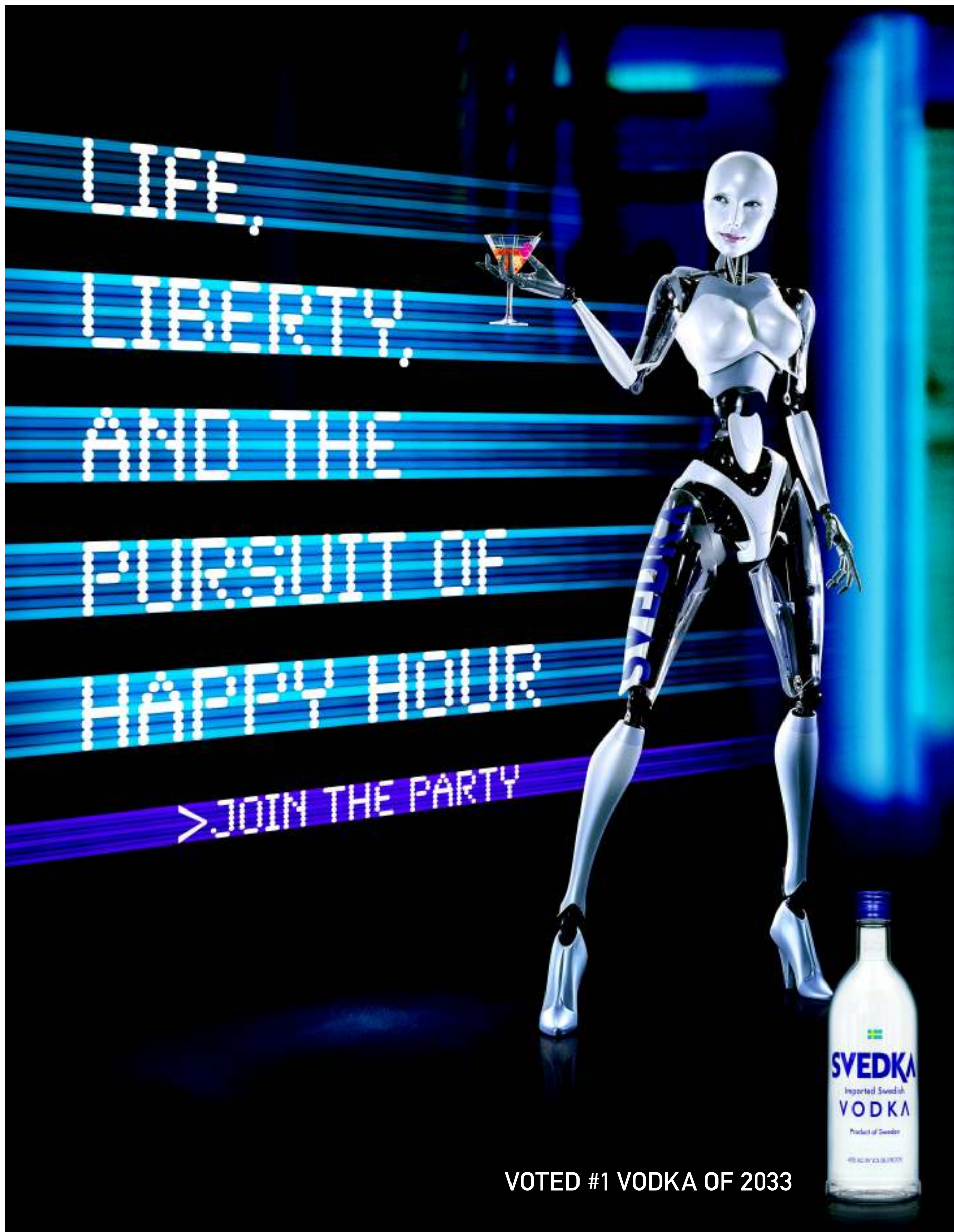


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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Charles Musket**
Song: **"Tapes"** (from *myspace.com/charlesmusket*)
Heard By: **Jason Campanile**, Boulevard



Jason

It started off strong. It had a really catchy melody. I saw what they were going for, and I don't think they made it there. I think it was the vocals. The vocals were a little bit tired. The lyrics were maybe a little impersonal. It was definitely Strokes-influenced, maybe Television, too. The Strokes were of course influenced by Television, but I felt mostly like [Charles Musket] listened to a lot of Strokes. I see this as an attempt to be a part of that movement. I do like the Strokes and a lot of bands like that. [This song is] not hitting the mark enough to be popular. I could see this appealing to a younger crowd — people who don't pay attention to music so much...definitely not Velvet Underground fans.

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **Jon Foreman**
Song: **"A Mirror Is Harder to Hold"** (from the CD *Summer*)
Heard By: **Bill Harrison**, Chicago



Bill

I liked it because it was quite reflective. It was an interesting perspective because it was about him more than about a girl, if there was a girl involved. It sounded like he had an opportunity or somebody was leaving, but he's been through this before; people have left him. He's going to be alone again, and he didn't care much for that concept. It was a little subtle — it took me two tries to hear exactly what he was trying to say — but the music was good. His voice was a good folky voice. It didn't have a beat you could dance to; it was kind of a waltz. He had mariachi trumpets in the background. I could see where he'd have a good niche in the folk-music scene.

Artist: **Paul Bell**
Song: **"Adrift"** (from the CD *Hourglass*)
Heard By: **Andrew Thompson**, Mission Hills



Andrew

It was interesting. It was kind of a synthetic sound — it sounded Eastern-influenced. It sounded like there was an electric guitar, but I think it was more of a synthesizer. Altogether, I felt like it was a hypnotherapy session. The start of it kind of opened you up with the different ways the music was going and then the true purpose hit you halfway through the song. It was uplifting. I guess the concept would be kind of close to that of the Flaming Lips. A little more abstract, though. It was just a straight instrumental. It has a lot of potential for a lot of people to enjoy it. I do know that there's more of an "indie" scene out there and maybe this would be a little more attuned to that.

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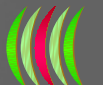
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July 11 — Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations.
July 12 — Stepping Feet.
July 13 — Hieroglyphics.
July 15 — The Duke Spirit and Republic of Letters.
July 16 — Metal Snake.
July 17 — The Night Marchers.
July 18 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.
July 19 — 40 Oz. to Freedom and Social Green.
July 19 — Social Green.
July 20 — Leon Russell.
July 22 — Warrior King and Reggae Angels.
July 23 — The Muslims.
July 24 — Venice.
July 25 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.
July 26 — Dread Zeppelin.
July 30 — Kut U Up and Get Your Death On.
July 31 — Juliette & the Licks and the Donnas.
August 1 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.
August 3 — Bryan Adams.
August 7 — Immortal Technique.
August 8, August 15 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.
August 21 — Pato Banton and Mystic Roots.
August 22 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.
August 23 — Cash'd Out.
August 24 — Joshua Radin.
August 28 — Patty Griffin.
August 29 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.
September 4 — Amos Lee.
September 8 — Lee “Scratch” Perry.
September 12 — The Pine

Mountain Logs.
September 23 — Railroad Earth.
September 24 — Okkervil River.
September 25 — Bootsy Collins.
September 28 — Greg Brown.
September 30 — Johnny Winter.
October 4 — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick.
October 5 — John Brown’s Body.
October 8 — Lotus.
October 23 — The Presidents of the United States of America.
October 24 — Stereolab and Monade.
October 30 — Cowboy Mouth.

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July 3 — Lumina and Four Seconds Forever.
July 11 — The Zac Brown Band.
July 12 — Hostile Comb-Over and Magdalene.
July 17 — Lovers in Arms and Stratosphere.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
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 8 — L.P.
July 9 — Candy Asylum and Flight or Fight.
July 10 — Canobliss and Six Reasons.
July 11 — Paul Fuga and Stranger.
July 12 — Tainted Love.
July 13 — Love & Groove.
July 16 — Likewise and Roxy Blue.
July 17 — Freedom Sessions.
July 18 — Dead Prez.
July 19 — Kingspade and Mower.
July 20 — Wolf Parade.
July 20 — T-Irie Dread.
July 24 — Freedom Sessions.
July 25 — Junior Reid and the Reggae Angels.
July 26 — Wild Child.
July 27 — Kapakahi.
July 30 — Mean Dinosaur, Irieside,

Inhale.
August 2 — Dead Man’s Party.
August 3 — Tomorrow’s Bad Seeds.
August 3 — Ooklah the Moc.
August 7 — Agent Orange and Critical Me.
August 10 — Split Finger.
August 15 — Lights, Jumping Jack Flash, Springsteen.
August 17 — Project: Out of Bounds.
August 22 — Katchafire.
August 23 — Little Brother.
August 24 — Roots Vision.
August 28 — The Melvins and Big Business.
August 29 — Stranger.
August 31 — Atomic Punks.

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July 6 — Retribution Gospel Choir.
July 7 — Port O’Brien.
July 8 — The Legendary Shack Shakers.
July 9 — Buddy Akai and Shark Attack.
July 10 — Calico Horse and Silverbird.
July 11 — Scarlet Symphony and Vision of a Dying World.
July 12 — The Parlor Mob and JFK.
July 13 — Shearwater, Red Pony Clock, the Donkeys.
July 14 — The Fascination and the Feeling’s Mutual.
July 16 — Aspects of Physics and Followers.
July 17 — Earlimart and the Parson Red Heads.
July 18, July 19 — Grand Ole Party.
July 20 — Chuck Ragan and Josh Hanson.
July 22 — Lucero and Jessica Lea Mayfield.
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 1 — The Hold Steady.
August 2 — Buckfast Superbee.
August 3 — Thao & the Get Down Stay Down.
August 4 — Nomo.
August 7 — Matt Curreri & the Exfriends and Paul Curreri.
August 8 — Transfer and A.M. Vibe.
August 8 — Joshua James and Cory Chisel.
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 26 — Shearwater and Wye Oak.
August 29 — Get Back Loretta.
August 30 — Polvo and Trans Am.
September 1 — Southern Culture on the Skids.
September 9 — Bodies of Water and Throw Me the Statue.
September 10 — Walter Meego and School of Seven Bells.
September 17 — Dr. Dog.
September 21 — Miles Hunt, Wayne Hussey, Lisa Dewey.
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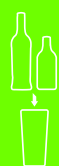
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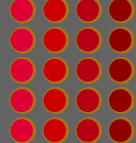
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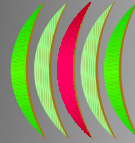
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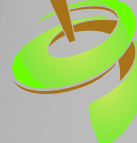
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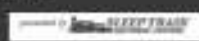
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 July 25 — Peter Walker.
 July 26 — 7 Generations and This Time Tomorrow.
 August 6 — La Quiete, Phoenix Bodies, Ghostlimb.
 September 5 — Graf Orlock, Zann, Lewd Acts.

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 September 12 — Alejandro Fernandez.
 November 25 — New Kids on the Block.

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 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.
 August 30 — Jack Johnson.
 September 13 — Counting Crows and Maroon 5.
 September 27 — Third Day and Switchfoot.
 September 30 — Carlos Santana.
 October 16 — Jimmy Buffet.

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 July 7, July 14 — Monsoon.

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 July 3 — Charo.
 July 3 — Boston.
 July 3 — Social Green.
 July 3 — Scott Wilson.
 July 3 — The Iron Maidens.
 August 4 — KC & the Sunshine Band.

July 4 — Led Zepagain.
 July 5 — Joe Lara & Slider Blue.
 July 5 — Social Green.
 July 6 — Under a Blood Red Sky.
 July 6 — War.
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Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
 August 14 — Fran Hartshorn.

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 July 18, July 19 — "Motown Magic."

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 July 11 — Tilly & the Wall.
 July 14 — Harry & the Potters and Jason Anderson.
 July 18 — The Crimea, the Howls, Mouthful of Snow.
 August 3 — The Subways.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.
 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 17 — Todd Rundgren.
 July 18 — The Dan Band.
 July 21 — The Dropkick Murphys.
 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 13 — Bow Wow.
 August 17 — Matt Pryor and Chris Conley.
 August 19 — Toots & the Maytals.
 August 19 — Edwin McCain.
 August 22 — Broken Social Scene.
 August 23 — Eddy Grant.
 August 27 — Toad the Wet Sprocket.
 September 22 — Lila Downs.
 October 1 — Lagwagon and MxPx.
 October 17 — Led Zepagain.

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 July 4 — Stelita's Groove.
 July 5 — A Salute to America.
 July 6 — Daryll Williams.
 July 7 — Chet Cannon.
 July 8 — Anna Troy.
 July 9 — The Xceptions.
 July 17, July 18 — Rockola.
 July 21 — Chet Cannon.
 July 25, July 30 — Rockola.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
 July 13 — Tom Jones.
 July 16 — Chris Isaak.
 July 17, July 18 — Hippiefest.
 July 22 — Feist.
 July 23 — The Doobie Brothers.
 July 25 — Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons.
 July 27 — Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band.
 July 28 — Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi.
 July 31 — Emmylou Harris.
 August 1 — Dolly Parton.
 August 3 — Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo.
 August 4 — Huey Lewis & the News.
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 August 8 — Peter & Gordon.
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August 19 — Steve Winwood.
August 20 — Hootie & the Blowfish.

September 4 — Lucinda Williams.
September 12 — The Alan Parsons Live Project.

September 13 — Air Supply and Christopher Cross.
September 25 — Kenny G.
September 28 — Etta James & the Roots Band.

October 3 — America.
October 5 — Cecilio & Kapono.
October 19 — Gordon Lightfoot.

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September 6 — Slightly Stoopid and Pepper.

September 24 — The Raconteurs.

September 25 — My Morning Jacket.

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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 27 — John Fogerty.

August 28 — Poison.

September 21 — Ana Gabriel.

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THE WEDDING PLANNER

by Josh Board

a while ago, I crashed two parties that were a good distance from each other. Luckily, it was before gas was so damn expensive.

The first event was downtown. It was early, and I knew the second one in Solana Beach would run late.

Tim explained that several wedding DJs were having a networking party. It was a Roaring '20s-themed party. Tim wore a suit that fit the theme. I wore slacks and a jacket. I thought about borrowing a pocket watch from a friend whose husband collects them, but I forgot.

The backdrops of the name tags were newspaper clippings held by double-sided tape. I wasn't paying much attention when I put mine on and ended up tearing it to shreds. It was half peeled and dangled from my chest.

I talked with a woman named Shari, who works for Charmed Events. She's a wedding consultant. I asked her why it was that wedding parties needed consultants. I said, "Other than the premise for some Jennifer Lopez movie, where it gives added drama, is one really necessary? Is it that hard for someone to plan a wedding on their own?" Shari went into detail about how it eliminates the necessity of screening vendors



Top left: Tim (far right); Top right: Beth (far right), next to Bonnie

and helps to avoid costly mistakes.

I talked to a few DJs and asked them if they thought live bands resent the fact that DJs have taken a lot of their jobs. One DJ said, "We can work a wedding for \$1000 to \$1500. A

they told me that it was a dating service for Jewish singles. A joke popped into my head, but I

asked her why. "We've worked a few weddings together, and he has to run the show. One couple wanted to do their first dance at a certain time, and he wanted it done at a different time. I would tell him something else the couple wanted done, and he wouldn't want to do it. This happened at two different weddings and then he had the nerve to send me a nasty letter about how I was unprofessional."

"Doesn't the couple getting married have the say in all of that?" I asked. "I mean, if they want to hear 'Brown Eyed Girl' 25 times in a row, doesn't the DJ just do that?" She replied, "You'd think. But he doesn't. He just does what he wants."

I looked back over at the DJ

"If they want to hear 'Brown Eyed Girl' 25 times in a row, doesn't the DJ just do that?"

band might want four grand. I think if a couple wants to save money, they shouldn't hire a wedding consultant, though."

I thought about sending Shari over to set him straight.

Tim kept working the room, so I didn't have much time to talk to him. I went and grabbed a drink and a pastry and overheard two women discussing J-Date. I asked what that was, and

refrained. I heard two other women discussing the costs of a wedding. I asked them what was the average cost these days, and they said \$40,000 to \$50,000.

As I was taking a picture of an African-American DJ, I heard one guy say, "It's funny because you see the opposite in clubs: more black DJs. Here there's only one." I then overheard a woman say that that DJ was a jerk. I

in question and said, "Oh my God! I know that guy. We worked at the same radio station...and he did the same thing there. He'd play songs that weren't on the playlist." I knew bands trying to make it big often ended up playing weddings and bar mitzvahs, but I didn't realize that that can also happen with radio DJs.

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I drove up to Solana Beach for the party at Beth's house. I walked into the living room and heard a few women telling a guy that he was a hit with the ladies. Another guy said, "Did you say Mike hit a lady?"

I saw that the food set up on the counter was gone, except for a little bit of dip.

I talked with someone who worked for the U.S. Forest Service. He told me a story about a trap that is used for small animals, such as squirrels. He was using one at his house and caught a skunk that bit his thumb and sprayed everything.

I asked him if tomato juice got rid of the smell. "Nothing did. I left my shoes outside for weeks."

Someone else mentioned being bitten by a possum. When a woman walked by, someone said, "You have any animal-bite stories?" She said, "Yeah, actu-

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ally. I reached into a fish tank and got bit.”

The skunk-bite story ended with tetanus shots.

I noticed that a woman sitting on a barstool had a long scar on her knee and asked her about it. She said it was from a shark. She started to talk about the attack. I guess after hearing the previous animal stories and with the recent shark attack in Solana Beach, I

was gullible. As her story got outlandish, I called her on it. She admitted that she’d had ACL surgery after a lacrosse injury in high school.

A few guys were leaving, and one told his friend he had to drive. He said, “I can’t, man. I’ll get a DUI. My dad’s been a cop for 30 years. I can’t drive drunk.” His friend replied, “If your dad’s a cop, doesn’t that mean other cops won’t give you tickets?”

There was one girl on

the couch asking if any men would give her a massage. I said, “What are men to you? Are we just massage machines? We’re not just pieces of meat for you women! We have feelings. We have needs, too. Sometimes we like to talk and would like for you to get to know us, instead of just giving you massages and getting all physical.” She wasn’t picking up on my sarcasm. Another guy jumped over and said, “I’ll give you a massage!”

He started rubbing her neck and shoulders and she said, “Oh, yeah, that’s great. Now I need someone to wax me,” and she threw a leg over the arm of the couch.

I walked out to the fire pit in the back yard to talk to my friend Meryl. She had just returned from a trip back East to visit relatives.

A woman brought a piece of pie out to her boyfriend and started feeding it to him. I said, “You should be making airplane sounds as you do that.” He said, “It’s mint chocolate. You should try some.” I said, “Okay,” and opened my mouth. She brought her fork over with a piece, laughing, and put it in my mouth.

It was good. ■

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Some corporate stupidities stand between you and your thrills. In the nearly five months since opening, the Hyatt has done nothing to make Red Marlin accessible or even findable. They



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spent \$16 million on renovations but turned chintzy when it came to signage for the restaurant in the hotel lobby, on the grounds, and even at the entrance to the restaurant itself. There is plentiful free parking close to the restaurant's rear entrance (ask for precise directions when you call for reservations) but no signs to guide you there. Tall Ben-the-Stew parked our chariot in front of the hotel, and then we roamed like Moses' Israelites toward the unmapped promised land. After asking directions of a robo-receptionist during our tour of the modernist new hotel lobby, we wandered past the fenced-off wonderland of swimming pools and finally reached the farthest pool, still lost. We illicitly crossed the pool area for an impromptu safari alongside the yacht marina. Finally, we reached a hexagonal stand-alone building with a small, red metal sign reading "Red Marlin" on a chest-high portable steel stand set near the base of the staircase to the door. Your visiting Granny or Auntie doesn't need this preprandial trek — and even if she's not "mobility challenged" or wearing heels,

her aging knees may prefer the ramped entrance (nothing to point you there) at the side of the restaurant. The best parking will land you *behind* the restaurant, where there's no indication of any sort to tell you that you've found the place. So just look for a stand-alone building with an extinct wheelchair ramp occluded by garbage cans and blue recycling bins. Voila!

Okay, done ranting. The dining room is modern, handsome and airy, with lots of Craftsman-style wood, huge windows (some of which afford views of SeaWorld's fireworks), and a carpeted floor to keep the noise down to "lively" rather than "din." From my chair by a window I watched a pair of plump pelicans spooning in a nearby tree at the water's edge. As we were finishing dinner, around 9:00 p.m., the lighting was dimmed romantically to show off the bay sparkling at night. Lynne, Ben, and I looked around: no potential romantic partners nearby for any of us. Hyatt!

We were debating who makes the best crab cakes in San Diego when our blue crab cakes ar-

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Red Marlin ★★★★ (Excellent)

Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina, 1441 Quivira Road, 619-224-1234, hyatt.com/gallery/redmarlin/index.html?icamp=redmarlinlandingpage

HOURS: Breakfast weekdays 6:30–11:30 a.m., weekends until noon; lunch 11:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m., weekends until noon; dinner 5:00–10:00 p.m. nightly; lounge noon–midnight daily.

PRICES: Starters, \$11–\$17; entrées, \$26–\$36; sides, \$7–\$8; desserts, \$8–\$14. Sunday brunch, \$40 (kids \$19).

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Light California fusion cuisine featuring fine unendangered seafood and sustainably raised ingredients. Lengthy international wine list ranges from familiar California supermarket bottlings to odd discoveries and premium wines, with plenty of affordable bottles and choices by the glass. Full bar.

PICK HITS: Blue crab cake; mussels in curry sauce; Kurobata pork chop (medium-rare); fruit cobbler. Chef's favorites: Kurobata pork chop, seared ahi, nightly specials.

NEED TO KNOW: When calling for reservations, request detailed directions to parking (free) nearest restaurant to avoid long hike with no certainty of finding the destination (no signage). To avoid stairs at entrance, look for wheelchair ramp at side of restaurant. No signage behind restaurant where parking is best. Three lacto-vegetarian starters, one vegan starter, no veg entrées, five vegan sides. Corporate (all-Hyatt) kiddie menu available; regular menu is reasonably child friendly. Outdoor dining available, sometimes monopolized by organized groups.

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rived. (They're \$16 for one cake, \$19 for two. Get two.) They're major contenders, right up there with Oceanside. The crisped flour is on the outside; the inside is all crab, no starch, just a few bits of parsley. They come with aioli and slices of

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“preserved lemon” — not the stern, salted Moroccan cooking condiment but a sweet-sour lemon pickle, delicious on its own.

We recognized the petite, dark-shelled mussels as local Carlsbad bivalves. They’re served in a hot pot with a light Thai-style yellow curry sauce with hints of coconut, lemon grass, and Kaffir lime. “These are much more interesting than the standard French versions,” said globe-trotting Ben, who hits Bangkok regularly. “Mussels are so rich and sensuous, they’re natural matches for complex seasonings like curry.”

We ordered fried calamari for their alluring “tobiko dynamite” dipping sauce. The sauce (thick, creamy, slightly spicy, dotted with flying-fish roe) was indeed worth the gamble, and the tender squid’s light batter was greaseless and slightly spicy. A Caesar with chopped romaine (including a bit too many of the dark outer greens) flaunted small white Spanish *boquerone* (pickled anchovies) and generous slivers of fine, fresh Parmesan. Instead of croutons, there’s a single large slab of toasted baguette from Point Loma’s excellent Con Pane bakery (which also makes the chewy, crusty table baguettes, served with good “evoo”). The new thing in Caesars seems to be substituting one big hunk of bread instead of bite-size croutons. It does cut the carbs, since nobody ever seems to eat it.

Although the menu slants toward seafood, we fixated first on the Kurobata pork chop. I ordered it (following the Bruce Aidells meat cookbook) “medium rare — rosy pink — around 130 to 135 degrees.” (At home, I actually pull pork out around 120, 125 degrees, feeling like a sinner, and let it rest a little less than the recommended five minutes.) Waitress Tara returned to our table: “The chef says medium rare is 120°F. At 130 it’s medium, at 140 it’s well

done.” “Omigod!” I said. “You’ve got a chef who can actually cook! Usually, I have to talk chefs down from 165! Well, yes, 120, bring it on!” Grinning, Tara said, “I’ll tell him that.” (She did, too.)

Truth is, there’s no trichinosis in American commercial pork anymore that would require it to be cooked well-done to kill the spores. (If you kill a wild bear or genuinely wild boar, you’d better cook it to 165 degrees — them’s loaded with trich, but not pork — not unless the hog’s been reared in some muddy backyard and fed on scraps of other backyard pigs that came before it.) And especially, pork breeders who raise heirloom breeds like Kurobuta (Berkshire) hogs aren’t fools to hurt themselves by following practices that might allow this parasite to infect their precious piggies. (The heritage breeds haven’t been engineered for modern “other white meat” leanness and quick weight gain. They’re slow growers, and like great beef, their meat is marbled.)

And so we received a perfect pork chop, thick, rosy pink, tender, with real pork flavor. (The chef brines it first, too.) The sides — bacon, apple, baby potatoes — were delicious, but you could have served that chop with a side of gravel; it was the perfect, juicy meat that counted.

Scallops dusted with smoked salt and sweet chili sauce were meltingly tender, plated over something that looked like Seussian green mashed potatoes, or maybe undiluted Campbell’s split-pea soup. It’s a fava bean and edamame mash. It verged on baby-food blandness, but the chef left a lot of the peeled baby favas whole for texture, which made a difference. (If I had my way, I’d blast it with unconscionable amounts of butter. Or truffle oil.)

Seafood tagine Provençal arrived in a conical ceramic tagine cooker, but its contents weren’t remotely Moroccan. Rather, they were a San Franciscan (or Sicilian) cioppino, lightened up, and minus Frisco’s Dungeness crab. The tomato-based sauce, seasoned with fresh thyme sprigs, held

local mussels, clams, and that perfect oxymoron, jumbo shrimps (blue prawns from Hawaii) still in their shells, plus bits of finfish. The prawns were a tad overcooked (and messy to eat), but the bivalves were all fine. Lynne fell in love with the dish, while it primarily made me nostalgic for the Bay Area.

Other entrée choices are mainly maritime: The chef and our waitress both favor the seared ahi (a dish I’m bored with, so didn’t order), but apparently it’s pulled off here with great Hawaiian fish and care in cooking. Pacific salmon is scarce and exorbitant this year, but the two salmon dishes both use sustainably farm-raised Scottish Loch Duart salmon, not the awful (mushy, hormone- and antibiotic-blasted, artificially colored) Atlantic farm-raised stuff from our continent. There’s also wild unendangered sea bass, free-range chicken (a favorite of kiddies too hip for the kiddie menu), and Brandt Farm’s naturally raised beefsteaks.

Choosing affordable wines was relatively easy. Unlike most of my recent expeditions, this list has plenty around the \$30 mark. Many selections are evidently chosen to comfort the Yumans — big-production supermarket names like Kendall-Jackson and Robert Mondavi. But there are plenty of interesting selections around \$30, too, although I should have ordered the crisp Mentelle Sauvignon-Semillon blend from Australia first, for the appetizers, before the richer Echelon Viognier, which would have been better with the mains.

With no specialized pastry chef, Bannister’s desserts gravitate to the light and fruity. We were tempted by pears with Valrhona chocolate sauce (*Les poires Belle Helene* in classic French cooking) but chose a homey cobbler of Fuji apples (which aren’t very sweet) and blueberries, with vanilla-bean ice cream on the side. It tasted not just house-made but homemade, thoroughly pleasing, and anything but cloying. After food this tasty, I didn’t want to spoil the spell, and instead of the usual decaf I ordered regular espresso, which

was as rich as I hoped.

“Looking at the menu on the website,” said Lynne, “I didn’t have real high expectations, but this is so much better than I imagined.” We asked Tara to box up every last leftover bit. “Too precious too waste,” I said. “This isn’t like your mom saying, ‘Eat your broccoli, think of the starving children in Africa.’ This is ‘We don’t throw away fine craftsmanship.’”

ABOUT THE CHEF

Many chefs are inspired to go into the business by their mothers’ great cooking. With chef de cuisine Danny Bannister, aged 28, it was the opposite. “I joke with my mom that it was her cooking that made me become a chef, because even as a young child, I always wanted to do something to make her food better. The smell of burnt wasn’t unusual. I love my mom to death, but — as a child I always wanted to help in the kitchen. I was what they call a picky eater. But as a teenager I never thought it was a feasible career. I’m from Ventura, and in Ventura, still, there are no really good restaurants, because there’s not a lot of money there, people don’t have the expendable income for eating out. I didn’t grow up knowing that being a chef was a career that could make you comfortable and maybe even wealthy.

“When I was 18, my brother and I bought a small restaurant in Ventura. I thought that this would be what we’d do for the rest of our lives — be restaurant moguls. But the restaurant was failing, and it was too late to breathe new life into it. So by the time I was 20, I decided to move to Santa Barbara and start going to college. I got a job on the pier at a little restaurant and worked there for the summer and loved the life in the kitchen, being a cook, and the camaraderie.... I still thought I’d just be a cook throughout college, while I majored in anthropology.”

Bannister hadn’t yet tasted great (or even very good) food; he simply had a hunch that eating could be something special. “Then I got a

job in 2000 at the Bacara Resort and Spa,” he said, “a five-diamond restaurant in northern Santa Barbara. And everything was beautiful, superstars from L.A. would come, all the cooks in their perfectly white chef coats, perfect *mise en place*... I had never seen a place like this in my entire life. I really started to fall in love with food when I was there.... I thought I hated tomatoes, and then the chef insisted that I taste my first heirloom tomato, and it blew me away. I hated mushrooms as a child, and then I tasted chanterelles. Once I became an adult, in my early 20s, I tried everything again, and I really fell in love with food.

“I dropped out of college, went to New York for culinary school at the French Culinary Institute.” It was a brief but intensive course of six months (graduates don’t get a college-equivalent degree, merely a prized certificate of completion), in which he studied under three of the greatest French chefs in America: Jacques Pépin, André Soltner (of the fabled Lutèce), and Alain Sailhac — which involved tasting their foods as well as reproducing them. Bannister didn’t have the money to eat in New York’s top restaurants but worked at two reputable ones after graduation.

“I told my mom, ‘I’m never coming back, I’m gonna make it big in New York.’ All it took was one winter in New York to change my mind. I decided to come back to California and thought, ‘Why not San Diego?’” He worked at Third Corner (when it was a fine-dining restaurant under Derek Ridgeway and Ed Moore), Laurel, Island Prime, and Pamplemousse, in increasingly responsible positions, from lead cook to top sous-chef. “I’ve been in San Diego six years now, and I don’t see myself leaving. I’d heard that San Diego was a ‘fish-taco place’ with no good food. But there’s a lot of money here, a lot of enlightenment about good food, and since I’ve been here, I’ve seen the level of food knowledge and food appreciation grow. I’m just glad I’m here in the

infancy of the growth.

“I’m not one of those chefs that is on the cutting edge, going with the molecular gastronomy. I like taking something that’s good and keeping it good. You just have to stay true to yourself and make sure you’re putting out a quality product so that people will enjoy it and come back for more. If it’s more fluff than substance, people aren’t gonna come back.”

The one principle that Bannister adheres to fiercely is using sustainable seafood. “I don’t want to eat the last seal on earth,” he says. “I love the ocean, I grew up by the ocean, I’ve lived by the ocean 90 percent of my life, and we all need the ocean to survive. I really want to be part of a movement that keeps the ocean healthy. If you’re good to the ocean, it’ll be good to you. If you’re doing either wild catch or fish farming responsibly, you’ll never have to worry about bringing these fish populations to extinction.”

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I just fished out the detailed bill from Chateau Orleans (reviewed last week) from my purse, glanced at it, and discovered three problems, large and small. First, I was charged full price for my beastly Hurricane, rather than the happy hour price (\$1 extra) — no big deal. Then, I used one of those “one free entrée” coupons, but the \$19.95 for the cheapest entrée wasn’t deducted from the bill. Finally, the menu specifies that an 18 percent tip will be added for parties of six or more. There were only four of us, but our bill indicated seven guests, so the automatic tip kicked in for an extra \$37.21. I’d been feeling sorry for the sole server, who was running around trying to cover at least seven occupied tables, so I tipped him 20 percent, not realizing he’d already punched in a generous tip for himself. Altogether, \$58.19. That’s enough for two entrées at this restaurant, or (better yet) an on-sale off-season cashmere sweater from Bloomie’s or Spiegel. Keep a close eye out and don’t let this happen to you. ■



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Boy, this is straight out of *The Jungle Book*. A ginormous fig tree spreads over me. I have to tilt my head back to look for the giant snake Kaa, just in case he's wrapped around one of those massive branches up there. A sign in front of the tree says, "Florence Hotel Moreton Bay Fig Tree, 1877." That makes it 131 years old. Wow.

But "Florence Hotel"? Turns out it used to occupy this entire block at Fourth and Grape, starting in 1884, the hotel a great old dame every bit as grand as the Hotel del Coronado and four years older. But the Florence was razed in the 1940s, and ever since, this has been a lousy parking lot. For 60 years!

So I'm heading back down Fourth toward town when I spot a fancy art nouveau gateway and, beyond, a sign. "Wet Stone, Wine Bar and Café." Ooh. Looks nice. Too nice. But who knows? Maybe they have some lunch deals. I step inside to a — oh, yeah — "wet" polished concrete ("stone") floor, pale green walls, long high tables, tall chairs, and alcoves, some with tables, others with couches. Main thing that sticks out is a big painting with three Thai dancers. And then, huh: The massive ceiling beam across the middle has holes bored in it, with wine bottles stuck neck-deep into them. A couple of big-leaf philodendron plants add a troppo touch. It's late for lunch, but there are still a few people chomping into paninis. (Or is it panini? Like, one panino, many panini? But if we do that, is it one pi-ano, many piani? Think I'll stick with the s.) What-ever, laid-back Brazilian music fills the room.

I go down to the counter at the back. The gal there, Veronica, says, yes, ten bucks can fill me, as

long as I don't order wine. I head for a high window seat and check out the lunch menu. It's pretty simple. They have \$4.50 soups, \$6 paninis, \$7 salads. Not bad. I kinda like the idea of a salad. The Stonefruit has baby greens, fruit like peaches and plums, Danish bleu cheese, and roasted *pepitas* (pumpkin seeds) with a toasted coriander-seed vinaigrette. The mango salad also sounds hard to resist. Baby mixed greens with mango, Bartlett pears, goat cheese, and caramelized walnuts in a red-wine vinaigrette. Very classy. There's also a *Caprese*, basi-

cally tomatoes, basil, and mozzarella.

No meat, though. So maybe a panini. 'Specially when Veronica says you get a small salad with the paninis anyway.

The first one sounds good. Turkey, French Brie, and Danish bleu. But this photographer at the next table's munching something that also looks good, the shiitake mushroom with Gruyère and spinach — plus they do a ham prosciutto panini with mozzarella, chicken panini with Dutch Gouda, and a roast beef with Muenster and onion. I order a cawfee (\$2.25), then decide on the turkey.

It comes on a square black Japanese-looking plate. It's warm, crispy, and deep-flavor delicious. Juicy turkey, mild Brie, strong bleu. Bread's great. Light, crisp, toasty shell. And a nice spiky pile of green arugula with cranberries and fried pumpkin seeds.

"A Torontes from Argentina would be a perfect wine with that," says Veronica, when I ask. Sigh. But, big consolation, the coffee comes in a French press. That's one yummy cawfee. And you feel kinda cool, slow-plunging the filter and decanting

a touch more. Except the Mr. Smooth act doesn't work that great 'cause they only give you a cardboard cup to drink it from.

This is when a guy comes in laden with bags of produce and groceries. Christian, the owner. "This part of town is full of history," he says. "This is an 1896 building. See the concrete floor? We left all the markings from the different walls and counters people have had in here over the past century."

He got ideas from wine bars he saw in, wow, Italy and Croatia and when he was down in Florianopolis in Brazil last year. The guy has quite a résumé. "I worked in L.A. for 16 years," he says. "I started catering for a lot of the Hollywood crowd, Kevin Spacey, Elijah Wood, Adrien Brody, Kate Hudson. Then I got my own 'green' TV cooking show. NBC. I'd start each episode in a farmers' market and bring it all back to my apartment in Santa Monica and tape the actual cooking there. It was a kick."

Then he decided to come back home to San Diego. "I really feel I was meant to do this," he says.

I notice that food on the evening menu is called *bocaditos* — small bites. Hummus, quesadillas, and meat-and-cheese plates go from \$7–\$13. Not bad if you can resist the wines. I have to ask: best deal for cheapos like me? "Come lunchtimes or during happy hour [5:00–7:00 p.m., Wednesday–Friday, and Sunday]," Christian says. "We do happy hour flatbreads [small pizzas] for \$6, and I concoct a



Christian

mean sangria filled with, like, peaches and plums and other fruit. That's \$5."

Hmm. I go back to finishing off my panini. Look out the window, across Fourth to that empty block, to the lonely fig and the sky. I imagine the Florence Hotel in its heyday, with its sweeping driveway and carriages and elegant Victorian ladies, and an electric rail car that ran down Fourth, even back in the 1880s. Why can't they rebuild it? Land's clear. Note to self: Call that hotel developer guy, Manchester. "Hi, Doug. Ed. Want you in on the ground floor on this...." ■

The Place: *Wet Stone Wine Bar and Café*, 1927 Fourth Avenue (between Fir and Grape), 619-255-2856

Type of Food: *American*

Prices: lunch items, e.g. Stonefruit Salad, with peaches, plums, Danish bleu cheese, roasted pumpkin seeds, \$7; mango salad (baby greens with mango, Bartlett pears, goat cheese, caramelized walnuts, \$7; turkey panini with French Brie, Danish bleu, \$6; shiitake mushroom panini with Gruyère, spinach, \$6; chicken panini with Dutch Gouda, \$6; roast beef panini with Muenster, onion, \$6; evening bocaditos — "small bites" — include meat-and-cheese plate (chorizo, sopressata, prosciutto, cheeses), \$9 or \$13; hummus with dates, olive variety, mint, pita, \$8; quesadilla de guayaba, \$7

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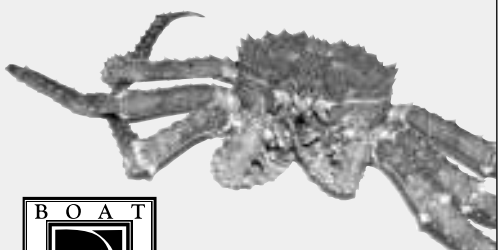
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"Originally, they thought he was crazy, but now they tell him he's Don Quixote."

The San Diego winemaker tour continues. This month, Costa Brava in Pacific Beach played host to Spanish winemaking icon Alejandro Fernández and his representatives from Classical Wines.

"I was working as a retailer in the late '70s," recalls Classical Wines president Stephen Metzler, "and somehow, Spain just came to my attention. It was so close to France, and yet so unknown — it just created huge questions in my mind. Spain has basically been off the political map since the civil war, and it was basically closed to the mass media at the time the mass media was becoming established. I went in the early '80s, and I was asking the right questions at the right time. Five years earlier, there were no answers."

Those questions led him to Alejandro Fernández, whose Tinto Pesquera and Condado de Haza (among other wines) are two of the better-known Tempranillos coming out of Spain today — emphasis on the "coming out of Spain." Says Metzler, "Alejandro is credited with the success of Pesquera in the international market. The new generation of Spanish winemakers say that without Alejandro, they couldn't be doing what they are doing. From '86 to '96, Pesquera was sort of the public relations arm of the Spanish government by default — we went around the world

doing vertical tastings. We spent a lot on wine."

By the time his Pesquera made its way over the border, Fernández had already transformed one industry: "He invented a mechanical beet harvester, the first in Spain that actually dug up the beet and cut the top off. It was burned by workers in the villages of Andalusia" — people who saw the arrival of new technology as a threat, people who preferred tradition.

Fernández himself embraces technology akin to the beet harvester — automated bottling and corking, for example, technology that does a purely mechanical job more efficiently. But, says Metzler, when it comes to winemaking, "he always said that he went back to making wine like his grandparents did. He created a style of wine which, basically, had nothing to do with technology. It simply reflected the raw materials without overlays of antiquated technology: basically, the Rioja aging system as it was at the time."

(A note on that aging system: "People were just used to Rosé and Gran Reserva" — first-press stuff and wines laid down for many years before release. We were able to position his Crianza [a relatively young release] as a top-level wine. People were shocked; it was an incredible departure, and he was criticized for the tannins. But he reminded people that 'Bordeaux only makes

Crianza.' " If they could do it, why couldn't he? And it helped that he found a friendly palate in the American market "because it did resemble the wines people were drinking — Cabernets.")

Getting back to the technology — or the lack thereof: "He showed people what the fruit tasted like again," largely through careful maintenance in the vineyard. More problematic than the aging system, says Metzler, was that "the grapes coming in were no good."

"Of course," notes Metzler, the focus on fruit flavors "can be overdone. Today, you have a whole new generation of Australian flying winemakers in Spain, just making what they make. Alejandro was maybe misinterpreted in the early days as just getting a darker, riper wine. Actually, his wines are elegant and ageworthy. He likes ripe grapes, but he doesn't like wrinkles in the skin. I think there's another revolution that has to come to Spanish wines now, now that they've become popular — and that is that they have to be a little bit more discriminating. Spain is a two-faced country — the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. The Mediterranean depends on technology; the noble wine districts do not. So we can be talking Bordeaux and Burgundy, which is what we're doing here, or we can be talking Australia, which is Jumilla and these areas."

Fernández himself speaks, and Classical Wines co-owner Almudena de Llaguno translates. "He says that he comes from a winery — all of his ancestors, his family, everybody has grown up with wine. Now, there are many wineries that come from the money that has been made in construction. People invest in wineries, and it's all brand new. But he comes from a tradition. He says that everybody is going on their own path, that Pesquera doesn't have anything to do with whatever else is happening. He says he doesn't even have temperature control" — at least, not the



Alejandro Fernández (left) at Costa Brava tasting

standard, super-precise sort provided by refrigeration. The cold-water jackets he employs around his fermentation tanks "are much more expensive, but it's worthwhile because every wine is unique."

Adds Metzler, "He always uses 100-percent natural yeasts. If you're maintaining a constant temperature, you're basically eliminating numerous yeast populations from the fermentation process."

Fernández has already made his mark on the wine world; he has nothing more to prove. He can take on a project for the sheer challenge of it — for instance, El Vinculo, an impressive attempt to craft world-class Tempranillo from ancient vines he found in the traditionally white-wine

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district of La Mancha. “Originally,” says de Llaguno, “they thought he was crazy, but now they tell him he’s Don Quixote, that nothing so good has happened to La Mancha since Cervantes.” Or perhaps because of a location’s historical interest, as with his Dehesa la Granja wines. “The land was a fighting-bull ranch when he found it. But there was a huge underground cellar built in the 1700s. He said, ‘Here, wine has been made,’ and that was his interest.” Or purely for the sake of tradition — the Alenza Gran Reserva, which, says Metzler, “exists so that he doesn’t lose touch with the wines he made in the ’70s. It’s made with whole-cluster fermentation, though only in very ripe years, so that you don’t get those green tannins. You don’t get a bouquet like this even from Bordeaux anymore — you’d have to go back to the ’50s or ’60s.”

These projects are not simply academic pursuits; in some cases, they are more clearly commercial in tone than the more-restrained elegance of his flagship wine. Metzler’s commentary as we sip and spit includes lines such as, “These are wines that are more forward — not so much for aging, but with more commercial acceptance earlier in their lives. It’s a very successful, bigger style. New French oak. He feels obligated to have some wines with French oak because it’s a familiar flavor. Basically,

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California went to France and copied them, and that’s the flavor that was imported.”

Still, the man who shocked Rioja has not given himself over to courting the market. “When I say that I wouldn’t have guessed that the El Venculo Reserva was 100 percent Tempranillo,” Metzler asks (rightly), “would you have thought something like Merlot? I think you’ll get it, but in maybe 10, 15, 20 years. It’s really undeveloped.” Through de Llaguno, Fernández says that the Reserva is “the best wine ever made in the world.” I always say that he makes a great wine because he makes it for himself. He believes in it. Fortunately, the rest of the world loves them, too.”

Costa Brava owner Javier Gonzalez turns to me. “This last wine shows what he can do to his maximum — not necessarily for our pleasure. This wine, he loves it — he brought it in his suitcase. This

wine is for him to love. A lot of wines, I love them because I understand it is for the wine-maker to love, not necessarily for me to judge.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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BEACHES

Baleen 1404 Vacation Road, Pacific Beach, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida’s famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations. — N.W.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill 1271 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0077. “Bull” and “Bear,” as in stock market moods. It’s not surprising lots of soigné financial types gather here around sunset, but the food comes at proletarian prices. Of course the names kowtow to mighty Wall Street: the Broker Breakfast Burrito (eggs, bacon), Venture Capital Veggie Burrito, Bull Burger, Dow Jones Dog, Francheesie Dog. Best bang for the buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Bottom line: it’s a chew with a view. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily (bar open till 2 a.m.). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Café Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beemers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it’s above average, although the sushi-bar chefs aren’t very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the *char su* duck salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; duck wontons with coriander pesto and ponzu sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — B.D.

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Cliff Hanger Café 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. —E.B.

Joe's Crab Shack — Pacific Beach 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. 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 downtown.—N.W.

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. —E.B.

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. —E.W.

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* Kahana, or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. —N.W.

Sadaf — La Jolla 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. 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. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. —E.B.

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sauteed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed chicken bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. —E.B.

BAJA

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La Casa del Mole Aquiles Serdán #543, Baja, 664-682-9074. Colonia Libertad is where Tijuana's love affair with mole is said to have begun, around 1991. Herminia Amador dreamed of bringing the flavors of her native state of Puebla to Tijuana. That meant one thing: mole poblano, Mexico's major sauce statement. She opened this flower-filled restaurant, and then a second and a third. And all because Tijuana's love mole poblano, a complex, sweet, dark sauce combination of maybe 20 different spices, chiles, nuts, and chocolate. Sit down here, and your big question is: What's going under your mole? Thigh or breast of chicken? Pork? Perhaps enchiladas? Your call. Prices are so reasonable you can try several variations. Whichever, when you

bite in for the first time, you're dialing direct back to the earliest days of the conquistadors in Aztec, Mexico. Start with mole poblano, learn its wine-like complexities, then move on to other moles, such as *ranchero* and *verde*. Open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. —E.B.

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juarez, Baja, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with gringo, gringo-Mex, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Vegetarian upon request. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. —N.W.

Saverio's Restaurant Mediteraneo Boulevard Sanchez Taboada #3151 (at Escudron 201 Street), Baja, 664-686-6442. Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant and says he eventually "got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente Valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Vegetarian upon request. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. —E.B.

Super Antojitos Fourth Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Baja, 664-685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven:

arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called mole *poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada de mole, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious mole, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. "Super antojitos" means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with mole, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. —E.B.

CENTRAL

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-230-0382. Despite its moniker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta-and-rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. Tastings of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. —N.W.

Aladdin's Café — Hillcrest 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. —N.W.

Antique Row Café 3002 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove and El Cajon.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia.

Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include The Works omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. Philly Steak Heaven (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Normal Heights and El Cajon, breakfast and lunch daily; Lemon Grove, three meals daily. Inexpensive. —E.B.

Asia Café 4710 Market Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Laotian. Laotian dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. —E.B.

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg Street, Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland; spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru; earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew); aromatic beef curry from Trinidad; and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat- and fowl-free options. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. —N.W.

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Café Delight 4646 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-298-5248. He used to run one of Baghdad's most famous restaurants, the Ishtar, when Saddam was vice president. When the government asked him to spy on his customers, Sami and his wife Claudia left the country. You can tell from the cooking: this couple know what they're doing. They took over this little place (and little it is) from a Vietnamese-American couple, so the menu has echoes of Vietnam and the Middle East, as well as Italian dishes. Prices are very reasonable. Try the Vietnamese-style coconut milk soup with veggies, with a sandwich, or lamb shank with red curry sauce and couscous. Don't miss the classy Greek coffee. Open daily from 10 a.m. to late; closes at 5 p.m. on Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

California Cuisine 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulane*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadiu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-531-0955. There's a cultural war going on here. "City" has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family's secret for 75 years. Try the Ranch Chicken pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever *consider* serving such moonbeamish Left Coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don't tempt you, there are 11 other specialty pies every day. Open daily till 11 p.m., 12 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Confidential 901 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-696-8888. Chris Walsh, whose "small plates" many fondly remember from California Cuisine and W Café, hits his stride here with a menu of creative international grazing foods, from one-bite nibbles to small entrées and mini-burgers. Unexpected, ultramodern techniques and combinations of ingredients make a trip through the menu an adventure in flavors and textures. This is truly eating for fun. Wide-ranging wine list with something for everyone; pricey creative cocktails. Eat early (or upstairs) if you prefer quiet; music (and patrons) grow louder later as "sceney" crowd comes in to drink. Many dishes on the sweet side. Reservations strongly advised for weekends and to ensure handicapped-accessible seating. Kitchen open Tuesday through Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. (bar until about 2 a.m.). Wide range of prices, but many small bites do add up. — *N.W.*

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Del Cerro, 619-265-0218. At arguably the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego (it's not Katz's, but it's here, and the service is nicer), you'll find a full range of European-Jewish specialties from wonderful soups to nuts, including deli meats and fabulous smoked fish, house-baked breads and pastries, traditional Jewish-American dinner entrées (including a lively Rumanian skirt steak and an ethnic sampler platter), plus 110 different overstuffed sandwiches — among them the very popular corned beef. To start the day, there are American and Jewish breakfasts, including a fabled matzo brei. The

knishes, latkes, and chopped liver are all fine. A few acceptable, affordable wines by the bottle (only plonk by the glass), plus fountain drinks, sodas, some domestic and imported beers. Loads for lacto-vegetarians, less for vegans. (This cuisine is big on sour cream.) Open daily except major holidays, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate, with kiddie plates available at all meals. — *N.W.*

Dussini Mediterranean Bistro 275 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It's still huge — way too big to be called a bistro. It rambles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguica and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reliably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice — not the best idea. The wine list is a joy, with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Elevator access to top-floor restrooms. Reservations recommended for weekend dinners. Dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Gathering Bar and Grill 902 West Washington, Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. "Beloved" is not a word you throw around lightly, but that's just what Gathering has become to Mission Hills regulars. When it reopened after a fire, they flocked back with flowers and hugs. The food is good quality, familiar comfort fare. From plates like the Southwest burger, with avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa, to the Monte Cristo (grilled egg, dipped Texas toast with Swiss, ham, and turkey, powdered sugar, and a side of jam). Last we checked, the owner, Dan, was as deft as ever with his magic cards, for any customer who needs to be bamboozled. Open daily, 8 a.m. till late. Magic sessions around 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

India Princess — Hillcrest 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos,

silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincipled sum (dinner is more expensive). Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — *E.B.*

The Kebab Shop 630 Ninth Avenue, Downtown, 619-525-0055. Food is one area where the Middle East is definitely taking over the world. Turkish-style *döner* kebabs are already on every street corner in Europe, and they're heading our way. Why? It's fast, flavorful, fresh food. The kebab's "meat" is usually lamb, chicken, or falafel, wrapped in a flatbread. The menu here specializes in all kinds of kebabs, including Moroccan shrimp, beef *kofte* (spiced ground meat with grilled vegetables), and the house special, Iskender, honoring Alexander the Great (lamb on bread with tomato sauce and yogurt). Try also minted zucchini, curried eggs, and Algerian eggplant. The ultimate compliment? Lots of Turkish San Diegans eat here. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Laurel Restaurant 505 Laurel Street, Hillcrest, 619-239-2222. Business-class watering hole where for seven dollars per item — food or drink — on the bar menu, we can at least taste how the Other Half lives and dines. The drinks range from Dragon's Blood sangria (a combo of Bordeaux wine, port, fruit and Calvados brandy) to Road Dog Stout (from Colorado's Flying Dog Brewery). As for the munchies, think lamby joes (luscious mini-burgers made of ground lamb); Mediterranean mussels (steeped in Old Monk beer broth); seafood salad (shrimp, squid, mussels, scallops, and sauce); or braised duck and stone-fruit flatbread. If money says one item only, lamby joes are most filling. Happy hour daily, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try The Works omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Old Town, Point Loma, La Jolla, National City, and Otay Mesa. — *E.B.*

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajj*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajj*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush (sweet daddy eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Mission — Downtown 1250 J Street, Downtown, 619-232-7662. "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the waitstaff'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.*

Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W.*

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and

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Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed empanadillas, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entree). Moderate. — *N.W.*

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront, and they're not lying. One of the owners is from New York by way of Italy, and his Big Apple experiences are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right, and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Pokéz Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street, Downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m.

to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B.*

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J Street, Downtown, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it's in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar. Surroundings are chic. Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — *N.W.*

Salad Style 807 F Street, Downtown, 619-255-6731. Is this the tipping point? Whereas traditional meals have always been meat and taters with a side of salad, here, it's salad with a side of meat and taters. Salad's the main item, and it's delicious, even if salad's not your thing, because each concoction is so original. For example, Scott's Grilled Skirt Steak is an arty pile of organic greens, tomatoes, smoky, earthy mushrooms, hearts of palm, crumbled bleu cheese, plus red slabs of meat over it. Each dish does something, from the Moroccan couscous salad to the tuna-and-tomato salad. The Totally Vegan, with its golden volcano of quinoa and snowy tofu slabs, should be in a gallery. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Star of India — Downtown 423 F Street, Downtown, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried — or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Tioli's Crazy Burger 4201 30th Street, North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming

owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made "Texas" beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. The folks who brought you the popular big-breakfast and lunch joint Hash House A Go Go (across the street) focus here on hefty portions of "plain American food" in a dinner house specializing in meat, game, and classic cocktails. The Brawny paper towel man would love it. The atmosphere combines a speakeasy (velvet curtains mask the doorway) and a hunting lodge. Menu highlights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Nothing to write home to Mom about — it is Mom, if she's a Midwesterner, and Dad's a guy who says, "I shot it, you cook it." Well-chosen wine list with lots of appropriate Rhones and Syrahs; few by the glass. Huge list of cocktails. Wheelchair lift (painted to blend in) to left of front staircase. Heated, roofed smoking patio above street level. Valet parking; reservations urged. Dinner daily until midnight or later, weekend brunch. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Vagabond 2310 30th Street, South Park, 619-255-1035. Seasonal world food filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually standing room only, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed

for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fish-monger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the ziestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Chef Patrick Ponsaty, a master of flavor, reigns in this unpretentious but beautiful high-ceilinged bistro, producing creative, classic-based French-modern cuisine featuring fine seasonal ingredients. The food isn't merely creative, it tastes heavenly — the man's got a palate. You want to know what genuine (California-adapted) bouillabaisse should be? Or squab at its best? This is the place — and desserts are ravishing, too. Servers are mainly well-informed, enthusiastic fellow foodies who are right on the mark. Alluring wine list at all prices includes top French growths at near-bargain markups, plus full bar. One vegetarian entrée most seasons. Slightly dressy, reservations urged. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive but not exorbitant. — *N.W.*

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Suite 200, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-433-0483. Cavaillon is likely to become your favorite neighborhood French restaurant, no matter how far you live from its neighborhood — it's, as *Guide Michelin* would say, "worth a detour." Provençe-born chef-owner Phillippe Verpiande (former chef de cuisine at Tapenade) offers seasonal, classic French dishes emphasizing his home region in a retro bistro setting. Don't miss the signature starter of *panisse*, a chick-pea cake with the texture of a

marshmallow. Other great dishes include transcendent coq au vin, superb slow-baked salmon, and a dream version of crisp-skinned duck confit. Moderate-priced three-course prix fixe dinners (\$32) Monday through Thursday nights are as fine as the à la carte menu, although it's difficult to resist the siren songs of the alluring nightly specials. International wine list at lower-than-average markups, French "bargains" on the pricier reserve list, and merciful corkage fees to BYO special bottle. Dinner nightly, brunch weekends. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-5522. This huge eating space fills half of Ker's outlet warehouse. Friday or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families — the best guarantee that good vegetarian food is served here — and reasonably priced. Only problem with an all-you-can-eat buffet is deciding what to eat. It's mainly northern, Punjabi and Gujarati, according to the Sikh cooks. Just have at the aloo curry, basmati rice, *chhole* (garbanzo beans), and *bengan bartha* (eggplant). See what you like. Some dishes are smoky and roasted, others yogurty, others nutty. Try to leave room for dessert, specially the mango concoctions — Asian mangos are sensational. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive, Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan — Vista 248 Main

Street, Vista, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taqueria, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsa. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet-bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

WineSellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This long-time favorite "splurge" restaurant, located in a soulless industrial park (there's no "there" there), sits atop a serious wine store, and your dinner quaffs, from an encyclopedic choice of bottlings, will cost just 20% over retail. The food is the comfortably upscale French cooking that San Diego cherishes — luxurious and modern, without a hint of exoticism. And many dishes would shine in any galaxy — e.g., foie gras with mango and tender pheasant stuffed with foie gras, along with cured *hamachi* and yellowfin-tuna tartare. Dining room up staircase, no lift; accessible seating in first floor tasting room, with full facilities. (Call ahead to arrange, and to arrange vegetarian meals.) Reservations usually necessary, as restaurant holds many sold-out special events. Ask for directions, too, as all the architecture for miles is identical. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday (closed be-



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NORTH COASTAL

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles (Cubano #2), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some Continental warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the

House" serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 10 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheatgrass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — E.B.

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, L.A., and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish pate and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Friday through Sunday nights. Dinner daily; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — N.W.

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. Dieter's Downfall, a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the Sausage of the Week is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the Dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Pizza Port Solana Beach 135 North Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta (Pizza Carlsbad), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms (Pizza Solana). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza — Del Mar 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600. It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of something extra — e.g., not just free edamame to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of 4 to 14, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — N.W.

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

SOUTH BAY

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longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still-cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue scone wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flat-iron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday,

Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambiance early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 10:30 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Zorba's Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

EAST COUNTY

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B.*

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Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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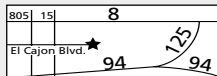
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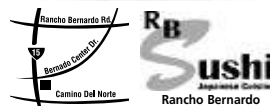
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They fled to the moon and became “Lunatics, mad demonic pitiable wicked creatures.”

Along with dents on every fifth car, which people can’t afford to repair, and a beer at Petco costing more than the hourly minimum wage, short theatrical runs are a sign of the times. High rents are forcing homeless theater companies to close before word of mouth, which takes at least four weeks in San Diego, can spread. With this in mind, assume that Moxie Theatre’s *Listener* opened last month, not last weekend, and that theatergoer friends urged you to see it before it closes June 29.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

After the Great Pandemic of 2008, and the catastrophic effects of The Warming — tidal waves, earthquakes, perfect storms — earthlings began terra-forming the moon. One faction said they should have spent the money to save Earth. Another, much larger one, said that, given the ravaged ecosystem and the necessary adaptations, “It was more logical just to start over” on Nerth: i.e., “new Earth.”

As they rocketed to the moon, the Chosen refused to take the “too stupid, or the unfit.” Those left behind breathe carcinogenic air, giving them a life expectancy of 40 years max.

The Listener, by Liz Duffy Adams, begins on old Earth, three generations later. Denizens of Junk City, called the “Findahs,” gather detritus. If the object’s unknown, the Namer gives it a name. And the Jimmies try to make it work. The most sacred relic, an old shortwave radio, has been “jimmied” more than any other. A woman called the Listener makes regular broadcasts and never leaves the machine. As yet no one has answered, which makes her wonder if she’s only a “voice with no meaning.”

Part of *The Listener*’s appeal: Junk City’s people half-remember the past or meld myths together. And they speak a mixed-language, as if suffering partial amnesia. They have several “dema-gogs,” among them Okra and El Vis (who “was too sad to live”), but only one “gog”: Sam (sometimes “Sam the uncle”). Their creation myth depicts a fall. Eve, a doubter, ate from the tree of knowledge and learned the secrets of Tek (i.e., technology). She and her followers fell from

grace because Sam wanted Tek’s secrets for himself. He smote doubters with tempests and conflagrations. They fled to the moon and became “Lunatics, mad demonic pitiable wicked creatures.”

Sam forbade those left behind to make new Tek. So they jimmy and dream of Edenic grass sprouting amid the slag — and, the Listener’s quest, of contact with fellow earthlings.

Then John arrives from Nerth (one of Adams’s linguistic fillips: his name recalls both Johns of the Bible and, when the Findahs put an *a* before it, a hooker’s “john”). He means well but brings ideological mayhem to Junk City.

At the Lyceum Space, Amy Chini’s set — a rusty mound of wheels, hubcaps, warped metal — and Eric Lotze’s sleek orange sunset, make an indelible first impression. Jennifer Eve Thorn and Sheri Kraus’s hybrid costumes combine eras: at one point, Walter Murray’s proud, threatened Namer could be wearing George Washington’s blue general’s coat. The Findahs (Tim Parker and Rachael Van Wormer, a wonderfully vehement sprite) sport mud-caked duds from *Mad Max*. As John, who has eyes for the Listener, a precise Steven Lone dons basic black. And the excellent Jo Anne Glover, who makes the Listener the most robotic and, in the end, most human, wears a tattered outfit off the *Les Miz* rack.

The Listener is the third Adams play Moxie’s staged (along with *Dog Act* and *Wet, or the Horse Latitudes*). The script’s better at depicting a strange new world than making its way through. But even amid some second-act doldrums, gifted director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg always keeps the stakes high and the emotions ripe.

On Broadway, the 1960s begin with *Bye Bye Birdie*, in which Conrad Birdie (i.e., Elvis) joins the Army. The decade ends with *Hair*, in which Claude gets drafted, and his tribe protests. Compared to *Hair*’s diatribes, *Birdie*’s concerns seem innocuous. But beneath Michael Stewart’s lively satire lurks a



The Listener

The Listener, by Liz Duffy Adams

Moxie Theatre, Lyceum Space, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown

Directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg; cast: Jo Anne Glover, Walter Murray, Tim Parker, Rachael Van Wormer, Steven Lone; scenic design, Amy Chini; costumes, Jennifer Eve Thorn, Sheri Kraus; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, Tom Jones

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Bye Bye Birdie, book by Michael Stewart, music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Lee Adams

San Diego Musical Theatre, East County Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon

Directed by Dan Mojica; cast: Paul Clausen, Natalie Nucci, Jeffrey Parsons, Stefanie Miller, Jill Townsend, Karen Johnson, John Martin, A.J. Foggiano, James Royce Edwards, Lana Hartwell, Andy Collins, Brenna Fleeman-Delay; scenic design, Chris Beyries; lighting, Jennifer Edwards; sound, Larry Esau; music director/conductor, Don Le Master

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fear, at the time, on a par with *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. Hip-shaking Conrad Birdie threatens 1960 America not with becoming pod-gestated drones, but the exact opposite: sexual awakening.

One of the best features of San Diego Musical Theatre’s *Birdie*, which, like Moxie’s *Listener*, concludes its short run this weekend: the chorus of women, young and old, go blind, screeching primal in Conrad’s presence. Led by Stefanie Miller’s hair-trigger Ursula, they swoon, faint, and flop about, as if prying themselves from myriad inhibitions.

That energy propels the show — especially when the cast cuts loose for “Lot of Livin’ to

Do” — as do the multitalents of Natalie Nucci, as Rosie, and clear-voiced Jill Townsend’s Kim MacAfee. As Albert J. Peterson, Conrad’s PR-spewing business manager, Paul Clausen sings quite well but overplays the neuroses, which would be funnier if emerging from within. Albert hypes Conrad as “a fine, upstanding, patriotic, healthy, normal American Boy.” He’s anything but (imagine Eddie Haskell in gold lamé), though James Royce Edwards plays him that way. Edwards handles Birdie’s numbers with ease but could suggest a more liberating menace to prim women young and old. Conrad should be an equal-opportunity body snatcher. ■

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As part of its Summer Shakespeare Festival, the Old Globe Theatre stages the Bard's comedy of love unrequited. Darko Tresnjak directed. Note: *All's Well* runs in repertory with *Romeo and Juliet* and *Merry Wives of Windsor*. Call the theater for days and times of each.

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Bye Bye Birdie

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Bye Bye Birdie

(the comedic and the potentially tragic) with skill. Season Duffy has a lark as Samm, the garrulous villain. Chris Bresky could reign in his physicality, at times, but offers an engaging Steve. His hair a heroic comb-over, his lines neo-Russo-Balkan, David Cochran Heath scores as Slavo, resident thug. *The Hit* has a thematic sub-

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'night Mother

Jesse Cates wants this Saturday night to be “like every other night in the world.” She'll do her mother Thelma's nails, maybe have some cocoa. Early in Marsha Norman's stark, bullet-train of a drama, you'd swear that Jesse's the mother and Thelma's the passive, dependent daughter. Jesse gives her instructions (using the washing machine, milk deliveries). Then Jesse raises her father's pistol from a shoe box. She's killing herself tonight, she says, as soon as she “feels good enough inside” to do it. For 90 minutes, which move with the inevitability of Greek tragedy, Thelma urges her daughter to pull back from the point of no return. Studies show that — as in *'night Mother* and Kroetz's *Re-quest Programme* (recently at Ion Theatre) — many suicides aren't impulsive acts. Instead, the person becomes calm, even organized. It's as if, having found a kind of clarity, termination's the most rational choice. Norman offers reasons for Jesse's decision but leaves out a defining one. She just needs to go. Thelma, whose life's been a floor-to-ceiling misery, has several reasons for saving her daughter, among them not being left alone in “the quiet.” The brand new Ascension Theatre Company, of Lemon Grove, has staged a gritty, capable production. Jo Dempsey's doomed Jesse's in complete, unwavering control. At times Dempsey hits notes so even-tempered that they're eerie. Joan Westmoreland could ratchet up the desperation a bit more, but in the end reaches the condition

where impulsive suicides commit the act. Under Charmen Jackson's tight direction, this show merits a much larger audience than when I caught it.

Worth a try.

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JUNE 29.

The Night Watcher

As part of its Page to Stage play-
development program, the La
Jolla Playhouse presents Char-
layne Woodard's one-person
work-in-progress about family
and “a sort of motherhood.”
Robert Egan directed.
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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 as things.
And things as people. Bernard, it
turns out, is Salter's son once-re-
moved. He's B2, a copy of the
original, cloned by “some mad sci-
entist.” 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 cy-
borgs in *Blade Runner*. B2 dis-
agrees: 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 mov-
ing as Salter pays the price for
playing God. Salter's differences
open up a counter-theme: Church-
ill 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 re-
semble chains of molecules.

Worth a try.

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THROUGH JUNE 29.

Robert Dubac's Male Intellect: The Second Coming!

Robert Dubac's sequel to his play
The Male Intellect: An Oxy-moron?
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 psy-
chology (which has always been
allergic to multi-polarities), and
though Dubac upholds stereo-
types 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 unfold-
ing the pristine original), a quasi-
mystical blackboard with key
words embedded, and, the high-
light, a cigarette in each ear per-
forming “Dueling Banjos” from
Deliverance. On opening night
Dubac blasted through the
evening as if he had a plane to
catch. His characters' accents of-
ten 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.

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World Gone Mad

Not all filmmakers can grow like Clint Eastwood.

The advent of a Dario Argento film is an undoubted occasion, whether or not one to celebrate. Not since 1991, by my records, has one of his films circulated in American theaters, and only then because of the gimmicky marriage of him and fellow bloodletter

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

George A. Romero, each director doing half of *Two Evil Eyes*, a pair of Poe adaptations. It has been just over thirty years, from the milestone of *Suspiria*, since he was a consistent presence. Consistent, to be precise, for a small sum of seven years. The coming of video had a major role to play in this, a cheap and easy way to reroute his films: *Inferno*, *Unsane*, *Creepers*, and onward. In addition to which, the coming of Leatherface, Michael Myers, Freddy Krueger, Jason, and their ilk, to found a homegrown breed of slasher films, had a role to play as well. American gore in the Seventies, like American sex, had caught up with European and chased it out of the market. (Even if the American sense of style still lagged behind.) Argento has been luckier than some, in that his films have been regularly made available on video, and it has been possible to keep track of him that way.

But if things like *Trauma*, *Sleepless*, and *The Stendhal Syndrome*, although not without traces of interest, seem less memorable than his early works, the question arises as to whether (a) films seen on the little screen tend inherently to be less memorable than those seen on the big, (b) my memory is not what it once was, or (c) they are in fact less memorable.

Mother of Tears, opening a week's run Friday at the Ken Cinema, may shed light on the question. Ostensibly this completes the trilogy begun with *Suspiria* and *Inferno*, or in other words the trilogy suspended more than a quarter-century ago. My memory is positively not good enough to make clear connections across that span of time, especially since I saw the trilogy's middle section in Avignon without aid of the English language. (Here, in any event, would be the place to state my preference for Argento's non-supernatural films, the rational mysteries solved not only by reason but by the roiling subconscious: *Deep Red* stands as my peak recommendation if you must have peak quantities of gore, or if you'll settle for less, then his pattern-setting first film, *The Bird*



Mother of Tears

with the *Crystal Plumage*.) Daria Nicolodi, I can recollect, had a part in that middle film, though I couldn't say for sure if it's the same part as her small part in the new film, a guardian-angel ghost looking out for her psychically gifted daughter, played by her actual daughter, Asia Argento, with undoctored baby photos for documentation. (The director is of course

the star's father, a relationship that didn't stand in the way of a nude shower scene.) The ghost's passing-along of the gift of invisibility, enabling the heroine to disappear from her pursuers in a train-depot bookshop, provides the film's creepiest effect: the squint-eyed policeman unable to see what is literally under his nose. Regardless of whether it's the same

role — and let it be noted that the snowy-haired Udo Kier can't be repeating his role from *Suspiria* — it seems inexplicable, if the likes of Sylvia Browne and James Van Praagh are to be believed, that she has continued to age on the Other Side, a process disguised by soft focus and medium long shots.

The central storyline, which can

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stand or fall on its own, concerns the unearthing of an antique urn in a church graveyard, the unleashing thereby of the most powerful witch in the world, the rallying of an army of lesser witches (more like a convention of saucy punk rockers), and the touching-off of random violence in the streets, heralding the Second Fall of Rome. The treatment is unabashedly schlocky, the dialogue ticklingly lame (“Hey, there’s something down here,” and “I just can’t get my head around it,” and “There’s more to this case than we think,” and, my best laugh, “I’m only a psychic. I can communicate with spirits, but that’s about it”), and the intervals between bloodbaths thankfully long. Yet the whole thing, like Romero’s *Diary of the Dead* earlier in the year, seems stunted, stuck, unadventurous — and aside from an extreme closeup of a scalpel slicing through the wax seal of the urn, it misses the fetishistic tactility that so grabbed the eye in the early days. In the final analysis, it comes across as not so much a blast from the past as a last gasp. Granted, not all filmmakers can grow like Clint Eastwood, but some of them do at least manage to get out of adolescence. And, while I admit I had been eagerly looking forward to the film, it’s a pretty screwy state of affairs when a sometime “art house” in the Landmark chain offers the only sanctuary to the spectacle of a woman getting disembowelled and then strangled in her own entrails, or another woman getting skewered from vagina through gaping mouth. (I can but hope, big screen notwithstanding, that this too will prove unmemorable. Time, I have every expectation, will soon tell.) With the vanishing of the downtown grindhouse and the suburban drive-in, there might simply no longer be a comfortable home for Argento. The coming of the shopping-mall multiplex has had its role to play, too.

The Happening, the ill-named new chiller by M. Night Shyamalan, not to be confused with the Swinging Sixties caper by Elliot Silverstein (title tune by the Supremes), also unleashes a wave of random violence in the streets, albeit most of it self-inflicted: a lunch-hour idler puncturing her carotid with a hair stick, a traffic cop turning his gun on himself, a steady rain of construction workers stepping off their girders into thin air. The cause of all this is nothing so clear-cut as an ascendant sorceress. Biological terrorism would be the natural first suspicion, but the proliferation of the phenomenon over several states in the Northeast points away from that theory. Could it be an airborne neurotoxin released by plants, a planet in revolt? Or perhaps something from another sort of plant, the nuclear-power type? Or something from a military experiment gone haywire? We know only enough to classify it as science fiction, doomsday division. And as in the filmmaker’s *Signs*, the arena of action shrinks to the small scale of a Fifties B-movie: an already uneasy married couple in flight from the center of Shyamalan’s universe, Philadelphia, by train, by car, by foot. In size, it’s not unlike last year’s underappreciated *The Mist*, except that the tangible monsters of the latter are more fun, if also more impersonal, than Shyamalan’s congenital angst. Liberated (after *Lady in the Water*) from the obligation of a Surprise Ending, though still a victim of exorbitant expectations, the director makes good use of Mark Wahlberg’s furrowed brow and Zooey Deschanel’s wide eyes; and the menace of ordinary trees, grasses,

breezes is efficiently manufactured; and a couple of genuine chills are ultimately drummed up around the house of an inhospitable hermit. All in all, the film measures up well enough to the director’s overrated best work, *The Sixth Sense*, at any rate when measured independent of box-office receipts, another area affected by exorbitant expectations.

All right. Agreed. Ang Lee’s heavily psychological *Hulk* was no world-beater. But did that mean, following in the footsteps of alternative versions of the *Batman* and *Superman* series, we wanted a new incarnation of this steroidal superhero, the unjolly green giant, a mere five years later? *The Incredible Hulk*, directed by action specialist (not master) Louis Leterrier, presumes our familiarity with Dr. Bruce Banner, skips the biographical backstory, and plunges right into the thick of things, at a price, however, of some incoherence. And it still takes almost half an hour to reach the first computer-generated manifestation of the title character. He is at that time hiding out in the slums of Rio, studying anger-management and seeking a permanent “cure.” From there, rooted out by his jingoistic nemesis, Gen. Thaddeus “Thunderbolt” Ross, father of the hero’s devoted girlfriend, Betty (perilously close to Betsy) Ross, he will pursue a programmed course — science vs. military — to the same climax attained a month ago by his Marvel Comics stablemate, Iron Man, squaring off against an angrier, bigger, hulkier version of himself. Can the custodians of Marvel not think of any other plot pattern? (In the post-climax coda, Iron Man himself, Robert Downey, Jr., drops by to promise sequels.) Needless to say, Edward Norton vs. Tim Roth would not be anybody’s idea of a Battle of the Titans, so the slope-shouldered actors must bow out in favor of computer-cartoon figures, a titanic battle between jumbo wads of chewing gum. Lou Ferrigno, the Hulk from the late-Seventies TV series, enjoys a cameo as a campus security guard, a forlorn relic of the pre-CGI age. (The late Bill Bixby, the Bruce Banner alter ego on the series, pops up on a Brazilian TV screen in an episode of *The Courtship of Eddie’s Father*.) That show, likewise called *The Incredible Hulk*, was nothing to get nostalgic about, but neither will this show be.

Hanging on at the Hillcrest into a third week — but how much longer? — *The Promotion* would be an ideal mood-lifter (sorry I couldn’t say so sooner), a consistently amusing comedy, once or twice hilarious, of two doofusses in competition for the manager’s post at the new Donaldson’s grocery store: “The Leader in Quality Foods.” (The one certain point of hilarity: the “black apples” scene. You’ll know it when you’re laughing at it.) There is no clear advantage on either side, some devious jockeying for position on both sides, never any outright villainy: the competitors remain quite civilized. (A fairly frightening thought, on reflection.) Seann William Scott and John C. Reilly are each almost as touching as they are funny — the edge goes to the reliable Reilly on both counts, but a buttoned-down Scott is the bigger revelation — and they receive good support from Jenna Fischer and Lili Taylor (doing a Scots accent for no other reason than delight) as their respective wives. The writer (previously of *The Pursuit of Happyness* and *The Weather Man*, a couple of other occupational films, although in

a higher economic bracket as well as sappier emotional bracket) and first-time director, Steven Conrad, observantly and intently covers a lot of territory, from the parking-lot deadbeats to the boardroom stuffed shirts, and his comic exaggeration is never more than slight. Which helps him to stay on pitch. Nothing kills a comedy like overkill. ■

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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 SDRReader.com.

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. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Bigger, Stronger, Faster: The Side Effects of Being American — Christopher Bell’s documentary on steroid use in the U.S., mainly in athletics, and candidly in his own family (brothers “Mad Dog” and “Smelly”). Not a polished or thorough presentation, but neither is it a pat, open-and-shut presentation. It is judiciously two-sided, with a hard look at the hypocrisies of the “right” side. 2008. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 6/26)

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. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Constantine’s Sword — Oren Jacoby’s documentary adaptation of James Carroll’s book exploring the history of anti-Semitism in the Catholic Church. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 6/27)

The Counterfeiters — Stefan Ruzowitzky’s Holocaust survival tale, loosely based on fact, tells how “the world’s best counterfeiter” (the long, long face of Karl Markovics) eases his existence in a Nazi concentration camp by suppressing his scruples and aiding the German war effort, speedily mastering the British pound, but then dilly-dallying over the U.S. dollar, theoretically affecting the outcome of the war. It is a passably interesting tale to tell, a new path through old territory, but the interest is rather in the tale than in the telling. At any number of stopping points along the path, the sights are liable to seem all too familiar (the bullet in the head, etc.), never mind the refreshing route that led there. And the coarse, raw, desaturated image, whether a chosen cliché or an imposed hardship, is at no point much to look at, a harsh thing to say about a motion picture. 2007. ★★ (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, THROUGH 6/26)

Get Smart — Big-screen reincarnation of the late-Sixties TV spy spoof, no longer a saboteur of a thriving genre, but just another copycat grave-robber. Diligent homage is paid to the original (“Would you believe...,” “Missed it by that much,” etc.), and the jokes are cranked out industriously, and both Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway bring their own qualities to it (a transparent deadpan and a prissy irony, respectively), but mirth goes missing. With Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Alan Arkin, Terence Stamp, and James Caan; directed by Peter Segal. 2008.

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The Happening — Reviewed this issue. With Mark Wahlberg, Zooey Deschanel, John Leguizamo, and Betty Buckley; written and directed by M. Night Shyamalan. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 “fairy-tale” 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. Together 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 — Reviewed this issue. With Edward Norton, Liv Tyler, William Hurt, Tim Roth, and Tim Blake Nelson; directed by Louis Leterrier. ● (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)

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 unfailingly focusses our attention on the filmmaker rather than on the fencers.) In the end — in the accumulation — the action grows more than a little tedious. Spielberg’s technique is superior not only to others’ technique but also to his own taste. A good long time, needless to stress, has gone by since the previous Indy adventure, and the new one can’t be content to try to top just that one. It has to try to top, in addition, *The Da Vinci Code*, the *National Treasure* hunts, the Lara Croft adventures, et al. With a plot that links Roswell, New Mexico, to the Erich von Däniken theory of evolution, Spielberg keeps pace in that race as well. To say so is no great compliment. 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 Robocopt 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. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Jurassic Park — Spielberg. Dinosaurs. What more need be said? You get what you expect. Or in blurb-ese: “It delivers the goods.” But it nowhere exceeds or confounds expectations. The premise, from the Michael Crichton novel, is essentially that of Crichton’s *Westworld* with dinosaurs in lieu of robots: amusement park gone haywire. And the *kind* of sensation peddled in it, like the kind in the same director’s *Jaws*, is the rudimentary fear of sharp objects. Or more accurately, graphically, and literally-mindedly, fear of being punctured, severed, minced by same: *My, what big teeth you have, Grandma!* (Fear of blunt objects, or fear of being swiped, stomped, scrunched by same, hardly enters into it.) It is a sensation long on bodily discomfort, short on wonder — a questionable balance in a movie that bridges the sixty-five-million-year gap between man and dinosaur. With Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, and Richard Attenborough. 1993. ★★ (KEN, 6/28 MIDNIGHT)

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 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. ★ (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)

The Love Guru — Self-help comedy with Mike Myers, Jessica Alba, and Justin Timberlake, directed by Marco Schnabel. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; 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)

Mongol — Genghis Khan, the formative years. Whatever he later might have been guilty of, here are the extenuating circumstances: the poisoning of his father, the abduction of his wife, his sale into slavery, etc., not to forget the burdensome birthright of all Mongols. It makes for a tedious case, sometimes enlivened by nice countryside and nice riding across it, but never much by the splashy bloodshed. With Tadanobu Asano, Khulan Chuluun, Honglei Sun, and Amadu Mamadakov; directed by Sergei Bodrov. 2007. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Mother of Tears — Reviewed this issue. With Asia Argento, Cristian Solimeno, Philippe Leroy, Udo Kier, and Daria Nicolodi; directed by Dario Argento. ★ (KEN, 6/27 THROUGH 7/3)

The Promotion — Reviewed this issue. With Seann William Scott, John C. Reilly, Jenna Fischer, and Lili Taylor; written and directed by Steven Conrad. ★★★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 6/27; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Rape of Europa — Educational and affecting documentary, in illustration of the Lynn Nicholas book of the same name, about the Nazi acquisition of art and the heroic counterefforts to preserve it and recover it. Plenty of material to fill two hours without padding or repetition. Narrated by Joan Allen; produced, written, and directed by Richard Berge, Nicole Newnham, and

Bonni Cohen. 2008. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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. ★★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Strangers — The debut of writer-director Bryan Bertino is a lowbrow (and

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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.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18)

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.
★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 6/27)

The Unknown Woman — Giuseppe Tornatore’s uncharacteristic stab at a *giallo*, an erotic thriller Italian-style, or, as the genre was ingenuously known in its Sixties and Seventies heyday, a “sexy-thrilling.” The film begins in a fog of intrigue — a comely Ukrainian immigrant, bedevilled by brief, almost subliminal flashes of flesh and rope, worming her way into the position of nanny for an accident-prone little girl — and the fog thereafter only thickens. What’s she up to? What has she been through? 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), though the Bernard Herrmann-esque score of Ennio Morricone, in the pulsing, revving, driving vein of *North by Northwest*, *Vertigo*,



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Psycho, invites more of this comparison than the director 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 finally 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. Claudia Gerini, Clara Dossena, Pierfrancesco Favino, Margherita Buy, Angela Molina. 2006.
★★★ (GASLAMP 15, THROUGH 6/26)

Up the Yangtze — Canadian filmmaker Yung Chang documents the impact of the Three Gorges Dam hydroelectric project in China.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/27; KEN, THROUGH 6/26)

The Visitor — Deep absorption, at the start, in the enclosed world of a dour Connecticut college professor, the classroom, the private office, the school cafeteria, the empty hours at home where, to fill the void left by his late wife, a concert pianist, he tries desultorily to master the instrument himself, late in life. Then a reluctant change of scene, when he is forced out of his orbit, under departmental orders, to attend a Developing Nations Conference in New York City, where he finds his unused apartment occupied by two squatters, a musician from Syria and a jewelry designer from Senegal, husband and wife, Muslims both. The initial shock gives way to starchy hospitality (he never shows as much curiosity as the viewer might wish about the identity of the mysterious “Ivan” who rented out the apartment), and the walls of his world expand little by little, exposing the touching and amusing spectacle of an introverted man opening up, taking a stab at warmth, attempting something new, discovering that the African drum (which gets his head moving like a bobblehead doll) is more his instrument than the classical piano. The film takes a dire turn before the halfway point with an illustration of Racial Profiling and the incarceration of the happy-go-lucky street musician in a detention center for illegals: a bit of hot topicality to give the story Relevance, Significance, Importance. 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 Correc-

tional 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.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Wall-E — Computer-animated robot from the Disney studio, and from writer-director Andrew Stanton. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 6/27)

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War, Inc. — Political satire with John Cusack, Joan Cusack, Marisa Tomei, Hilary Duff, and Ben Kingsley, directed by Joshua Seftel. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/27)

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.
● (GASLAMP 15)

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)

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 Chirqui 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.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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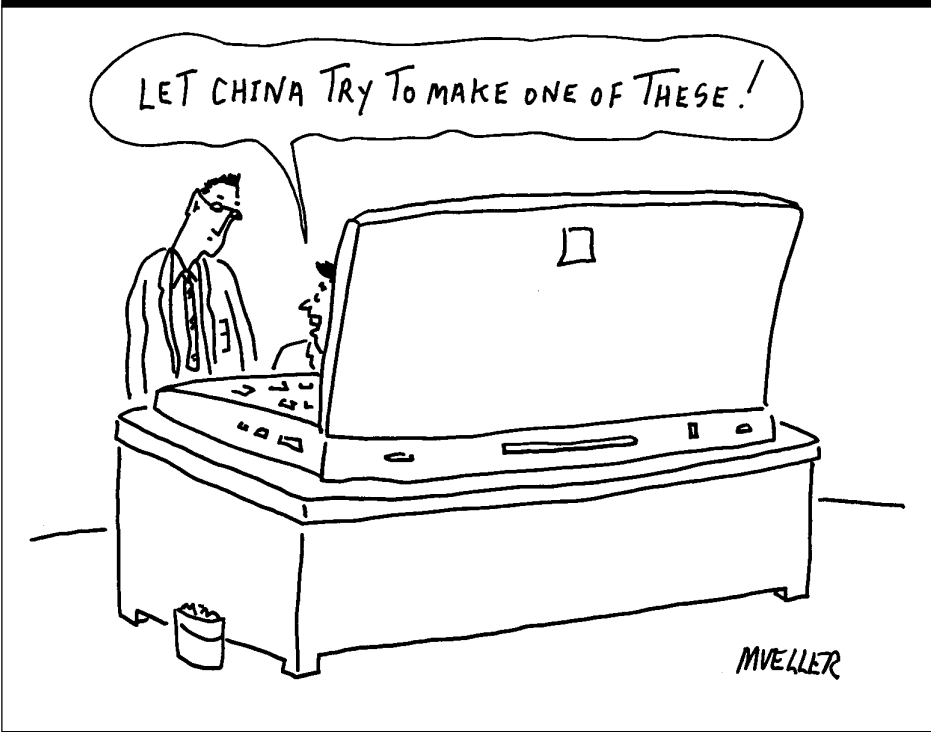
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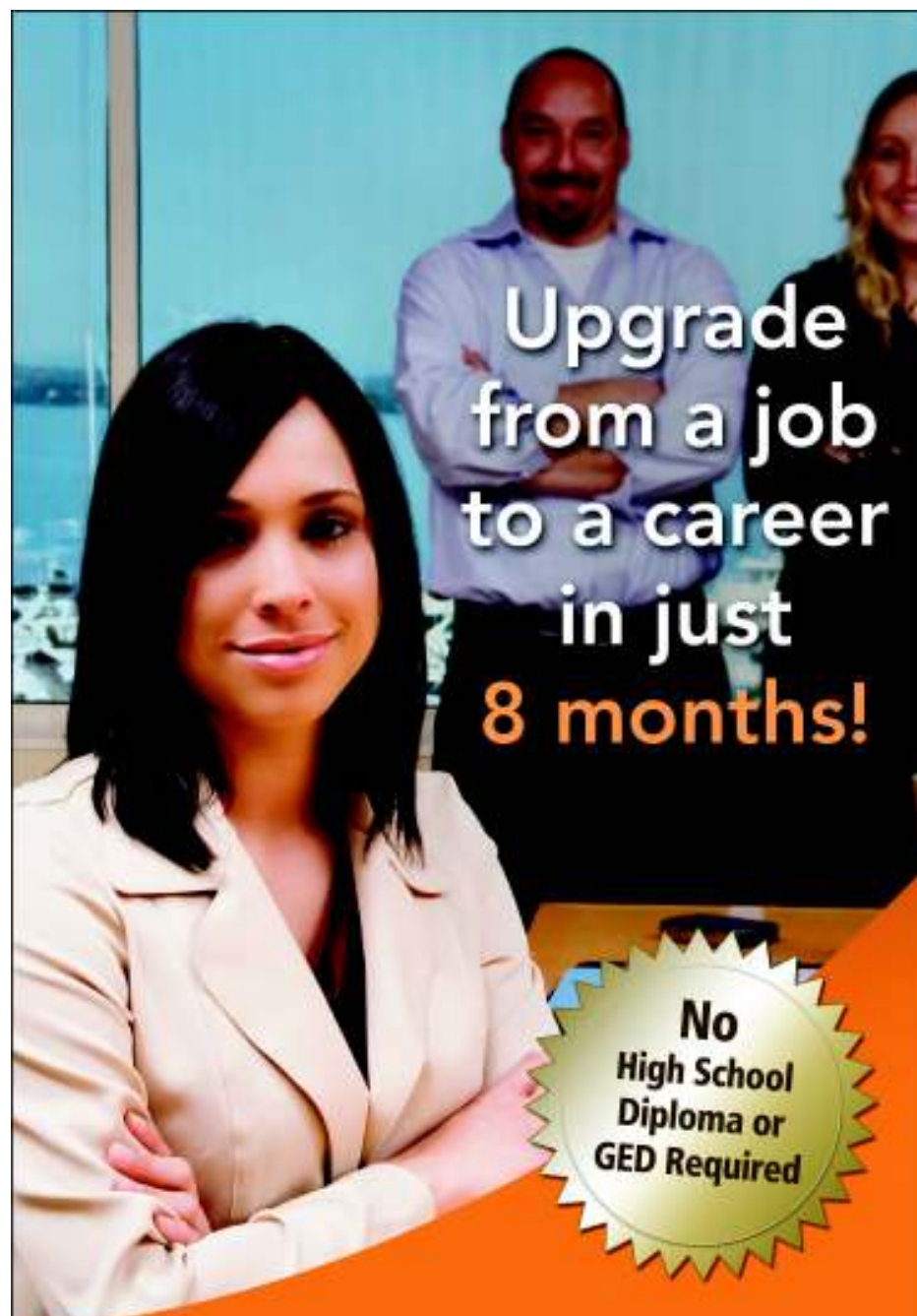


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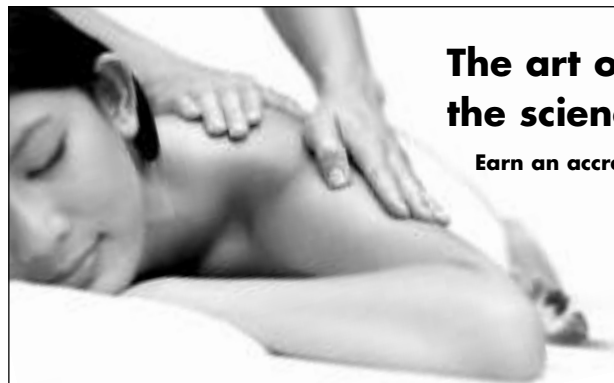
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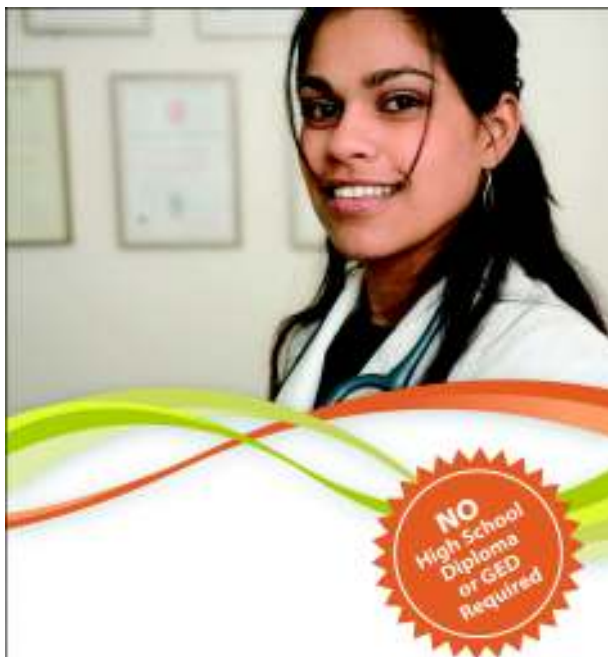
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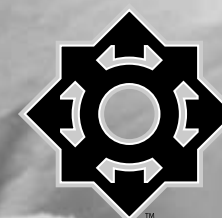
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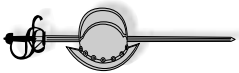
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- 1) Each and every week we’re going to make a list of EVERYONE who submits a Reader puzzle with the correct answers to the previous week’s puzzle. And we’re printing it, too! See the list of this week’s contenders below.
 - 2) Whenever you successfully complete a puzzle, we’ll also print a brief (10 words or less) personal message that you’ve written. This is optional, but it’s a great opportunity for you to give a shout out to your mom, declare your support for a particular candidate, or toot your own horn! And each time you submit a new puzzle, you may submit a new message.
 - 3) And we’re not done yet! We’re going to keep track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by the new puzzle deadline: 7:00 a.m., Monday, four days following the issue date.
 - 4) Entries must be faxed to 619-231-0489 or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy.
 - 5) And, we’re still giving away five Reader T-shirts each week to contenders chosen randomly.
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- 1) All answers must be entered in the spaces provided on the puzzle page.
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 - 3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
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Across

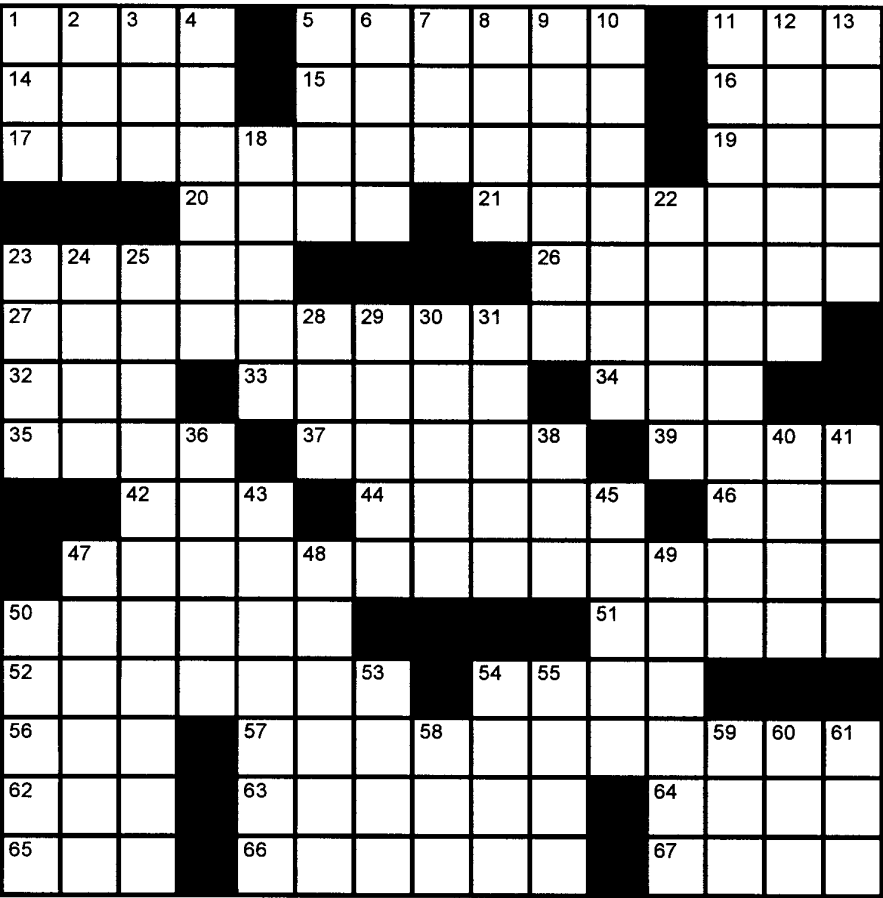
1. Make fun of
5. “It’s Tricky” rap group
11. ____Kosh B’Gosh
14. Boo-boo
15. “____ serious?”
16. Paper size: Abbr.
17. Astute
19. NYSE debut
20. Baker’s dozen, perhaps
21. Larry, Moe and Curly
23. “____ lost!”
26. D neighbors

27. Natural occurrence named after a 4th-century Italian bishop
32. Bach’s “Mass ____ Minor”
33. Runaway of rhyme
34. Part of ASPCA
35. Growing business?
37. Employed
39. Pic
42. From ____ Z
44. Actress Garbo
46. “Need ____ on?”
47. Quick deposit receivers
50. Special intuition, in modern lingo
51. Goes down in defeat
52. Last Swedish-Norwegian king
54. “____ to differ”
56. “So that’s it!”
57. Ad slogan since 1991 ... and this puzzle’s theme
62. Individually
63. Self-server
64. It’s hot in here
65. Baseball Hall of Famer Roush
66. Part of ASAP
67. Financial aid factor

Down

1. “Excusez-____!”
2. Have title to
3. Op. ____
4. Repress
5. Breathing abnormality
6. “The Haj” author
7. Not pos.
8. Darkens, maybe
9. Baseball great Irvin and others
10. Some jeans

11. Elite groups
12. Fla. vacation spot
13. ____ Perot
18. Shoppers’ reminders
22. Mixtures
23. “Like that’ll ever happen!”
24. Turner on the big screen
25. Bibliophile’s possession
28. Prefix with dermis
29. Nice vowel sound?
30. Lament
31. Beginning
36. Crete’s highest elev.
38. A season abroad
40. Fairy tale meanie
41. Chuck
43. Egg producers
45. Iverson of the NBA
47. Ran
48. “____ bragh!”
49. Accesses the Web
50. Flip
53. “Am ____ early?”
54. Film character who says “Say it, Sam”
55. Drill inserts
58. German article
59. “____ had it up to here!”
60. Actress Ruby
61. Put a stop to



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State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Personal Message: _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE:



THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Julie Osburn, North Park, 2.
Pamela Swain, College Area, 2. “My favorite puzzle”
Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 2.
John Rosenbach, Escondido, 2.
Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 2. “Go Shane O big first grader!”
Lillian Wagner, Clairemont, 2.
☛ **Shirley E. Bolden, College Area, 1.** “Always be true to oneself”
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 2.
Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 2.
Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 1. “I just want to be a winner”
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 1. ““Good grief, Charlie Brown””
Ron Meyer, Santee, 1. ““Hi hunney, I love you””

Dan Baggett, North Park, 1.
D Faulkner, University Heights, 1.
Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 1. “The only bad habit I learned from my dad.”
☛ **Marc Rutter, University Heights, 1.** “Hi Kim! Hi Ali!”
Laura Seery, Pacific Beach, 1. “Ter-rorist fist jab goes out to Chrissy/Ringer”
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 1. “Hi mom!”
Felina Thom, Lemon Grove, 1.
Dennis Roth, Santee, 1. “More chal-lenging than most Reader crosswords”
Karen Davies, San Carlos, 1.
Mary Hutchings, Mission Valley, 1.
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 1. “Piece of cake”

Carlos Cruz, Mira Mesa, 1.
Hal Van Aken, Mira Mesa, 1. “Rippin’ lip”
Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 1. “Bob Marley lives”
Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 1. “Kiki rocks!”
John L Drehner, North Park, 1. “Don’t smoke in the dynamite room”
Eric Ople, La Jolla, 1. “Long live the PLC”
Edward J Swain, Downtown, 1. “Errare humonum est perseverare diabolium”
☛ **Geoff Shimotsu, Ocean Beach, 1.** “Ha ha, Jan I beat you””
Jeff Hunt, Hillcrest, 1. “SLP in da hizzy”
Robert McQuay, Linda Vista, 1. “Granddaughters rule!”
Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 1. “Leave us not with a crossword”

Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 1.
Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 1.
Dan Blair, Linda Vista, 1.
Harry King, College Area, 1. “Trying to get the better of words”
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 1. “Love them puzzles”
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 1.
☛ **Tom Somich, Clairemont, 1.** “Damn the torpedoes!”
Rick Witt, Clairemont, 1.
HJ Broadhurst, Hillcrest, 1. “Gone but not forgotten Cape Cod Clutter”
Jim Odell, Vista, 1. “Don’t know if I did it all right”
Phil Cashman, University City, 1.
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 1. “Woody or wouldn’t he?”
Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 1. “Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and neuter/spay”
Brett Silva, Clairemont, 1.

Jim Hutchings, Santee, 1. “Good puzzle”
Nicholas Friesen, La Mesa, 1. “No te metas con mi cucu blee blah pickle weasel”
Nedda Visconch, Cardiff, 1. “Keep on dancing”
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 1. “Thanks! La Reina is my great granddaughter”
☛ **Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 1.** “Impeach George W. Bush”
James C Nelson, El Cajon, 1.
Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 1. “Heart-land Lions Club. We serve.”
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 1. “Read to your child”
Steve Perraud, North Park, 1.
Kendra Lee, Chula Vista, 1. “I love you, Mrs. Dager, and don’t you forget””
Gary Welder, El Cajon, 1. “I need a pay raise. 23 years. It’s time.”
Anne Ngo, Clairemont, 1. “Spamastic”

Greg Del Campo, Temecula, 1. “Hello from Temecula”
Marguerite Tate, Ocean Beach, 1.
Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 1. “A is for Alligators all around”
Mike and Karen, North Park, 1. “The adventure of 9 lifetimes is about to begin”
Rudy E Stegmann, Santee, 1. “Go #673”
Len Giarratano, Clairemont, 1.
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 1.
Barry Newman, Escondido, 1.
TB Nolan, San Marcos, 1. “Love Bauder’s column”
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 1. “Hello to Schuyler and Daphne”
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 1. “He didn’t fall? Inconceivable!”

NAME This Place



Last week's place: (clue: The palace of Shangri-Laos?) Mural of the palace of Laos' royal rulers painted on a wall beside Muang Luang Imports, 4726 Market Street, Chollas View, at 47th street. Local artist Anouvong Viengsavang painted the palace, known as "Haw Kham," which is located in Laos' former royal mountain capital of Luang Prabang. (There were no winners last week)

Clue: Fountain of justice?

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“Shirt, please! In large if you have it.”

Theater Listings, page 129

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What does he think of Tourmaline?

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But?

“If you’re new, you should stick to the inside.

Let the experienced people stay on the outside. I used to really hate new surfers, but the older I get, the less I mind. You have to learn sometime. You have to develop your skills and not get in the way.



That’s how people get hurt.”

Has he ever been hurt?

“Oh, it was so dumb.

It happened, like, 11 years ago, too. I was floating in the water with my board bobbing next to me. It caught a little wave and I watched as it came toward me and smacked me right in the eye. It split my eye, it bled, and I had to get stitches. It

was really stupid. I wasn’t even actually surfing.”

Any other mishaps he can recall?

“I think it was 1996.

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It was Wall of Voodoo opening up for Oingo Boingo. This was at the Arlington Theatre in Santa Barbara. It was an old opera house at one time. They have these lights that look like tiny stars in the ceiling. It's like the Pirates of the Caribbean ride. Wall of Voodoo started with their cover of "Ring of Fire." I was only 14 and didn't even know the original version of that song. They played "Factory," which sounded great.




Philippe Cesson
President of French-American Chamber of Commerce
San Diego

My first concert was U2. That was in Nice, France. It was in the early '80s. It was a venue called Parc West, and they would bring some big-name bands there in the summer. Pink Floyd played there, Madonna, a lot of artists. When I saw U2, I was 16.




Indriyas McDowell
Artist
Ocean Beach

I am almost embarrassed to say. It was Whitney Houston, up in Oakland at the Coliseum. It was on a date. Oh, wait...in high school, at our grad night at Disneyland. That was my first. We saw Samantha Fox and New Kids on the Block. I didn't know much about music. I was focused on my sports and things. And back then, your opinions have a lot to do with what others like. The guys all thought Samantha was hot, so we enjoyed the show.




Ali Spencer
Humane Society
South Park

The first concert I went to wasn't for fun. My mom and her hippie friends dragged me to an Arlo Guthrie and Pete Seeger concert. That was in Michigan. The first one I went to on my own was Bryan Adams. My friend just got her driver's license. I wasn't much of a fan. He's a Canadian weenie, and we lived half an hour from Canada. Actually, he still is a weenie.



Kristi Sindelar
Waitress
Mira Mesa

It was a Santana concert at the Music Theatre in Michigan. I was 12 years old at the time, and my babysitter took me. I'm sure most kids don't get to go to concerts when they have a babysitter watching them. Our seats were great. At that time, I didn't know any of the songs.



Sally Hoffman
Hotel Industry
Georgia

It was Billy Joel, around 1985, at the Sports Arena in San Diego. And I'm going to see him again next month. I knew most of his songs, since I was 16 and he was popular then. It was on a date with my future husband. Our first dance wasn't to one of his songs. I'm not sure if we played any Billy Joel at the wedding.

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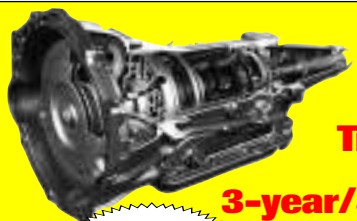
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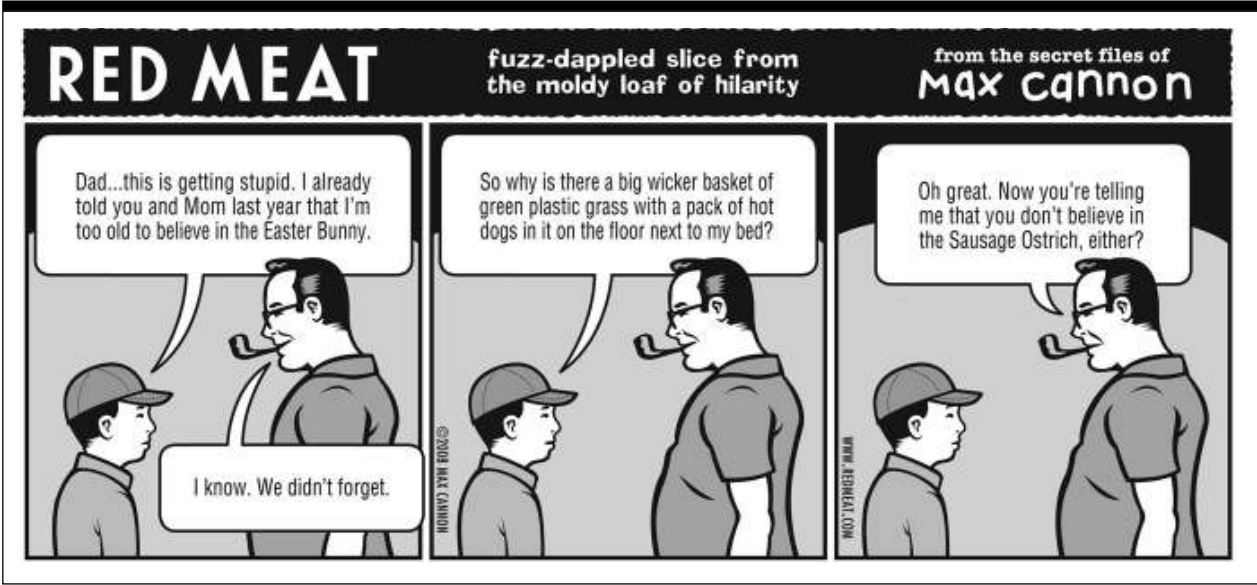
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— A prominent chef once wrote, “If you’re going to kill the animal, it seems only polite to use the whole thing,” and recently restaurants specializing in such “nose-to-tail” cuisine have opened in several cities, according to a May report in Toronto’s *National Post*. The hamburger at New York City’s Tasting Room includes cow heart, liver, bone marrow, tongue, flatiron, brisket, shank, and clod. New York’s Casa Mono features dishes of lamb’s tongue, duck hearts, and the red combs on top of the rooster’s head. San Francisco’s Incanto serves lamb necks, pig trotters, and venison kidneys. Said Incanto’s executive chef, “It’s about viable cuts of meat that we have thrown into the trash can for years.... When it comes to food, we [have been] very wasteful.”

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— (1) In April, as a police officer approached a motorist relieving himself on the side of the road in South Kitsap, Wash., the man explained that he had consumed “a bunch” of beers but was not driving drunk. According to the officer, the man said he was slurring his words because “his dentist advised him his mouth was too big for

his tongue.” (2) Comedian Aries Spears pleaded guilty in April to assaulting a woman in the audience during his act at a New York City club. Said prosecutor Elizabeth Pederson, ridiculing Spears’s initial explanation: “You can’t high-five a woman’s breast.”

Ironies

— The graduation ceremony in May at Naperville (Ill.) Central High School was marred by the revelation that about half of the valedictorian’s speech was plagiarized from a speech on the Internet, but in this case, the principal was helpless to punish him because the principal plagiarized his own speech. (He said he forgot to ask permission of the author, a Naperville Central graduate who was in the audience that day.) The principal has been reassigned, and the valedictorian’s speech was removed from the graduation video. — Among the items on the menu for world leaders who met in June in Rome to discuss the crisis in world hunger: pasta with a sauce of pumpkin and shrimp, veal rolls, pastry puffs with corn and mozzarella, cheese mousse, Parmesan risotto, ragout of veal with legumes and zucchini pie, washed down with fine Italian wines. — The prominent Texas personal injury attor-

ney Brian Loncar, whose ubiquitous TV ads offer motorists a “strong arm” if they’ve been hurt by another driver’s negligence, landed in critical condition after a Dallas accident. Police said Loncar’s 2008 Bentley failed to yield to an emergency vehicle and was struck by the speeding fire engine. — A Lynnwood, Wash., mother has been leading a fanciful campaign to pressure an Urban Outfitters store to remove “sexual”-type books from its shelves, such as Pornogami (“Paper-Folding for Adults”). The mother’s surname? Marci Milfs.

Not My Fault

— (1) Accused triple-murderer Jeffrey Gilham earned a hung-jury verdict in April in Sydney, Australia, by denying that he had stabbed to death his mother and father. They and Gilham’s brother all died by the same knife, at about the same time, stabbed from 13 to 16 times each in the heart, by a murderer kneeling over the victims. Nevertheless, Gilham said he killed only his brother and not the parents. (2) Jessica Vasquez, 19, was arrested in Indianapolis in April for a road-rage assault, but swore she was exercising self-defense. Her victim, an 81-year-old

woman whom Vasquez said was driving too slow, had been punched in the face, yanked from her car, and thrown to the ground, suffering leg fractures in 14 places.

The Democratic Process

— Legislating Love: (1) Ecuadorian legislator Maria Soledad Vela proposed in April that the nation’s constitution express the public-health principle that women have a right to enjoy sex and not be mere breeding machines. Opponents ridiculed Soledad Vela’s “right to orgasm” that might lead to lawsuits against husbands. (2) In April, Tommy Tabermann, a member of Finland’s parliament, submitted a bill to require one week’s paid vacation a year solely for romance, to counteract the country’s alarmingly high divorce rate. (3) In April, Mayor Gonzalo Navarrete of the impoverished town of Lo Prado, Chile, ordered public money for funding up to four Viagra tablets a month to men over age 60, to improve “quality of life.”

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It must be because he just rode his bike here to meet me, I thought. Why else would a twenty-something male who appeared to be in good health be sweating profusely on a cool fall day?

Sweating aside, he seemed like a nice enough guy. He was talkative and came across as well versed in history and business. He said he was a co-owner of a business here in town and that he worked a lot. He had the first month's rent with him, and as I had been having little luck in finding a suitable roommate, I gave him the room.

We didn't cross paths often, but when we

What's Up?

did, our brief conversations were cordial. True to his word, he did seem to work a lot. Or, I should say, he wasn't around often. By the end of the first month our short conversations had become a quick "What's up?" on the few occasions that I would catch him whisking in or out of the apartment.

It dawned on me that I never

did see him move any furniture in. Must have been when I was at work, I reasoned. He never received any mail, either. I began to feel as if I was living with an apparition.

The only thing he kept in the kitchen was a bag of noodles and a jar of pasta sauce. Neither of which were opened; both of which were expired. My food began to disap-

pear. I'd cook four pieces of chicken, eat one, put three in the fridge — and have only one the next morning. I purchased a 30-day supply of protein powder — it lasted one week.

My "What's up?" greetings became stern, peppered with suspicion.

In the fifth week we passed in the hallway as he was returning to his room from taking a shower. I feigned a smile as he passed and then noticed a familiar smell. A botanical smell. The smell of my

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I had to confront him. I knocked on his bedroom door. No answer. I tested it: locked. He must have whisked off again.

The first of the month arrived. The rent was due, and there was no sign of my mysterious, sweating roommate — not even in passing. Calls to his cell phone were unanswered. Notes on his door just piled up. Days turned into weeks, and though he was neither seen nor heard, his presence, like a phantom in the

night, was felt. Food kept disappearing, bath supplies dwindled, garbage piled up.

Then it happened. I was tired after a long day at work. I stood in front of the bathroom mirror, blurry eyed, wearily brushing my teeth when I noticed an unfamiliar taste. I stopped and took a closer look at my toothbrush — there were flecks of lettuce and carrot in the bristles. But I didn't have a salad... Then it hit me — he'd been using my toothbrush!

After furiously rinsing my mouth out for 15 minutes I set off to his "place of business," only to be told that they had never heard of him. Great. Short of breaking

down his bedroom door — which I would be financially responsible for replacing — I thought of the next best way to rid myself of this phantom menace: an embargo.

I gathered all my bath supplies, food, utensils, plates, cookware, everything, and stored them in my bedroom with the door locked. With no food or bathing (with soap or shampoo, anyway), it wouldn't be long before I smoked him out.

At the end of the second month I came home to find his bedroom door wide open. Inside were two plates of food scraps, five coffee-stained mugs (that's where all my mugs went!), some crum-

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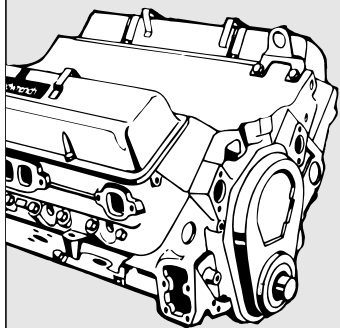
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Thirty Years Ago

Of *Big Wednesday* I have heard almost nothing good. My sources range from a Warner Brothers studio insider who rather traitorously has nicknamed the movie *The Endless Bummer*, to an Ocean Beach surfer who has complained that, among other technical errors, the characters in the movie go into the water with their surfboards unwaxed.

—“SWELL STUFF,” *Duncan Shepherd, June 29, 1978*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

With the belated Horton Plaza shopping center under construction, Centre City Development Corporation planners are now concentrating again on Horton Plaza itself, the half-block mini-park that has long been a home to transients and local inebriants. The planners profess neutrality on the park's future design; they just want it looking proper for its role as the entryway to the Robinson's department store that will face Broadway on the shopping center's northern perimeter.

—CITY LIGHTS: “JUST KEEP THE GRASS AND MOW THE WINOS,” *Paul Krueger, June 30, 1983*

Twenty Years Ago

The Hammer is in his mid '60s, smokes two packs a day, drinks, and is overweight; walk-

ing, he maintains, is not conducive to health.

“I get enough exercise going back and forth to the windows to make a bet,” he told me. “I don't need this aggravation in the sun just to get a bet down on a horse, you know what I mean?” He thinks the fair ought to be providing at least golf carts for the horse players.

—CITY LIGHTS: “THE OVAL TRUTH,” *William Murray, June 30, 1988*

Fifteen Years Ago

After close to five months of living in a cell here in Tijuana's La Mesa prison, I was finally going to have some privacy. I was about to purchase my own *carraca*, a “condo.” I had hired another inmate, my friend Cesar, as my agent, and we had discussed our strategy. He would approach the seller as if he were the buyer. This way the seller wouldn't know it was being purchased by a *gabacho*, a white guy. Otherwise it might increase the price.

Cesar checked on one that was for sale on the first floor of *Tanque X*. The lady who was selling it wanted \$1000. But when Cesar went to the prison's operations office, he found out the lady had the deed, but the paperwork was fouled up. Legally, she didn't own the place.

—“THE BIG CASA,” *Anonymous, July 1, 1993*

Ten Years Ago

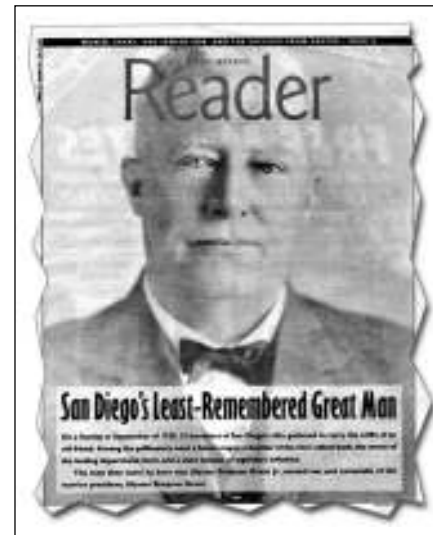
On a Sunday in September of 1929, 15 members of San Diego's elite gathered to carry the coffin of an old friend. Among the pallbearers were a future mayor, a founder of the city's oldest bank, the owner of the leading department store, and a state senator of legendary influence.

The man they came to bury was Ulysses Simpson Grant Jr., second son and namesake of the warrior president, Ulysses Simpson Grant.

—“SAN DIEGO'S LEAST-REMEMBERED GREAT MAN,” *Phyllis Orrick, July 2, 1998*

Five Years Ago

Tourists along the boardwalk at Seaport Village didn't seem to recognize him as his minder wheeled him over to dinner at the Harbor House this past weekend, but that bloated old man in a wheelchair was motion-picture star and telethon kingpin Jerry Lewis. For years, the classic 1950s comedian has kept his boat at the Marriot Marina; he dropped over several times a year from his Las Vegas estate. In seasons past, Lewis could be heard belting out Broadway show tunes aboard the vintage wooden yacht. His comic antics continued as he walked to a limo that zipped him over to



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his favorite downtown steak house, Morton's, and entertained drinkers seated at the tables of bayside watering holes. But two years ago, Lewis's health began to fail, and he reportedly began taking the steroid prednisone for the treatment of pulmonary fibrosis. The comedian is permanently attached to an oxygen tank.

—“STAR ON STEROIDS,” *Matt Potter, June 26, 2003*

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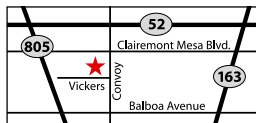
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SATURDAY, JUNE 28
P. ALLEN SMITH GARDENS
CBS 10:00 A.M.
If I worked in a garden, I would go by the name “P” too. And I’d drop in subversive comments such as, “What we want to do now is *mark our territory* of where we’re going to plant the gardenias” and “We want to direct the hose *stream* on the back fence so it goes mostly in the neighbor’s yard.”

CHAPPELLE’S SHOW
CW 11:00 P.M.
Someone has to explain to me what is so wrong about “blackface” performers. Yeah, yeah, I get the history of it; it was condescending, but there are far worse things than shoe polish smeared about the cheeks. I just can’t muster up the required reaction as though it is a jacket of

inside-out koalas. Koala jacket. Now that’s awful. Fbrrr, I just got a chill.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29
AMERICAN IDOL REWIND
CW 11:00 P.M.
Fauxhawk: mullet of this decade.
MONDAY, JUNE 30
HISTORY DETECTIVES
PBS 10:00 P.M.
Until there’s an investigation into the sudden disappearance of awesome cartoons such as *M.A.S.K.*, *Voltron*, and *G.I. Joe*, I’m gonna skip. Thanks, PBS. By all means, carry on burping donkey meat, you publicly funded fart blossoms. (Gaw! Stupid PBS.)

TUESDAY, JULY 1
DR. DENESE SKIN CARE
QVC 10:00 P.M.

The better show is *Dr. Denese, Why Is Your Skin Peeling Off Your Cheek? Oh, My God, Dr. Denese Is a Zombie! Everybody Run Before She Eats Your Brains! EEEEE!* And there’s the hot chick from *Reaper* who gets cornered in a shed with me, but I’ve got a shotgun and I’m, like, “Bring it, Dr. Denese! I got 12 gauges with your name on ’em!” Then I’m like Ted Nugent hunting pheasant or unicorn or something. *BANG! BANG!*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2
WIMBLEDON UPDATE
NBC 11:35 P.M.
Super. More tennis and golf, please. Like I don’t have clay and grass and Tiger’s knee cartilage and Serena Williams’s big butt and man-shoulders comin’ out of my ears already.



Last Comic Standing

THURSDAY, JULY 3
FEAR ITSELF
NBC 10:00 P.M.
The most frightening and tearful occasion of my life has to be when I watched the ending of *E.T.* and the Army guys were dragging E.T. off

in that plastic and he was dying. I bawled like a baby. My dad kept saying, “It’s okay. It’s not real. It’s just a movie.” Still, I couldn’t stop crying. I’m glad my dad was there. It helped. Otherwise, my 27th birthday would’ve been ruined.

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T.G.I.F.

I was fired after a brief fistfight with one of my customers.

By John Brizzolara

This approaching Sunday, the 29th, will be the birthday, assuming he is still living, of Andrew "Legend" Stevens. Andrew was best man at my wedding on July 29th in 1977. Born in Cornwall, England, in, I think, the same year as me, which would be 1950, Stevens was and may still be one of the most lovable yet exasperating reprobates I have ever known. The self-styled "Ledgy" and I were bartenders at the same joint at 68th Street and Columbus Avenue in New York City, a place then called, unimaginatively enough, Dazzel's. It was 1974. I had just quit a touring rock band, and Stevens had newly arrived from England to seek his fortune as a movie star, if that was convenient, if not, something equally well paid but undemanding. The last I heard, back in the '80s, he was still a barman in Chelsea. New York, not London.

If ever there was such a person labeled Mr. Friday Night, it would be Stevens. Whatever it is he may be doing these days (and I have not heard from him since 1983), my guess is that he is "dining out" on his imaginative autobiographical anecdotes as much as any conventional work. (No offense, Ledgy, if you are out there; it is merely a tip of the hat to your wildly entertaining nature.) With his public school accent (picked up, he would tell you, at Charterhouse), he could regale jaded New Yorkers with tales of missing roll call during his days with the Royal Horse Artillery, blustering into formation at the last minute with his uniform hastily tucked in and over last night's tuxedo, brutally

hung over, with a carnation dapperly fixed into his ammunition belt and having recently bounded from Lady Ashbrook's bedroom window with the arrival of Lord Ashbrook, MP, at his heels even as he called out, "Present, suh!"

The day I walked out of a recording session at Electric Lady Studios on Eighth Street in the West Village, I seated myself at a corner barstool in the former bookie joint known for decades as McGlade's, I believe. The bank of telephone booths along the south wall testified to its tenure as a gaming establishment before the days of off-track betting. I remember ordering lemonade while I waited for the owner and Stevens curling his aristocratic lip. He refused and handed me a Campari and soda. "Not much of a boozier," I told him. "It's kind of a crude high, isn't it? Doesn't seem like a good idea, drinking at a job interview."

"Hippie, eh?" Taking in my long hair.

"Musician." We began talking about his friends back in Jolly Ole and his mates in the Pretty Things over there. I lied and told him I was in Brian Auger's band for awhile, and he seemed to approve, if not of Auger, at least of the facility with which I delivered convincing details of the fiction. It became the keynote of our relationship. I was hired that same afternoon, but as a waiter. On that same afternoon I was fired after a brief fistfight (true story for another time) with one of my customers, only to be rehired on the spot as a bartender after again lying about my experience.

Both Stevens and I thought we were tougher than we were and involved ourselves in more than one barroom donnybrook, as they were called, probably during the days when the bar was a bookie joint. It was a miracle neither of us was killed bloodily and stupidly.

On the day of my wedding, with my bride eight months prego, as Ledgy termed it, we piled into a Checker cab (it had to be a Checker for cinematic reasons). Stevens forestalled my directions to the cabbie and said to him, "I've always wanted to say this. City Hall and step on it, Mac. I've got a dame to get hitched up." He loved American movies and, in fact, fancied himself living one at all times. During one of his romantic fits he quit the bar job and traveled west to dig ditches or lay pipe or whatever it was in Waco, Texas. He returned a month later, thinner, exhausted, and appalled at the actual work that had been required of him. He had drunk away most of his wages with Mexican migrant workers with whom he had shared a kind of Tortilla Flat while in the throes of a Steinbeck fantasy of Americana. He resumed his job at Dazzel's immediately and befriended certain famous customers such as Sarah Churchill, whom he would regularly pile into a taxi in the most gentlemanly way after overserving her terribly. Another famous sometime patron was Lauren Bacall, who lived nearby on 72nd Street. Acting as her waiter one day, he approached her, alone at a table,



and informed her that the bartender did a terrific Humphrey Bogart imitation. She seemed amused and asked if he could arrange a demonstration. That bartender was me. After several earnest death threats directed at Ledgy, I was introduced to her and performed my impression while approximately reciting the opening paragraph to Raymond Chandler's *Red Wind*:

There was a desert wind blowing that night, one of those hot, dry Santa Anas that come down out of the mountain passes, make your nerves jump and your skin itch. On nights like that every booze party ends in a fight. Timid housewives fondle the carving knife while studying the backs of their husband's necks....

It was ironic that Stevens, an Englishman, insisted I read Chandler. I had never done so. I spent a good 80,000 words of my first published novel imitating him. Bacall pretended to enjoy my performance. Very gracious, she was.

Stevens and I vowed that if either of us discovered the other at the moribund age of 26 to be still tending bar, the discoverer would euthanize the over-the-hill cocktail slinger. I took a temporary, fill-in job behind the stick at the Old Town Mexican Café in 1991, at the age of 40, for the last time. Ledgy may still be at it in Manhattan, for all I know. If he is, may you have the good fortune to stumble upon him at his place of employment someday. There is a very real danger — if Ledgy is still Ledgy — you will also stumble out.

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