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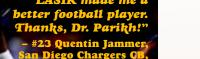


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#### **UNDER THE RADAR**

Secrets of the 39th The bloody budget battle in Sacramento didn't distract



Christine Kehoe

one local lawmaker from delivering for her establishment friends in San Diego. On February 11, Democrat Christine Kehoe quietly introduced a bill to effectively prohibit the local citizenry from having a say in the running of the tidelands around San Diego Bay. If

passed, the legislation would ban local voters from conducting referendums and initiatives to change the master plan of the Unified Port of San Diego. Instead, any proposed measures would have to be circulated and voted on statewide, making the cost of gathering signatures and subsequent campaigning prohibitive. That would in effect leave sole control of the port's destiny in the hands of its seven commissioners, three appointed by the San Diego City Council and one each by the other four cities surrounding the bay.

San Diego's current representatives include ex-city councilman Scott Peters, a wealthy La Jollan who got the gig after his bid to become city attorney was soundly rejected by voters. Commission slots have long been regarded as plums to be awarded to campaign contributors.

The impetus for Kehoe's legislation was Proposition B, last year's defeated measure to build a stadium on the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. Business and labor lobbies opposed the project, as did port commissioners, who are used to total control of the tidelands. After the election, they vowed to end the public's right to use the initiative and referendum processes to intervene in port business. To do the job, they recruited Kehoe, who has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign funding from both big labor and business. The port has also dispatched its contract lobbyist, Carpi and Clay, to lobby for the change, paying the firm a total of \$19,372 during the last quarter

Big Ben Democratic San Diego city councilman Ben Hueso seems to be on a power

roll. Not only has he been elected by his colleagues as city council president, on February 12, he filed a statement declaring his intention to run in two years for the 79th Assembly District seat held by Democrat Mary Salas who in turn is expected to run for the state Senate seat



Ben Hueso

being vacated by **Denise Ducheny**. But insiders say it wouldn't be a cakewalk: Chula Vista Democrats have vowed to mount a challenge. ... Something may be up at San Diego Kind Corporation, the nonprofit subsidized-housing operation run by Mavourneen O'Connor, twin sister of ex-San Diego mayor Maureen O'Connor. Last February, Kind's chief operations officer Marilynn Hardebeck, Maureen's longtime crony and political strategist during her days at city hall, died at age 79. Two years earlier, Kind shopped around its downtown San Diego Square apartment tower but decided not to sell. Now one O'Connor watcher says the building may soon be on the block again. Mavourneen has drawn a \$33,854 salary from Kind, according to IRS records. And Sheila O'Connor, another sister, has been paid \$59,295 as San Diego Square's "resident relations

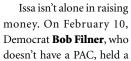
**Lobbyists for dinner** Has car-alarm millionaire Darrell Issa, the North County



GOP congressman, set his heart on the presidency, or at least the U.S. Senate? So think some observers, who point to his political action committee, Invest in a Strong and Secure America-Issa PAC, which had a big fund-raiser Darrell Issa last Saturday in the Washington home of Jack Fields,

a former Republican congressman from Texas. Set up late last year, the committee has already collected more than \$50,000 in four-figure contributions from corporations, including Raytheon, Microsoft, and Qualcomm, along with three Indian tribes, Morongo, Pechanga, and the Saginaw Chippewas of Michigan. The PAC

bestowed the money on the campaigns of a long list of Issa's congressional colleagues, a good way to instill loyalty among comrades for future electoral bids.





reelection fund-raising breakfast at the Tortilla Coast restaurant in Washington, described on its website as "a fun neighborhood restaurant with great Tex-Mex plates, Frozen Margaritas by the Pitcher, and friendly service. Besides the delicious food, 'The Coast' is a festive watering hole and exciting spot to watch Capitol Hill movers and shakers in action." The price of admission was \$1000 for political action committees and \$500 for individuals.

- Matt Potter

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#### **Suffocation Prose**

By Don Bauder

told San Diego author Caitlin Rother that she has gotten a virgin. Me. Until I read an advance copy of her book Body Parts,

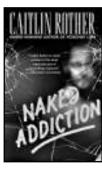
coming out this week, I had never had the slightest interest in sexual S&M (sadism/masochism), M&M (murder/mayhem), or even porn, in books, movies, or on TV (unless you consider

"Caitlin Rother delivers pageturning excitement and blood-curdling terror once again with Body Parts, yet her skill screams loudest in covering the details of murder — sometimes the most

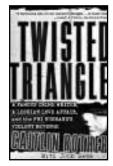


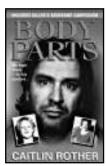
Caitlin Rother

I had admired her work as a reporter for the Union-Tribune, although we don't know each other that well









watching today's economic news a tendency to self-flagellate). I trembled upon reading a plug by a fellow author: ghastly crimes imaginable." Oh dear. But even in my

innocence, I couldn't put this excellent book down.

California Unemployment at 10.1%: ...it's the first doubledigit unemployment rate in a quarter century.

SD Traffic Congestion Down 46.9% Last Year, Second **Biggest U.S. Drop:** However, this is a mixed blessing....

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and didn't work together. I read her 2005 book, Poisoned Love, on the tragic case of Kristin Rossum, the bright, beautiful young San Diego scientist whose methamphetamine addiction, along with her affair with her boss, led her to murder her husband. As Rother, a Kensing-

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#### **Neal Obermeyer**



#### The Cost of **Luxurious Sushi**

By Alastair Bland

or the sushi-savoring diner who bites into a raw slice of bluefin tuna belly meat, the world may seem perfect for a

moment, and at Zenbu Sushi Bar and Restaurant in La Jolla, patrons reverently devour three to five pounds of the rich, buttery flesh, or toro, per night.

What many diners prob-



José Zertuche-González

ably don't know is that for each pound of farm-fattened bluefin tuna that hits sashimi platters, roughly 25 pounds of wild sardines were devoured, a "fish-in-fish-out" ratio that environmentalists

say is unsustainable. But in the close vicinity of Ensenada, Baja California, where a sizeable bluefin aquaculture industry has developed over the past 12 years, coastal communities have prospered with more and better jobs and boosted local cash flow, say industry advocates. They maintain that wild tuna stocks from which the Baja ranches acquire their fish are currently sustainable and healthy and that responsible fishery management will ensure a safe future for the species and for the industry.

Some marine biologists agree — but only, that is, if the Mexican federal government keeps the tuna-ranching industry from growing any bigger.

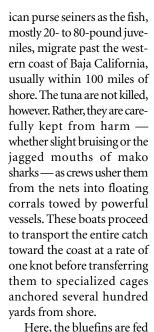
"We feel the present size of the industry is sustainable in terms of feeding the tuna, but we don't believe it would be wise to cultivate increasingly more fish," said José



Bluefin tuna cages, Ensenada

Zertuche-González, professor of marine botany at the Autonomous University of Baja California in Ensenada and a coauthor of a 96-page industry report released last year. "We've warned the government and stakeholders against growing this industry."

In fact, the federal government has already placed a cap on the industry's growth, though several of the tuna ranches in Baja have not yet reached their legal production limits, and annual tuna output is liable to continue growing. Already, the Baja bluefin business, hardly a decade old, produces about 10 percent of the world's annual bluefin tuna consumption. The tuna are netted in the summer months by Mex-



and fattened for months on a diet of mostly sardines, eventually attaining the oil content that makes the belly meat of a well-fed bluefin the 24-karat gold of the seafood business. At slaughter time, carefully trained workers, including divers, gently remove the tuna one fish at a time and bring them onboard a platform vessel. The animals are deftly killed, gutted, bled, and placed in near-freezing water — all within 45 seconds of capture. Approximately 4000 tons of bluefin tuna undergo this process each year, and upwards of 90 percent go to Japan, where the fish may pull thousands of dollars each.

At such rates, those in and around the Baja industry are poised to profit and, according to last year's report, the industry has cre-

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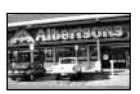
By Dorian Hargrove, 2/25/09 University Heights — At the beginning of last year, the San Diego Unified School District cut \$53 million from their budget. Six months later, the board members approved an additional \$33 million in cuts. So, when the State of California announced they were going to reduce the district's funding by an additional \$63.1 million this coming July, the district's board members weren't happy.

Then board members received a February 17 memo from the district's Financial Operation Division stating they had identified over \$45 million in savings and created nearly \$6 million in revenues.

Yet, during a special budget workshop on Sunday, February 22, at school-district headquarters, board members and the public were handed a different financial forecast with entirely different numbers. Instead of an estimated \$77.3 million deficit for the next fiscal year, an increased shortfall of \$26 million was added in, amounting to a \$103.9 million overall deficit.

#### Two Albertsons **Shuttered in San** Diego

By Peter C. Salisbury, 2/25/09 Chula Vista — On Friday, February 20, Albertsons corporate parent Supervalu Inc. closed the Albertsons store at



East Orange and Melrose Avenues in Chula Vista. On April 9, the Clairemont store at Balboa Avenue and Clairemont Drive will be closed.

Supervalu Inc. also announced that the company plans to close 50 stores nationwide — 9 of which are in California.

Supervalu said fewer Albertsons stores will be opened, older stores will not be remodeled, and a few stores will be renamed under the company's low-price chain, Lucky Stores.

#### **Chance Gets Another**

By Gary Cornaglia, 3/1/09 Clairemont—On Friday, February 27, at 10:15 a.m., on the corner of Diane Avenue



and Kings Way in Clairemont, a 52-year-old man and his dog were attacked by two pitbulls while walking past the dogs' fence.

The two dogs bolted through a broken fence slat, targeting a lab mix named Chance. The man attempted to protect himself and his dog but fell to the street twice before the owner arrived to claim her dogs. A witness to the attack called 911, and police, fire, and animal control personnel arrived shortly thereafter. County Animal Control issued a citation and charged the owner for a license when proof of one could not be provided.

## **Baja Cop Messes**

By Bob McPhail, 2/25/09 Tijuana — An off-duty Tijuana police officer, allegedly driving his green Jeep Cherokee while under the influence of alcohol and speeding, struck and killed a 37-year-old woman selling newspapers on a street corner on Monday, February 23.

At about 8:15 a.m., near the intersection of Díaz Ordaz continued on page 8



Bluefin tuna ranch, Ensenada

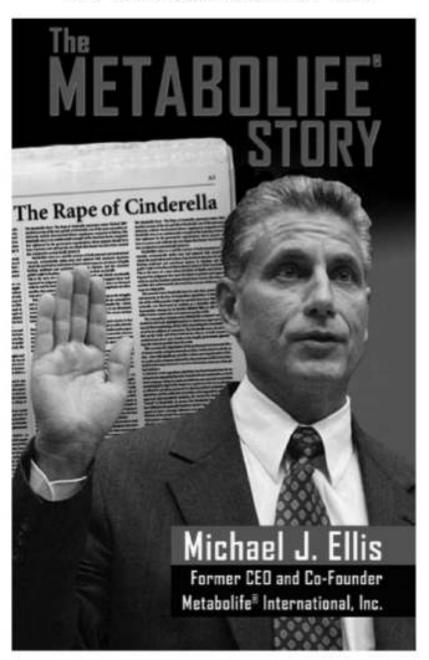
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# **Suffocation** prose

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ton resident, says, "She had everything going for her and threw it away. She had three relationships: with her husband, her lover, and with meth. She picked meth and destroyed her life." The book, now in its fifth printing, skillfully probes both the murder and Rossum's psyche, but is not filled with violence.

In 2007, Rother's novel Naked Addiction, about San Diego sex, drugs, and murder, came out and got some good reviews, but it did only fairly well, she says. The next year, Twisted Triangle, a true story about an attempted murder and a lesbian love affair, came out to good reviews and "did all right, not fabulously," says Rother. It comes out in paperback in April. All told, including Body Parts, there have been 170,000 copies of her books printed. In September, Where Hope Begins, coauthored with TV reporter Alysia Sofios, will tell how Sofios risked her career by sheltering victims of a cult whose leader produced offspring by his wife, daughters, and wife's nieces, while children were murdered.

Body Parts is the true story of a serial killer, Wayne Adam Ford, now on death row at San Quentin. He murdered four prostitutes through erotic asphyxiation (a dangerous way to intensify the orgasm) and dumped their bodies in Humboldt, San Bernardino, Kern, and San Joaquin counties. He probably murdered more; he told authorities he had used erotic asphyxiation on 50 women. He stuck pins in his sex partners and enjoyed having pins stuck in himself. He also had his partners choke him. As a youth, he had bound, burned, and pierced his own genitals for pleasure. He dismembered two of the bodies and in one instance masturbated with the human

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and Simón Bolívar boulevards, Norma Elizabeth Rodríguez Carrera was selling newspapers when police officer Fernando Vega Cruz, 30, lost control of his vehicle while rounding the corner. The Jeep jumped the curb and hit Rodríguez. Investigators reported.

#### Comments

 Multiculturalism, diversity... You're all a bunch of white racists. Drunk driving is a cultural thang. If you protest this fact you are a racial profilist.

> By eds 11:41 p.m., Feb 25

2. Hey, any of you liberal scum bags wanna' meet me? I didn't think so, cowards.

By eds 11:45 p.m., Feb 25

5. eds that is the most unintelligent comment i have ever seen. you see "baja cop messes up" as a racial comment... (please correct me if my assumption is wrong about that) first off its a statement in truth, you are correct, drunk driving happens everywhere but he did MESS UP. there is no racial epithet in there.

By thekingoftemecula 8:53 a.m., Feb 26

6. Eds, it is very apparent that you may have missed a few of your English classes in grade school. Your comment is irrelevant, pointless and poorly written.

> By TR\_92101 9:27 a.m., Feb 26

#### La Mesa Reckoning

By Dorian Hargrove, 2/26/09 La Mesa — During the February 24 meeting of the La Mesa City Council, the city's financial director, Gary Ameling, reported on the city's dwindling cash flow and expressed to council members and the public that the new sales-tax initiative passed last November might not be as valuable as the city believed

it would be.

According to Ameling, La Mesa is in the grips of a four-million-dollar structural deficit. So far, the city has contracted more public services out to private companies, eliminated city positions, implemented a hiring freeze, hiked up city fees, and sold off city property.

In a further effort to relieve economic strain, at a January 20 budget workshop, city council members and financial experts found an additional \$150,000 in savings for this fiscal year by waiting to make changes to the city's general plan, canceling some city commissions, and eliminating unneeded maintenance costs.

A recurring theme in Ameling's address seemed to be making sure everyone was aware that the sales-tax increase set to be imposed on April 1 won't bring in as much cash as was expected.

#### **Game's End**

By Bob McPhail, 2/26/09

Tijuana — The parents of a boy who entered an elderly neighbor's home in the La Presa neighborhood of eastern Tijuana in search of his soccer ball ended up in jail on homicide charges after a fight broke out between the neighbor and the boy's father.

Nearby residents called police on Sunday afternoon, February 22, to report a fight, authorities said. Witnesses told police that a boy had entered the home of 79-year-old Celestino Contreras Martínez to retrieve his soccer ball. Contreras, apparently angered that the youngster had entered his house without permission, hit the boy with his cane.

When the youngster's parents learned what happened, they went next door to confront Contreras, according to press reports. The boy's dad, 35-year-old Salvador Paz Nolasco, punched the older man, who then fell. When Contreras fell, his head

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parts. He also had sex with one corpse (a process called necrophilia). He put one victim in a bathtub, bled her out, and cut off her breasts, head, arms, and legs and sliced out her vagina.

Oh, yes. He also had a severe drinking problem. Boozed it up and gambled, winning \$1000 right after one murder.

In 1998, he walked into the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department in Eureka and turned himself in. He had a dismembered woman's breast in his pocket.

Suffice it to say: Wayne Adam Ford is not a nice fellow. He is a naughty boy, and then some.

What's remarkable about the book is that Rother handles it with a journalist's objectivity. All this weird activity is described coolly. She dispassionately describes the murders and the court trials, as the defense tries to spare Ford the death penalty by stressing that he gave himself up because "conscience prevailed," according to the defense attorney. This attorney objected when the prosecutor called Ford a monster. The judge told the prosecutor to tone down his rhetoric. Ford now insists that the murders were accidents.

A psychology major as an undergrad, with a particular interest in aberrant psychology (partly because her alcoholic husband committed suicide), Rother analyzes the forces that may have set Ford off course: an adulterous mother who turned him out of the house, bizarre family relationships, failed attempts at marriage. Somehow, he came to dislike women intensely. She seems to lean toward the idea that environmental more than genetic influences twisted Ford, although she denies that. "Is a serial killer born or made?" she asks, leaving the conclusion to the reader. She points out that Ford had **Stringers** 

struck the floor, which apparently killed him.

Police arrested both of the boy's parents on suspicion of homicide.

#### **Cycle Therapy**

By Steve Terry, 3/1/09 Downtown San Diego — At 9:30 p.m. on Friday February 27, whoops and shouts could be heard near the Children's Museum at the intersection of West Island Avenue and Front Street.

On Harbor Drive, a police car cruised silently with its emergency lights flashing, pacing the leaders of a huge pack of cyclists, many of them yelling "Critical Mass!" as they rode.

Most of the San Diego cyclists sported headlights, and many were kitted out with neon-like lighting. As the lead riders reached the Marriott Hotel, someone yelled "Marriott!" and several bicyclists turned right to detour up through the large curved driveway. Most of the mobile mob, however, kept going straight on Harbor Drive.

Near the Marriott, the patrol car seemed to take a left at Fifth Avenue to stay at the lead of the pack. Those riders who'd taken the brief driveway detour rejoined the main contingent, and Critical Mass turned up Fifth and continued out of sight.

When the light turned red on Harbor Drive, remaining riders in the pack disregarded the light and continued through the intersection. Not long after, a motorist's sustained honking could be heard on southbound Fifth Avenue; as the driver tried to turn onto

Harbor Drive, the long string of riders traveling against the light impeded their progress.

#### Comments

 I've always wanted to participate in one of these, but I don't believe in violating traffic laws and obstructing traffic.

> By jaymez619 1:44 p.m., Mar 1

2. It can also be very dangerous.

By SurfPuppy619
3:53 p.m., Mar 1

#### Time's Up

By Randy Berkman, 3/1/09 In an April 1992 Reader article, a Chevron Land and Development spokesperson was quoted as saying Mission Valley's Stardust Golf Course (now Riverwalk) "will be closed in July 1993" for the long-planned construction of 1300 condos and two million square feet of offices.

The San Diego City Council approved the course's development with the Levi-Cushman Specific Plan in 1987 and a December 1988 Development Agreement with Chevron Land, the Levi family, Ruth Schulman, Steve Cushman (port commissioner), and his brother Larry Cushman.

The Development Agreement contractually bound the City to allow the development to go forward if it were started within 20 years. That agreement expired in December 2008.

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suffered a severe head injury: "A lot of people on death row have had head injuries." She sums up, "I don't see a black and white picture. There is a lot of gray," although she realizes that Ford's crimes were horrible.

She denies that she tried

to pack the book with gratuitous gore. Since I haven't read any comparable books, I can't gainsay the point. "I did not try to glorify" the gore aspect, she says. Did she mean *gorify?* Absolutely not, says Rother.





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ated more than 1000 jobs on Mexican vessels and in the Ensenada processing plants and as many as 3500 indirect jobs in nearby communities. As for cash, Ensenada alone has reportedly seen between \$70 million and \$100 million enter its economy annually in recent years.

But even those who believe in the industry's merits acknowledge the disapproval of environmentalists.

"These tuna have a very high metabolism," said Zertuche-González."They need a lot of protein to survive compared to other fishes, and there is concern that we're giving too much protein to a fish that will only be sold in gourmet restaurants."

At Nozomi Noodle and Teriyaki in Kearny Mesa, many customers gladly pay between \$9 and \$14 per ounce of Baja bluefin toro, either raw or CITY LIGHTS

lightly seared. Owner and chef Chris Chung buys the flesh for \$30 to \$40 per pound from a local importer, and he reports that popularity among diners is growing. Chung says he serves more than he used to and now runs through several pounds of toro every night.

The executive sushi chef at La Jolla's Café Japengo, Jerry Warner, prefers to use wild Atlantic bluefin; the oily toro from ranch-fattened fish tends to go rancid sooner, he says. But Matt Rimel, owner of Zenbu, feels the culinary quality of Baja bluefin is excellent. His customers pay as much as \$18 for a slight morsel, and diners are clearly gaining a liking for the soft yet strong-tasting meat, says Rimel, who buys his tuna whole. Only about 20 percent of the meat can be classified as toro; the rest is bright red flank muscle and appears on Zenbu's menu as "local bluefin."

But Elena Rivellino, co-

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owner of Sea Rocket Bistro in North Park, isn't entirely convinced of the sustainability of bluefin tuna aquaculture and has been reluctant to include bluefin on Sea Rocket's menu. The restaurant does, however, serve local Pacific sardines.

"The further down on the food chain you eat, the more available the resource is and the more you can afford to take," Rivellino said. "Sardines are great, and you can eat the whole thing. The bones are perfectly edible, and some people eat the head and tail. There's almost no waste."

Nor does Casson Trenor vouch for ranch-reared bluefin tuna. The author and fisheries-sustainability expert says the leading problem is the bluefin tuna's rapacious metabolism and the industry's demand for sardines. Since 2000, the Baja tuna ranches' consumption of the sardines that are landed in Ensenada has increased six-

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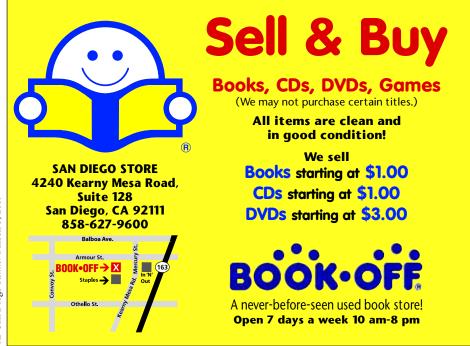




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fold to its current level of more than half the annual catch.

The tuna-ranching industry "is an incredible waste of protein," said Trenor, whose new book — Sustainable Sushi: A Guide to Saving the Oceans One Bite at a Time—just hit shelves at Borders and at the UC San Diego bookstore. Page 16 discusses the bluefin ranching industry, which is expanding around the globe. "Sardines are high in omega 3s. They're almost empty of mercury and PCBs. They grow very quickly and reproduce in large numbers. They're an excellent, excellent resource, and to turn them into a luxury protein that only the very rich can afford is an insult to the ocean."

But ranching advocates, including Ted Dunn, cofounder and manager of Maricultura del Norte, the largest of the bluefin-producing companies in Ensenada, point out that their tuna would be eating sardines whether in cages or in the wild. Meanwhile, the industry's economic boon to Baja is undeniable. Maricultura del Norte produces some 1200 tons of whole bluefin tuna each year, says Dunn. The company owns a pair of 200-footlong tuna purse seiners, leases other vessels, and manages 16 tuna cages while employing as many as 200 people at a time. Moreover, Maricultura del Norte pays

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sardine fishermen three to five times what they would otherwise receive from bait buyers, fishmeal processors, and restaurant wholesalers.

However, overfishing of Pacific bluefin tuna could become a serious issue, say some biologists. With the Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery on the verge of collapse, more and more nations are turning their attention toward Pacific stocks of the fish. University of Rhode Island biologist Barry Costa-Pierce, who helped lead the 2008 industry report with Professor Zertuche-González, acknowledges that Pacific bluefin tuna could be looking at the same dire fate that has met its Atlantic counterpart, the population of which has diminished to an all-time low.

"We have reason to believe that the Pacific bluefin is on the same trajectory as Atlantic bluefin tuna," said Costa-Pierce.

For one thing, the average bluefin tuna caught near Baja seems to be smaller today than in years prior. Mexican purse-seiner and sportfishing catch records show a decline in average individual fish size, from 115 pounds in 1995 to just 30 pounds in 2005.

Pacific sardine populations are believed to be in better shape. Although estimated sardine biomass along the U.S. west coast has declined slowly since 2000, according to Kevin Hill, research fishery biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's La Jolla office,

sardine abundance is known to wax and wane by natural oceanic cycles, and overfishing of Pacific sardines is not believed to be a concern. But with bluefin ranches as far away as Australia now purchasing up to two-thirds of the sardines landed along the United States' west coast, avail-

ability issues could arise.

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Maricultura's Dunn would like to see a governmentenforced cap placed on annual tuna harvest, as well as a minimum size limit, even though that wouldn't prevent prespawners from entering the production line as they do now; the Baja bluefin industry subsists on sexually immature juveniles just one or two years old. Bluefin tuna become sexually viable at four or five. Dunn and his business partners would also like to see the federal government illegalize the canning of bluefin tuna, which still occurs on occasion, he says, when the tropical yellowfin tuna fleet strays northward into bluefin territory.

"When you have a fish that you can sell for \$20 per pound, why put it in a can and make \$1?" Dunn argues. "We want to make that illegal so that people can make more money by catching fewer tuna."

That could benefit fishermen and help conserve tuna. Still, *toro* will continue to be served on platters by the ounce, and this is one fishery that will almost certainly never feed the poor. Just how long it can continue to feed the wealthy remains a matter unknown.



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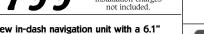
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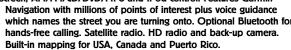
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# **Suffocation** prose

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She is trying to penetrate a very small market, called "true crime," at a time in which the total book market is shrinking. But the recession isn't the only factor, savs Michelle McKee, editor of the blog In Cold Blog. "Blame it on the TV shows, 'murdertainment'; they strangle the life out of stories," she says. "By the time the high-profile cases have been exploited on TV, there's not much left for a book." At a bookstore, truecrime sections are minuscule. Unfortunately, some authors are "bottom-feeding, bloodsucking ambulance chasers looking for blood, guts, and gore —

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whatever they can sensationalize," and that makes it tough for authors like Rother trying to tell a story in a detached fashion, says McKee.

There is hope: "Inside a vast and overpopulated book marketplace, the true-crime genre is very steady," says author M. William Phelps, a fan of Rother's books.

"There are some wonderfully written true-crime titles" such as Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*, says Paul Fisher, publisher of San Francisco's Wiley/Jossey-Bass. Such books "appeal to a more educated audience. However, the majority of the market tends to follow...the blood-and-gore model, which attracts a larger, and by default, less-educated market."

Rother is attempting to

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reach both upscale and downscale markets with Body Parts, which is a mass-market paperback. It should reach the gore market, despite her protestations that it is not aimed in that direction. but it is also ideal for the law enforcement, criminal law, and aberrant-psychology markets. And because it is so well researched (she spent days interviewing major characters) and so well written, it should reach those interested in good iournalism.

Rother says, "There are a lot of people fascinated by serial killers," but "this was the darkest book I have ever worked on. I don't think I will do another serial killer book."

That's a pity, because now that I have lost my chastity, I have a thirst for more. ■

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#### Where's Bitty?

I enjoyed the article re personal license plates ("How Much Can You Say in 7 Letters?" Cover Story, February 26), and I saw one the other day on Pacific Highway that really intrigued me. It was on a new very small car. I don't have any idea who the manufacturer of the car is or the name of the car, but it was sort of boxy and very small. Its name on the license plate was ITTY. Now, I'm assuming that there is another car like it in the family and I'll bet its plate is BITTY. Maybe the owner of ITTY

will read this and let us all know!!

John Sandy via email

#### He Doesn't Do Math

In the second paragraph of the cover article ("How Much Can You Say in 7 Letters?" February 26), on page 23, Josh Board states, "Virginia has the highest percentage, at 16.2 percent of plates issued. Vermont has the lowest, at 6.1 percent. At 3.49 percent, California ranks 22nd." I drink a lot of beer, and despite majoring in English, I can assuredly tell you that 3.49 percent is less than 6.1 percent.

Mark Rafferty via email

Texas ranks last, at 0.6 percent. — Editor

#### Blasphemy And Trash

I spent a few minutes looking through the *Reader* of February 26 and could not find one redeeming article in this tasteless hodgepodge of plebian garbage that you call a paper. I read the column "Sheep and Goats." I wonder if it dawns on the editors and the publisher that merchandizing God is

the greatest blasphemy and is being committed by the interviewer and the church that is being reviewed. Abolish this miserable feature. Indeed, three-quarters of your features insult the intelligence of a first-grader.

Name Withheld

#### **Tammy And Bomp**

Re "Bertha Bugarin Heads to Jail" (Cover Story, February 19). Congratulations on a well-researched and well-written story. Here is a bit of trivia and San Diego history regarding Dr. Phillip Rand, whom you mentioned in the story: His wife, Tamara Rand, was murdered (allegedly) by Frank Bompensiero, a notorious hit man for the Mafia who turned FBI informant. Tamara's story is detailed in the book Casino and depicted in the movie of the same name.

Following is a brief excerpt from the blog "History of Mafia in USA":

"Bomp was especially close to the late Los Angeles crime boss Jack Dragna and ran a number of rackets with him in San Diego, where he eventually became the chief of the L.A. family's rackets in that city. During the last 10 years of his life, Bomp turned stool pigeon for the FBI after he was charged with conspiracy to defraud. The case was dismissed on the grounds of insufficient evidence after the FBI 'turned' Bomp and thereafter Bomp supplied federal officials with a wealth of information about mob activities.

"Not that Bomp played straight with the FBI. He continued his own crimes, which apparently included the murder of a wealthy San Diego real estate broker, Mrs. Tamara Rand, who had close ties with gangster elements in Las Vegas. Many observers found it inconceivable that the FBI did not learn of Bomp's involvement in the matter. But Bomp had outsmarted himself. He had become a doomed man. Suddenly the L.A. mob put out a contract on him, but Bomp was not an easy man to kill, not a man to be trapped easily. To allay his suspicions the L.A. mob appointed Bomp to the post of consigliere in the hope of catching him off guard. Amazingly, for two years, nothing happened. Even among friends or supposed friends Bomp was on the alert. Nobody could get at him without very obviously being killed in the process."

L. Carlin via email

#### A Big Bite

Yikes! Yet another lowlife rears its ugly head ("Pacific

Beach Scoundrel Time," "City Lights," February 19). Mr. Bauder's report on adverse possession was a real eye-opener. How very disappointing to read how these scam artists target the elderly and vulnerable. It must take a criminal mind to wait and plot for years to prey again on the same elderly man *and then* find someone else beat him to it.

I applaud Mr. Doheney and Mr. Tira for sinking their teeth into such a case. It looks like they unearthed and opened the proverbial can of worms, and it is

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### STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Dear Matthew Alice:

Can my dog understand me when I talk to him? I can tell him to sit down and to lie down and he does it, so he understands me when I say that. When I say to him "good boy" or "I'll be right back," does he understand my words?

— Josh, third grade

Dogs can know a lot of language, that's for sure. One trainer crammed more than 200 words into his border collie's brain box. I'm not sure the vocabulary list included "Please make dinner." So, anyway, dogs' language abilities have been tested all over the place. And believe it or not, dogs are ranked right up there with three-yearolds. At least in some abilities. As the border collie showed, you can smoosh in a lot of words that dogs will respond to. And that's one way of judging how much

dogs "understand." You say "sit," your pooch puts his butt on the ground, and you scratch his ears. One word connected with one action. That's doggie comprehension. If you look deep into his big eyes and say, "I want to sit in the front row at the Jonas Brothers concert," it's likely he'll hear "Noise, noise, SIT, noise, noise, noise," and his butt will be on the floor too. There's a limit to Spot's ability to comprehend, and that's where the three-year-old parts company with him. Dogs connect a single word or a word combination with an action or object of some sort.

But what limited things they can do, they do very well. Take the same border collie. Put a bunch of objects familiar to him (he already associates an object with its name) in another room. Say to him, "Ball," f'rinstance. Collie heads into the other room, picks up the ball, and comes back out. Not bad. But wait. Put a bunch of familiar objects in that same room, then add a ringer. Something he doesn't know the name for. A roll of toilet paper, maybe. Then say, "Toilet paper." You may get an odd look, but our border collie will trot into the other room, survey the objects, and 70 percent of the time will come back with the correct object. So, ticking in his canine cranium is, Toilet paper? Well, know I'm supposed to get something and bring it back, so here we go into the

other room. I see a ball and a bone and a shoe and the newspaper. I know all those things. But there's something new here. Could that be toilet paper? It must be, since I know all the others. So, I'll bring back the big white thing. Dogs,

or at least our border collie (a supersmart breed), can use the process of elimination.

> As for your "good boy" and "I'll be back," "good boy" might ring a bell in your pet's

brain, assuming you give him a treat or scratch his ears or otherwise pet him most times that you say "good boy." He knows something good is going on and he probably wags his tail furiously. "I'll be back," well, that probably just bewilders him. No words in that he can recognize, unless you've taught him some behavior that's linked to the phrase. But anyway, keep talking to

your pal. At least you know he'll stay and listen and he won't snitch you out to your parents.

Re: 2 (two) old ideas! You may have answered this (these) before and I may have (did) missed the answers so could you for all of us out here answer this: "How far back [in time] does 'leap year' go [start], and why and do we really need it anymore?"

- EPS, Escondido

Yikes! (Gee!) I (we) hope you didn't (don't) expect you could (might) go to NASA or someplace like that (Florida-ish) and beat up the guy who dreamed up leap year. It's not a government (bureaucratic) plot. Dates back to 45 BC, Julius Caesar (Julian Calendar!), to keep festivals happening at the right time of year, since Earth's orbit actually throws the time off a bit each year. He created a 365-day calendar with one variable month that would pop up every four years and set things right. February. Remember, 30 days has September, April, June, and November. All the rest have 31, except February, which has 28, but only in years divisible by 4 and century years divisible by 400. And that's the truth. And no, we don't need it. We can keep our festivals straightened out.

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Got a question you need answered? Send an email to heymatt@cts.com or fax to 619-231-0489 or mail to Matthew Alice, c/o the Reader, Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186.

## **SportingBox**

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

# Mr. Sibley Will Be Here



Osprey by David Sible

he San Diego Bird Festival starts
Thursday and continues through the
weekend. Aforesaid bird gala can be
found at the Marina Village Conference
Center on Quivira Way.

If you've ever been interested in Bird World, this is the place to go for an introduction. There will be workshops on owls, woodpeckers, condors, bats, spring wildflowers, and, in the spirit of the times, blogging. There will be vendors hawking their wares, services, or causes. Guided trips will be offered at reasonable prices (Birding Along the Border, Hawk Alley, Baja Overnight, Palomar Mountain, San Diego River Estuary, Anza-Borrego Desert, and many more). Bird pros will be on hand to chat up.

And, best of all, there will be David Allen Sibley, the keynote speaker. He is the author and illustrator of the essential field guide, *The Sibley Guide to Birds* (Alfred A. Knopf, 544 pages, published October 2000). If you are a birder, it is only a small exaggeration to say you either own a copy or will own a copy.

The handout says he will talk about "...the pleasures and challenges of creating a field guide to birds. Accompanying his talk with slides," Sibley will touch on "the struggle to combine the artistic and scientific aspects of bird identification into a single book." As bonus, he'll captain a birding trip (along the border) and teach a bird-drawing workshop.

It's not only his 6600 illustrations of 810 North American bird species (in flight, by age, and sex) and their migration routes and breeding grounds, it's exquisitely describing their calls, behavior, and plumage that makes Sibley's book the gold standard for North American field guides.

And it's the work of one guy.

That book took six years of writing and illustrating. Sibley says it took another six years of researching, working on his painting,

and thinking about the book's layout to bring it all home.

David Allen Sibley was born 47 years ago in Plattsburgh, New York. He was born into birding — his father, Fred Sibley, was an ornithologist at Yale University.

The family spent a short time in California. David was seven years old when his father took a job as director of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory. David got to hang out with serious birders and band birds, which meant holding birds, which meant getting to know them up close. Sibley began keeping a bird list. He'd already been drawing bird forms.

He is a birding star, as famous as it gets in Bird World. He is also a self-taught bird illustrator who lives in Concord, Massachusetts, with a wife and two kids.

To give you a sense of the man, follows are snippets from interviews he's given over the years:

Hardest illustrations to paint? "The rarest and commonest! Most difficult were species I have never seen. At the other extreme, starlings and crows turned out very difficult to paint."

On bird watching: "My style is definitely sitting and watching. Someone might organize a bird walk and ask me to lead it for one or two miles. Well, two hours might go by and we'd only be a quarter of a mile from where we started and have to turn around and go back to the car. I'm convinced that I see just as many birds as people who spend their time hiking. And by spending less time walking, I have more time for lifting my binoculars and looking at birds."

Why birds?"I grew up and did most of my early bird watching in the East, where I experienced the excitement of seeing the seasons change, every week or every day bringing different birds. The same little patch of woods or marsh can suddenly be home to whole flocks of birds that weren't there the day before."

How he does what he does: "I spend a lot of time in the field studying how feather patterns merge to create an overall pattern, and how those patterns fit around the form of the bird. Try 'stepping back' the next time you're looking at a bird, ignore the details of individual feathers and instead squint or allow your eyes to blur and look at the larger patterns of dark and light. At times I would go birding and look only at certain parts of birds: the way the wings fold over the tail, the way the neck feathers move, etc."

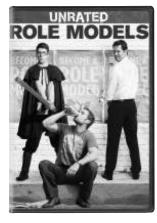
What's hardest to paint? "I struggle most with painting birds' feet!"

Readers are invited to check out: Sibley's Birding Basics, The Sibley Guide to Birds, The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior, The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America, The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North America.

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## fast break

By Anthony Gentile



Mira Mesa guard Chris Mendoza gets around Carlsbad guard Sawyer Carlson



San Diego center Jeremy Tyler pulls down a rebound between two Torrey Pines players

#### Mira Mesa uses size to take down Carlsbad

Posted February 26, 2009

Mira Mesa finished the regular season on a roll and it appears they have not cooled off. The Marauders rolled to a 60-41 wire-to-wire win over Carlsbad in the first round of the Division I playoffs, extending their winning streak to nine

"We've been able to pull together as a team with a lot of teamwork and executing at the end of games instead of breaking down like we did before," said Mira Mesa forward Damon

The Marauders jumped out to a 7-0 lead and led 13-8 after the first quarter. Carlsbad trimmed the lead to one midway through the second, but Mira Mesa closed the quarter with a 7-1 run to take a 25-17 lead into the break.

Mira Mesa had a clear size advantage over Carlsbad and exploited it from the beginning. Mira Mesa's 6'8" Williams got easy looks close to the basket against a Lancers team that does not have a player taller than 6'3".

"Our game plan was to try to pound it inside and if they doubled up, kick it out and try it again or shoot the outside shot," said Mira Mesa head coach Dan Regas.

The Lancers closed the gap to five in the fourth before Mira Mesa found a hole in their press. The Marauders converted a number of wide-open fast-break layups in the final two minutes to win the game going away.

Williams led all scorers with 24 points. Marcus Smith (12 points) and Kevin Ozier (11) also finished in double figures for eighth-seeded Mira Mesa (17-11). Guard Michael Tanael led ninthseeded Carlsbad (16-13) with 15 points.

"Holding Carlsbad to 41 points is huge," Regas said. "We wanted to contest their shooters, and for the most part we did."

Mira Mesa's reward for Wednesday's firstround win is a quarterfinal date against top-seed and section No. 1 El Camino (27-3) on Saturday night. The Wildcats have not lost in more than a month and are undefeated at home.

#### CIF First Round Scoreboard (Feb. 25)

Posted February 25, 2009

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at (1) El Camino 83, (16) Escondido 60

at (8) Mira Mesa 60, (9) Carlsbad 41

at (5) Rancho Bernardo 70, (12) Otay Ranch 59

(4) Vista 64 at (13) Grossmont 43

at (3) La Costa Canyon 73, (14) Chula Vista 45

at (6) Poway 71, (11) Granite Hills 52

(10) San Diego 58 at (7) Eastlake 56 at (2) Torrey Pines 77, (15) Rancho Buena Vista

#### Division II

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at (1) Hoover 86, (16) West Hills 32

(9) Point Loma 44 at (8) El Cajon Valley 34

(12) El Capitan 54 at (5) Valhalla 49

at (4) Steele Canyon 93, (13) Ramona 81

(3) Lincoln 91 at (14) Southwest (El Centro) 32

(11) Helix 67 at (6) San Ysidro 52

(10) Mount Miguel 66 at (7) Scripps Ranch 64

at (2) Oceanside 52, (15) Hilltop 34

#### Division III

at (1) University City 70, (16) Madison 39

(9) Mission Bay 72 at (8) Mar Vista 43

at (5) Cathedral Catholic 72, (12) Canyon Crest

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Vista 42

at (3) Kearny 65, (14) Montgomery 43

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BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

#### You imagine the truck driver cursing the rich-guy driver in creative ways.

Fridays are paydays for many working people, and it reinforces in some that sense of license implicit on the eve of the weekend. One example of this is the way people drive late on a Friday night, whether or not they have imbibed alcohol. One can see it, say, from a perch, a balcony overlooking Melrose Drive in North County, inland from Vista and Oceanside, west of Escondido.

The road curves somewhat wickedly

in an S configuration. Hardly a hairpin turn, yet it requires focus, the mind relaxed but attentive, the hands steady as one moves the wheel to the right and then to the left. Late Friday night, around 11:30 and from this balcony, it is not unlike watching an auto race, anticipating the worst.

This Friday night in particular, postulate that you are standing on this balcony, taking in the stars, the moon. Luna Court peers over an escarpment

of several hundred feet, you think, but you're not that great at estimating measurements. The next promontory is on the other side of a canyon that is a wildlife preserve. The arroyo is certainly less than a mile wide. At the top of this next promontory (not quite a mountain, more like a hill) is a great water tank illuminated by the earth's nearest satellite in a dull, glowing, and flat metallic green. It is all beautiful, you think. And then you look down at the road.

Everyone drives a sport utility vehicle or a Jeep or Jeep-like vehicle up here. The gas, you think. The cost. Your attention is drawn to the way drivers are negotiating this S curve. Most seem to be taking it a bit fast. Drunks? Surely not all of them. You smile guiltily to yourself, catch yourself doing it and cease that expression immediately, though no one can see you. The smile originates with the thought that if you stand here long enough you will be entertained by a car wreck.

Here is a driver tacking way over the white line at both ends of the S. This guy — or possibly it is a woman. No, a woman could not and would not be that reckless. This is a guy. You picture a kind of country gentleman yuppie. This driver, in your mind's eye, is 30ish, starting to go a little bald. Maybe he has a neatly trimmed beard or goatee. He is lit on two bottles of expensive wine, a Rothschild Cabernet of good vintage. He was at a wine tasting, and when it was over he set to sampling the wine in earnest.

His late-model Land Leviathan nearly sideswipes an 18-wheeler as it comes from the other direction and meets the top of the S going downhill. Of course, no such grim entertainment is provided, and it occurs to you that the sharp incline acts both ways: a danger in one direction, a natural ameliorating factor for Fridaynight carelessness in the other. Your country-gentleman yuppie is oblivious to that alternate future of twisted wreckage. You imagine the truck driver cursing the rich-guy driver in creative ways.

It is nearly midnight and you've counted five vehicles, all of them late models, which have drifted across that white line at both curves. Your opportunity to call 911, rush down to the road, and pull an entire family

to safety from a burning accident scene is denied. Your mind drifts to standing in line at the bank earlier that day. Eavesdropping on several conversations at once.

"Hi, Dave. How's the grocery business?"

"The work is never done. You can never say, like, 'Okay, that job's finished,' you know?"

"What are you gonna do tonight?"

"Party. You?"

"Yeah. Party with Cynthia and her friends, probably."

Another conversation...a retired couple, you figure: "Let's drive up to see Larry and Evelyn tonight." This is the woman, about 70.

"We'll be driving all night. That's a long way on the 78." The man seems a bit older. "I don't want to be behind the wheel that late on the weekend."

"I'll drive."

"Let's talk about it later and just deposit this, all right?"
Anyway, that's the way you remember those conversations and another one before that: two young guys, 20s, talking about drag racing, but you were pretty sure they were joking.

Speaking of which, your mind is drawn back to the present and the road by a squealing of brakes at the bottom curve. It is a not-so-late-model Toyota. The driver is taking it too fast. He's in the wrong lane, drifts back. Surely this is it. In seconds he's at the top curve.

Squealing brakes again, and he's head on with a southbound Jeep. Oh, man.

Once again, you're cheated. No. Don't think that way.

The road is silent now. It is midnight and almost Saturday.

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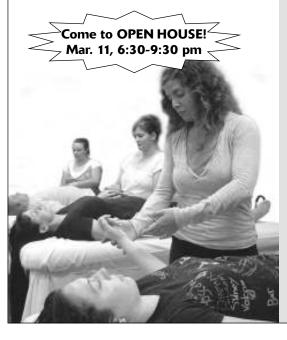
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by Barbarella

As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.

— Solomon Ibn Gabirol

waited in the lobby and watched through the window as the cold rain pelted the sidewalk. I nodded in appreciation of the weather's propriety like a maître d' tilting his head in approval of an elegantly dressed couple entering his high-end establishment. Now the dark cloud over my head would be tangible, the chill in my bones justified. On a conscious level, I knew trepidation was a waste of energy, that if I was to be of any help, I had to play the part of the supportive, upbeat daughter. But for all my efforts to remain positive, my inner pessimist prodded me toward pondering the worst-case scenario.

The day before, I had detected surprise and delight in my father's voice when I told him I wanted to accompany him to the hospital. His actual words were "I'm just getting the stitches out, but okay."

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your biopsy," I said. Dad told me he wasn't sure if the lab had already reported to his doctor. "Well, no matter," I said. "It'll be great to see you, and this way you won't have to pretend to read a magazine while hanging out in the waiting

"Good, then," he said.

## **Family Practice**

"I'll pick you up at 7:30." I could hear his smile through the phone.

When Dad's 16-yearold Camry pulled up, I hustled to make it to the car without getting soaked. We didn't have far to go. Balboa Hospital, the local nickname for the Naval Medical Center, is just over a mile from my place. As we pulled into the parking structure, I took a moment to consider the mysterious randomness of my having resided in Alaska, Rhode Island, and Los Angeles, but ending up living closer than ever to the facility in which

Once out of the car, we unfurled our umbrellas — Dad's was large and black; mine was red and white and barely covered my shoulders. "Are you going to need to share this one, since you brought that Barbie umbrella?" Dad asked with a teasing smile.

"I know, it's meager," I said. "I got it as a free gift when I bought lipstick. My legs are a lost cause, but at least my glasses should stay dry until we get over there." I darted across the small

road and walkway as fast as the people holding their jackets over their heads. I hadn't realized how loud the water was until we reached the building, the overhang of which simultaneously sheltered us and shushed the rain.

I was reading my book in the waiting room when Jane (the family's medical expert by virtue of her job as a pharmaceutical saleswoman) arrived and took Dad's empty seat. "How is he?"

"Fine, I think. Been back there for, like, 20 minutes. He wants to go to Bread & Cie after this. You have time?" It was a silly question — we both knew Jane always makes time for her favorite cheese plate.

When Dad emerged, the golf-ballsized bandage on his forehead was gone and in its place was a barely discernible cluster of butterfly stitches. He smiled when he saw us and greeted his eldest daughter with a hug and a kiss on each cheek. "Well?" I asked. "What'd he say?"

As the smile vanished from Dad's face, Jane's and mine also evaporated. "I'll explain when we get outside."

It was unlikely the outcome would be different from our expectations. The lab results were in, only to confirm a diagnosis about which the doctors had been fairly certain. Dad had survived melanoma, the malignant kind of skin cancer. At first, it was nothing more than a freckle, a dark spot just under his right eye that his daughters noticed and then monitored. Convinced the spot was growing larger and darker, we pestered Dad until he got it looked at, tested, and ultimately

removed, along with a generous portion of flesh in the vicinity for good measure. That was years ago; aside from the thin white wisp of a scar, Dad was no worse for wear.

The cancer detected on Dad's forehead a few months ago was the milder squamous cell carcinoma. There was no need to worry, the doctors said, it was just a matter of removing the localized tumor. But then the pink splotch on his forehead began to hurt, which indicated the cancer had reached a nerve.

"The good news," Dad reported to Jane and me as we stood shivering in the outdoor walkway, "is that the tests don't show any evidence of cancer cells, which means they probably got it all. But," he let his breath out slowly and inhaled deeply before continuing. "They confirmed that it did, in fact, reach a nerve. So the doctor recommends radiation."

I bombarded him with questions. When would it begin? What were the side effects? How long would it last? Jane had only one: what was the next step?

"Well, first this has to heal, so nothing is happening before that, and it can take around six weeks," Dad said. He had an appointment for a month later to follow up with his doctor, who would then refer him to an oncologist, who would then decide when the radiation treatments would begin.

Jane, with all her hospital-insider knowledge, was determined to speed things up. "There's no reason you have to wait to speak with an oncologist," she said.

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I agreed. There had to be something we could do to hasten treatment — an appointment, a specialist's name...something. Dad was unable to get a word in edgewise as Jane and I hurled ideas as they popped into our heads and marched him back and forth to various departments, each of which was guarded by a receptionist who turned us away in the name of procedure.

We'd covered half the grounds when Jane, in a moment of awareness, turned to Dad and said, "This isn't helping, is it. We're not helping, we're just being annoying, aren't we."

Dad didn't speak, but his answer was in his smile, which burgeoned into a giggle that seemed to say, "Yes, but I don't mind." For the briefest of moments, the rambunctious energy that radiates from my father was muted. It must have been a lot to take on; before he'd had a chance to process the news and what it meant for the coming months, we'd been all over his shit with our ill-conceived scheme to accelerate the car



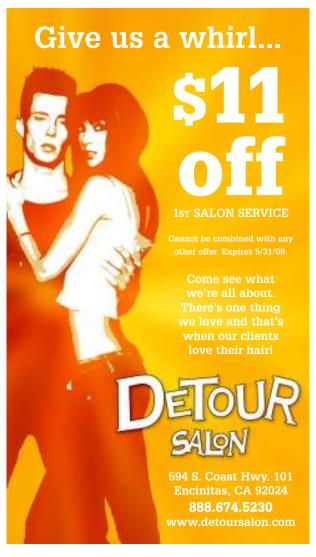
before the key was even in the ignition.

The three of us left the laminated floors and medicinal odors of the hospital for the summery colors and the comforting aromas of baked bread at our Hillcrest breakfast haunt. While Jane enjoyed her cheese plate, I my quiche and coffee, and Dad his demi-baguette and tea, we spoke of pleasant things. An hour later, we stepped outside to find that the rain had stopped, and the sidewalks glistened in the warm light of the sun. ■

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# <u>Arguing with a druggie in his underwear</u> and a cape rarely leads anywhere.

Here's what you need to know before I begin this story. (A) I'd spent the week prior to all this camping out at an arts festival at which I'd inundated myself with an alphabet of drugs along with every color and composition of alcohol. The arts festival I attended is held in the desert some hundred miles from Reno, Nevada, and the mood of the festival encourages outrageous costumes; mine was a tablecloth cape and tighty red underpants. (B) I had a broken foot, and along with my tablecloth cape and tighty reddies, I wore a black plastic boot, about twice the heft and size of a work boot, on my right foot.

So, it was in this part-medical, part-childish superhero outfit that I stepped from my airport ride, a yellow cab, returned to my beloved home of San Diego. Covered in dust from the desert and plagued by minuscule chrome butterflies zipping around in my vision, from the seven days of booze and chemicals I'd filtered through my face, I waved a thanks to the cab driver, who flipped me off, peeled

out, belched a cloud of exhaust onto me and my suitcase, and yelled from her window, "Get a job, hippie!" I clopped on my plasticized busted foot to my apartment door and dug through my suitcase and purse (yes, I'm a man, and yes, I was carrying a purse) for my keys, which I then remembered I had left 600 miles away on a camp table in the Black Rock Desert in Nevada. Because I fit into the psychological-profile spectrum somewhere between "moron" and "idiot" — what my father calls "special" and what my childhood pastor called "touched" and because I carry a bucket of crippling ADD around with me, six inches above my shoulders, it was in my broken-foot, starved, dehydrated, hallucinatory, hungover, keyless, lockedout, and idiotically dressed state that I thought, "I'll bet I could go a month without driving my truck, and

wouldn't right now be a great time to start?!"



Since I'm crafty, I formulated a plan to get into my apartment. I had just smashed a narrow window next to my front door and attempted a cat-burglar-like ingress, when my lesbian neighbor stepped from her apartment and said, "Why'd you smash that window? I have your spare set of keys, dumbass."

"Hand 'em over, sister."

"Where are your pants?"

"Never mind that. Give me the keys."

"Why are your eyes doing that spinning thing?"

"Are you going to get me those keys?"

Arguing with a druggie in underwear and cape rarely leads anywhere. My

neighbor's a smart lady. She collected my keys from her countertop and deposited them in my palm.

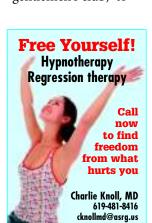
And that became my first task to complete without the aid of a motorcar: replace my set of house keys. Right after I taped cardboard across that busted window and put on a decent pair of shorts and a Tshirt emblazoned with a Space Invader, I hobbled on my big black plastic Broken Foot Boot of Doom up to where University Avenue and 36th Street meet.

I'm reminded of a story I read last year of how this is a "special" block of San Diego. There exists a zoning regulation that requires 1000-foot buffers between adult businesses and residential zones, churches, schools, public parks, and other adult businesses. In other words, you can't erect (ahem) a nudie bookstore or nudie club my right is an "adult book" store, across University Avenue and down to Wilson is a Pentecostal church, and I can hear kids squealing as they run to their Code section). Oh, yes, we're quite lucky to have this "special" corner down here in the border town between North Park and City Heights. Soon, the Number 7

per gallon — a flavor of gas called Super Whamo-dyne, now with Advancenol!, or something like that — was \$3.84. With my tongue sticking out, a borrowed

# This area of University Avenue smells like a bum curdling goat's milk in his bellybutton.

next to a church, school, houses, a park, or, interestingly, another nudie bookstore or strip joint. That zoning regulation is wholly ignored at 36th and University. I take a seat at the bus stop. Behind me is a "gentlemen's club," to



nearby homes, having just let out of Edison Elementary School on 35th Street. Nowhere else is this permitted, and it's only allowed here because the two buildings that house the naughty enterprises (bookstore and strip club) were grandfathered in before the zoning requirements

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bus zoomed me and several drunk derelicts away — the chorus of their coughs and loud beer belches sounding not unlike "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," glory, glory, hallelujah indeed. Crossing over the 805 freeway, I peered out the front window to check the gas prices of three stations we passed. The lowest price for a gallon of regular was \$3.59, the highest price

pencil, and an old receipt, I figured my commuting costs for a month.

Lucille the Wondertruck, a tired 1995 Ford Ranger, can get down the road at a fuel rate of about 18 miles per gallon. Because in my youth I enjoyed the combination of ketamine and martinis coupled with long Sunday drives and subsequently banged into a variety of objects that claims adjusters frowned upon, insurance on Lucille the Wondertruck costs me \$50 per month. Let's say registration, taxes, and maintenance (the ol' girl's definitely in her declining years) costs another \$40 per month. With my California Public Education mathematic skills, I figured out that commuting just 5 miles round-trip each day for work, 20 days of work per month, would run me roughly \$350,000 American, give or take, depending on the price of the peso. I showed my jottings to the college kid next to me, who called me a dummy (damn you, California Board of Education), and he said that the real cost of commuting, given the figures I'd written down,



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would be \$109.95 monthly. And that's 5 miles round-trip, just 2.5 miles each way. Double the distance of the commute to 10 miles, from about North Park to Horton Plaza and back (not a long way), cost of commuting jumps to \$130 per month. And that's just between work and home, not counting trips to the liquor store, taxidermist, or wig

As I typed this, in September 2008, destruction from Hurricane Ike was besetting much of Texas and President Bush cried for Congress to pass a bailout scheme for millionaires who are apparently good at making money but poor at keeping it. On worries over this news, the price of oil jumped \$25 per barrel. I doubted a gallon of gas from the pump would stay at \$3.59. If in the coming months gas leaped to \$5 a gallon, my commute of five miles round-trip would run me \$117.77. If, let's say, some doomsday scenario played out and gas doubled from \$3.59 to \$7.18, the cost of my monthly commute of just five miles per day would jump to \$130. If I doubled the miles covered (down to Horton Plaza and back to North Park per day), my commute would cost \$170.

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In terms of donuts, my doomsday scenario of getting to work and back at ludicrous gas prices added up to 300 original glazed donuts. A monthly bus pass costs roughly the same as 108 of the stickysweet breakfast pastries. Why donuts? Because they're yummy.

San Diego Transit provides a commute calculator at sdmts.com/ MTS/Calculator.asp (does not include donut exchange rate) for you to figure out your own driving costs. You don't even need a nubby pencil, receipt, nor college kid to help you out.

[Writer's note: Here's how stupid I am and why you should never trust me with things mathematical or economic. Since last September, gas prices have dropped considerably. Instead of reaching the loftiness of \$7 per gallon, they've landed at about \$2.50 per gallon. At that price, a five-mile commute each weekday for a month currently puts my monthly

expenses for Lucille at around \$103.88. Additionally, since writing this article, the monthly San Diego Metro Transit pass has jumped to \$68.]

Back to the Number 7. Looking up from my calculations, I saw that I had traveled too far. The bus spit me out at 30th Street. I clopped my Broken Foot Boot of Ninjas and Death Rays back to Grim Avenue,

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From North Park Hardware I wobbled out like a peg-leg pirate — a peg-leg pirate with shiny new keys and a sense of accomplishment onto the grimy, bubblegum-speckled, pissand-booze-stained sidewalk. This area of University smells like a bum curdling goat's milk in his belly button. When a bus stopped, I popped onto it (the Number 7 again), relieved by the contrast between the outside street and the

glisteningly clean bus. I think this is one of the reasons San Diegans haven't really embraced public transportation they think the buses are filthy and reek of bum BO. But the buses are, overlooking patches of graffiti scratched in here and there, spotless and smelling of lemony cleaning supplies.

A girl in a breezy Lane Bryant top and tight stretchy jeans hit me up for a chat while we rode along.

"You know, I gotta stop takin' the bus, you know. I gotta start drivin' again. I hate the bus." She sighed. She snapped her gum, drank her full-sugar, originalrecipe Coke, and fiddled with her gold hoop

"I ain't never had one." "Oh."

money? I owe money." "How come you have to pay restitutions?

We chat about TV and movies. I press her on her troubles with the

# White population in North Park: 56%. White population on that bus: 12%.

earrings.

"How come you quit driving?" I asked.

"I don't have a license. And I got restitutions to pay."

"Shouldn't be too tough to get a license," I said. "How come you lost it?"

"And I got restitutions. You know how they won't let you get a license if you owe

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If you qualify and choose to participate in this study, you may receive study medication and you will receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits at no charge. There are also overnight visits to a sleep laboratory during the study.

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#### Constipation

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Researchers are evaluating an Investigational medication to see If it effectively treats Constipation.

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- Abdominal pain or discomfort
- Bloating and/or straining
- Have fewer than 3 bowel movements per week

All study-related care will be provided at no cost. Insurance is not needed.

cratic difficulties, nimbly switching topics back to Law and Order SVU and House.

When she got off the bus, I waved and said goodbye, then clomped through the coach of downtrodden masses, looking for my next interview. As I approached, every little pocket of humanity seated on the bus fidgeted and turned away. People engaged in conversations with friends and partners or simply turned to look out the window at the whizzingpast cityscape.

To amuse myself, I tried to get my finger pinched in the swiveling

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floor joint. This bus bent in the middle, and the joint floats in the center of the floor, articulating the front half

for five minutes, past three stops and over several humps and into numerous potholes.

"Park Boulevard,"

# "I'm having the best day. It might be the Vicodin."

from the rear, and it turns out to be impossible to get your finger nipped in the rotating sections. I know; I tried

STUDIES

the driver called.

Where the hell was I going? The wrong way, obviously. Drugs haven't exactly left me smarter, and I wasn't clear on my mission directives. I decided to go home, so I jumped out onto Park, in front of the very



Nighttime BPH Signaling You?

BPH, or enlarged prostate, with nocturia can cause a significant disruption in your lifestyle-day and night. Symptoms of BPH with nocturia include:

- Frequency of urination with urgency
- Waking 2 or more times a night to
- Feeling bladder is not completely empty

Physicians are researching an investigational medication to see if it can reduce nocturia symptoms associated with BPH. Men, 50 or older, diagnosed with BPH with nocturia (urinating 2 or more times a night) may be eligible to participate. Participants may receive investigational medication and study-related medical care at no cost.

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Participation is confidential and trials are safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

To learn more, call the Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital Clinical Research Center at (858) 694-8350.





modern and lovely green Egyptian condominium complex.

Bolting as well as one can with a Broken Foot Boot of Danger and Romance, I busted across Park Boulevard and sat on a horrendously ugly, brown, curvy bench with a yellow real-estate ad pasted to it. The sun dipped low over the Egyptian, bursting overhead with white-orange crepuscular rays into a turquoise, pink, and lavender empyrean.

"What's going on tonight?" someone said. Skateboard wheels skritched, chain jewelry crinkled, and a girl in a black outfit, wearing the most creative hairdo actually, if you can imagine it, three different hairstyles and three different shades of red, all falling from the same head — lowered onto the bench beside me. She looked at me expectantly.

"Nothing going on tonight?" she said.

"Uh. What night is it?"

"Friday."

"Must be something happening," I said.

From one of the three thousand pockets sewn into hidden locations around her toolarge pants, she retrieved a green pack of menthol cigarettes and a yellow lighter, lit a cig, and replaced the pack and lighter into its designated fold. She blew out a cloud.

"Yeah. I don't know what it is," she said. "But I'm having the best day. It might be the Vicodin, but I did so great at work today."

"You work here?" I asked, flipping a thumb toward a nearby fashion and novelty boutique, the Crypt.

"Nah. I work downtown."

"What do you do?"
"All right, so, like, a
good day is, like, 11
'approvals,' and I got,
like, 23 today. That's

gotta be the best anyone's ever got there, right? That's, like, more than twice what a good day should be," she explained through a veil of smoke. What she said might as well have been in Kittycat language, Meowish, but I nodded as though I understood.

"You going back to North Park? You taking this bus?" I asked. "Do you ride the bus a lot? How do you like it?"

The good ol' Number 7 bus whined its arrival and hissed and lurched as the tires halted in front of us.

The door opened, and I hobbled onto the corrugated rubber mat floor of the first step, turning to see if my interview subject would follow.

"Nah," she said,

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# do you suffer from Schizophrenia?

Do you have trouble concentrating?

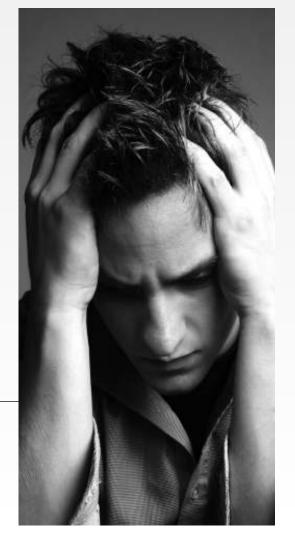
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CNRI-San Diego, LLC (619) 481-5252 holding her hands up to refuse the offered ride. "Think I'll cross the street and catch the next one to Lestat's. Gotta be something going on there."

"Wait. The next one goes to Lestat's?" I said, stepping back from the glass doors that were scissoring shut with me inside. "How the hell do you know that?" Out the window I watched her mount her skateboard and push off down the sidewalk, headed toward

downtown, opposite the way she'd wanted to go, toward Lestat's in Normal Heights. I lowered onto a plastic-and-fabric bus seat and huffed, "Goddamn crack-addict kid."

I decided I knew exactly nothing about public transportation in San Diego, my ignorance resulting from years of adamantly avoiding the buses and trolleys, preferring to drive. When I arrived home, I wanted to look

up buses in the *Encyclo*pedia Britannica.

That storied tome rambles on about bus bodies, all boring crap, and different categorizations of the engines and so on and also states: In 1830 Sir Goldworthy Gurney of Great Britain designed a large stagecoach driven by a steam engine that may have been the first motordriven bus.

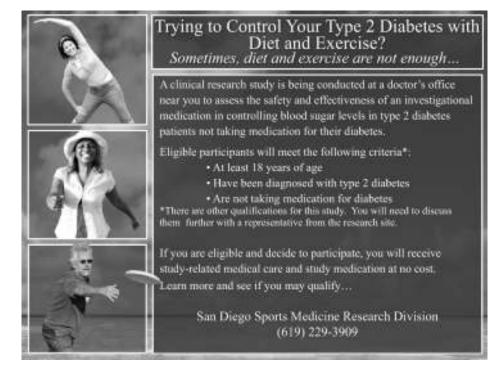
Which does me exactly zero good, in terms of real knowledge, because he may or may not have invented a damn thing. Thanks, *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

A little farther down the page, though, they get to some juicy stuff. No bus conversation in the United States of America could be considered complete without mentioning an incident on December 1, 1955, when 42-year-old Rosa Parks of Montgomery, Alabama, was arrested for refusing to relinquish her seat to a white man. Along with Rosa Parks, a local Baptist minister, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., organized a boycott of the Montgomery Municipal Transit Company and sparked the Civil Rights Movement.

Over the next couple of weeks, I rode the bus to accomplish my menial tasks: video rental (the Number 7 and Number 2), grocery purchases (Routes 7 and 2), to and from doctor's appointments for my broken foot (Number 10), and round-trips to my gym (the 7). All much more difficult and time consuming than performing the same tasks in a car. (At one point, I decide to rent a Rug Doctor carpetcleaner from a grocery store, and I schlepped it 12 blocks to my apartment and 12 blocks back again, to the annoyance of several other passengers who banged into the bulky contraption on the way to their seats. Sure, I got it on and off the bus just fine, cleaned my carpet, then took the husky machine back the way I came. But I wouldn't recommend it.)

In those two weeks, I noticed that my fellow passengers on these short jaunts were over-

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## Always worrying? Anxious? Panic attacks?

You may qualify for free psychological treatment.

Researchers in the Department of Psychiatry at UCSD are conducting a brain imaging study that provides free psychological treatment to individuals experiencing **excessive worry** or **panic attacks**. Compensation is provided. You must be between the ages of 18-55, a nonsmoker, and **not** currently taking psychiatric medication. Other eligibility criteria apply. Please call **858-534-6445** for more information and to see if you qualify.





## **PSORIASIS?**

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#### We need participants:

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- With chronic plaque psoriasis

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- ...abdominal pain

A research study is underway for men and women, 18 years of age or older, suffering from **diarrhea-predominant irritable bowel syndrome.** For those women previously diagnosed or who suffer with **abdominal discomfort**, **bloating**, **and episodes of diarrhea or watery stools daily**, this research study using an oral investigational medication may interest you.

#### Participants may receive at no cost study-related:

- Colonoscopy (if not performed in the past 2 years)
- Examination and consultation by a board-certified physician
- Lab studies, EKG, and study medication
- Compensation for your time and travel

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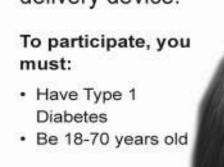
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#### Are Your Waistline And **Blood Pressure On The Rise?**

If your waistline is over 35 inches, you could be at risk for the metabolic syndrome. Never heard of it? It's a condition that affects those who are overweight and have elevated blood pressure, which may put you at risk for cardiovascular disease and

Our physicians are participating in a research study using already-approved medications to assist in treating the metabolic syndrome.

To be considered, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- · Have elevated blood pressure
- Have a waistline larger than 35 inches (for women)
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- Have abnormal lab results in at least one of the following tests: blood sugar, triglycerides or cholesterol

If you qualify, you will receive all study-related care, including physical examinations, laboratory services, and investigational medication.

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**Medical Associates Research Group** 858-277-7177 www.MARGinc.com **Volunteer For Your Future**  whelmingly African American, Hispanic, and Asian. As if the whites of the area had heard of the news from 1955 Montgomery and said, "Fine, take the buses; we'll drive." On several trips, aboard full coaches, I was the only white male. Which leads me to wonder if there's still not some racism inherent in the use of city transit.

Checking out the Census Bureau statistics for North Park, I pull up a map for 92104. The zip code encompasses North Park, part of City Heights, Normal Heights, a skosh of University Heights, and the boundary has these fat little ham-hock legs that run into Golden Hill and alongside Balboa Park; all of that is 92104. Which is perfect, as this is where I ride the bus almost exclusively. Now, for this area, the Census Bureau also indicates that the population is made up of 47,688 folks

(all facts from the year 2000). Of those 47,688 fine citizens, 44 percent are of races other than white — collectively known in the U.S. as "minorities."

Glancing around a typically filled bus on a Tuesday morning, I notice that the "minorities" no longer fulfill that definition. Quite the opposite. On this bus, I'm the one who checks the box in the "minority" column, and by a substantial margin.

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#### Do You Get Anxious in Social Situations?

#### Do you:

- Get very **NERVOUS** around people?
- Fear being the center of attention?
- AVOID going to social events and meeting new people?

If you answered YES to any of the above, you may be eligible to participate in an experimental research study comparing several study drug options for social phobia. Medical assessment and clinical care are provided.



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## **Overweight Volunteers Needed** for VA Endocrine Study

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### Are you suffering from pain associated with Tennis Elbow?

We are seeking volunteers to participate in a Clinical Research Study using an investigational skin patch.

#### To qualify, you must be:

- 18 years of age or older Diagnosed with Tennis Elbow
- Onset of symptom within the past 12 weeks
- Must not be receiving current treatment from a licensed professional for your Tennis Elbow (over-the-counter pain relief is fine)
- Men and women must be willing to use contraceptives to prevent pregnancy
- · Agree to participate in study up to 21 days with every-other-day visits for 14 days



Qualified participants will receive study-related drug, physical exams, lab tests and compensation for time and travel.

For more information, please call: (619) 229-3909

# Do you have Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes?

The Profil Institute for Clinical Research is conducting a study to evaluate an investigational device for continuous glucose monitoring.



#### To qualify, you must be:

- Diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes
- 18 65 years old
- Otherwise healthy with no major medical conditions

One overnight stay will be required. You may be compensated up to \$600.00 for time and travel.

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#### **Pain from Endometriosis?**

A 16-week clinical research study is underway to evaluate a non-hormonal, injectable, investigational medication versus placebo for the relief of pelvic pain caused by Endometriosis. Have you tried a variety of hormonal medications without success over the years of dealing with Endometriosis cramps and pain? This study is for women who have a surgically confirmed diagnosis in the last 5 years.

#### To possibly qualify for the study, must be:

- 18-49-year-old females, regularly having periods
- Surgical confirmation of Endometriosis in the last 5 years (operative report must be available)
- Moderate to severe period cramps and pelvic pain

#### Qualified participants may receive:

- Exam and consultation with a board-certified gynecologist
- All study-related labs, EKG, and study medication
- Compensation for your time and travel

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## Constipation

#### Feel Like Everyone's Going But You?



Researchers are evaluating an investigational medication to see if it effectively treats Constipation.

You may qualify for a research study if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- Abdominal pain or discomfort
- Bloating and/or straining
- Have fewer than 3 bowel movements per week

All study-related care will be provided at no cost. Insurance is not needed.

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I'm one of 3 white people, out of 25 passengers.

White population in 92104: 56 percent.

White population on that bus: 12 percent.

Owing to the fact that I embarked the bus (Number 7) at 36th and University, the numbers might have been skewed. The 2000 Census doesn't break down race by city street or neighborhood, only zip

code. There's no deny-Or it might be something else.

from a seat across the

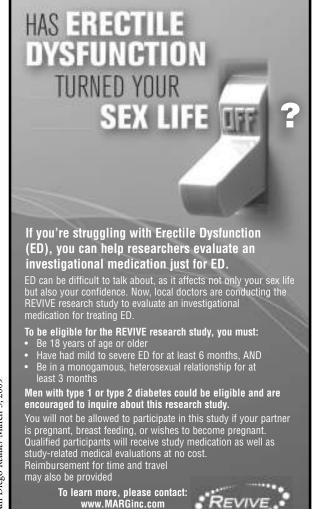
versity has more Hispanics and African parts of the zip code. were fewer white faces.

"What's that?"

ing that 36th and Uni-Americans than other This may be why there

Takes forever, huh?" a man said to me aisle.





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"The bus. Takes forever."

I agreed, and he and I were off on a bitch-fest of city transit's worst qualities: buses are slow, there's a long wait for them at the curb, the homeless and demihomeless can on occasion really stink the place up with sacks of recyclables. We tempered the complaints with an occasional "Cheaper than a car payment, though."

The fellow I was discussing transportation with works the swing shift at the shipyards in Logan Heights.

"Do you have to ride the bus?" I asked. "Or do you have a car that you leave at home?"

"I gotta take the bus. Lost my job last year and sold my truck. Sixty-four bucks a month, and I can ride the bus or trolley anywhere, it just takes a lot longer. You know, you gotta have the attitude, like, 'Whatever, it's just gonna take me an hour to get to work instead of 15 minutes,' you know."

And that's the prevailing circumstance and mindset of the bus passengers I spoke with in the 92104 zip: no car, the bus sucks, but it's the only alternative.

I wondered if the bus riders of other neighborhoods had the same racial demographics, transportation needs, and viewpoint. And like that zang! — I found my next mission: travel out of my financially depressed neighborhood and into a tony, rich area to see who takes public transportation.

You know what that means: TO LA JOLLA! Excelsior!

I disembarked my

coach and mounted another one (the Number 2) at 30th and University — near the futuristic corner of "Ray Street and Gunn Street,"

downtown via South Park and Golden Hill. I wanted to pass through several regions of San Diego on this trip, and my selected route

hill into East Village. Ah, East Village, where the tide of gentrification crashed, left a watermark, and receded. Standing

# The bus stopped every three feet and never broke 35 miles per hour.

in the vicinity of the prickly spooky intersection, "Thorn Street and Grim Avenue." (I really love those.)

I rode toward

pierced a dozen different socioeconomic, racial, and geographic zones. From 30th Street, we turned onto Broadway and descended the

shoulder-to-shoulder in this downtown district are new-construction high-rise condominiums; swanky, hip eateries; and singles' saloons

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stocked with wellheeled hipsters — all jumbled in with graffittied wig shops, liquor stores, and week-rate hotels offering porticos untidily decorated with beggars engaged in activities that range from sleeping to peeing.

A few stops and a transfer later, I got off, clomping around on my Broken Foot Boot of Glory and Glad Tidings; and then I was onto another bus (the Number 30), pushing its way into Pacific Beach, along Grand Avenue. Glancing up from my journal, I noticed that the faces of the San Diego Transitgoer gentry had been decidedly whitewashed. The paint-stained and tarry novelty work shirts that read "Coed Naked Postal Work" and "Voted Most Likely to Wear a Stupid T-Shirt" had been replaced with tacky floral Acapulco buttonups and shiny, syntheticfabric "activewear for travel and leisure" Vnecks. Instead of the mix of Spanish and English I'm familiar with, German and Dutch filled the air along with a bouquet indicative of the relaxed European shower schedule.

After several thousand stops, a journey that could've been faster had I ridden a threelegged mule, and the slow overturning of my working-class black and Hispanic neighbors for overly ripe Saxon tourists, we were in the weird, wonderful town of La Jolla. Our bus passed an "eyebrow lounge," a "fiber art" gallery, and (I shit you not) the Ascot Shop.

92104 this is not. Onward.

La Jolla's main zip code is 92037. A quick glance at a map of 92037 shows an odd shape, running in a thick line through Torrey Pines to the north, bounded on the east by Interstate 5, and ending

in the south as a chunky ball on the northern end of Pacific Beach. The total population of La Jolla is 42,603 — 82.5 percent white. Compared to the national

average of 75 percent, and comparing again with the 56 percent of whites in North Park, La Jolla stands out as a gleaming pearl with a lot of green behind it.

The mean household income of La Jolla (in 1999 dollars) was \$68,691, more than double 92104's mean household income, which was \$31,139.

So, without prejudice, it's easy to say that La Jolla is quite a bit wealthier and whiter than North Park. But if you've been a San Diego resident for more than

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five minutes, you already knew that. However, North Park is far superior in at least one aspect: there are no donut shops in La Jolla, the closest being on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, whereas 92104 boasts a full 11 donut shops within a five-mile radius. Why donuts, you ask again? And again,

my friend, your answer is tastiness.

In the rich alabaster of La Iolla, the bus emptied of tourists, leaving only me and a high school kid, obviously ditching classes to practice his skateboarding and get a jump on growing out his wispy blond mustache.

"Where'd everybody

go?" I asked him.

"They all get off at the last stop and go to the museum."

"The Contemporary Art Museum?"

"Yeah. And, you know, the shops in the village and stuff."

"Thanks."

Damn, I'd stayed on too long again. I pulled the cord to ring the bell

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to tell the driver to let me the hell off. She wound the bus further into the exclusive residential areas northwest of La Jolla village and eventually stopped and swung open the door, and I left the high school kid to ride alone. One person to use the public transit service in the lily town of La Jolla. One. I'm sure at the same time, near noon, the buses of North Park were crammed with the indigent, handicapped, elderly, and blue-collar workers, widely Latino and black.

You might take that as a sign that bus routes neatly divide the races, but I've come to a different conclusion. It's the money, stupid: even in times of economic hardship, with rocketing gas prices and increased consciousness for the environment, those who can afford to drive instead of use public transportation still do. Which you might believe is obvious, but should it be that way? Riding through La Jolla, it's easy to count the number of joggers, yoga mats, and reusable canvas shopping bags. If given an environmental, inexpensive, and efficient alternative, I'm sure those people would choose to leave their cars at home. But that's just it. Efficiency. That lone rider on a bus winding into the La Jolla hills, and, in North Park, a bench overcrowded with butts, forever waiting, are evidence to that.

Since I'd gotten off the bus one stop too late, I had to hobble back half a mile. By the time I clopped the Boot of Hot Sex and Easy Money close enough to see old women in huge sunglasses supping



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lightly at the museum cafe, with Andy Goldsworthy's stone cairn peeking out from the side yard, my broken foot was complaining loudly. And my Vicodin sat on a kitchen counter in my home in North Park. To turn around and get it and then come back to the museum would mean a half-hour trip in a car, but on the bus I would have to block out a good day and a half for the errand. I limped and wobbled on.

For a while, I roamed around the museum, taking in the occasionally delectable but mostly downright awful collection of art on display. After touring the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, I clomped my way to the

door. As an apology for the rather thin collection on display, a woman called out from behind the front desk, "That ticket's good for entry into the museum downtown too. You don't have to pay twice."

"For this conceptual crap," I mumbled, "it damn well ought to be. Ten bucks to see this drivel, the ticket should be good for downtown and a written apology from all the artists and curators." I swung open the wide glass-and-brass

Out in the bright Southern California sun, I hobbled up the street to the bus bench on Silverado and was delighted to see a gleaming motor coach, the Number 30 again, awaiting my arrival. I flashed

my monthly pass (\$64) and boarded, and it whisked me (whisk meaning: stopped every three feet and never threatened to break the 35-mile-per-hour mark, and I had to get off and switch to the Number 2 bus downtown) back to my home, nestled between North Park and City Heights. Total time spent riding the bus that day: three hours. Total time spent at the Museum: 45 minutes.

By the time I arrived home, my butt hurt from plastic bus benches that have been molded to fit exactly no body, and I felt bad for the guy who'd chatted me up, the guy who rode the bus every day to the shipyards. I eased into my chair and opened my laptop to dig around

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in the finances of San Diego MTS (Metropolitan Transit System); I was interested in how the company managed its money.

I saw that in 2007 the transit system gathered \$197,681,422 (that's million) from federal, state, and local taxes, including \$16,223,926 in TransNet taxes, which are the local funds that support the San Diego Association of Governments, or SANDAG, projects. Total operating revenue from 2007 was \$68,634,694. That's money charged for those ugly bench ads, charter services, plus the dough you cough up when you step on board a bus. So total contributions — taxes and fares — approached \$300 million.

I don't know if that's money well spent and invested in the operations of the transit system. Their financial statement is a long, winding sheet, and it's hard to follow which projects receive a lot of funding and which are paying off. After a month of riding the bus exclusively, I also haven't found out if there is class struggle or racism inherent to Metro Transit, although I don't think there is. I do know that at some hours buses are almost totally empty; other times, they are packed to barely enough standing room. And on a Sunday, when the buses don't run as frequently as weekdays, you can expect to sit on a grimy, spit-covered bench for 15 or 20 minutes before a bus arrives. Waiting that long, it's hard to see where that \$266 million in taxes and fares went.

For the month I

spent riding, I saved roughly \$80 in commuter costs and easily tripled my time spent traveling around town. The money I saved by giving up my car for a month was then easily expended in extra time and effort. Yes, I got groceries and a Rug Doctor and gym bags and packages for the mail on and off the bus. And, yes, I got to La Jolla, Ocean Beach, National City, and all across the city center. After 30 days, I could even advise other people on the quickest way to get to Mission Valley or La Mesa or damn near anywhere. But frankly, it was all a huge pain in the ass, figuratively as well as literally.

I can only repeat the

sentiment of my shorttime friend with "restitutions to pay," and that's "I gotta start drivin' again. I hate the bus."

— Ollie

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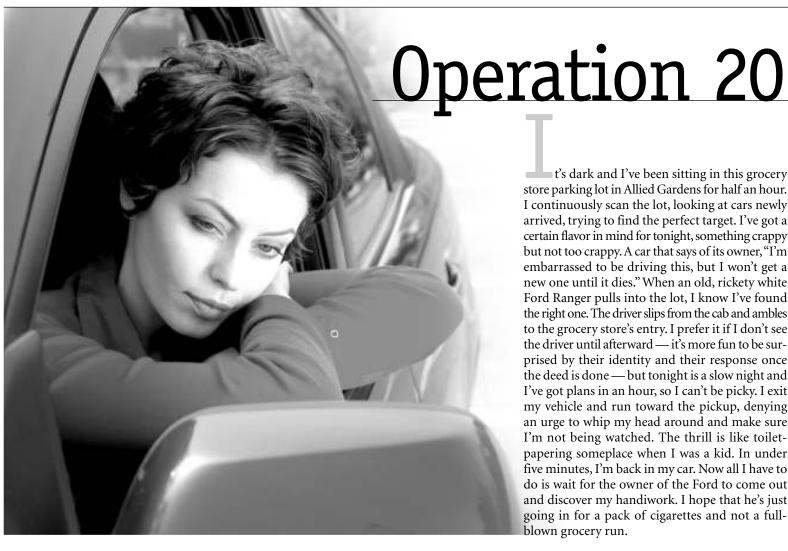


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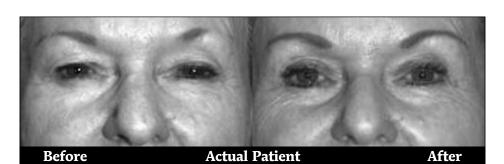
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no, not this nice little white suburban girl...some sort of nonsexual voyeurism? No, that doesn't fit either... When I finish explaining, people open what they believe is the correct drawer and file it away, breathing a sigh of relief. And the drawer they open is labeled "Charity," and that pisses me off. Operation 20 is not charity. Damn it, people. Come on.

Let me start at the beginning....

I despised San Diego from the first moment I saw it in full daylight. I was in my dingy fifth-floor studio apartment, and I looked through a window, smudged but never cleaned by the previous occupant, and hated everything in my view. I hated the scraggly canyon below my window and the concrete wall that only partially obstructed my view of the freeway. I hated the chipped gray sidewalks, the flimsy chain-link fences. It's easy, once you give your mind license to hate. Even innocent inanimate objects become worthy of the most loathsome thoughts. On my first day in San Diego, "San Diego" became an umbrella under which all manner of common, mainland-America crap lurked. Even worse, for me, was the reverence with which natives held their city. Within a half hour of tuning the radio to a local station, I heard "Beautiful San Diego, the best place to live in the world." I wanted to punch someone. Repeatedly.

I realized that my mood, and therefore my judgment, was being impaired by an empty stomach. I decided to head out for breakfast, only to realize I'd left my credit card on the counter of a gas station in Price, Utah. I could picture it there, the holographic image winking merrily, waiting for some other and perhaps betterlooking gas-station patron to come along and give it a new home. I had been planning to live on that card for two weeks, until I got my first paycheck. Now I had nothing, except for pride, and it was pride that pre-

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vented me from calling home and asking Mom to wire me money.

Breakfast plans temporarily ruined, I decided on a breakfast-replacing walk. That was when the hatefest really began. Yes, San Diego and I were on a collision course, and San Diego was going to win, given its superior mass and momentum.

I walked out into the building's dim hallway and made my way to the elevator. The smell of cheap perfume with an undercurrent of urine hit me before the elevator even arrived. The doors slid away to reveal a face so animated that it could only be Midwestern. Meeting this woman's eyes was like being struck in the stomach.

"Hiya!" she shrieked as I stepped aboard. "Are you new in the building?"

She gestured expansively, as if to embrace the dingy complex in its entirety. I considered the bleached-blond hair, pink nails, and

push-up bra. She was wearing enough make-up to smother a turtle.

"Yeah," I said. "New to San Diego, actually."

"Ohh," she gushed.
"You're just gonna love it here. The people are so friendly, and it's so relaxed!
It's a beach town, you know...We moved here two years ago, and I've never been happier."

I gave her a dismissive smile and headed out to the sidewalk. Around me, all things San Diegan raised their voices in a silent, hateinspiring chorus. Across the street, a woman got into her Lexus. I wanted to scream, Why the hell did you buy a Lexus, you bitch, you live in a shit apartment, you're not fucking rich! You probably never will be, making poor, image-driven purchases that swallow up vast amounts of your piddly resources.

A man with a small dog ambled toward me.

Don't smile at me, I

thought. Why'd you choose that dog anyway? Did you think you'd look masculine beside it? Hon, your pasty-white fluorescent-light-nourished skin wouldn't look masculine next to a powder puff... What was that? Hey, don't frown at me, I'm not the one who gave you that haircut.

And so on....

That's when I saw it — a \$20 bill, centered on the sidewalk square directly ahead of me.

I picked it up between two fingers and waved it limply around.

"Hello," I called, addressing the streets of San Diego.
"Did somebody lose this?"

I said it loudly, but not *too* loudly, because I really needed that \$20.

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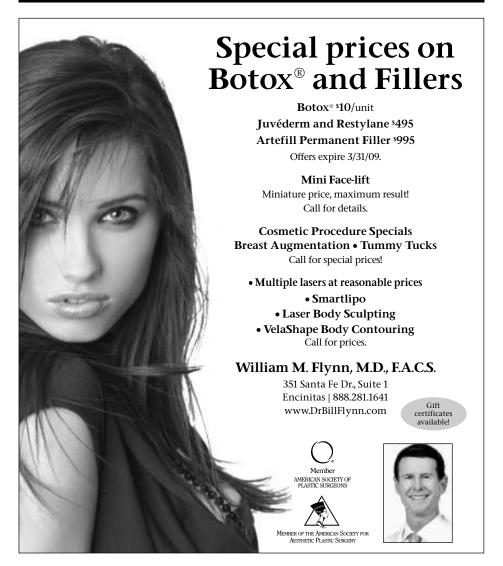


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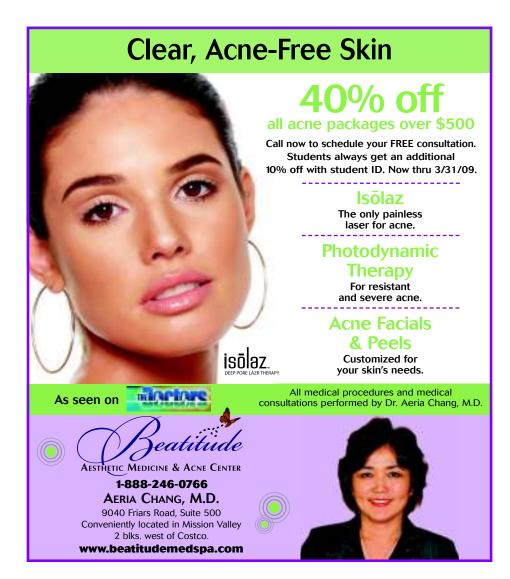
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smiling. I'm a tiny ant, a speck of muddled humanity, a girl with tangled hair and cutoff jeans.

The universe, which only a moment before had seemed ugly and threatening, became a lovely place to pass the next 80 years or so. San Diego, my old buddy. I felt as if we'd spent summers together, licking drippy Popsicles and riding our bikes to the community pool. I went to an extraordinarily cheap Mexican café and got a wonderfully filling breakfast burrito for under a dollar. I sat in the café, read the San Diego Reader for the first time, and watched people go by. Through no fault or achievement of their own, they earned kinder judgments this time around.

That's the moment that inspired Operation 20, Now, I leave \$20 on people's cars and watch what happens when they find it.

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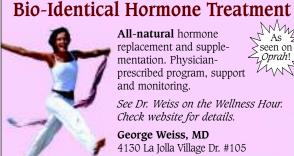
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tle mama, who, after finding the \$20, ran back into the store, emerging with another bag of groceries. It's satisfying, giving to someone who actually needs it. More satisfying than, say, the time I planted \$20 on a white Escalade. The busty blonde woman who emerged from a store and found the \$20 tucked it into her bra. She swung her fervid gaze around the parking lot, as if whoever had given her the money would soon take it away.

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My mom always said that you love whom you serve. When I'm tempted to judge someone with that same, silent, scathing judgment I passed out like candy my first day in San Diego, I imagine that they're one of my Operation 20 people. Because I love my Operation 20 people. Because I love my Operation 20 people, flawed as they might be. You're a quirky, funny bunch, people of San Diego, and I hate you no more.

Tonight's candidate is a good example. He approaches his Ford Ranger with a quick stride. He's wearing a black baseball cap, and his white hair is in a scraggly ponytail. Black jeans and cowboy boots. He looks like a man who would tell dirty jokes to his grandchildren. Hell, he'd tell dirty jokes to your grandchildren, and they would laugh. He'd wear Wranglers to a black-tie event, and he's so self-assured that the other guys would question their tuxes.

Watching him approach the truck, I notice details I didn't see at first. The truck has personalized license plates that say "Dr. R," and though battered, it has expensive alloy rims, and it's lifted. This man could be driving a BMW, but he's opted instead to keep his truck out of nostalgia or stubbornness. I smile, noticing his cowboy boots. That takes courage, cowboy boots in suburban San Diego.

He spots the \$20. He licks his lips, pulls the bill off the door handle and sniffs it. A smile that might be a smirk spreads over his face. He darts around the truck, checks the other door handles, the grill, the truck bed. Is he honestly looking for more money? He is! Wasn't that enough for you, you greedy bastard?

Then the man unlocks the truck door, loads his groceries, and I think he's going to get in and drive away, but instead he whips around. He is staring right at me. A flint-filled stare, knowing and deliberate. I feel it bore through the windshield and into my forehead. For a long moment,

I'm frozen. Then I fumble in the passenger's seat for my phone. I pretend to talk.

The man boosts himself into the driver's seat. He flips on his headlights and drives off, my \$20 in his pocket. I note that one of his many bumper stickers reads,

"I love animals: They taste delicious." I have to laugh at the irony — I'm a vegetarian.

I usually scribble down a few notes while I sit in parking lots waiting for reactions. What follows is a representative selection. Operation 20 Field Report *Date:* November 4,

4:00 p.m.

Location: Ocean Beach parking lot, near the pier

*Vehicle*: a beat-up gold Nissan

Reaction: (Don't let your

kids read this, 'cause it gets ugly.)

I only have to wait about 15 minutes before some teenagers approach the car on which I had planted a \$20 bill. Glancing sideways, trying to be inconspicuous, I see there are two boys and one girl. They look like the kind of kids who change their clothes after leaving the house because their parents wouldn't want them to go out dressed like that.

Girl: Hey, I need something out of your car. Would

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Boy #2: Huh? Why? Girl: Just help me. Boy #2: Okay. Girl, climbing into the back seat: Get in.

> Boy #2: Why? Girl: Just get in. Boy #2: Okay. I sit in my car, waiting,

wondering when they will find the \$20 tucked into the handle of the front door.

The Nissan is...rocking. I spin to face forward. I study the waves, the sand, the beachgoers, the surfers. No, it can't be. I almost laugh at myself. That car wasn't rocking, I must have been imagining that. Ha ha.

But in my peripheral vision, the car bucks and bounces.

Not here. Not now. Not

in broad daylight, with children scampering around the parking lot. Their windows aren't even tinted.

Don't get me wrong. I'm all about fun and spontaneity. But this...?

Just as I'm starting up my car to leave, the Nissan's door opens. Girl and Boy #2 emerge, sweaty and breathless. Girl frolics merrily away, joining a group of kids gathered on the sidewalk.

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Boy #2, speaking to Boy #1: Dude. I just #!^@\*% her

Boy #1: Nuh-uh. Are you serious?

Boy #2: Yeah. She jumped on me.

Boy #1: For real? You only met her today.

My head swivels to look at the girl. She's swaying, her pants hitched down so that an inch of teal silk panties is visible.

Boy #1 and Boy #2 are walking away from me now, their voices receding into the wind. I strain to hear, but the last phrase I catch is...

Boy #1: Did you use protection?

Please say yes, please say yes, I think.

I didn't wait for Boy #1 to return and discover the \$20. I considered plucking it off of his car, but in the end I just drove away. Half the fun of Operation 20 is not knowing who is going to show up and collect.

Operation 20 Field Report *Date:* October 28,

8:00 p.m.

Location: Trader Joe's Parking Lot, Hillcrest Vehicle: Early-'90s sedan, goldish in color. Reaction: My friend Merav was with me for this one.

A nondescript guy in khakis and a black sweater pulls the \$20 off his door and just beams. For more than a week, his smile puts a smile on my face every time I think about it.

Operation 20 Field Report — The Birdman

Date: Dec. 25, 9:00 p.m. Location: A Hollywood Video parking lot in Lemon Grove. Vehicle: Make unknown, primer-gray in color,

primer-gray in color, appears to be a late-'70s model.

Reaction: Unknown.

My friend Trisha comes with me on this one, and we've been searching for the perfect car for what seemed like hours. I am determined to give my money to someone poor,

someone who actually needs

Then it appears, exactly the car we've been waiting for. It rattles around the parking lot, crunched and battle-worn, with dings and dents. It's a cheap, unsightly mess, clearly driven by someone with deep financial needs. The car door opens, and out comes a shifty-eyed man in a gray jacket and black beanie. He squints at our car suspiciously. He's short and nervous and birdlike.

"He can't see us, can

he?" I ask Trisha. "I mean, your windows are tinted, so he can't see us, right?"

"I dunno." Trisha shrugs. "That's sad though. He's alone on Christmas night. I wonder why?"

"Ew! Ew! I know why. He's going into Hollywood Video to get porn, and he'll spend his Christmas night alone...you know...."

"Ugh, sick! Gross!" Trisha shrieks. "Don't give him \$20! Wait, does Hollywood Video even carry porn?"

"How should I know?"

"I bet he's got three children by different mothers," Trisha says, "and he works under the table, so he doesn't have to pay child support!"

This is our favorite game, inventing life stories for strangers.



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"He lies to his own mother about his job!" I say.

Trish says, "He pulls the filters off his cigarettes before he smokes them. And he's got a persistent rash on his testicles, a VD that he picked up from a whore in Lubbock, Texas."

We stare in morbid fascination at this atrocious man, his hunched shoulders, his dingy jacket. He doesn't appear to be going into the video store after

all. He begins to root around in the bushes beside the car. He emerges with something held in his hand.

"What the hell?" I say.
"Is he cleaning up litter? Or finding pop cans to recycle for extra money?"

"On Christmas night? Maybe we should give him the \$20."

"I don't want to just hand it to him. He has to go inside. I like to watch the person find it." The man now rummages in his car. He pulls something out.

What is it? It's a plastic bag. He pours something from the bag onto the thing he pulled out of the bushes. Maybe it's a plate.

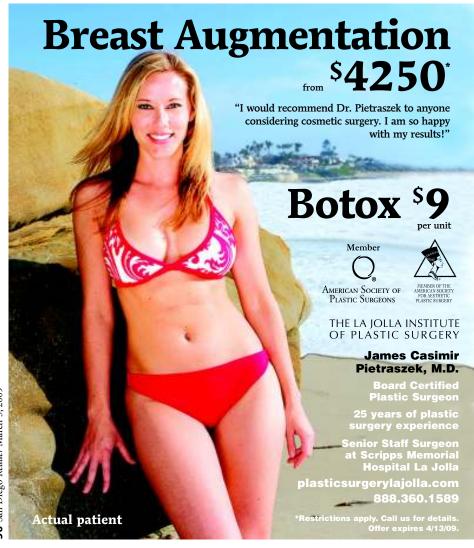
"This is weird," Trisha says.

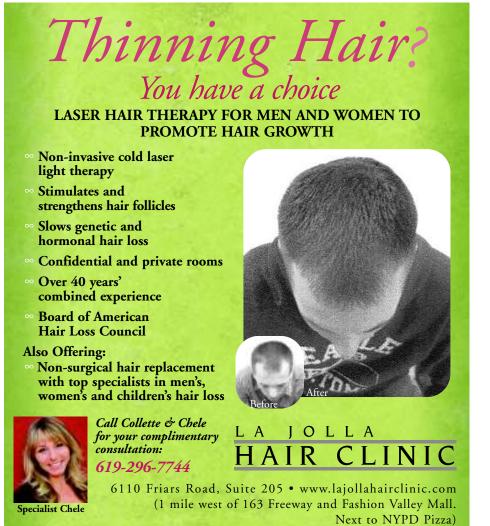
"Is he poisoning rabbits?" I ask.

"On Christmas? Weird." He's now slowly walking about, sprinkling a grainy

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substance around the perimeter of the parking lot. He passes in front of our car.

"Maybe it's ant poison?" I say.

"Maybe it's birdseed," Trisha says.

"Dude, if it's birdseed, we gotta give him the \$20. What kind of a cool old guy would feed birds on Christmas night?"

The man gets back into his car. The engine starts with a roar, and the man is speeding out of the lot. I leap from Trisha's car and snatch up a grain of whatever it was that he was spreading on the pavement.

"Holy shit!" I scream jubilantly. "It *is* birdseed!"

I jump back into the car, and suddenly Trisha is speeding as well, careening out of the parking lot after the Birdman's vehicle.

"He knows we're following him," Trisha says, and she's right. He's taking evasive action, quick screeching turns and detours. Usually, Trisha's driving makes me crazy. I've never seen her go over the speed limit. But tonight, she's a rock star. Her brakes groan at stoplights, her tires squeal when she accelerates.

He tries to lose us at an intersection, speeding through a yellow light. Trisha pulls recklessly into a gas station, then pulls back out on the other side of the corner. She snakes across the street and makes a right turn. We spot him ahead and follow at a safe distance. Birdman has pulled into a residential street, then into the driveway of a shadylooking house. It's in need of a paint job, just like the car. There are several skeletal vehicles out front, crouched and sulking, looking as if they haven't been moved in a decade. A dilapidated van pulls into the driveway behind Birdman's car. Trisha and I cruise down the street a bit, then make a U-turn at the corner, killing the headlights and parking several houses down. We watch as three men emerge from the vehicles and congregate in the driveway. One of the men appears to be several hundred pounds overweight. The other has a bandana tied around his head. And then there is Birdman, short and rotund. The one with the bandana wears a wife-beater despite the cold and clear night, his limbs sticking out like twigs. He's telling a story, waving his hands in the air. Then he begins to thrust his pelvis obscenely. He arcs his hand down in a spanking motion. Our gray little Birdman looks on and laughs appreciatively.

Trisha and I cringe.

"I wonder if his friends know that he feeds stray cats and birds in his free time?" Trisha asks. Then she says, "Maybe we should go."

"Yeah, I guess so," I say.
"One of those guys would probably end up hitting us

over the head with a shovel if they caught us touching his car."

When we pass Hollywood Video, Trisha pulls into the parking lot. She pulls out her wallet and hides the \$20 under the Birdman's food dish. Then she drives the speed limit all the way home. A couple of days later, we check under the food dish.

The money is gone.

Long live Operation 20. Long live the Birdman of San Diego. ■

— Cami Adair

HEALTH AND BEAUTY







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quite refreshing to read that their diligence paid off for Mr. Elmendorf. Perhaps more of this type of scam will be revealed. It is always delightful to know the good guy wins!

> Anne Solana Beach

### **Comments from Reader** Website

Comments are not edited for spelling, punctuation, or grammar.

## **Cover Story Published February 25**

Posted by Vincent on February 25, 6:47 p.m.

Some years ago, I was surprised to see a VW Rabbit—driven by an attractive young lady—with a personalized plate that read POO C. I'll bet the DMV "repossessed" it when they figured out what it meant...

Posted by Fred\_Williams on February 25, 8:22 p.m.

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I don't know if this will get through the Reader's censor, but it's germane to Josh's story. So here goes:

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A collection of license plates around the country with "ITMFA".

(Note: It didn't make it past the autocensor, so when you paste that in your browser, replace the \* with a "u".)

Posted by SurfPuppy619 on February 25, 8:35 p.m.

IMTMFA....LOL..... I had a SURFING buddy in PB that had a plate that read SR4DYE.

Posted by Sattin on February 25, 9:53 p.m.

I saw a plate once on a Jaguar that said JAGOFF, and I also saw one that said BOOBS - I'm surprised those got through! And I read a story about a car (in another state) that had the license plate JEW PEW. An observer (who was not Jewish) complained to DMV about that one, and the owner voluntarily gave it up. It turns out that the seemingly derogatory comment was only the initials of a guy and his wife!

Posted by jray on February 25, 11:43 p.m.

My wife & I saw a minivan in Escondido with this plate:F(heart)S R GR8.

We still laugh about that one, don't know how it got through the DMV though....

Posted by bloggurrl on February 26, 9:17 p.m.

I thoroughly enjoyed this story. When I was young, I had my name on my plates. I got older, and realized how stupid that was. It's almost the equivalent of rappers that have their names tattooed on their arms. And I'm guessing with female drivers, maybe not a safe thing. I'm wondering, with this economy, if people that have their businesses on their plate, and they then go under...is that a painful, constant reminder every time they get in their vehicle to drive to the next job interview?





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Posted by ValB on February 28, 6:06 p.m.

I have seen some plates that have made me laugh, smile, and others that simply left me clueless. Some just look like the person randomly picked letters out of the alphabet and stuck them together. I say if you're

going to spend the extra money personalizing your plate it can't hurt to possibly have a few other people check it over first to make sure it doesn't sound like incoherent babble when complete. Just my cents.

Posted by angelampercival on February 28, 7:03 p.m.

I've never had a personalized license plate, but many of my friends have. I have always wanted one but could never decide on something that I could live with. I don't like drawing attention to myself. I'm on the road a lot, so I do notice them. It's fun to decipher the more creative ones. I guess this is just another way of a person expressing themselves. If I had a classic car then I would most definitely have one. Anyway,a friend of mine's close buddy (who is a known SD radio personality) used to have one that said I'mShotz. Can you can't guess who that is?

Posted by thescribe on March 1, 3:53 p.m.

Great story! Just to add one more... there was the Hooker family in Tucson that had audacity to apply for 'HOOKER1' and ended up pressing the issue in court.

They were finally able to

have the family name on the tag and as far as I know none of them are prostitutes nor do they support the profession.

We do have a few rights left (hopefully more since the inauguration) so always press the issue and push the envelope. Rights that are not enjoyed, cherished and struggled for have a tendency to disappear. Freedom and free speech are always worth the effort.

KC in NP

### **Cover Story Published February 18**

Posted by Princess on February 20, 6:19 p.m.

I really appreciate Mr.

Larson writing this article. It shed light on a topic, at least for me, I was not aware of. It is disgusting what these so-called doctors have been able to get away with. It doesn't seem like there are appropriate procedures put in place to make sure such people are not practicing medicine and violating the law. It's extremely dishearting and makes me wonder what else such people are able to get away with.

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# Your Welcome to IT

## Thursday | 5

### **BUDGETING BASICS**

Do for your household what Congress is attempting to do for the country. The San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union offers tips for how to decrease your personal deficit, increase savings, and raise your credit score.

See **LECTURES**, page 59.

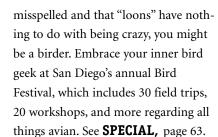
## Friday | 6



Scarecrow stars in this live production about life in Sunflower Valley. See **FOR KIDS**, page 57.

## BIRDING BONANZA!

If you already know that a "tubenose" is not a flower



## Saturday | 7

### THE GUACAMOLE BOWL

It's a face-off in this game of "cops and gobblers," and the victor will be the team that produces the meanest batch of guacamole goodness. Law-enforcement teams will face off against the media and other divisions to see who is best at bringing on the flavor. Proceeds will go to Sports for Exceptional Athletes. See **SPECIAL**, page 63.

## **RESCUE DINNER!**

Liz Edmunds visits the Macy's Home Store to discuss tips from her book The Food Nanny Rescues Dinner: Easy Family Meals for Every Day of the Week, such as putting the kids to work and how to suck it up and overcome the ten most common excuses for not cooking. See **SPECIAL**, page 63.

## Sunday | 8

## JUST BALANCHINE

City Ballet presents *The Four Temperaments*, in which they abstract the four human elements: "melancholic, sanguinic, phlegmatic, and choleric," more commonly known as sad, happy, apathetic, and angry. See **DANCE**, page 56.

## WHO'S THE UGLIEST OF THEM ALL?

The only thing cuter than an ugly dog is a canine in costume. Ugly isn't the only category at the 14th annual Ugly Dog Contest. Rover may also be judged on adorability, talent, and best St. Patrick's Day ensemble.

See **SPECIAL**, page 63.



## BUBBLES AND BEAUTY

Children in Africa will benefit when you sip champagne, attend beauty workshops, and receive cosmetic injections from a bona fide surgeon at this charity event held at Mog & Rue Clothing Store in Encinitas.

See **SPECIAL**, page 63.

## Monday | 9

## LIFE IN THE EXTREME

It was only 20 years ago that scientists learned microbes could grow in austere environments such as sandstone.

Scripps research geologist Hubert

Staudigel will discuss his recent work in Antarctica, a land that is known for being "hostile," and how microorganisms surviving in those harsh conditions might hint at earthling origins.

See **LECTURES**, page 59.

## UNITING HEAVEN AND EARTH

Céile Dé, or "God's sworn allies," make up a monastic order that spans the British Isles. Order member Fionn Tulach of Scotland will visit Mission Valley to conduct a Celtic spirituality workshop. See **SPECIAL**, page 63.

## Tuesday | 10

#### RANUNCULUS RAINBOWS

Spring is nigh, and there's nowhere to see it more clearly than at the Flower Fields in Carlsbad, where 50 acres of Tecolote ranunculus flowers, also known as Persian buttercups, are in full bloom. See **SPECIAL**, page 63.

## Wednesday | 11

## WHAT'S A HUD HOME?

I'll give you a hint: it has to do with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which lists properties for sale that have been foreclosed upon. Learn how you might take advantage of the current economic crisis at this presentation by Turnkey Homes and Loans.

See **LECTURES**, page 59.

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# Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

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### DANCE

"Just Balanchine" City Ballet performs *The Four Temperaments* with music by Paul Hindemith, a Balanchine masterwork named the "Best Dance of the 20th Century" by *Time* magazine. Program includes company premiere of *La Source*, and a reprise of *Serenade*. 858-272-8663. Thursday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 7, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m.; \$29-\$59. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue.

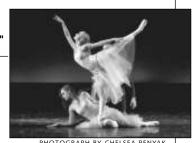
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## OUT & ABOUT

## "JUST BALANCHINE" CITY BALLET

Thursday–Sunday, March 5–8, Birch North Park Theatre.

(SEE DANCE)



"Jam" community swing dance. Beginner lesson at 8 p.m. (dance is free if you take the class). 619-291-3775. Friday, March 6, 8 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont

Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

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David Patrone \$10,000 Swing Dance Extravaganza David Patrone Productions, 2toGroove, Viejas Casino host "biggest single 'top cash prize' swing dance competition in the world." Registered couples may compete in any number of nine weekly qualifying rounds in order to advance to semifinal round on March 22. Top two couples from each of nine qualifying rounds move on to

semifinals; of 20 couples in semifinal round, ten couples move to final round on March 29.

Enjoy music by Jonathan Stout and His Campus Five, feat, and Hilary Alexander on March 8; weekly dance contests take place during band breaks. Registration: 4-4:45 p.m., swing dance lessons with Jim and Margie at 5 p.m., live music swing dance 6-9 p.m. 619-517-2719. Sunday, March 8, 4 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and up. Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, 5000 Willows Road. (ALPINE)

**English Country Dancing** Ellen Riley calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. 858-676-9731. Sunday, March 8, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Flight Path** Band provides music, JoAnn Koppany calls for contra dancing hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30 p.m.; dances taught and called to live music 8-11 p.m. Wear

soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

NextGen Club Dance Party Social dance party for "younger dancers" (18-39 years), with contemporary music, workshops in West Coast swing and Argentine tango. Couples and singles welcome. Admission fee: \$7 (includes one workshop and party), or \$10 for two workshops and party, 619-275-3533. Saturday, March 7, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$10. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

**Off the Cuff** Live music by this band, calling by Ellen Riley, for weekly English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, March 8, 6 p.m.; \$8. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

#### FILM

**Beyond Silence** Academy Awardnominated story of young woman's battle for independence and her deaf parents' struggle to understand her gift for music is featured when Cinema Society of Carlsbad convenes. Pre- and post-film discussion with Andy Friedenberg. Cinema chat at 1:30 p.m. In German with English subtitles. 760-602-2026. Saturday, March 7, 1:30 p.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)





California Company Town Lee Anne Schmitt's 2008 film screens for Media Makers series in Markstein Hall room 125. What happens when onetime boomtowns are abandoned by the industries that created them? 760-750-8085. Wednesday, March 11, 5:30 p.m.; free, CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road, (SAN MARCOS)

Fermat's Room This "twisty iovride" by Luis Piedrahita screens in Spanish with English subtitles for Film Forum series, 619-236-5821. Monday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.: free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Religulous Screening of Bill Maher's documentary on religion at Lestat's West (next to Lestat's Coffee House). 619-282-0437. Tuesday, March 10, 7 p.m.; free, Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Savages Laura Linney, Philip Sevmour Hoffman, and Philip Bosco star in this film written, directed by Tamara Jenkins. 619-299-9360. Sunday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.; free. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue.

Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai Sunday Afternoon at the Movies series continues with preview film showing and discussion hosted by library and Media Arts Center San Diego. Lisa Merton and Alan Dater's film tells story of Green Belt Movement of Kenya and its "unstoppable founder," Wangari Maathai, the first environmentalist and first

African woman to win Nobel Peace Prize (in 2004). 619-236-5800. Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

The Corporation Forty corporate insiders and critics explore history, nature, and rise of corporate power using footage from advertising, television news, and industrial films. First half of film screens for Sierra Club Movie Night, following "finger-food potluck." 858-569-6005. Friday. March 6, 6 p.m.; free. Sierra Club, 8304 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #101. (KEARNY MESA)

The Elephant in the Room Documentary follows British filmmaker Dean Puckett "through his journey into the 9/11 Truth Movement," Screening hosted by San Diegans for 9/11 Truth. Donation; no one turned away. 619-222-2120. Sunday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Film, Video, Cocktails Filmmaker Jeffrey Durkin of Breadtruck Films premieres his documentary of Sanctuary143's Conspire event, along with short films Scale, offering a look into life of local furniture designer-architect-teacher Miki Iwasaki; and Mixed Message, a 12-minute film following "a graphic designer with ADD who attempts to reprogram society through his 'do-it-yourself' style of advertising." Screening is free; drinks and food for sale. 619-226-6100. Friday, March 6, 9:30 p.m.;

free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Road to Sundance Local filmmaker Destin Daniel Cretton screens his film Short Term 12, the "Best Short" winner at this year's Sundance Film Festival. Cretton will discuss the Sundance experience, how award has boosted his career. Arrive early to network with San Diego filmmakers. Requested donation: \$5, 858-356-0203, Tuesday, March 10, 6 p.m.; Groovy Like a Movie, 5205 Kearny Villa Way. (KEARNY MESA)

The Latino Experience Enjoy Buena Vista Social Club when ongoing Carlsbad Library film series continues in conjunction with "Cardinal Points/Puntos Cardinales" exhibit. Pre- and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, March 11, 6 p.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

#### FOR KIDS

"Spud's Big Mess" "Bob the Builder Live!" hits stage with Bob and his team embarking on a new adventure to save Sunflower Valley from Spud's old tricks. 800-988-4253. Friday, March 6, 6 p.m.; \$10-\$27. California Center for the Arts. Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard, (ESCONDIDO)

Disney High School Musical 2 School's out and summer is here! Enjoy "sweet new songs and mad, awesome dancing" when J\*Company presents further tales of the East High Wildcats. 858-362-1348. Saturday, March 7, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 8, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; \$13-\$17. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

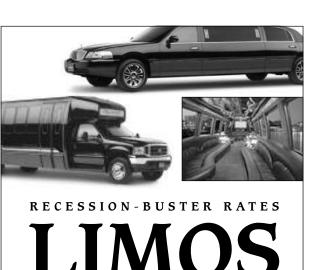
Horton Hears a Who This 2008 animated version of Dr. Seuss's book is featured during film series showcasing films directly inspired by favorite children's stories. Activities offered during screening. 619-238-7559. Saturday, March 7, 12:30 p.m.; free. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Biosciences Day Extract DNA, use micropipettes, handle microscopes, take part in many more hands-on activities, interact with local scientists on "leading edge of bioscience research." Included in admission. 619-238-1233 x808. Saturday, March 7, 1 p.m.; \$8-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Break a Computer! Celebrate Teen Tech Week and enjoy "a little educational destruction." Teens invited to learn about computers by tearing them apart, exploring their guts, during ongoing Steampunk series. 619-527-3430. Thursday, March 5, 2:30 p.m.; free. Ages 12 and up. San Carlos Library, 7265 Jackson Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

Childchewers, Bloodbottlers, and Fleshlumpeaters! Enjoy The BFG (Big Friendly Giant) when San Diego Junior Theatre brings this Roald Dahl classic to the stage, directed by Will Neblett. Performance on Saturday, March





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## ROAM- -- RAMA | A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond | by Jerry Schad

an Tuesdays ever be romantic? Next Tuesday (March 10) truly is, by virtue of the full moon rising nearly at the time of sunset. Start the evening with an easy stroll. What better place is there to do that than Harbor Island's sidewalk? It's widely regarded as offering some of the best bay and city views. As the pumpkin-like moon silently launches itself right over the twilight-bathed city



September moonrise from Shelter Island

skyline (around 7 p.m.), place your lover in a spoonlike embrace facing east, make an "0" in the shape of the moon with your lips, and plant a warm, wet kiss on the back of his or her neck.

On Harbor Island, the curved bayside sidewalk stretches more than a mile. You're best off viewing the moonrise from the far west end, near Tom Ham's Lighthouse restaurant. From that vantage, the rising moon looks larger than life due to its looming over the relatively distant and diminished-instature downtown office and condominium towers.

Full moonrises are a dime a dozen, yet only a

few each year can be seen from coastal San Diego. That's because the gray marine layer often obscures the view on evenings between May and September.

Harbor Island offers a water surface spreading eastward, so as time goes on and the moon climbs higher, you get glimmers of reflected moonlight. Those glimmers eventually multiply into a shimmering "glitter path" across the bay.

Where else can you enjoy a similar moonrise experience? Shelter Island offers an excellent moonrise/skyline alignment in April, September, and October. At Mission Beach, the place to be is on the Bay-

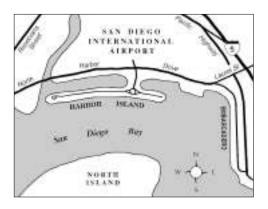
side Walk, just east of Mission Boulevard. At Coronado, try the bayshore footpath running from the Old Ferry Landing to Tidelands Park. In North County, try the nature trail along the north shore of Batiquitos Lagoon, starting at the end of Gabbiano Lane in Carlsbad. A few minutes' walk east takes you to a point very near the lagoon shoreline.

If you miss the March full moon, try again a month later on the evening of Thursday, April 9. On that date, the full moon rises into the darkening sky at around 7:50 p.m., about one-half hour after the time of sunset.

## HARBOR ISLAND MOON WALK

Catch the moon rising over San Diego Bay and the skyline.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 2 miles Hiking/biking length: 1–2 miles Difficulty: Easy



14 is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; through Sunday, March 15, \$8-\$13. Ages 6 and up. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

I Think I Can! Big Joe Productions present *The Little Engine That Could,* in which a little engine finds strength to make it up a big hill carrying a load of toys. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

619-544-9203. Thursday, March 5; Friday, March 6; Saturday, March 7; Sunday, March 8; Wednesday, March 11; free. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Tidepooling for Tots at Hospital Point Learn about ocean critters when Birch Aquarium at Scripps hosts tidepooling led by aquarium naturalist. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Monday, March 9, 2 p.m.; \$12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**Tots and Tales** Interactive story time for preschoolers with crafts and animals. Reservations: 619-243-3432. Tuesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.; \$3. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

## **IN PERSON**

"Three-Course, Three-Genre Benefit" Hunger and Thirst anthology writers join writers of two other books for readings to benefit San Diego Rescue Mission. Bring a nonperishable food item to donate. 619-284-7684. Sunday, March 8, 3 p.m.; free. The Grove, 3010 Juniper Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Coming of Age in Wartime San Diego Lemon Grove Historical Society's "History Alive" lecture series continues when author (and Hoover High School graduate) Virginia Bousfield Welch discusses her new book. Question and answer follows. 619-460-4353. Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m.; H. Lee

House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive. (LEMON GROVE)

El Perro del Hortelano 2RC Teatro, a professional repertory company from Canary Islands, performs El Perro del Hortelano (The Dog in the Manger), addressing issues of social climbing, jealousy, women's desire. Play was written in 17th-Century Spain by Lope de Vega. See performance in Arts Building room 111. 760-750-4366. Sunday, March 8,7 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

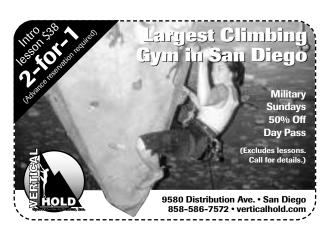
**New York Times** Reporter Sharon Waxman signs, discusses her new book, *Loot: The Battle over the Stolen Treasures of the Ancient* 

World, in USD's Degheri Alumni Center. She's also founder of TheWrap.com. 619-575-6551. Saturday, March 7, 6 p.m.; free. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

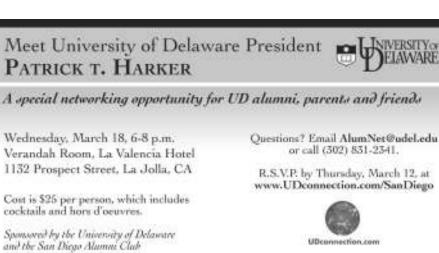
**Songs for a New World** Musical theater production featuring SDSU students depicting an array of characters in vignettes across time and space. 619-594-5744. Friday, March 6, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 7, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m.; \$10-\$15. SDSU's Experimental Theatre, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

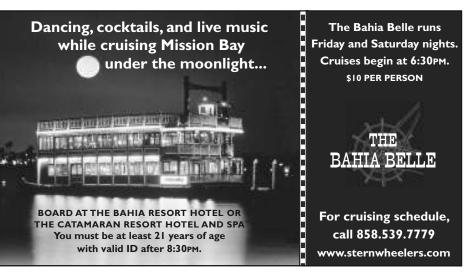
**Tea and Other Ayama Na Tales** Eleanor Bluestein reads from her new book, set "in the fictional











country of Ayama Na, a small Southeast Asian nation recovering from a devastating internal coup and a long drought, both of which have left the population reeling." 858-456-1800. Saturday, March 7, 7 p.m.; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Moon & Metaphor Ola Hadi, founder and former hostess of Drunk Poets Society of Ocean Beach, celebrates release of her first book of poetry. 619-222-6822. Monday, March 9, 6 p.m.; free. Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Author Talk Local author, former Union-Tribune reporter Caitlin Rother discusses, signs her new book, Body Parts, 619-667-2870. Saturday, March 7, 2 p.m.; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)

Children's and Youth Choir Festival Choristers Guilds hosts festival for more than 250 children and teens from more than a dozen county churches and schools. Singers will work with choral clinicians Melva Morrison and Kathy Thompson. Concert features student organists and choral pieces for each age group, combined groups, bell choir, instrumentalists. Offering. 619-297-4366. Sunday, March 8, 4:15 p.m.; free. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Comics That Kill Stand-up comedy featuring Erik Knowles, Tim Shaw, Zoltan, Danielle Stewart, and Jonny Loquasto. 619-294-4848. Saturday, March 7, 8 p.m.; \$5. Ages 21 and up. The Wit's End, 420 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Double Bill of Chills The L.A. Theatre Works radio theater company presents War of the Worlds and Lost World, described as "masterpieces of science fiction and adventure." 800-988-4253. Saturday, March 7, 8 p.m.; \$18-\$36. California Center for the Arts, Escondido. 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Evening o' Laughs "March Madness" improv comedy show by sketch comedy group Comedy Under Construction, 858-550-8088, Saturday, March 7, 8 p.m.: \$5-\$10. Ages 14 and up. Swedenborg Hall, 1531 Tyler Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Former U.S. Senator Decorated World War II pilot and author George McGovern discusses, signs Abraham Lincoln, his insight into the 16th president. Admission is free; purchase of book at Warwick's required to have book signed. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Half-History, Half-Myth, Wholly Magical Award-winning author, poet Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni introduces her newest book, The Palace of Illusions, set in time of the Indian epic The Mahabharat. Divakaruni presents "a rare feminist interpretation of an epic story." Her books include The Mistress of Spices and Sister of My Heart. Books offered for sale. 619-236-5821. Saturday, March 7, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Know an Indigo Child? Wayne Dosick and Ellen Kaufman Dosick celebrate publication of Empowering Your Indigo Child: A Handbook for Parents of Children of Spirit with reception, book signing. Author presentation: 3:30 p.m. 760-633-3754. Sunday, March 8, 1 p.m.; free. Indigo Village, 609 South Vulcan Avenue. (ENCINITAS)

Squeaky-Clean Comedy! Family-friendly shows for all ages. 858-433-1457. Saturdays, 7 p.m.; \$5. Naveed's Comedy Club at Bella Roma Pizza and Restaurant, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard #103. (LA JOLLA)

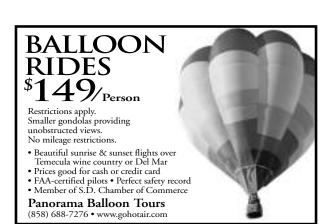
Surf's Up? Pacific Beach surf instructor Rusty Farrell plans short demonstration and discusses his Aloha Surf Guide — A Beginner's Guide for the Vacationing Surfer. 858-270-8642 or 858-565-0811. Saturday, March 7, 1 p.m.; free. Open Door Books, 4761 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Suzanne Lummis Poetry Reading Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series continues with reading by Lummis, founding and present director of the Los Angeles Poetry Festival, and author of several plays, in room LL-430, 619-594-5318. Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m.; free. Malcolm A. Love Library at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Wit, Intellect, Looks Feminist and journalist Gloria Steinem described as "the voice and face of the women's movement of the 1970s" — plans appearance. RSVP: 619-692-2077 x116. Friday, March 6, 4:30 p.m.; \$5-\$10. San Diego LGBT Community Center, 3909 Centre Street. (HILLCREST)

## LECTURES

"America and the World" "Assisting Movement Away from Extremism and Toward Reconciliation" is topic when David Steele, consultant in conflict transformation, speaks in Eleanor Roosevelt Administration Building ERC-115. Explore reasons extremist ideology can easily gain a foothold in conflicted communities, ways in which both religious and political actors can be engaged to de-escalate conflict and encourage cooperation. 858-822-5297. Friday, March 6, noon; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)









## Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

"An Introduction to English Genealogical Records: Civil, Church, and Census" June Hanson speaks for British Interest Group sponsored by San Diego Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome. 619-583-8352. Wednesday, March 11, 10:30 a.m.; free. LDS Family History Center, 4195 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Budgeting Basics"** San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union focuses on building a budget, paying down debt, tips for saving. 619-278-5724. Thursday, March 5, 3:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union, 9212 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

"Bye-Bye, Grass! Part One" Gardening expert Nan Sterman divulges methods for "extermination options" for removing lawn, ways to physically remove grass. Part two offered Sunday, March 8 (included in this fee). Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Thursday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.; \$45-\$50. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Doin' It: The Practice of the Art, the Art of the Practice" Symposium in conjunction with opening of new "Doin' It" exhibi-

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tion. 760-795-6657. Wednesday, March 11, 3 p.m.; free. Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"From Bats Through Brains and Then Under Your Skin" Michael McCaman, senior scientist at Halozyme Therapeutics, speaks for Biotechnology Speakers Series in room 3601.760-757-2121 x6499. Friday, March 6, noon; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Frugal Feast"** Flavorful food does not mean expensive food. Learn to cook beef roulade, "the best mashed potatoes," green beans with herbs during cooking class with Chef Elizabeth. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, March 7, 1:30 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Grocery Shopping Made Healthy" Don't be tempted by colorful packaging! Nutrition workshop by Leigh-Ann Webster, founder of HealthWise Women and Bar Method's resident fitness, nutrition coach. Learn to read food labels, differences between organic and inorganic foods, "true definition" of natural foods, more. Traditional recipes modified to be more healthy provided. Required advance reservations: 619-226-2301. Saturday, March 7, 12:15 p.m.; free. Bar Method Studio in Liberty Station, 2751 Roosevelt Road, Suite 200. (POINT LOMA)

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

MOSTLY BACH — HÉLÈNE GRIMAUD Sherwood Auditorium, Friday, March 6.

(SEE IN PERSON)



"High-Quality Chocolate: A Long Chain of Excellence"

Chocolate sensory workshop conducted by France's "gourmet chocolate expert" Benjamin Desmartins, hosted by Alliance Française of San Diego. Presentation in English focuses on the making of chocolate, soils, flavors, changing tastes, the association of chocolate with some alcohols. Talk followed by tasting to "raise awareness of the sensory analysis of chocolate." 858-254-2253. Saturday, March 7, 3 p.m.; \$5-\$20. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive.

"In Celebration of Louis Kahn and the Salk Institute" Master architect David Adjaye speaks about his work and how Kahn's legacy has influenced his practice. Salk Institute was completed in 1965, employing a minimalist approach to design two mirror-image structures overlooking Pacific Ocean. Reservations: 858-453-4100 x1882 or 858-454-3541 x121. Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Salk Institute, 10010 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

"India" Sumit Ganguly of Indiana University speaks for Hansen/Hostler Distinguished Lecture Series. Talks examining key international issues facing President Obama take place in Hardy Tower room 140. 619-594-6244. Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**"Life in the Extreme"** Scripps research geologist Hubert Staudigel focuses on "The Rock Bottom of Antarctica's Food Chain" when Perspectives on Ocean Science Lecture Series continues. Staudigel explores inhospitable environments for microbes providing clues to

early history of life on Earth. RSVP: 858-534-5771. Monday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.; \$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

How to Manage a Multi-Dog Household Considering another dog, or already have a few? Learn to manage multiple dogs under one roof during workshop; training secrets, "tips for peaceful coexistence between your canine family members." For humans only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Wednesday, March 11, 6 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Mulch, Compost, Fertilizer!" Water Wise Series continues with examination of benefits of mulch, compost, fertilizer by landscape designer Jan Tubiolo. 619-660-0614. Wednesday, March 11, 630 p.m.; \$15-\$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Oil and Democracy Revisited" UCLA professor Michael Ross speaks in Social Sciences Building room 107. "Recent studies have disputed the claim that oil hinders democracy or raised questions about the causal mechanisms behind it"; Ross re-examines question of petroleum wealth and regime type. 858-822-5297. Thursday, March 5, 12:30 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Perspectives on Gender in Muslim Societies" International

Women's Day panel convening in Aztec Athletics Auditorium, with women's studies specialists discussing central studies and debates on gender issues in Muslim societies, focusing on Indonesia, Lebanon, Iran. Presentations followed by question-and-answer period. 619-594-5744. Sunday, March 8, 1 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Rescue, Raise, and Release of Hummingbirds" Marion Stacey, a.k.a. "the hummingbird lady," speaks for meeting of Southern California Plumeria Society. Stacey will bring small birds, discuss how to encourage hummingbirds in gardens. 619-461-5942. Sunday, March 8, 1 p.m.; free. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

"Solving Everything — Well, Almost Everything" "Creating Life-Support Sustaining Economies and Ways of Life in the San Diego/Tijuana Region" is theme for Jim Bell "Common Sense" workshop. How can San Diego/Tijuana region transform its current nonsustainable economies and ways of life into economies and ways of life that are life-support sustaining? 619-299-9360. Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m.; free. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLOREST)

"The Deep Psychology of Unsustainable Design" Los Angeles landscape designer Pamela Berstler examines sustainable gardening during talk for San Diego Horticultural Society subtitled "How Sustainable Practices Change Our Ideal Landscape." Plant forum follows. 760-295-7089. Monday, March 9, 6 p.m.;







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"The Financial Crisis in Asia" Chalongphob Sussangkarn, distinguished fellow at Thailand Development Research Institute, uses examples from 1997 financial disaster and today's subprime crisis fallout to examine how such crises affect economies of East and Southeast Asia, 858-822-6756. Wednesday, March 11, 4 p.m.; free. UCSD Faculty Club, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Thwarting the Religious Right in Matters of Life and Death" David T. Morgan speaks for Hemlock Society of San Diego. 619-233-4418. Sunday, March 8, 1:30 p.m.; free. Ages 18 and up. Jovce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Trees in the Water Conserving Landscape" Certified arborist Leah Rottke leads in-depth discussion about trees. Topics include trees adapted to our climate. tree selection, watering new trees, more. Garden tour included. Registration. 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.; \$15-\$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Yearning for Peace with Justice: Four Women, Four Perspectives" Forum hosted by Interfaith Holy Land Ministry with stories from four women seeking peace, justice, and reconciliation in Palestine and Israel. Panelists Ahlam Muhtaseb, Zoe Batarseh, Amal Jubran, Ethel Sweed hail from Hebron, Jerusalem, Haifa, and U.S. Reception at 6:30 p.m., program at 7 p.m. 619-297-4366. Monday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.; free. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South, (MISSION VALLEY)

A True Green Thumb! Gardener extraordinaire-writer-horticultural consultant Pat Welsh speaks for Point Loma Garden Club. Among her books: Pat Welsh's Southern California Gardening: A Month-by-Month Guide, 619-564-7036. Wednesday, March 11, 10 a.m.; free. Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal, (POINT LOMA)

Artist Lecture Gallery talk by artist John Divola in Art room 412. whose work is included in current "Animalkind" exhibition. 619-594-5171. Thursday, March 5, 4 p.m.; San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Culinarily Challenged? Learn to prepare simple recipes, where to buy the best ingredients, what equipment you will need during these classes. March 5: roast chicken dinner; March 12: St. Patrick's Day menu; March 19: pizzas galore. 760-431 2278. Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m.; \$45. Ages 21 and up. Captain Cook's Culinary Academy, 6986 El Camino Real.

Art and Architecture The series, examining "How We Choose to Live II - Perspectives on Art, Architectural Design, Urban Planning, and Our Changing Ecology," features

Matthew Coolidge divulging current and recent activities of the Center for Land Use Interpretation in Culver City (where he is director). What is "the methodology of examining culture by describing the physical features of the landscape"? 858-454-5872. Thursday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA

**Harness the Power of Worms!** 

"Composting with Worms Work-

shop - Inside and Out" presented by Leslie Barnes of Solana Center for Environmental Innovation. Hands-on, participatory workshop focuses on use of worms to compost, anywhere. In-class materials fee (\$20) covers cost of desktop worm bin with worms and home-composting instructional booklet. Registration: 619-255-0203. Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.; \$20-\$25. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Ikebana Series Learn art of ikebana (fresh flower arrangement) from Rumi Rice, a Sogetsu School teacher. Materials fee: \$30. Classes held on Tuesdays, March 10-31. Advance registration required: 760-436-3036 x206. Tuesday, March 10, 10 a.m.: \$80-\$100, Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

International Women's Day UNA's Women's Equity Council hosts breakfast focusing on immigrant women's "Roles, Realities, and Hopes." Women from Iraq, Somalia, U.S.A., Iran, Philippines, and Venezuela share views on current status of women in their home countries and their hopes for future. RSVP: 805-403-4773. Sunday, March 8, 10:30 a.m.; free. Women's History Museum, 2323 Broadway, Suite 107. (GOLDEN HILL)

Jazz Lecture Paul Marshall discusses his Club Date DVD series of live jazz performances. 858-454-

5872. Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Landscape Photography** Larry Stein dispenses basic principles of landscape and nature photography with emphasis on digital techniques. Topics include exposure, white balance, histograms, ISO, and depth-of-field. Class is best suited for cameras allowing manual control of exposure, as well as digital cameras providing an im-



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age histogram. Three classes followed by field trip. Registration: 619-255-0203. Tuesday, March 10, 6 p.m.; \$75-\$85. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Late or Struggling? Learn "The Truth about Loan Modifications" during workshop with talks by Fred Solomon and Cristinha Furtado (Seven Steps to Rebuilding Financial Security After Your Real Estate Crisis). RSVP: 888-305-1408. Thursday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.; free. Hilton San Diego Mission Valley, 901 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Mainland Mexico From tequila tasting in Jalisco, to Mayan ruins of Palenque, to indigenous villages of Chiapas — get inside tips from travelers on discovering diversity of Mexico. RSVP: 619-338-9981 x14. Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m.; free. Le Travel Store, 745 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Ozily Yours** Angelica Carpenter, curator of Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children's Literature at CSU Fresno and president of International Wizard of Oz Club, plans slide-illustrated lecture on life of Frank Baum and his writings of the Oz series. 619-435-7242. Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Coronado Museum of History and Art, 1100 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

**Sogetsu School Ikebana** Learn basics of ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) from instructor Yumi Rakers. Materials list upon required advance registration. Fee: \$15 per session, or \$40 for three sessions. Registration: 619-232-2721. Wednesday,

March 11, 10 a.m.; \$15. Japanese

Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

**Travel Seminar** Carefree Vacations, Outdoor Travel Adventures, Air New Zealand host travel presentations for those interested in learning more about destinations served by Air New Zealand, including Australia, the Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea. Fee includes appetizers, wines from Australia and New Zealand. RSVP: 800-266-3476. Thursday, March 5, 6 p.m.; \$15. Ages 21 and up. San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, 200 Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Visiting Artist Lecture Series Sculptor Michael Jones McKean plans talk in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space (at intersection of Lyman Lane and Russell Lane). "In McKean's sculptures, not all the objects they consist of are fully formed." 858-822-7755. Thursday, March 5,7 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

What's a HUD Home? Who can buy HUD homes? Learn "ins and outs" of purchasing a HUD home during seminar hosted by HUD-certified broker Turnkey Homes and Loans. RSVP: 858-779-9299. Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m.; free. Turnkey Homes and Loans, 16890 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

### **OUTDOORS**

Pacific Daylight Time, or "daylight saving time," starts on Sunday morning, March 8, at 2 a.m. No time is "saved" by advancing our clocks by one hour. This sneaky trick in civil time is designed to rouse us out of bed an hour earlier so that we can enjoy what seems to be an extra hour of daylight before the sun goes down.

## OUT & ABOUT

**OZILY YOURS** 

Angelica Carpenter on Frank L. Baum, Coronado Museum of History and Art, Thursday, March 5.

(SEE LECTURES)



COURTESY OF ROBERT A. BAUM JR. AND CORONADO MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ART

Daylight saving time, when applied to the months of long daylight, has been proven to save significant amounts of electrical energy.

The Anza-Borrego Desert State Park flowers best this month, with peak blooms expected early in the month in low-lying, warm areas like Borrego Valley, the Borrego Badlands, Coyote Canyon, and along Highway S-2 in the south end of the park. Among the many annually appearing wildflowers you'll find in the low-lying areas are desert sunflower, dune primrose, lupine, desert chicory, sand verbena, and desert lily. On slightly higher ground and up along the hillsides, you'll spot blooming brittlebush, chuparosa, ocotillo, apricot mallow, and more. Starting in mid-month, several varieties of cactus should explode into bloom. For the latest update on this season's expected betterthan-average bloom, call Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's special hotline, 760-767-4684, for a recorded message.

Saturn lies at opposition to the

sun on Sunday, March 8. On or near that date, look for this creamy white planet over the east horizon as evening twilight gathers. At opposition Saturn remains in the sky all night, setting at sunrise, and it will remain a good telescopic target for the next three or four months. Saturn's rings are currently tilted only 2.5 degrees to the line of sight (practically edge-on), and nowhere near as opened up as they have been in the last several years. Earth will pass through the ring plane on September 4 of this year.

**Full Moon** occurs on the evening of Tuesday, March 10. Watch as the amber disk of the moon crawls above the east horizon (just before 7 p.m.), only a few minutes after the sun goes down in the west. Nearly twelve hours later, you can watch the moon sink into the Pacific Ocean while the sun is coming up on the other side of the sky. This out-of-phase, rise-set synchronicity is characteristic of every full moon. The 12-hour difference on this occasion is explained by the fact that both the sun and the

moon will be near opposing equinoxes in the sky — in other words, both will lie nearly over Earth's equator. Some folk names for the March full moon include "moon," "sap moon," "seed moon," "plow moon," and "moon of winds."

The Highest and Lowest Tides

of March are associated with the month's full moon. Extreme high tides include Sunday's (March 8's) +5.8 foot tide at 7:50 a.m.; Monday's +5.9 foot tide at 8:37 a.m.: and Tuesday's +5.7 foot tide at 9:21 a.m. Extreme low tides include Saturday's (March 7's) -1.2 foot tide at 12:59 p.m.; Sunday's -1.3 foot tide at 2:36 p.m.; and Monday's -1.2 foot tide at 3:09 p.m. Starting next month and continuing until September, the lowest tides each month will occur during the wee hours and not during afternoon hours. Tidepool enthusiasts will have to wait until September to easily observe marine life in the lowest tidepools of the intertidal

"Moonbeams on Mallard II" Naturalist Lee Dezan leads mildly strenuous evening hike of about four miles. Moonrise is at 2:25 p.m., so enjoy "high moonlight" right after sunset. Bring a flashlight. Quiet dogs welcome. Dress in layers. Reservations required: 760-839-4241. Saturday, March 7, 4:30 p.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Balboa Park Architectural Tours San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours highlighting Spanish Colonial Revival buildings constructed for 1915 and 1935 International Expositions in Balboa Park. Tours start in front of Museum of Man. 619-232-1385. Saturday, March 7, 9:50 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Ages 10 and up. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Bird and Butterfly Garden Nature Walk Ranger- and docentled walk through park's 3.5-acre bird and butterfly garden boasting over 40 types of plants attractive to monarch and swallowtail butterflies, hummingbirds, migrating birds, others. Flat, gravel surfaces. 619-428-2946. Sunday, March 8, 11 a.m.; free. Tijuana River Valley Re-

gional Park, 2310 Hollister Street.

(SAN YSIDRO)

Flowers Are Popping! Don't miss explosion of blooms and color going off in park during interpretive nature walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 7, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, March 8, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, March 11, 9:30 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Gaze Through a Telescope Search for a shooting star or Saturn and Jupiter during stargazing parties planned (weather permitting) in MiraCosta College's baseball field. Call to confirm: 760-757-2121 x6201. Friday, March 6, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 7, 8 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Geology Walk Through Time Geologist Don Albright leads hike "through hundreds of millions of years of geology." Visit waterfall, see a rare fossil. Wear good footwear for steep trail. 858-484-3219. Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m.; free. Lopez Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

Guided Nature Walk Take-in a different view of the park during outing starting in parking lot at 5700 Genesee Avenue. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, March 7, 9:30 a.m.; free. Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Regents Road. (CLAIREMONT)





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History Walk Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures. 619-235-1121. Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.: free, Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

Plant Trees! Cuvamaca Rancho State Park representatives, Odwalla employees, local volunteers will plant hundreds of trees in soil that has been cleared and prepared for planting during reforestation project. 760-765-3020. Saturday. March 7, 10 a.m.; free, Cuvamaca Rancho State Park, 40 miles east of San Diego. (JULIAN)

Rediscover Old Escondido West Walking tour led by Escondido History Center guide, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Saturday, March 7, 11 a.m.; free. Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Star Party Spectacular The "resident star gazer" will share his powerful telescope for all to view stars and planets in night sky, including Saturn. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 7, 6 p.m.; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Beneficial Stinging Nettles** George Sirbu — who claims "over 20 years' experience studying and eating weeds" - leads "foraging" lectures and walks. Learn "benefits of consuming dandelions, stinging nettles, lambs quarters, malva, more. Outings start at ballfield #2. Heavy rain cancels. 619-781-2507. Sunday, March 8, 10 a.m.; \$20. Robb Field, 2525 Bacon Street.

Swami's Tidepooling for All Explore Swami's Beach when naturalist from Birch Aquarium at Scripps leads outing in search of native marine life such as hermit crabs, sea hares, and sea anemones. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Saturday, March 7, noon: \$12. Ages 2 and up. Swami's Beach,

(OCEAN BEACH)

1298 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

Vernal Pools and Wildflowers! Diana Gordon leads walk to see vernal pools, one of our rarest habitats. See wildflowers. Moderate hill to climb. Wear hiking boots, bring water. 858-484-3219. Sunday, March 8, 9 a.m.; free. Carmel Mountain trailhead, Fairport Way and Shorepointe Way. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

#### SPECIAL

"Black Women Write Black Women" Black History Month book discussion focuses on Dorothy West's novel, The Wedding. UCSD African American literature and culture expert professor Camille F. Forbes leads discussion. 619-236-5821. Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Feria de la Salud: Por Su Familia" American Diabetes Association's fourth annual fiesta includes 5k run/walk, live music, healthy food demonstrations, health screenings, product and service booths. 619-234-9897. Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.; free. Kimball Park, at 12th Street and D Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

"Growing Iris" San Diego Iris Society gathers for meeting followed by a roundtable discussion about growing iris. 619-840-2768. Sunday, March 8, 1 p.m.; free. Olde Community Church, 9906 Maine Avenue, (LAKESIDE)

"Love and Forgiveness in the Light of Death" Reading, discussion series explores themes of love and forgiveness through classic and contemporary literature. This week, examine I.M. Coetzee's Disgrace. USD professor Leonora Simonovis leads discussion. Next up: Toni Morrison's *Iazz*, April 13. 619-236-5816. Monday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Rhapsody in Art" East County Art Association presents exhibition of original juried art opening with reception, award ceremony. Show continues through Saturday, March 28, 619-469-4865, Saturday, March 7, 4 p.m.; free. PianoSD.com, 1233 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Symbols of God's Love" Awards ceremony for St. Mark's annual religious art festival exhibition. Art juror was Hiroshi Miyazaki, poetry juror was Brandon Cesmat. Art may be seen on Saturdays through April 11, 858 273-1480. Saturday, March 7, 4 p.m.; free. Saint Mark's United Methodist Church, 3502 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

"Time Capsule" Check out new exhibition "Rising Tide: Film and Video Works from the MCA Collection, Sydney"; participate in "The Memory as an Archive/The Infinite Within Us," a hands-on archiving activity led by local artist Wes Bruce; record a video archive for use in an upcoming La Jolla Playhouse production, all during Thursday Night Thing (TNT). Live music by Writer and local musician Joel P. West. 858-454-3541. Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m.; free. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

"Uniting Heaven and Earth" Celtic spirituality workshop divulging "the living tradition of the Céile Dé" presented by order member Fionn Tulach from Scotland. Two-day event includes experiential work such as ancient sacred chants in Gaelic, other spiritual practices. 619-473-0008. Monday, March 9, 2 p.m.; \$100. Ages 18 and up. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North. (MIS-SION VALLEY)

Ask the Designer Professional landscape designer Connie Beck offers personalized, 45-minute landscape design consultation. Bring a photograph of your area, ideas from magazines, project dimensions for practical advice, suggestions for creating a low-water landscape. Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 p.m.; \$60-\$75. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuvamaca College Drive West. (CUYA-MACA COLLEGE)

Birding Bonanza! Of the over 750 bird species in the U.S., nearly 500 can be found in San Diego County. Celebrate during San Diego Bird Festival, when birders from novice to expert may take part in 30 field trips, 20 workshops, birding and optics expo, keynote speech by bird illustrator. author, expert David Allen Sibley (Saturday, March 7, 6 p.m.). Details, registration: 619-682-7200. Thursday, March 5, 6 a.m.; Friday, March 6, 5:30 a.m.; Saturday, March 7, 6 a.m.; Sunday, March 8, 6 a.m.; free. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Bubbles and Beauty Pamper** yourself while supporting Volunteers In Africa Foundation, Enjoy hosted champagne bar, Stila beauty workshops, cosmetic injections by board-certified surgeon Dr. Stephen Krant (\$250), gift bags, raffles. Shop is found in the Lumberyard. 760-635-2664. Sunday, March 8, 11 a.m.; free. Mog and Rue Clothing Store, 937 South Coast Highway 101, C-102. (ENCINITAS)

Circus Vargas 2009 Circus Vargas raises its big top for performances around the county. Latest edition of circus "bridges the gap between old tradition and modern innovation." Prior to each show. audience is invited into center ring for "crash course in circus skills such as juggling, feather balancing, and hula-hooping." Tickets: 877-468-3861. Thursday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, March 6, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 7, 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 8, 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday, March 9, 7 p.m.; \$15-\$50. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Disney Dog Tour Own a talented canine? Disney hosts contest in conjunction with Beverly Hills Chihuahua and Bolt DVD releases. Finalist in nationwide dog search wins walk-on part in an upcoming Buddies film. Bring your "camera-ready" canine dressed in glamour or action-hero style to audition; only 15 audition slots available, first-come, first-served. Vendors will offer services, prod-

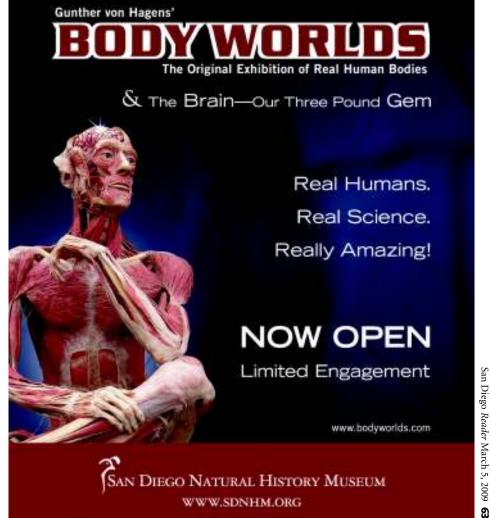
ucts for canines. 619-688-1818. Sunday, March 8, noon; free. Fashion Valley Mall, 7007 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Found Object Folk Art Open studio classes for all ages, promising history of folk art, focusing on symbolic work by Southern folk artist Roland Knox, Participants pick personal symbol, chose materials to glue into background patterns outlining symbol. Bring items to incorporate into your piece, 619-593-2205, Friday, March 6, 5 p.m.; Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.; \$40. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Gem Faire Over 70 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals. Classes, demonstrations. Weekend pass: \$5. 760-390-3599. Friday, March 6, noon; Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.; Sunday, March 8, 10 a.m.; \$5. Del







## Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

## **Gray Whale Season Surfaces!**

Outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursion boast Scripps naturalists on hand to share information about gray whales, the ecology, and history of San Diego Bay and Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Dolphins, sea lions, marine birds make guest appearances. Registration: 619-234-4111. Thursdays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Fridays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Sundays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Mondays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; through Sunday, March 29, \$15-\$35. San Diego Harbor Excursion, 1050 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

House of México Lawn program with costumes, music, dance, and ethnic foods. 619-234-0739. Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m.; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Ikebana Show** Ohara School La Jolla chapter exhibits floral creations in Exhibit House. Included in garden admission. 619-232-2721 Saturday, March 7, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday, March 8, 11:30 a.m.; free. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Kimekomi Doll Class Make your own kimekomi temari ball during class led by Sandra Erbetta. Materials will be provided (except for lunch). "Some preparations will be necessary." Registration: 619-232-2721. Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.; \$50-\$60. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Laughter Yoga Learn how to bring more laughter to your life and community. Typical class led by Michael Coleman consists of a series of "simple, fun, gentle laughter exercises combined with deep breathing." 619-588-3718. Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m.; free. Ages 12 and up. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Middle-Eastern Drums Issam Houshan of Bellydance Superstars leads instruction for beginners and all levels, 1-2 p.m., \$25. Intermediates and advanced players taught 2-3:30 p.m., \$35. 760-703-1487. Monday, March 9, 1 p.m.; \$25-\$35. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard. (LITILE ITALY)

**Never Too Late?** "Your Money Bus" tour hits area, with "message that it is never too late to begin preparing for a secure financial future." Volunteer financial advisors offer advice; bring financial questions, chat with financial advisors.

800-620-4232. Tuesday, March 10, 11 a.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Nowruz Means "New Day"
Celebrate Nowruz, the traditional
Persian new year, with musical
recitations of poetry, a traditional
haft sin table (symbolizing the triumph of good over evil), egg decorating, other crafts associated
with Persian New Year. Admission
is \$10 for member families, \$15 for
nonmember families. Reservations: 760-735-3355. Saturday,
March 7, 1 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Mingei
International Museum — North
County, 155 West Grand Avenue.

Old Wave, Second Wave, Next Wave, Post Wave... Whither feminism today? Ponder topic with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, March 5, 7 p.m.; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street.

(ESCONDIDO)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. Saturday, March 7, noon; Sunday, March 8, noon; free. Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Drive, Suite G. (POINT LOMA)

R-Rated Trivia in the North Enjoy trivia, comedy, mini-games, and "Will It Float?" Fee: \$3 per person. Winning team take all, or play for free to compete for bar prizes! 760-944-0233. Monday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.; \$3. Ages 21 and up. First Street Bar and Grill, 656 South Coast Highway. (ENCINITAS)

Ranked? Unranked? You are invited to play chess. Organizers say "kibitz at your own risk." 858-568-1641. Saturdays, 1 p.m.; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Ranunculus Rainbows The Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours. Visitors may stroll pathways or take wagon ride (\$5 general). Sweet pea maze, poinsettia display, American flag of flowers. Season passes available. 760-431-0352. Thursdays, 9 a.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m.; through Sunday, May 10, free. The Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte.

**Rescue Dinner!** Liz Edmunds, author of *The Food Nanny Rescues Dinner: Easy Family Meals for Every Day of the Week*, discusses her menu-planning tools and recipes. Reservations: 888-424-3663. Saturday, March 7, noon; \$25-\$35. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

**SUHSD Student Art Exhibition** Award reception for students of Sweetwater Union High School District Visual Art Council, presenting annual art exhibition on view through Sunday, March 29. 619-585-5755. Friday, March 6, 6 p.m.; free. South Chula Vista Library, 389 Orange Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Thar She Blows! H&M Landing offers daily three-hour excursions to view the annual migration of California gray whales, with "interpretive narration by trained and knowledgeable staff." Also available: five-hour cruises depart daily at 10 a.m., voyage to Coronado Islands. Reservations: 619-222-1144. Thursdays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.: Fridays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Mondays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; through Friday, March 20, \$17-\$25. H&M Landing, 2803 Emerson Street. (POINT LOMA)

The Guacamole Bowl Annual Law Enforcement Challenge promises tasting of guacamole from more than 25 teams competing in law enforcement, media, professional, and open divisions. The \$5 admission fee includes tortilla chips, "all the guacamole you can eat." Team entry fee: \$25.858-565-7432. Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.; \$5. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**Unwind and Laugh** Exercise your humor and creativity with

"variety of lively interactive exercises from the world of improvisation" to give your funny bone a workout. Led by Jacquie Lowell. 858-581-0050. Friday, March 6, 7 p.m.; \$20. Ages 16 and up. Friendship Senior Center, 4425 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

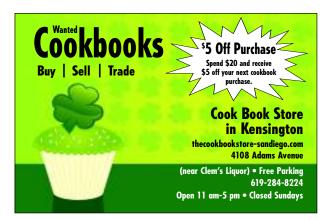
Who's the Ugliest of Them All? Which canine most resembles its human? Find out during 14th annual Ugly Dog Contest. Over 400 dogs expected to compete in 15 categories including ugliest dog, best mutt, cutest pup, best trick, best St. Patrick's Day costume, more. Registration at 10 a.m.; showtime 11:15 a.m. Competing canines charged \$6 per category. 858-755-5913. Sunday, March 8, 10 a.m.; \$2-\$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard.

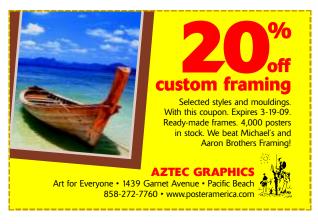
#### **SPORTS**

**"Experience Tour 2009"** *Golf Digest* and *Golf World* host golf demo days. Golfers of all ages, skill levels may test latest equipment from leading manufacturers; instructional clinics; long drive, putting, chipping contests. 760-720-4653. Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m.; Sunday, March 8, 9 a.m.; free. Carlsbad Golf Center, 2711 Haymar Drive. (CARLSBAD)

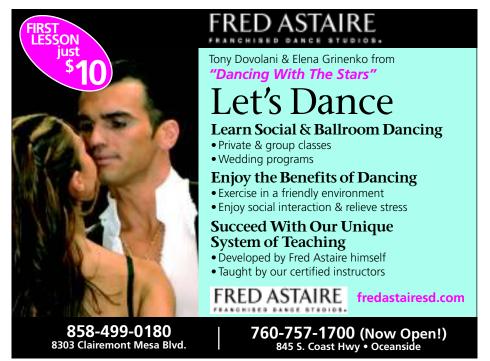
**Breath of Hope Lung Cancer Walk** This 5k walk benefiting the











LUNGevity Foundation starts in Cancer Survivors Park, connected to Spanish Landing Park. 858-459-5291. Monday, March 9, 8 a.m.; \$25. Spanish Landing Park, 4077 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**Daylight Saving Century Join** San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 100-mile ride following route through Camp Pendleton and on to San Clemente on first day of daylight saving time. "Expect sun, a tailwind, and a great lunch" (bring money). 619-561-3846. Sunday, March 8, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Del Mar/Solana Beach Rotary Bocce Ball Tournament The 13th annual bocce ball tournament and family day is here again. 858-481-9085, Sunday, March 8, 9 a.m.: Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Hero Bowl III The San Diego Enforcers, a football team made of San Diego County law enforcement officers, paramedics, and firefighters, kicks off its four-game season with game against Atlanta Defenders. 760-622-6177. Saturday, March 7, 4 p.m.; free. Cathedral Catholic High School, 5555 Del Mar Heights Road. (DEL MAR)

Oceanside Coffee Ride Join Knickerbikers riders for 48-mile bicycle ride including stops at Swami's and Magee Park, stop at Pier View Coffee, lunch (bring money). 858-272-4710. Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m.; Carmel Valley park and ride, 12791 Sorrento Valley Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Pro Wrestling "Legends of the Future," sanctioned by the AWA, presents live professional wrestling with SoCal Crazy, Matt Twizted, the Dynamics, others. 619-544-0807. Saturday, March 7, 10 p.m.; \$10. Ages 18 and up. College Rocks Bar & Grill, 6195 University Avenue, Suite A. (COLLEGE AREA)

## MUSEUMS

Black Historical Society Museum of San Diego African American History 740 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Campo Railroad Museum Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of

American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars. Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway.

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Centro Cultural Tijuana Center includes Museo de las Californias, cultural and artistic exhibits. "Buda Guanvin: Treasures of Compassion" continues through December. Currently screening in the CE-CUT Omnimax: Vamos a la Luna and India, El Reino del Tigre. 011-52-664-687-9650. Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

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

### Chula Vista Heritage Museum

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

J.A. Cooley Museum An eclectic collection of items - including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current fea-

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tured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, "some classics and a concept car." 4233 Park Boulevard, 619-296-3112, (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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

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

## Museum of San Diego History

"100 Years of Art," continuing through March, showcases a century of artwork by San Diego artists. "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de

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Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203, (BALBOA PARK)

### **Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**

'Tinkering" features more than 20 hands-on exhibits bringing out "your inner inventor" with pulleys, computer circuits, turntables, wind tunnels, more. In the "Tinkering Studio," kids transform household items into catapults, robots, spectroscopes, more. Closes Sunday, June 7.

Decades of NASA research and color photography from robotic spacecraft illuminate "Giant Worlds: A Voyage to the Outer Solar System," a three-dimensional, interactive exhibition continuing through Sunday, May 3. Exhibition consists of 20 individual exhibits filled with interactive experiences, models, and murals revealing "the grandeur of these amazing planets.'

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

San Diego Air and Space Museum "The Da Vinci Experience" reveals how Leonardo's conceptual designs for many technological wonders were centuries ahead of their time. "For the past 50 years a group of Florentine artisans have pored over Da Vinci's notes and drawings in an attempt to faithfully create replicas of his many inventions, relying solely on

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materials that were available in 15th-Century Italy. The result is over two dozen fully functional models, 11 of which are full-sized." The interactive models are displayed with a facsimile of relevant Leonardo drawing. Closes Sunday, January 3, 2010.

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft, including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane; 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291.

San Diego Archaeological Center "What Is Archaeology?" exhibit provides basics of archaeology in San Diego region from 9000 years ago to present day. Artifacts from center's collections provide look at past for young and old alike. Treasure hunt activity "archaeology quest" for kids, artifact matching game, hands-on crafts and research station. Closes Tuesday, July 21.

Center hosts monthly archaeological-themed lectures, work-

shops, and family events on second Saturday of each month. Museum is dedicated to curating and sharing archaeological collections with public for educational, scientific, cultural use, 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-291-0370, (ESCONDIDO)

## San Diego Automotive Museum

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. 2080 Pan American Plaza, 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

#### San Dieguito Heritage Museum

619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

The museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. 450 Quail Gardens Drive, 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve Nature center's building is a "green" facility made from recycled materials, using solar panels, irrigated roof plants, recycled water. Facility features an array of interactive exhibits exploring the natural and cultural history of the San Elijo Lagoon, one of the few remaining coastal wetlands in our area. Guided nature walks offered second Saturday each month (9-11 a.m.), starting at Rios Avenue trailhead. 2710 Manchester Avenue, 760-436-3944, (CARDIFF)

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Bound to Be Fun KaiBorg — an electro-acoustic improvised duo featuring Jeff Kaiser on quartertone trumpet and laptop and David Borgo on saxophones, electric wind instrument (EWI), and laptop — performs for Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2453. Free. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10) (1140 West Mission Road), 12:30 p.m., Thursday, March 5. (SAN MARCOS)

The "Powerful Piano Concerto No. 1 in D Minor"! Enjoy this Brahms piece when New City Sinfonia presents winter concert. Program includes von Weber's "Symphony No. 1 in C Major," the overture to *Don Giovanni* by Mozart. 619-527-4457. Free. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego (4190 Front Street), 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 6. (HILLCREST)

**The Mandelring Quartet** The ensemble from Germany performs Mozart's "String Quartet No. 17 in B Flat (The Hunt)," Gernsheim's "String Quartet in A Minor," and "String Quartet No. 4 in E Minor" by Mendelssohn for Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series. 619-239-0100 x2. \$48. Neurosciences Insti-

tute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 8 p.m., Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7. (LA JOLLA)

Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet This ensemble — considered "world's most innovative recorder consort" — performs standards as well as contemporary works during concert hosted by San Diego Early Music Society. Reservations: 619-291-8246. \$10-\$25. Saint James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street), 8 p.m., Friday, March 6. (LA JOLLA)

Mostly Bach French pianist Hélène Grimaud performs for Frieman Family Piano Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society. Program includes the chaconne from "Partita No. 2 in D Minor" and "Prelude and Fugue in A Minor," along with Beethoven's "Piano Sonata in E Major" on society's Belanich Steinway. 858-459-3728. \$25-\$75. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), 8 p.m., Friday, March 6 (AA IOLLA)

**Organ Concert** Civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, March 8. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Irish Spectacular!" Enjoy traditional Irish tunes and familiar classical music when the Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra is joined by Frankie Gavin and Athena Tergis (traditional violin), Cora Venus Lunny (classical violin), Aidan O'Brien (uilleann pipes/Irish flute/whistles/banjo), Eric Cunningham and Peadar Townsend (bodhrán/percussion), Irish traditional dancer Sinead McCafferty, and vocalists Michelle Lally, Carmel Conway, Ingrid Madsen. 619-235-0804. \$20-\$85. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 2 p.m., Sunday, March 8. (DOWNTOWN)

**SDSU Wind Symphony** Clarinetist John Mula, an alumnus of SDSU and current member of the "President's Own" United States Marine Band, is guest artist in program featuring works by Von Weber, John Williams, Brent Dutton, others. 619-594-1017. \$10-\$15. Smith Recital Hall at SDSU (5500 Campanile Drive), 2 p.m., Sunday, March 8. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Eight Cellos!** The famed Amsterdam Cello Octet is joined by

mezzo-soprano Elena Gragera in concert hosted by Fallbrook Music Society, featuring Spanish and South American music by Piazzolla and Ginastera. 760-451-8644. \$10-\$38. Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (2400 South Stagecoach Drive), 3 p.m., Sunday, March 8. (FALLBROOK)

The Vienna Boys Choir Choir was founded in 1498 by Emperor Maximilian I and has been entertaining audiences "with their purity of tone, distinctive charm," and musical depth ever since. Program boasts Austrian folk songs and waltzes, classical masterpieces, medieval chant. Tickets: 858-459-3421 x109. \$25. Saint James bythe-Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street), 4 p.m., Sunday, March 8. (LA JOLLA)

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"Jessie and Friends!" Pianist Jessie Chang performs with friends from San Diego Symphony including Brian Che-Yen Chen (viola), Pei-Chun Tsai (violin), Theresa Tunnicliff (clarinet). Listen for selections by Mozart, Koessler, Milhaud. Offering. 619-232-7513. First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street), 6 p.m., Sunday, March & (DOWNTOWN)

Pegasus Duo Clarinetist Matt Gill and pianist Miho Gary perform works by Robert Muczynski, G.F. Handel, Ignaz Pleyel, and others for family music series. 858-522-1668. Free. Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive), 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 11. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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"Doin' It" Opening reception for exhibit exploring how artists manage to make a living with their art, looking at practice of art making as it relates to "real world." See art in media such as photography, painting, sculpture, as well as mixedmedia "New Genre" works by Brian Boyer, Matt Driggs, Chris Danes, Carla Danes, Jennifer Gorst, Max Presneill, Adam Rompel, Melissa Stager, Gary Szymanski, Juan Thorp, and Finishing School. Closes Thursday, April 9. 760-795-6657. Free. Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive), 4 p.m., Wednesday, March 11. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Idol Worship"** Opening reception for national group art exhibit covering "the spectrum of idolatry, from religious interpretations to cultural icons to consumerism." See paintings, sculpture, mixed media works by "up to 35 artists" through March. 619-563-9770. Free. Art of Framing Gallery (3333 Adams Avenue), 6 p.m., Saturday, March 7. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Joint Venture" Opening reception for exhibition of work by 16 resident artists, as well as figurative pastels gathered as "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" by K.D. Benton. View show through Sunday, March 15. 858-205-7558. Free. Brokers Building Gallery (402 Market Street), 7 p.m., Friday, March 6. (DOMNTOWN)

"The Rising Son" Reception for San Francisco-based sculptor and mixed-media artist Jesse Hensel. Closes Sunday, March 29. 760-230-2680 or 817-235-2404. Free. Andrews Gallery (1002 North Coast Highway 101), 7 p.m., Friday, March 6. (ENCINITAS)

"Window on Spring" Reception for artists whose 100 original watercolor paintings are on exhibit through Friday, March 27. Juror was Lola Juris. 619-876-4550. Free. San Diego Watercolor Society at NTC Promenade (2825 Dewey Road #105), 5 p.m., Friday, March 6. (POINT LOMA)

**Watercolor Exhibition** Reception for local artist Carol Levin, whose exhibit continues through April. 760-789-3682. Free. Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery (845 Main Street), 3 p.m., Saturday, March 7. (RAMONA)

## ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, **Escondido Museum** Four new exhibitions on view: "20th Century Photography: Selections from the Wachovia Securities Art Collection," "Divi/nation: Work by Debby and Larry Kline," "Between: Work by Nina Waisman," and "Reel Mothers: Film Video Art and the Maternal." Exhibits address current social issues and reflect on how historical moments have impacted life in America and world. Through Sunday, June 21. 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum - North County "Nomadic Legacy — Tent and Textiles of Central Asia and Iran" presents aspects of rich artistic heritage of nomadic culture, traditions with origins in antiquity. Highlights include recent gifts to museum such as a Kyrgyz yurt, Persian bag faces, Central Asian hats. The Kyrgyz yurt - a round, domed, trellis-tent dwelling, 22 feet in diameter - won first prize in a national contest celebrating 1000th anniversary of Kyrgyzstan's existence. Also on view: rare Kyrgyz reed screens; Turkoman, Uzbek, and Kazakh costumes and textiles. Exhibit continues through Sunday, March 22, 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355, (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown "Rising Tide: Film and Video Works from the MCA Collection, Sydney," is drawn from collection of Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, and features film and video installations by 13 contemporary Australian video artists and collectives. Exhibit encompasses wide range of themes, modes of presentation. Pieces range from single-channel video to multiprojection installations to architectural interventions. On view through Sunday, June 21.

"Modern Masters" highlights works by major modern artists such as Willem de Kooning, Morris Louis, Joan Mitchell, and Mark Rothko. "Featured paintings represent the pinnacle of mid-century art practice, including Abstract Expressionism and Color Field painting," with pieces including Morris Louis's painting Beth Beth, Adolf Gottlieb's calligraphic Red + Red, Robert Motherwell's Open #117. Exhibit includes an abstract composition by German painter Gerhard Richter. Closes Sunday, April 19, 1001 Kettner Boulevard, 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**Museum of Contemporary** Art San Diego, La Jolla "Jasper Johns: Light Bulb" - on view through Sunday, May 10 - focuses on Johns's first sculpture, Light Bulb I (1958), a recent gift to the museum. Exhibition brings together Johns's light bulb sculptures and related drawings and prints, including several never-before-exhibited drawings and modified prints from artist's collection. Selection of works in this exhibition "demonstrates the significance of the relationship between the twodimensional and three-dimensional in Johns's work and the importance of the light bulb as an image he explored for over 20

"Cerca Series: Javier Ramírez Limón" features photographic works by the Tijuana-based artist. Exhibition includes the two documentary photography series "Mexican Quinceañera" (2006-2008) and "De Altar al Sásabe" (2007). Through Sunday, May 10.

Also continuing through May 10, "Collectors XXIV," showcasing a variety of works assembled by museum's curatorial staff to be voted on for purchase at Contemporary Collectors' annual selection dinner. See work in an array of media including sculpture, photography, painting, and video by established and emerging artists. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)



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#### Are You Smarter than a **Fourth Waiver?**

Defamation League MC Chaz "Khemical Ali" Lomack was probably the most famous of the 95 arrested in the Operation Sudden Fall drug sting last May. "I was sentenced to 120 days."

League, his five-year-old "alternative grit-hop" band. He's optimistic about Def League and its upcoming CD. "I cowrote all my lyrics for the new album when I was in furlough, riding on the bus to work."

Though out of prison,

the inside track

Lomack, 22, did his court-mandated work furlough during the day and took the bus back to jail at night. "I only did 70 days for things are tough for Lomack. "I'm a fourth waiver now. I signed away my rights. If a cop pulls me over, I have to tell them I'm on probation



CONVICT-ECONOMIST CHAZ LOMACK

good behavior. I got out November 20."

Lomack faced nine felony counts but only pleaded guilty to endangering public health with a controlled substance (selling cocaine).

Since he was released, Lomack has been rehearsing and recording with Def

for a drug offense and he can search me or my vehicle at any time."

Lomack says he has no money now because he had to pay \$42 a day to participate in work furlough. He's scrambling at three part-time jobs. "It's not a good time to

be a convicted drug offender right now. The economy

He says that for the next three years he can't consume alcohol, smoke marijuana, or use any drugs as part of his probation. He says he has no plans to sell drugs again, but Lomack has not been converted.

"I don't think I did anything morally bad. Selling cocaine is okay. Capitalism is what makes our country beautiful. You cannot legislate morality. It's like saying it's okay to sell regular porn but not gay porn. Prohibition didn't work with alcohol, and it's not working with drugs. People choose to do what they want. If drugs were legal, it would cut down on the crime associated with it. There is a lot of violence in drug trafficking."

Lomack says Operation Sudden Fall was "a huge fucking joke. SDSU didn't want to participate, but they got huge pressure from the family of the girl who OD'd on cocaine and ecstasy. That started the whole investigation. If the girl who died had been a young black girl instead of a young white girl, this investigation never would have happened."

Lomack says he never minced his words in court.

"The judge told me I had no remorse. I said, 'I was just making money.' But I knew what I was getting myself

into when I started slangin', so I really can't be mad at anybody."

Lomack says the next Defamation League show is April 8 at the 710 Beach Club.

— Ken Leighton

#### **Heard It All Before If**

Katy Perry's new single, "Broken," sounds familiar, it's not your imagination. The same song, with minor lyrical revisions, was released as a single in 2003 by San Diego's sister-fronted pop group the Troys under the title

"What Do You Do." The single was the only song released from the Troys' shelved Elektra album Massaging Your Ego.

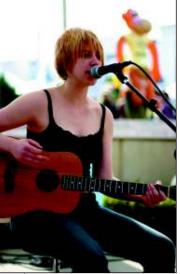
The two songs' common thread is the hit production team of Lauren Christy, Graham Edwards, and Scott Spock, collectively known as the Matrix (Avril Lavigne, Korn). They are listed on performing-rights organization BMI's website as songwriters, alongside sisters Anna and Lindsey

Troy. All five receive credit on both versions of the song. Neither the Matrix nor their representatives could be reached for comment.

There are other similarities between the two tracks. Perry's song also dates back to 2003, part of a similarly

shelved, Matrix-produced album. The self-titled CD was finally released this January to cash in on Perry's "I Kissed a Girl" success.

For her part, Anna Troy was surprised to see Perry on YouTube singing a song she cowrote. "The first I knew about it was when the video showed up on YouTube," she said. Troy has had no contact with the Matrix producers since Elektra dropped her project in 2004. "Surreal is not a strong enough word for this. It's strange to have



ANNA WON'T BE RETIRING SOON

something like this pop up out of nowhere; that whole era of my music seems like so long ago."

The Troys' contributions were primarily lyrical. "They played us the shell of the song on acoustic guitars, and then we jammed on ideas for

the words," she recalled. The sisters cowrote three more songs with the Matrix; however, all are unreleased. Though their planned album never materialized, "What Do You Do" was released as a single and received MTV airplay. It was also included on a soundtrack album for the Powerpuff Girls cartoon and is part of several karaoke collections. In 2003, "What Do You Do" was a Song of the Year nominee at the San Diego Music Awards. The following year, it was also one of the eight cited songs that earned the Matrix a 2004 Grammy nomination as Producers of the Year.

Though there will likely be some financial benefit to Perry's cover, Troy laughs at the suggestion that it might be much. "It's just a small percentage to begin with, and then it's split five ways, with us getting the smaller share. Nobody is going to be retiring anytime soon."

Bart Mendoza has collaborated with Anna Troy.

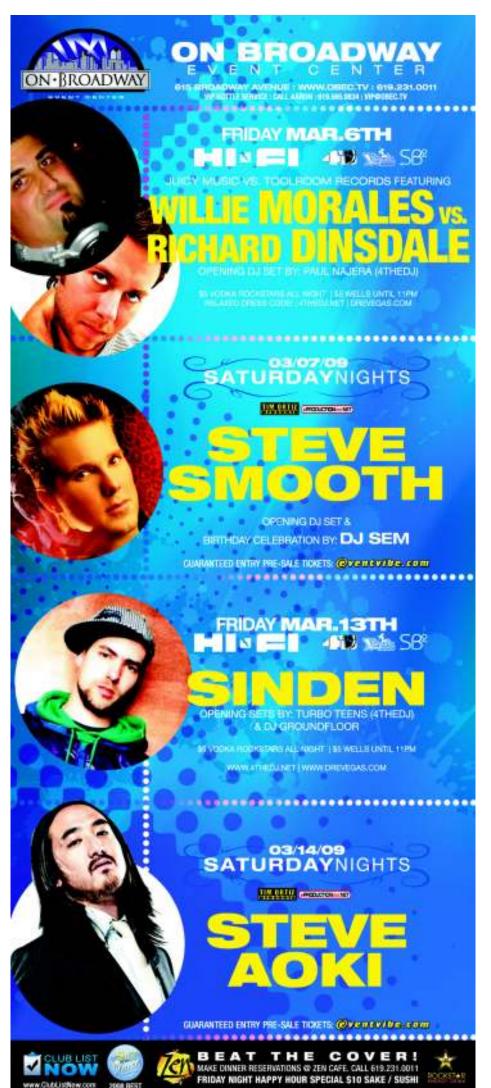
– Bart Mendoza

### The Stage-Mom Thing

"It's very hard to find young musicians, especially who know Latin music," says 15-year-old jazz pianist Chase Morrin. "Not only to find the skill necessary but the maturity. It has been my ongoing challenge. Sometimes, I prefer to play with adults, but

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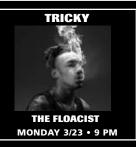
















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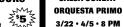
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age becomes an issue at places 21-and-over."

A student at Canyon Crest Academy in Carmel Valley, Morrin and his quintet, the Latin Connection, range in age from 15 to 17. "That's been a problem, finding kids who are serious about jazz.

Then, we have the problems of parents getting in our way at times — the stage-mom thing.

"The other problem I've had with kids at school is that they

either totally respect me or they don't want anything to do with me. I've had my share of jealousy for no reason. After playing with good players, it's hard to play with average players."

Morrin savs even solo performances are hard to book. "I once had the opportunity to play piano at a restaurant in Point Loma. I never got to play there again

because of technical liability issues [such as] under-age work hours."

When booking the Latin Connection at private functions, Morrin says, "People are shocked at our price and try to talk us down; we often do it. Later, we get a huge tip because they're shocked at how good we are."

Morrin is hoping the band can perform April 3 and 4 at the Next Generation



NEXT-GEN JAZZMAN CHASE MORRIN

Monterey Jazz Festival in Northern California. "The director of the festival listened [to our demos] and invited us as guests, which basically puts our name on the T-shirt.... We're going to do a lot of my original Latin iazz charts.

"We don't get paid for the festival, so, to raise money, we're putting on a fundrais-





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– Jay Allen Sanford

Plein Aire When roots blues acoustic guitarist Joshua Blatchley plays shows around town, he usually leaves his acoustic at home, stuffs some picks in his pockets, and borrows an electric guitar and amp from a

Once onstage, Blatchley's electric gigs are much different than the "pre-war" fingerpicked acoustic songs he plays on his EPs and home recordings.

"The electric thing is totally improvisational,"

wrote Blatchley in an email. "In fact, I don't actually own an electric guitar. If I want to do an electric set, I just borrow stuff and see what hap-

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'plein aire.' The electric thing is different each time: usually it's one tune or note that sustains for a while."

pens, call it

But after recording a solo instrumental guitar

album last December with Pall Jenkins (Black Heart, Three Mile Pilot, Mr. Tube) at Jenkins's studio, Stereo Disguise Recording

Laboratory, Blatchley decided to ditch the electric shows and go back to acoustic sets to gear up for the album's release and coinciding tour

PRE-WAR PICKER BLATCHLEY

this coming May.

For Blatchley, whether he plays acoustic or electric sets, his live performances always have an improvisational,

unscripted quality to them that keeps it interesting for the audience and himself. "I don't want my music to come across as too rigid. I know where [the songs] start and what should be in them, but there is no real structure. I like to actively participate in the composition while I'm playing, that way I'm more invested in the performance. Ultimately, I'd like the audience to feel like friends watching me play at home, and I get bored easily if I make them too rigid."

— Dorian Hargrove

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Thursday

"Kill them all or they will kill you first," suggests electroacoustic act Intricate Machines, which'll plug in at Bar Pink tonight. This Amoeba-recommended quintet was L.A.'s best-kept secret before stuffing their debut EP with the kind of intelli-pop



that had critics cramming Talking Heads into Radiohead for comparison. If you appreciate either or both, taste some Space takes and go early.... For 30 years, Chrissie Hynde has kept **Pretenders** rock-rolling to that particular Hall of Fame in her home state of Ohio. Down to Hynde and original drummer Martin Chambers, their Pretenders last year released the warmly received Break Up the Concrete. The quartet visits House of Blues with Nashville's Southern-fried garage rockers American Bang.... Else: Casbah stages Nor'west classic-rock revivalists Lonely H with like-minded locals **Dirty Sweet** and Vegas vagrant Ryan Pardey and whoever else decides to populate his Halloween Town — the Shys? Louis XIV?... American idol Taylor Hicks joins the Styletones at Belly Up. Since his TV tear, Hicks has released a platinum-selling disc with two top-20 singles and is set next week to drop follow-up The Distance. They call it "blue-eyed soul." It's the devil's music, dood

Friday

Indie guintet **Delta Spirit**'s been getting decent

press this year for debut full-length Ode to Sunshine, which got the band nominated for best alternative album at last year's SDMAs. It's a Podworthy disc and fits — alphabetically and musically — between the Band and Dr. Dog. They'll play a 94/9 thing at Belly Up with SoCal crews We Barbarians and Dawes.... Space-rockers Earthless take off at Ken Club Friday night. The instrumental trio has been gaining notoriety and musical bravado. Check their new 90-minute double LP Live at Roadburn for the proof and the pudding, stoners, SanFran Southern Lord duo Black Cobra's up first.... Beyond the pale: Team Abraham will release their big ten-inch at Casbah.

**Misdelphia** headlines a "hulkingly massive bigtime mega rock show" at all-ages Epicentre. Go to epicentreconcerts.com for the rest of the massive big time.... The Lost Boys Reunited fly through town Friday, dropping in at M-Theory midday and Brick by Brick after dark. Looks as if just one of the Two Coreys'll be on hand.... Soda Bar stages noiserockers Glossines and Gertrudestein.... And how's this synopsis for an alt-country showdown: Gunplay Maxwell meets Billy Midnight at the Whistle Stop, directed by Clint Eastwood.

Giggity.... Jimmy Eat World and No Knife find

safe harbor at House of Blues.... Bar Pink books

hippie-hop MC Flow and the Fresh...

Saturday

Watching Wild Weekend open for the Dogs a couple weeks back made me realize how far the quartet's come since their days aping the Zeros and evoked some sense of punk-rawk pride in this usually artless place. Their originals are a little precious, but fun. Word is they're recording demos for a debut as you read this, and the kids are caravanning to SXSW next week. Saturday night they'll ioin Calico Horse, the Dabbers, Burning of Rome, Modern Rifles, Illuminauts, and Nowhere Man at Casbah for hands-down club date of the week.... Indie-pop peeps Cuckoo Chaos, Morning Benders (Oakland), and Mumlers (San Jose) play Soda Bar in a tasty triple bill chock full of off-kilter keys and horns and oddpop vox, if you like that sort of thing.... Honorable mentionables: Radio Room rallies roots-rockers Rio Peligroso, Ghost Town Deputies, Hellbound Glory, and Shaun Morgan.... Southern-rock quartet Cross Canadian Ragweed will smoke out Belly Up with Stephanie Briggs.... Soma

stages death-metal demons Abigail Williams .... The **Iron Maidens** don their leather bustiers at Canes.... And trad-jazz multi-instrumentalist Joey **DeFrancesco** appears at Anthology. At 17(!), Joey D. was playing with Miles f-ing Davis.

Sunday

Big rawk show Sunday would have to be nu-metal nine-piece **Slipknot** (of whom I know diddly) at Cox. According to Wikipedia, they're from Des Moines, lowa, they formed in 1995, and "each member of the band wears a unique mask." Hmmm... If yer inclined, Slipknot has a quadruple-platinum DVD out called *Disasterpieces* that lays out the whole shebang for ya. Coheed and Cambria open.... G Love & Special Sauce pours it on House of Blues. The

Philly alt-hop trio is enjoying a bit of popular press behind last year's Superhero Brother, which found Mr. Love getting his Paul Simon beat box on. Internet hit Eric Hutchinson sets the downtown stage 'Round town: Fever Sleeves join the Displaced at Casbah...Minor Keys and Baja Bugs infest Ruby Room...and Radio Room finds Canada's Living with Lions is, like, All Teeth.

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What's new, pussycat? Vegas mainstay **Tom Jones** belts it out at Belly Up Monday night. Looks as if this limited-admission gig's been done sold out.... Ah, well, Arms and Sleepers and



TOM JONES AT BELLY U

Kelli Ruddick will be at Bar Pink. A&S is a Massachusetts duo that play jazzy ambient in the vein of Tortoise without the bitchin' guitar — still evocative, engaging. Ms. Ruddick hails from Brooklyn and is all about bitchin' guitar — the jazzy, ambient kind.... Old-timey (think Ditty Bops) Sacramento sisters Agent Ribbons are on their way to SXSW but'll swing through town to play Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up with Black Mamba and Tape Deck Mountain.

Tuesday

The Hell on Heels tour hits town, click-clacking into Bar Pink with **Von Iva**, **Semi Precious** Weapons, and Killola. Lawd have mercy.... "And bands" night at Casbah Tuesday with Plants and Animals, Stripes and Lines, River and City. Okay, doctored that last one.

Wednesday

Slowdiver **Neil Halstead** appears at Casbah. Halstead was also one of the Mojave 3, both seminal acts of '90s shoegaze. The English troubadour's out to tout his second solo effort, *Oh! Mighty Engine*. ALO keys kook **Zach Gill** sets the stage. Accordion solo!... Bar Pink books SanFran psychrock band Sleepy Sun. The Suns are heading to Austin and then off on a world tour behind debut Embrace. She-freak-folkie Larkin Grimm opens.... Michael Jackson trib Who's Bad hits House of Blues with one sparkly gloved hand.

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# **The Ultimate Palate** Cleanser

## "'Thriller' gave me nightmares as a child."

inger-songwriter Kenny Eng is a self-taught guitarist. "I took piano early on," he says, "but basically picked up the guitar by ear. When I discovered that I could figure out songs on the radio by ear very quickly, I

thought I might try my luck as a guitar player." He moved from San Francisco to San Diego in 2007. "I don't have family here, and I

didn't have a job. I'd just graduated from college, and I had my heart set on making music and being successful on my own."

He describes his music as "an attempt to combine the complexity of Jeff Buckley into the pop-song format of John Mayer. The tunes range from sweetly tinged jazz to dark, ominous soundscapes. My songs are hard to listen to at times, but art is like that. You have to pay attention to what is happening in order to understand what the songs are doing. My lyrics focus on personal feelings and internal struggles."

In 2005, Eng's only sister — eight years younger — was diagnosed with cancer, greatly affecting his songwriting. "It was tough on my family. I called every day to check up on her, and I would drive from Davis to Oakland almost every week to visit her when she went in for chemotherapy. In those moments, I became more self-reflective and began writing songs about life."

Eng usually performs solo, though he's been toying with auxiliary players. "Playing with a band is always fun for the side of me that wants to entertain people, but the acoustic solo side really allows me to explore my own music and my own capabilities."

#### **TOP FIVE CDs?**

1. D'Angelo, Voodoo: "This album makes you feel cool when you listen to it."

2. Prince, Purple Rain: "I was never a big fan of the '80s, or even Prince for that matter, until I heard 'Darling Nikki' on this album and realized just how good the Purple One was."

> 3. Marvin Gaye, Every Great Motown Hit: "With tracks like 'What's Going On, 'I Heard It Through the Grapevine,' and 'Inner City Blues,' how can this not be top

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4. Jeff Buckley, Grace: "This album is the ultimate palate cleanser. If I ever accidentally listen to some really bad music, I put on Grace to get the bad taste out of my mouth."

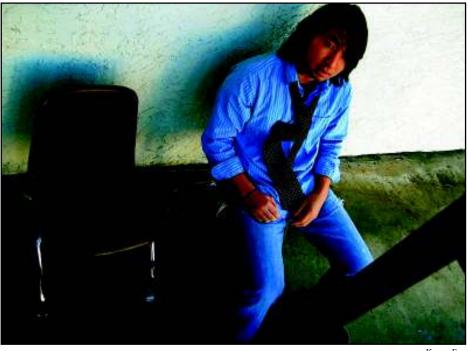
5. Michael Jackson, Thriller: "Nine hits on this album, though the music video for 'Thriller' gave me nightmares as a child."

#### **FOUR MUST-HAVE DVDs?**

- 1. "Lord of the Rings trilogy, with nine-plus hours of mindless entertainment."
- 2. "Zoolander: Orange mocha frappuccino!"
- 3. "Arrested Development, the Complete Series: I've seen every show at least 20 times, and they still get funnier every time. Seriously."
- 4. "Fight Club, though I'm not supposed to talk

#### THREE THINGS IMPOSSIBLE TO DO WITHOUT?

- 1. "Google, because then I couldn't say things in public like 'I just Googled myself' and get away with it."
- 2. "Dating advice columns, because common sense never hurts."
- 3. "California burritos, with carne asada, cheese, french fries, and pico de gallo. It sounded stupid when I moved here, but then I tried one, and now I refuse to eat any other kind of burrito."



#### TWO FAVORITE WEBSITES?

1. "Failblog.org, which contains examples of people being people. Badly."

2. "craiglist.org. Sometimes I'll buy things, but mostly I read the 'Best of craigslist.' The postings range from mildly erotic to disgusting-yet-hilarious."

#### FIRST BOOK YOU REMEMBER READING?

"D'aulaire's Book of Greek Myths."

#### **BRUSH WITH FAME?**

"I met B.B. King when he came to the Open Air Theatre in 2007. Well, meeting would actually entail an exchange of names, a handshake, and a brief semi-private conversation, and what we did was more akin to shouting back and forth respectfully. The fact that he spoke five words to me validated my existence as a musician. I was so emboldened by this that my roommate and I followed his tour bus to the hotel he was staying at. Unfortunately, we didn't get to talk to him any further because his rather large and intimidating tour handlers were very protective of him."

#### SEXIEST LOCAL PERFORMER?

"Nathan Welden could charm the pants off of anyone, and any audience. When that man starts singing, I see people either snuggle up closer to their loved one or contemplate ditching their date for Nathan. He's the kind of guy that makes a lonely woman lower her standards, just to have someone to listen to his songs with. But, sorry ladies, Nathan is already taken. As for females, they're all sexy on the inside."

#### **MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS?**

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#### SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD **KNOW OR GUESS?**

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Saturday, 14th: Night Doctors Sunday, 15th: Fiffin Market Monday, 16th: Skelpin Tuesday, 17th: The Mighty Regis Friday, 20th: Cowboy Jack Saturday, 21st: Reggae w/MG<sub>3</sub> Sunday, 22nd: Old Timey Session **Monday, 23rd:** The Tail Draggers Tuesday, 24th: Nathan James Wednesday, 25th: Frank Turner & Steve Soto, Look Mexico Thursday, 26th: Irish Night w/Skelpin Friday, 27th: Benefit Saturday, 28th: Joe Wood Sunday, 29th: Old Timey Session Monday, 30th: The Tail Draggers Tuesday, 31st: Deblois

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Wednesday, 18th: Joe Wood



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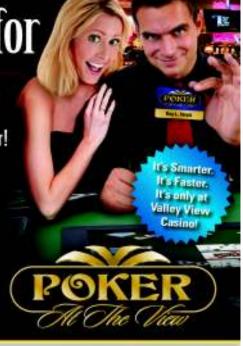
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Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Crush. Covers/standards. \$10. Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Gene Perry's 10-Piece Orchestra. Salsa. \$20. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Party of the Year honoring Shawne Merriman. Hip-hop. \$56. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Joey DeFrancesco. Jazz. \$26. Tuesday, 7 p.m. — The Anthology House Band. Jazz/R&B/soul. \$5. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Danny Green. Contemporary jazz. \$15.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.

*Monday*, noon — The Danny Green Quartet. Jazz. Free.

Athenaeum School of the Arts Studio: 4441 Park Boulevard, Normal Heights. Saturday, 8 p.m. — The David Sanchez Quartet. Jazz. \$19-\$24.

**Balboa Theatre:** 868 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Tiempo Libre. Timba. \$35-\$55.

Barona Valley Ranch Resort & Casino: 1932 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, 619-443-2300. Sunday, 6 p.m. — The Arrowhead Band. Covers/standards/rock.

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

Friday, 9 p.m. — Delta Spirit. With Other Lives and Dawes. Alternative/soul/rock. \$14.

Monday, 8 p.m. — Tom Jones.
Pop/soul. \$97.

**Birch North Park Theatre:** 2891 University Avenue, North

Park, 619-239-8836. Friday, 7:30 p.m. — The Keys to New Orleans. Featuring Allen Toussaint, Henry Butler, and Jon Cleary. Jazz.

**The Bitter End:** 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Scott Wilson and the Complications. With Me & Steve, Paul Cannon, Colin Clyne, and Locked Out of Eden. Rock/pop/alternative. Free. 21 and up. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. With Jen Knight, Eric J. Polyn, Bigfellas, and Roxy Monoxide. Blues/soul/rockabilly.

**Boar Cross'n:** 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989. *Thursday* — The Maxies. With London's Falling and Electrogun Microwave. Punk.

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*Thursdays*, 8 p.m. — Paradigm. With guests. Jazz/pop/blues. Free. 18 and up.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Friday, 8 p.m. — Lost Boys Reunited. Featuring G Tom Mac with appearances by Corey Haim, Brooke McCarter, Billy Wirth, and Chance Corbitt. Rock. \$10-\$12. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Chanauk. With FM Revolver. Experimental/noise/hardcore. \$8-\$10. Sunday, 6 p.m. — Acoustic Alliance. Various acoustic singersongwriters. \$8. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Copilot. With 16 Second Stare. Alternative/rock. \$5.

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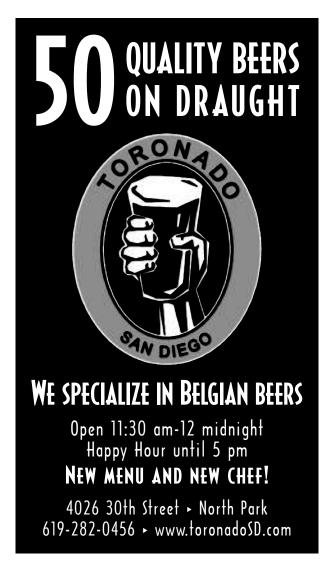
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Saturday, 9 p.m. — Iron Maidens. A tribute to Iron Maiden. With Benedictum and Forty One Sixty. \$10.

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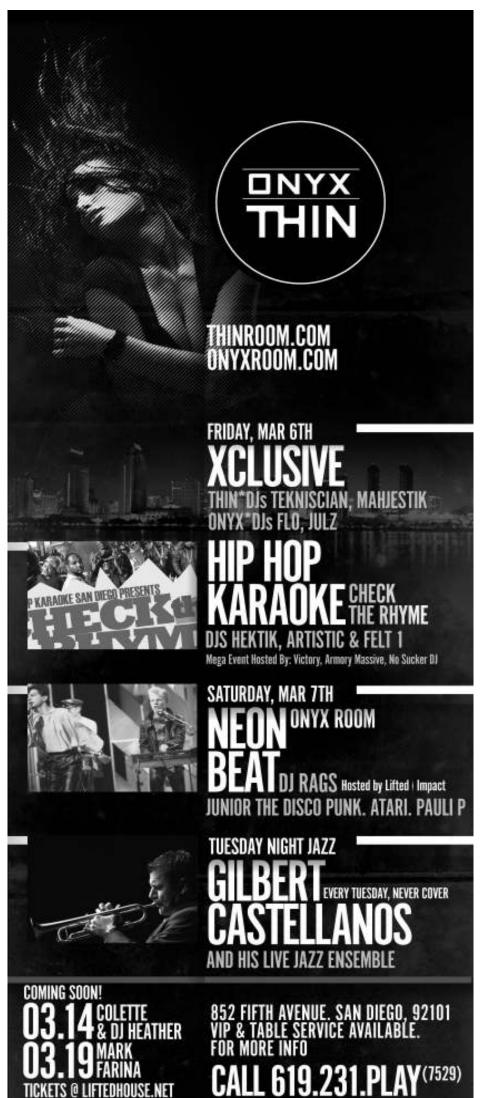
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Cheers: 2475 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-0270. Tuesdays, 5 p.m. — Mike Gardner. Acoustic rock. Free.

Claire de Lune: 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845. Friday, 8 p.m. — Willovealot. Smooth jazz.

Cox Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Drive, SDSU, 619-594-6947. Sunday, 7 p.m. — Slipknot. With Coheed & Cambria and Trivium. Heavy metal/rock. \$29-\$49.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Dean Brown. With Tripp Sprague, Scott Kyle, Cliff Almond, and Dave Curtis. Jazz/funk, \$15. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Bill Evans Tribute. Featuring Tommy Gannon, Ted Hughart, and Kirk Hoffman. Jazz.

**Dublin Square:** 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818. Friday, 9:30 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 – TrunkMonkey. Covers/ pop/modern rock. \$5.

Epazote: 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Willovealot.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: 544 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-9840. Thursdays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Eamon Carroll. Traditional Irish music.

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Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100

Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. -Federal Funk. Soul/funk/jazz. Free. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Eddie Money. With Lou Gramm. Rock. \$55-\$65. Sunday, 10 a.m. — Willovealot.

Hennessey's Tavern -

Gaslamp: 708 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-9994 Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Robin Henkel. With Jeffery Joe Morin.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-2660. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Skelpin. Irish folk jam band.

Saturday — The Drowning Men. With A.M Vibe. Alternative/rock. Sunday, 4 p.m. — Old Timey Session.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Chrissie Hynde is a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, a mother, an environmental activist, an animal-rights activist, and a restaurateur. (See her in this month's Gourmet magazine, talking about her restaurant, the VegiTerranean, in her hometown of Akron, Ohio.) And, every once in a while, she is still a working musician. Last year, Hynde's band, the Pretenders, released Break Up the Concrete, which was only the second album of all-new material they've released so far this millennium. But who's counting? Hynde told the crowd at her Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony in 2005, "I know we have looked like a tribute band for the last 20 years."

Hynde formed the Pretenders in London with drummer Martin Chambers, bassist Pete Farndon, and guitarist James Honeyman-Scott in 1978. Their 1980 debut is widely considered one of the greatest albums of all time. Hynde was the star, but the whole band was exceptional. Tragically, both Honeyman-Scott and Farndon died from drugs after the band's second album. Chambers still tours with the band, but the Pretenders have been basically a backing band for Hynde

ever since. Still, it was the later versions of the band that supplied the Pretenders with some of their biggest hits, like "Back on the Chain Gang" and "Night in My Veins."

And, to be honest, Break Up the Concrete is pretty good, too. The young British guitarist James Walbourne plays a kind of revved-up rockabilly while Eric Heywood

**PRETENDERS** 

gives things an old-school country feel with his pedal steel. Of course, Hynde is still the star. If this is a tribute band, well, she deserves tribute.

PRETENDERS. House of Blues. Thursday. March 5, 7:30 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$49.50-\$79.50.

Monday, 8 p.m. — The Blokes. Irish rock.

Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Joe Wood & the Lonely Ones. Roadhouse blues.

**Holy Trinity Episcopal** Church: 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-222-

Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Gráda. Alternative/folk/Irish, \$25.

Hooley's - La Mesa: 5500 Grossmont Center Drive #277, La Mesa.

Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. -Brad Henstock. World. Free.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. Thursday, 8 p.m. — The Pretenders. Rock. \$49-\$79. Fridays, 9 p.m. - West of Memphis. On the Voodoo Stage. Blues/country/rock. Free. Friday, 7 p.m. — Jimmy Eat World. With No Knife. Alternative/rock.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Mago de Oz. Folk.

Sunday, 7 p.m. — G. Love &

Special Sauce, Alternative/ roots/hip-hop. \$22. Monday, 6:30 p.m. -Soul/acoustic/pop. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. — Jesse McCartney. Pop/R&B. \$25. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Who's Bad? A tribute to Michael Jackson. \$12-

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Sunday, 8 p.m. — Matt Marshak. Smooth jazz.

Jack's La Jolla - Ocean Room: 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111. 6 p.m. — Piano Bar. Every day of the week in the Ocean Room.

Jimmy Love's: 672 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-0123. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. — The Soul Revue. Jazz, dance, and top 40.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778. Thursday, 8 p.m. — 1349. With Abysmal Dawn, Ruines of



Abbadon, Immolated Seraphim, and Gannondorf. Metal. \$15. Friday, 8 p.m. — Blitzkid. With D.E.A., Loose Nutts, Zombie Surf Camp, and To Walk the Night. Punk/rockabilly/rock. \$12. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Soilwork. With Darkane, Warbringer, and Swallow the Sun. Metal/rock.

Sunday, 8 p.m. — Incineration. With Avscission, and Climhazzard. Metal.

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*Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m. — TYR. With Suidakra, Alestorm, Mordium, and Nephilim. Metal. \$20.

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.

Sundays, 4 p.m. — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock. Mondays, Tuesdays — Doug Allen. Front man of the Mar Dels.

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

*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Karma. With Kenny Eng. Acoustic/indie/rock. \$5.

#### The Living Room

**Coffeehouse - Point Loma:** 1018 Rosecrans Street, Point Loma, 858-222-6852.

Saturdays, 8 p.m. — Jay Dancing Bear. Acoustic.

#### Manhattan Cocktail Lounge:

400 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-6641.

*Friday and Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Stone Wolf. Rock.

**Mas Fina Cantina:** 2780 State Street, Carlsbad, 760-434-3497. *Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — Mike Gardner. Rock. Free.

**McCabe's Beach Club:** 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646.

*Fridays*, 4:30 p.m. — The California Rangers. Country. Free.

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

**Music Trader - Point Loma:** 3112 Midway Drive Suite F, Point

Loma, 619-223-7777.

Saturday, 6 p.m. — Revenge Club.
With Man vs. Man. Punk. Free.

**Nancy's Pub:** 4246 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-5834.

Sundays, 5:30 p.m. — The Steemin Heep Blues Band. A blend of traditional blues, swing, and rock. Free. Ages 21 and up.

#### North Bar Sports and

**Spirits:** 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8228. *Thursdays*, 6 p.m. — Mike Gardner. Rock. Free.

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**Nightclub:** 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.

Friday — Candy Asylum. With Circus Junkies, Koncept Lost, Likewize, O.C.T./Outta Control, the Gulag Carnies, Through the Roots, and Young Goodman San Diego. Alternative/punk.

Saturday — Chap-Stik the Comic

Saturday — Chap-Stik the Comic Book Kid. With the Fight Back, Worthy Gubbins, Full Blown Stone, Funk N the Trunk, Sweet Deal, Dago, and Grapes of Jade. Alternative.

Sunday, 9 p.m. — Rising Tides. With Science Fiction. Rock/alternative.

Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Jimmy Dean and Friends. Rockabilly/ country/swing.

**Old Time Music:** 2852 University Avenue, North Park, 619-280-9035.

Saturday, 7 p.m. — Wayne Riker. With Barbara Nesbitt, Charlie Imes, and Steph Johnson. Acoustic.

Onyx/Thin: 852 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-235-ONYX. Tuesday — Jazz Jam Session. With Gilbert Castellanos and DJ Sachamo. Free.

Osetra Watergrill: 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800. Thursdays, 8 p.m. — Live Jazz. In the E5 Lounge. Free. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Los Reyes del Ritmo. Flamenco and Latin music in the E5 Lounge. Free.

Pacific Beach Library: 4275 Cass Street, Pacific Beach. Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Adrienne Nims and Raggle-Taggle. Celtic/jazz. Free.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.

*Friday*, 8 p.m. — The Pretenders. Rock.

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

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

Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077. Thursday, 9 p.m. — Blue Four. Blues/soul. Friday, 9 p.m. — Johnny "V" Vernazza. Blues/soul/rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Family Style



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Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Performs and hosts an open blues jam.

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

Thursdays — Stepping Feet. A Dave Matthews Band tribute.
Friday — The Alternatives.
Saturday — 6one9. With UFC 96 and DJ Famous Dave. Hip-hop/rap.
Sundays — The Devastators.
Roots/reggae/dub.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-7008. Friday, 8 p.m. — Chet & the Committee. Blues.

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

**The Red Eye Saloon:** 1448 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. *Friday and Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — The City Limits Band. Country/rock/blues.

**Red Fox Steakhouse:** 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights, 619-297-1313. Every Thursday through Sunday, 9 p.m. — The Ed Rapacci Duo. Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 p.m. — The Shawline Expression. With Dave Shaw & Paul Gregg. Wednesdays, 9 p.m. — The Ed Rapacci Duo.

**The Red Parrot Lounge at Casino Pauma:** 777 Pauma Reservation Road, Pala, 760-742-2177.

Friday, 8 p.m. — MoonDance. Classic rock/R&B/soul.

**Rei Do Gado Churrascuria:** 939 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-8464.

Every *Thursday*, *Sunday*, *Monday*, and *Wednesday*, 6 p.m. — Peter the Prince of Piano. Piano/pop.

**Riley's:** 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-255-8635. Saturdays — Live Rock. Tuesdays — Live R&B and Jazz.

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

**Ruby Room:** 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7372. *Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — The Dirty Legs. Rock.

Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino: 25575 Highway 79, Julian, 760-787-0909. Saturday, 7 p.m. — MoonDance. Classic rock/R&B/soul.

Schroeder's at Tango Del Rey: 3567 Del Rey Street, Clairemont, 858-794-9044. this temi to b artist tere: craw in Sc perh like core

BY DAVE GOOD

With the demise this year of Los Angeles radio station Indie 103.1, one wonders whether indie rock is doomed. Indie 103.1 left broadcast for the internet, citing low ratings and outside pressure to blend mainstream elements into its format that it sought to avoid. I mourn the loss. So much of today's rock radio flogs a listener with relentless broadcast of the same old oldies culled from the same old lists. The net result is rock-radio-station parity: they all begin to sound alike. More than once while driving around this town I have hit what I call the broadcast trifecta — three rock stations playing the same artist at the same time. There ought to be a prize for that. But the darker side of

this equation is the systemic pressure that comes to bear on new recording artists. If the controlling interests of rock radio truly crave gold (at least they do in Southern California), then perhaps the way in is to be like **Delta Spirit**: a hardcore indie-rock outfit that sounds just enough like classic rock to fool the bastards.

I've no idea if that was even part of Delta Spirit's marketing strategy, but at least one of their singles from a record that they recorded in a rustic cabin in the nearby mountains has gained traction on radio

playlists. Delta Spirit mix up energetic guitar with strong melodies and a lot of percussive hammering on drums, trash-can lids, and so on. They play the big throaty rock chords with a rough-hewn quality I haven't heard much since the Band made music in the 1960s. No virtuosos, just good garage (albeit piney-woods cabin) rock. There is much

DELTA SPIRIT

to like in their solid, workmanlike competence and indie spirit, and that corporate rock radio has noticed them spells hope, maybe, that radio will once again be cutting edge.

DELTA SPIRIT, Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 6, 9:00 p.m. 858-481-8140, \$14.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Swingin' at the Sands. Featuring Ric and Eric.

**Seaport Village:** 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown. *Sunday*, 1 p.m. — Midnight Heat. Covers/standards. Free.

**Second Wind (Navajo):** 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos, 619-465-1730. *Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — Scott Wilson and the Complications. Rock/pop/alternative. \$5. Ages 21 and up.

**Shooters Bar and Grill:** 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. *Tuesdays*, 7 p.m. — John Cain. Country/jazz/Tejano/lounge/pop. Free

**Soda Bar:** 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-2557224. *Tuesday*, 9 p.m. — Hurts to Laugh.

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**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-7662.

Friday, 7 p.m. — Lindbergh Skies. With Freezing Vynal, the Motives, Midnight Rising, and the 909's. Rock/pop. \$8.

Saturday, 7 p.m. — Abigail Williams. With Burning the Masses. Metal. \$10.

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

Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz

Fridays, 7 p.m. — The John Kopecky Trio. Jazz. Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. — Open Blues Jam. With Will Jackson.

Sunday, 6 p.m. — The Chase Morrin Quartet. Jazz. Sundays, 6 p.m. — Original Music Modern Jazz Series. Every Sunday, with Doug Walker, Tim Nunnink,

Nick Tocco, and Nathan Hubbard.

**Stage Saloon:** 762 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-992-7862. *Fridays* — Trainwreck.

Sushi Performance & Visual Art: 390 11th Avenue, Downtown, 619-235-8466.

*Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — Aiyun Huang. With a dance performance by Liam Clancy. Percussion.

**Tangier Bar at the Bahia Hotel:** 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach, 888-539 7662.

Thursday - Sunday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., — John Cain. Blues/ jazz/lounge/pop/soul.

Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill: 1221 Broadway, El Cajon, 619-447-5665.

Friday — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/ soul/rockabilly.

**Tio Leo's Lounge:** 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — Shake Out. Rockabilly. 21 and up.

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Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Jim Earp. Celtic/folk.

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Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400. Sunday, 5 p.m. — Jonathan Stout and His Campus Five. With Hilary Alexander. Jazz.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon Street. Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822. Thursday — The International Farmers. Reggae/funk. Friday - Stoney LaRue. Country/folk/rock. Saturday — Deadline Friday. Rock/blues. Mondays, 9 p.m. — The Electric

Waste Band, Grateful Dead tribute.

**WorldBeat Cultural Center:** 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park, 619-263-7911

Saturday, 4:20 p.m. — United for One. A tribute concert to honor the life of Kenny Diaz.

#### **UPCOMING SHOWS**

1st Street Bar: 656 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0233

March 14, April 11 -TrunkMonkey.

4th&B: 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343. March 26 — Crystal Antlers. March 26 — Cold War Kids -CANCELLED.

April 25 — The Bulletboys. 710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.

March 25 — Wookie Garcia. March 26 — The Downstroke. April 4 — The Pheromones.

AcousticMusicSanDiego:

4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. March 21 — Michelle Shocked. March 26 — Chad & Jeremy

April 3 — Hawaiian Slack-Key April 4 — Muriel Anderson.

April 11 — Rory Block. April 16 — Ramblin' Jack Elliott. April 24 — David Wilcox.

May 2 — Trippin' the Sixties. May 10 — Byron Berline & Bluegrass Etc.

May 16 — The Grascals.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. *March 12*, *March 13* — Jane

Monheit. March 14 — Haute Chile and Martinis & Sinatra. March 18 — The Rebecca Jade

March 19 & 20 - George Duke March 21 - Flawless Party and

Dave Mason.

March 25 — Charles McPherson. March 26 — Trevor Davis.

March 27 — The Steely Damned. March 28 — Wild Child.

March 29 — Pasquale Esposito. March 31 & April 1 — Branford Marsalis.

April 2 - Ryan Shaw. April 2 & 3 — Steve Tyrell. April 10, April 11 — Leon Redbone.

April 15 — NovaMenco April 18 — Steve Poltz.

April 22 — Charles McPherson. April 23 - Earl Thomas & the

Blues Ambassadors April 28 — Tierney Sutton.

April 29 — Ian McLagan. May 1 — Vienna Teng.

May 9 — Carrie Rodriguez. May 15, May 15 — Diane Schuur. May 20 — Charles McPherson. May 28 — Graham Parker

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla,

858-454-5872. March 23 — Virtual Strangers. May 4 — The Bishop's School Jazz Ensemble

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. March 15 — The Irish Rovers. April 21-23, April 25 & 26 - Rain. April 28 — Mariza. May 31 — Mariachi los Camperos

Bar Pink: 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194. March 28 — The Western States

de Nati Cano.

Motel March 29 — The Robin Henkel Rand

**Barona Valley Ranch Resort** & Casino: 1932 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, 619-443-2300.

March 22, April 12, April 26 — The Arrowhead Band.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Caion Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.

March 16 - LDR and the Kates.

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

March 12 Solana Beach Baseball Bash.

March 15 — The Von Bondies March 18 — Ashley Matte.

March 21 — Stepping Feet. March 22 — Thirsty for Change Benefit Jam.

April 4 — John Brown's Body. April 9 — The Dark Star Orchestra. May 15 — Mogwai.

**Birch North Park Theatre:** 2891 University Avenue, North Park, 619-239-8836.

March 13 — Spanish Harlem Orchestra.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300. March 12 - Jacqueline Grace. March 18 — Donovan Nugent March 19 — The Riders.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989. March 12 — The Minor Keys.

April 23 — Lessons from Zeke

**Bondi Bar and Kitchen: 333** Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-342-0212

March 15 - Jordan Reimer.

March 14 — Kyle Van Band.

March 19 - Yesterday & Today.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. March 12 — the START.

Café Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue,

Downtown, 619-233-5979. March 15 — Orquesta Guayo. March 17 — Orquesta Primo. March 22 - BombaChante and Son v Clave.

March 24 — Trece de la Suerte and Mambo Salvaje.

March 26 - Orquesta Primo. March 29 — Gene Perry y Afro

March 31 — Banda del Swing

Café on the Park at Courtyard Marriott: 11611 Bernardo Plaza Court, Rancho Bernardo, 858-613-2000. March 20 — Friday Night Jazz.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

March 13 — De La Soul. March 14 — Tainted Love.

March 26 — A Scribe Amidst the Lions.

March 27 — Stranger. March 28 — Candlebox.

March 29 - Biohazard.

March 30 — Less Than Jake.

April 2 — The Dirty Heads. April 11 — Dead Man's Party.

April 24 — Diplo. April 25 — Cash'd Out.

Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.

April 19 - Kendra Shank

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400

March 14 — The Baytown Band.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-

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March 25 — The Bronx. April 3 - Anya Marina. April 16 — The Black Lips.

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Arts: 2438 Commercial Street, Logan Heights, 619-231-1950. March 14 — Sean Conway's Bassoon Balloon Band.

Chateau Orleans: 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. March 20, March 27 — Robin Henkel

Claire de Lune: 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845. March 14 — The Uptown Rhythm Makers.

April 3 — Willovealot. April 11 — The Uptown Rhythm Makers.

May 1 — Willovealot.

**Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B** Street, Downtown, 619-235-0804. March 20, March 21 — Nikki April 7 — Leonard Cohen.

Cox Arena: 5500 Canvon Crest Drive, SDSU, 619-594-6947. March 15 - Los Temerarios.

The Covote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.

March 29 — The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet.

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March 23 — The Blokes.

# as i hear it

Artist: Plow

Song: "Sunday Sadir" (from their selftitled CD)

Heard By: Adrian Keenan, Ocean Beach



I thought it was really interesting — a kind of old, folksy-sounding song. It was very reminiscent of the late-1800s or so. It was purely instrumental. I heard a violin, a banjo

in the background, and some acoustic guitar. It was very fast-paced and driving. I got the visual of someone riding on a horse through the desert. I thought the musicianship was very high quality. For a specific audience, I think they could be successful. It'd probably go really well in a movie, too. It's definitely a good soundtrack piece for a western or something of that nature. I'd give that song a nine out

#### SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: Derek Papa

Song: "I Will Get to You" (from the CD I Will Get to You)

Heard By: N'Hari, North Park



I thought it was kind of slow. I felt like he was trying too hard to be "deep." I'm talking about the lyrics — the music was not bad. I thought it was kind of folksy, and it reminded

me of Leonard Cohen. The lyrics seem to be about this girl, and if he had her, all the things he would do for her, metaphorically. I could hear a guitar and a harp — those were the two things in the music that struck me. I could see this guy having a good local following. I've been to a few open-mike nights at Mueller College and Twiggs...he could probably get on stage.

Artist: Pillbox Remedy

Song: "Anne Janine's Last Stand" (from the CD Go On, Take the Scissors and Run) Heard By: Morgan McDaniel, North Park



I liked it. I think it's catchy, and it would definitely do well with the indie crowd. It was just acoustic guitar and vocals. The lyrics were observations about a girl and her story. It was

airy, bright, and carefree. I thought it had a likeness to a lot of indie artists like Rooney or the Thrills but with acoustic guitar, so maybe Elliott Smith, too. I've been to a lot of festivals like Austin City Limits, and you hear a lot of stuff like this — Rilo Kiley, Kaiser Chiefs — bands that are kind of known to that certain demographic. I think it would have potential to maybe go more

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### **Talk About a Star**



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I remember hearing "Brass in Pocket" and "Kid" all over the radio, and that was when I was in school at the University of Kansas. My friends and I wanted to be and look just like Chrissie Hynde: tons of black eyeliner, straight black pants and boots, and crisp, ultra-starched white shirts with the collar up. Problem was, I couldn't get the full Chrissie look because I had long blond hair. That kind of ruined the total look, but I tried, dammit.

This woman was so appealing to me. She had such strength. She fronted a cool band that put out great music. Man, she was the bomb. Just too cool for the room.

What I liked about the Pretenders was the blend of punk with pop sensibilities. They walked beautifully between two worlds. At that point in my life, it was all Zeppelin, Foreigner, Van Halen, Clapton, Beatles, et cetera. They brought me to a new side — new-wave rock. And I really liked what I was hearing.

It was such an incredible shock when [guitarist] James Honeyman-Scott and [bassist] Pete Farndon died so early. Those guys were so young. And this girl with a twofold tragedy picked up the mantle of rock, strapped it on her shoulders, and carried on. The sound of the band changed with their loss. But one thing about Miss Hynde is she doesn't sit still. She is a survivor....

I will end with a great story. I was sent by KGB to London to do my show from Abbey Road Studios — the greatest thing in my life. The

sponsor had arranged to have some of the biggest names in rock come through for interviews, jam sessions, et cetera. I met Bill Wyman of the Stones. Yoko Ono, Mick Ralphs of Bad Company, Peter Green of Fleetwood Mac, Roger Taylor of Queen. You get it — big people. And in comes Chrissie Hynde. She owned that room in approximately one second.

This woman has such an aura of power, it is scary. When she came by to meet me, I was frozen. I was so intimidated by her, I hardly knew what to say. I have interviewed everyone in rock, but for the first time, I had nothing to say. And finally I came up with a brilliant icebreaker — "I love animals. too." She broke into this huge grin and we got on famously.



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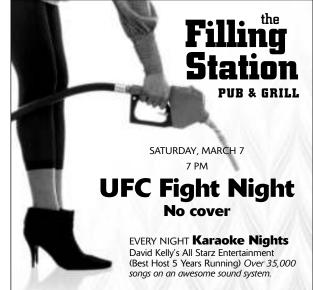
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# Crasher

#### **ESCORTS & ENGAGEMENTS**

by Josh Board

remember getting a call years ago from a girl named Caryn. She was having a birthday party, and I hadn't been doing this column very long. The details sounded interesting. She was dating a guy from the show Jackass, and there was going to be a band playing in the backyard.

The Jackass guy broke up with her a few days before the party. (I joked with her about how he just wanted to get out of buying a gift.) And the police made the band stop playing before I arrived.

I got an angry message on my voice mail from her, saying I spelled her name "Karen" and she'd never be able to save the article because nobody would believe it was about her.

Now, years later, she's learned to spell her name so people get it right. And she stopped going out with jackasses. She got engaged to a nice Jewish boy from Chicago. I went to their engagement party in La Jolla a few months back.

The guy was wearing a yarmulke. So, I asked them both a little about the Jewish religion. As he started telling me about it, I wondered why I had asked. Religion seldom interests me. And if someone were wearing a cross around their neck, I wouldn't ask them about their religion.



Author C.J. Koa (second from left)

So, when I heard a guy on the couch next to me say something about a funny movie, I asked what film he was referring to. He said, "Freddy Got Fingered, with Tom Green. It was actually funny. It's on my list of favorite movies." I told him I never saw it but figured it would be near the bottom of most lists, right behind Dude, Where's My Car? He said, "Hey...my other favorite

"This is sort of like a how-to book for escorts."

movies are *Pulp Fiction* and *Office Space*. So, I have good taste in movies."

I asked the Jewish guy for his list. For some reason, I thought he would say Fiddler on the Roof, Schindler's List, or Yentl. But he actually had great choices. I then realized that damn yarmulke was throwing me

off my game: it was hard to predict what would come out of his mouth.

He's a lawyer, and we ended up talking a lot about law. When he told me they were moving to Chicago, I asked Caryn what she thought about leaving La Jolla. She said she was excited.

There was a lot of food on the table, and as I grabbed some chocolate, I heard Caryn tell the story about how they met and were friends first. She had gotten out of a bad breakup and wasn't looking to date anyone else. But soon they were doing the long-distance thing.

A guy at the party that reminded me of Vin Diesel told me he was a chef in town. I said, "Why didn't Caryn have you cook all this?" He laughed and said, "She was going to. I've cooked for her before." Caryn confessed that she wasn't much of a cook.

Because this party was in the late afternoon and had lots of food, it enabled me to go to a P.B. party later that offered no food. It was a book-release party at a bar for a local author named C.J. Koa, who wrote *Story of an American Escort*.

I got wind of the event from another person I'd met at a party years ago. Her name is Jackie, and she's one of the founders of the Blue Thong Society. When I wrote about their party, I had picked up a blue thong off the table to look at it. When I set it back down, part of it touched a candle and caught fire.

I made sure not to touch any thongs at this P.B. party because there were actually a few women wearing them. And they looked as if they could possibly be escorts. I asked a few people about that and never got a straight answer. Someone finally told me, "They're private dancers."

I saw cards on a table that read, "This story is based on true events..." and that the book was a "fast-paced pageturner, taking place in America's finest city, San Diego."

I saw some people buying copies, and I ended up at a table and bought one. I felt that the author was there to promote it, so why not buy one? I had a similar situation recently when I saw a comedian that was great. I was asking him a question afterward as he was selling CDs. He asked if I wanted to buy one, and I felt obligated. On the way home, I was disappointed to

hear the same set of material that I had just heard live.

At least the book was material I wasn't familiar with. I thumbed through it as the author sat on a couch with his arms around two scantily clad women.

I ordered a drink at the bar and overheard a few people talking about the world's oldest profession. One claimed it should be made legal. The other argued all the reasons why it shouldn't be. He then said, "The book kind of makes it sound tantalizing and how if you avoid getting into drugs or crazy clients, it can work."

I ran into Jackie, and she told me she met C.J. when she was 19, but they fell out of touch when she moved to Florida. She read his book and loved it.

I watched as Jackie went over to a group of people and began hugging them. I heard her say something about a Showtime series. Someone nearby made a joke about former New York governor Eliot Spitzer's call-girl scandal, and the people with him laughed.

I later asked where the book could be purchased, and Jackie said it was at Barnes & Noble. I said, "This is sort of like a how-to book for escorts." She responded, "Well...it's not as racy as people think. Danielle Steel is racier. So was Sidney Sheldon."





C.J. showed me the bus they had for the party, which was like Studio 54 on wheels. I asked how much they paid to have it there and found out a friend let them borrow it. The owner of the bus walked in, turned up the music, and made it hard to hear what C.J. was telling

C.J. offered me a drink from the cooler, but I declined. When he went to talk to a friend out

front. I walked back into the bar. When I saw him next, he was on a couch with three women and photos were being taken. I said to someone nearby. "It's like being at a Hugh Hefner party." The guy said, "Uh...these girls are cute, but not Bunny material."

I went to the bar for another drink, and the two guys were still debating whether or not prostitution should be made legal.

As I was handed my glass, I heard one say, "The woman in the book has a quarter-million dollars in a safe deposit box."

I said, "Thanks a lot! You ruined the ending for me." ■

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# **He's Not There**

"Mickey Two" (Samurai Jim's friend, not his squeeze) put out the word: James Beard award-winner and Michelin two-star New York chef Christopher Lee (currently seen in magazine ads for Swanson's new canned stocks) was working as executive chef at the new Suite & Tender in San Diego. Even though this Christopher Lee isn't as charismatic as the darkly brooding, same-named actor who played Dracula and Fu Manchu in England's Hammer horror films of the '70s, I decided to check the restaurant out ASAP. I wanted to taste Lee's food before he, like so many celebrity chefs who've touched base here (Wolfgang Puck, Jimmy Boyce, Damon Gordon, et al.), discovers native San Diegan food preferences and runs for his life.

Suite & Tender is the restaurant at the new Hotel Se, just south of House of Blues. The "suite" refers to the pricey penthouse lodgings, the "tender" to the steaks. The hotel had trouble getting built and even named (it was the Setai until just before opening), but downtown construction dramas aren't my beat — just the food, ma'am. All I knew was that early Yelp bloggers were penning raves, claiming that at last San Diego had its first world-class restaurant. (So 1500 Ocean, A.R. Valentien, Addison, Blanca, El Biz, George's, Marine Room, Market, Mille Fleurs, etc., are all chopped liver?)

Restaurant architect Dodd Mitchell's decor is both chic and comfortable, with lots of natural materials, chairs that are kind to your keister, banquettes that would probably feel even better, and spacious tables, all in blacks, browns, and creams, facing a putty-colored wall-size lighted relief map of downtown San Diego, with a tiny bright white bulb at the restaurant's location, silently signifying that "You Are Here." With brown tops and black pants, the server and busser uniforms match the furniture.

However, the restaurant's development company (and co-owner), Société Hospitality, is based



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in Las Vegas, and they just couldn't stop themselves from importing a touch of Vegas vulgarity. You're led to your table by one of a bevy of buxom hostesses bursting out of skanky low-cut stretch

mini-dresses that expose way more cleavage (and stray bits of undergarments) than any of us wanted to see. The dresses look cheap, and so do their wearers. This identity conflict between class and crass

lays a heavy Hooters vibe over what should be a "fine dining" restaurant. What happens in Vegas oughta stay in Vegas.

Once seated, presto change-o, you're back in a real restaurant. Our server, Lygia, was a paragon — sweet and warm, but neither overfriendly nor intrusive, attentive to all the fine, tiny details that can make so much difference to the pleasure you take in your meal. A real pro, one of the best any of us has encountered in San

Diego or anywhere else.

When a restaurant lists its signature cocktails at the start of its menu, attention must be paid — it signals that the bartender (or "mixol-

ogist") is a creative chef, too. We passed our drinks around as we do with plates. Steve's "Energy" cocktail was the most exciting a cucumber-margarita mutant spiked with spicy chili paste and

lemongrass. That's a happy wake-up call. Samurai Jim's "Painkiller" was thrilling, too, a mix of Pusser's rum, pineapple and orange juices, and a scooch of cream of coconut, all lightly sprinkled with nutmeg. Micky Two's "Grace" was a pretty mix of champagne and Cointreau, with berries floating up and down on the bubbles, like a lava lamp, but it was a bit too sweet for me. My "Passion" mingled vodka, champagne, passionfruit, and a crew of extras. Also rather

**Suite & Tender** ★★★ (Very Good)

Hotel Se, 1047 Fifth Avenue (Broadway), downtown, 619-515-3003, suiteandtender.com.

HOURS: Sunday-Thursday 5:30-10:00 p.m., weekends until 11:00 p.m., bar until 2:00 a.m.

Brunch and lunch coming soon. **PRICES:** Appetizers, \$8–\$18; mains, \$23–\$46 (average around \$30); sides, \$5-\$11; desserts, \$8-\$9; cheese plate, \$16.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Streamlined California-style seafood, steaks, trendy surf 'n' turf with braised meats. Full bar with creative cocktails, vast wine list offering portions from "sips' to "bottles" to "bottomless glasses," most on the expensive side but with some decent deals.

PICK HITS: Crispy lump crab cakes; maple syrup-glazed bacon; lobster with braised short ribs; baked Alaska, "Energy" cocktail.

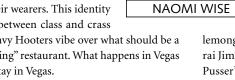
**NEED TO KNOW:** Just south of House of Blues in new Hotel Se (named Setai until just before opening); from outside, windows look dark, like a closed corporate office. Elevator access to mezzanine-level dining room. Mainly business-casual and date-dress, but lots of dweeb-wear (tees, jeans) on weeknights. Great service. Don't miss "tunnel of fun" thrill-ride unisex restroom, dark and spooky. Valet parking (\$20 plus) but street parking is reasonably possible after 6:00 p.m.

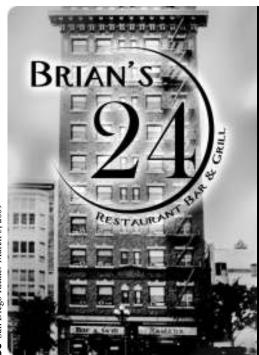
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sweet, but fun. Later, when we got serious, we found a Chapoutier Côte du Rhône for \$32, a decent buy.

The table bread consists of clover-leaf rolls, a nostalgic throwback to "nice" restaurants of my childhood (and to family dinner parties, after refrigerated ready-to-bake rolls came on the market). An amuse-bouche involved a gussied-up bit of brussels sprouts in a tablespoon.





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A sense of consideration extends to the menu format: the loose pages can be slipped from their frames, while the table holds a cup full of pencils, inviting you to mark your choices directly on the pages. That means you're free to keep the pages at hand, to consult if you need a reminder about what's on your plate. And if you order meat, you get to choose your own steak knife from an assortment of powerful, expensive blades. I zeroed in on a handsome, hefty bone-handled Laguiole, while Samurai Jim naturally chose an all-steel Shun, and Steve and Mickey found blades equally to their liking (a Wüsthof and a Henckels, I think). Too bad they don't let you keep them as souvenirs.

In many ways, the restaurant coddles the hang-loose California mindset. The management's aim, says the website, is to give diners plenty of choices, regardless of standard restaurant "rules" — to allow you, at least on paper, to create your own dinner to your own tastes. As you'll see, that's overstating the case considerably.

One of those "diners suit themselves" features is a raw bar where you can order as little or as much as you like of any seafood on offer. (It is not cheap, however, so we didn't indulge.) The appetizer menu, in contrast, is as restricted as a radio-station playlist — it's a compendium of California cuisine's top dozen hits. Restaurant developer Kelley Jones (of Société Hospitality) told a

reporter that, to fine-tune the concept for Suite & Tender, he ate at 30 of the better downtown San Diego restaurants, taking notes on what was available at what prices. Perhaps he and chef Lee then devised the menu by making an Excel chart of all the appetizers and selecting the 12 most frequently served dishes. Your Caprese and frisée and Caesar salad variations? Yup. Your crab cakes, fried calamari, tuna tartare, fried wings, lobster bisque, and (not house-made) charcuterie plate? Yup. Oh, but one difference: instead of the ubiquitous beet salad with melted goat cheese, there's a starter of maple syrup-glazed bacon, the sole nonstandard choice.

By the end of the year, it probably will be standard: the new fad food of 2009 (this year's seared ahi) is shaping up to be bacon, often coated with something sweet. It could become even bigger than sea-salt caramels. Those damned TV pet-food ads ("BACON!") have brainwashed us into craving BACON like a pack of hounds. Just a few days before this dinner, I randomly opened one of the slick cooking magazines to a recipe for sugared bacon. (And a week later, I found myself eating bacon chocolate cake at Cafe Riviera.) The maple syrup-glazed bacon here is crisp, sweet-salty, sprinkled with chives and garnished with frisée curls to eat or ignore. You have to love it, unless you're halal, kosher, or vegan, you poor thing.

The "Crispy Lump Crab Cakes" were wonderful, distinguished by their utter lack of perceptible filler material. We couldn't spot mayo or béchamel or a starch binding — just pure, sweet crab in a crunchy crumb coating, plated over a zippy tarragon remoulade with green apple shreds. Sorry, Oceanaire and Tin Fish, you're now fighting it out for second place. This is the new number-one crab cake

But a lobster bisque was a surprisingly thin broth, rather than the expected thick, creamy soup. It certainly wasn't as filling or fattening as the standard version and also seemed tenuous in lobster flavor.

Kobe beef carpaccio proved pleasant but problematic. It's the world's tenderest beef, but the question remains: does its loin cut actually have any flavor? (The braising cuts are spectacular, but here, we're probably looking at the tenderloin, e.g., filet mignon.) Nearly transparent slices of melting raw meat scattered with pickled scallions and model-slim Reggiano Parmesan slices were arranged with a few lithe lengths of lightly toasted ciabatta bread. But any garnish seems to overwhelm this beef, while with no garnish, it's less interesting than hoped for, merely lush and fatty — like eating butter. This particular garnish didn't quite satisfy any of us — we liked the flavors, but either they bolstered the beef too much (particularly the Parmesan) or not quite enough.

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"Ocean," "Land," "Suite and Tender" (surf'n' turf), and various sizes and cuts of steak, including Japanese Kobe at market price by the ounce, available in whatever size portion you want and can afford. We chose all three "Suite and Tender" combos and a duck confit.

The surf 'n' turf dishes were beautifully plated, little works of art that looked dainty but provided ample protein portions. In the lobster and braised short rib combo, the short rib was fall-apart tender, braised in some fine flavor-instilling liquid, and plated over garlic potato purée. Steve, who often works in restaurants, guessed it had been cooked at 250 degrees for about eight hours in a red wine sauce to produce that texture. It made the lobster — a modest-sized tail section - play second fiddle. The crustacean seemed to be sulking atop the buttered corn garnish, offering only a hint of its normally sunny, sensual personality.

Maybe it needed a buttery sauce to bring it out. Or it may have been frozen, which eviscerates the lobster flavor. (That might also account for the pallid bisque.)

Braised pork belly was paired with diver scallops and served with hedgehog mushrooms, cauliflower purée, and sweet kumquats. The belly was tender but, dare I say it, seemed to call for a bit of distinctive sauce in addition to the sweet kumquat to set it off. The scallops were perfectly tender, translucent. I liked the way the fat of the belly pork and the softness of the scallops held a mirror to each other — same texture, by sea and by land. "I really prefer scallops with a crisped surface," said Steve, "for more textural contrast." He could be right, since this was one of those great intellectual constructs that somehow didn't make it over the edge into a taste thrill.

Our final pairing married Alaskan king crab with veal tenderloin, accompanied by brussels sprouts, butternut squash, and blood orange. The crab was buttery and charm-

ing, the red-carpet celebrity on the plate. The veal was overcooked and dry and, like most modern veal, nearly bereft of flavor. (This was the dish that several Yelpers loved the best. Well, one man's meat...)

Ordering duck confit is an acid test. Making confit (duck legs slow-cooked in rendered duck fat, then crisped just at serving) is a patient process until the dramatic climax of the reheating, when suddenly everything can go wrong. The aim is to achieve a crackly, crisp skin over tender flesh, and it's surprisingly difficult to obtain. Here, tasting the desiccated quacker, Steve guessed they'd reheated by deep-frying rather than pansearing, as he does when he cooks it. Whatever technique they used wasn't the answer. While some of the skin was indeed as crisp as well-cooked bacon, most was merely shriveled. The meat underneath was as sere as an octogenarian sunbather's face. It came with nice garnishes — baby root veggies, cranberries, et al. but no point to putting rouge on the old crone's withered cheeks. This was dry, dry duck.

Dessert is another acid test after a big meal. I was curious about the chocolate cheesecake set over a passionfruit coulis, a blogger favorite. The chocolate proved, however, to be milk chocolate, which I plain don't like. (This dessert was not counted in determining the star rating.)

Baked Alaska has become a lot easier to carry off now that it no longer actually requires baking — every restaurant kitchen is equipped with a little blowtorch for crisping the tops of the inevitable crème brûlées, and they can do double-duty on meringues. Still, it was quite a presentation, the meringue shaped into a royal crown. Inside was a seductive coconut sorbet that really tasted of coconut, with the shreds to prove it. This crowd-pleasing extravaganza was plated over guava sauce. My espresso was decent and thirstily welcomed with such sweet sweets as Suite provides.

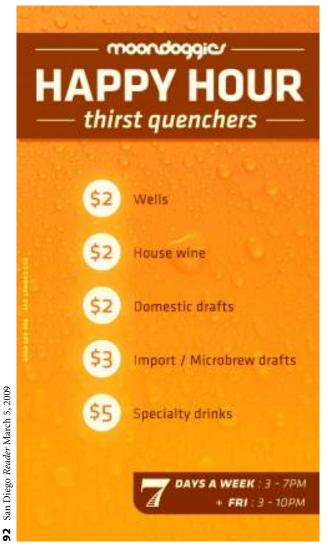
The website, less competent than I'd have imagined, wouldn't allow my system access to a complete menu, just When I arrived at the restaurant and read the whole bill of fare, I realized that chef Lee had surely already left the building. He must have consulted on the dishes, trained the kitchen staff and chef de cuisine Billy Boyle (former chef de cuisine at David Burke Restaurant in Las Vegas) while deciding that no way would he himself be cooking in San Diego — he'd phone it in from back home in Manhattan, where he just left Gilt in the Palace Hotel to become executive chef at Charlie Palmer's renowned Aureole Restaurant. (Just as this review was going to press, the restaurant publicist emailed to say that chef Lee was flying in for a day to hold a press conference clear evidence of his ongoing lack of local presence.)

the start of the starters list.

Aren't hotshot chefs supposed to be creative, original, exciting, eager to épater le bourgeoisie and etonnez-moi? Well, nothing here to shock the middle class or astonish anyone, unless it's the already trendy surf'n' turf variation that pairs seafood with braised meat

rather than steak. Is there anything about this menu or its execution that would win a James Beard Rising Chef award or two Michelin stars? Not remotely. Lygia's flawless service was more revolutionary for San Diego than anything on our plates.

Instead, we have an impersonal composite picture of a San Diego fine-dining hotel restaurant — a schematic diagram drawn, perhaps, from afar in Las Vegas. Put together the group of serious San Diego restaurants mentioned parenthetically earlier in this review (the chopped-liver contingent) but minus all the chefs and the chefs' imaginations and inspirations and distinctive culinary personalities, and what's left might resemble the food at Suite & Tender. You'll enjoy cautious, unoriginal dishes made with mainly excellent, partly local ingredients in pleasant combinations, with mainly competent execution, in a comfortable, handsome ambience. Lower your expectations — it's a very good restaurant, but it won't rock your world. ■



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he view, the view...a man could faint from the über-coolness of this whole scene. You can see over the Gaslamp roofs to the Pacific. Heck, you can see to Mex-

ico. Gotta hand it to them. Here, at the Eden bar's roof garden on top of the Ivy Hotel, you do feel as if you've found a little Shangri-La all your own.

"I heard you did breakfast up here," I say to the barman at the zigzag-shaped white bar.

"Not for the winter, sir. Just bar food."

He swings a menu in front of me. "Burger 16, Caesar salad 13, Monte Cristo sandwich 16, Steak sandwich 18..." And that ain't no calorie count.

Whew. Back down on F Street. Cut to Plan B. People still look Sunday-morning dazed. Me too. Gotta eat. I cross over to a mud-colored building with white bricks up top. Signs say "Deli." A blackboard's propped up outside. "Breakfast Special: breakfast burrito with 3 eggs, 2 bacon, 1 sausage patty, 2 golden hash browns, cheese, \$4.99."

Wow. That's more like it. I go in, continuing past the line of beer-and-soda coolers till I get to the kitchen in back.

And Rudy, behind the counter. "What can I get you?" he asks.

I do a quick scan of the wall-sized lists of sandwiches, some served hot or grilled, and salads.

Rudy says the most popular item on the menu is Number 1, the "Hub Club." It's turkey,

ham, bacon, and Swiss, for \$5.99. Not bad. Number 9, "The Plaza," looks interesting. It's ham, salami, provolone, with lettuce, tomatoes, and onions, on an onion roll for \$5.99 (every-

thing costs \$5.99 except the \$6.99 chicken-salad sandwich).

Yes, I'm tempted by grilled roast beef and cheddar (\$5.99), but heck, quantity-wise, I doubt anything can compare with that \$4.99 breakfast-burrito deal.

It takes Rudy about ten

minutes to cook everything up. When he's done, he shows me the ginormous pile of stuff on a flour tortilla and then wraps it up.

"Hope you're hungry," he says.

"Yeah, but where can I eat it?"

"Most people go and sit at a table at Starbucks, on Fifth and F. They don't mind, as long as you get your drink from them."

The sun's angling on to this east side of Fifth as I look for a place to set everything down on one of Starbucks' outside tables — 'specially the tall coffee (\$1.60) I just bought. Find myself standing next to a guy who is threading a thick leather lace around the edge of a moccasin he's making. He has a bunch on the table, along with a couple of wooden clocks he says he made. Name's Peter, and he's accepting "donations." He says Starbucks is cool, as long as he's not actually selling.

"Here, like this seat?" He moves so I can squeeze through to the last chair getting sun. "Man," he says as I unwrap my burrito, "that thing's fatter than a first-grader's pencil." "I got it at the Hub."

"Good people. Next time you should try the hot pastrami sandwich [\$5.99]. Best in the Gaslamp, I swear. I know. I'm down here all the time."

In the end, he gets one too. Except, he doesn't want to leave his moccasins, so I run over and pick it up for him. No problem — I hate eating alone when there's company.

Pete teaches me something I should've known: what da heck pastrami is. Just corned beef plus peppers with extra curing (smoking) and roasting.

"See?" he says. "Their pastrami's thin-sliced, but the whole wad is inch-thick! Smell how fresh it is? Still piping hot. And see the lettuce? They heated the rest up *before* they put the lettuce and tomato in, so they're still crisp. They never get that right in other places."

'Course, back East, you'd never have salad stuffed in a hot pastrami sandwich. "This is for Californians," Pete says. The whole mess looks great inside the pumpernickel-and-rye bread's brown-and-cream swirls. My burrito's doing good, too, busting with crunchy bacon, melted cheese, sausage. Every dieter's nightmare. Love it.

Pete's a great talker. Says he was involved in the civil rights movement. "Jesse Jackson even helped bail me out of jail once." And it hits me. Here's a guy who's likely a hero of the civil rights movement, sewing moccasins on the street to keep the wolf from the door. Mean-



Rudy

while, back up on that roof garden at the hotel, slick willies — probably made their dough selling slippery mortgages to poor folk — are chowing down on \$16 burgers. Pete says, "I ain't rich, and I don't mind saying so. Three things you can't hide: the sun, the moon, and the truth. You can take that to the bank."

I leave him so he can get back to turning buckskin into a buck. The Eden roof bar? Hot hipsters, lavish burgers, but no match for this giant \$5 breakfast. Or for Pete and Rudy.

Take *that* to the bank. ■

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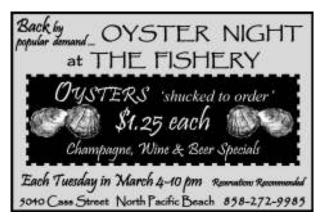
**Prices:** Breakfast burrito special, with 3 eggs, 2 bacon, 1 sausage, 2 hash browns, cheese, \$4.99; the Hub sandwich (turkey, ham, bacon, Swiss), \$5.99; the Plaza sandwich (ham, salami, provolone), \$5.99; chicken-salad sandwich, \$6.99; grilled roast beef and cheddar sandwich, \$5.99; hot pastrami sandwich, with potato salad and soda, \$5.99; turns salad, \$5.90

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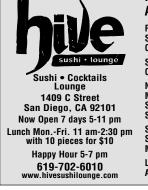












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#### RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a midrange entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10: moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$29; very expensive: more than \$30. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

#### BEACHES

#### 3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro

2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, looseygoosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's \$5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$15 all-inclusive for food; mi-mosas extra); closed Monday. Low-moderate. — N. W.

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese, "run over" between two pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (half-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread - it's the Aussie national food, mate. Lunch and dinner weekdays, three meals weekends. Inexpensive.

**Chateau Orleans** 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. This old-timer is a fun place to eat and let the bon temps rouler to the sound of live blues (Thursday through Saturday) and Sunday champagne jazz brunch. Despite many changes of owners, Chateau Orleans has always kept the same old ersatz recipes - it's high time the kitchen had a refresher course in authentic Louisiana cooking, as most of the dishes kind of "dis" the two great cuisines of that state. But if you choose carefully, you can get some pretty good stuff to complement the tasty music and colorful art on the walls: Texas cornbread, crawfish bisque, gushy "purple fries" (fried eggplant appetizer, the best dish on the menu), Cajun popcorn (fried crawfish tail meat), and gumbo are the ones to choose. Stay far away from the jambalaya, Reasonable wine list, numerous Louisiana and Southern beers; full bar, but the Hurricanes are so weak that they barely qualify as a drizzle. - N.W.

Hancock Street Café 3354 Hancock Street, Point Loma, 619-296-2060. If you

spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Her-bie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking, Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Pearl 1410 Rosecrans, Point Loma 619-226-6100. This motel hints at a little corner of South Miami Beach, and it's all about fun: You can eat and drink in a tiny indoor dining room furnished wholly with high bar tables and stools (neither wheelchair accessible nor acro-phobic acceptable) or out on the heated area surrounding the swimming pool where movies screen for free on Wednesday evenings. The fare is California-eclectic and emphasizes grazing, with simple preparations of local produce and sustainable meat and fish. Candied pork belly, "deconstructed" shrimp nachos, wings du jour, and salmon with skin are among the hits. International wine list at wide price range, some bargains, plenty by the glass. Full bar. No reservations except for large parties (six and up) and special occasions. — N.W.

**Portugalia** 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. This spacious, informal room decorated with strings of Christmas lights resembles an ethnic community center — and indeed, O.B. is home to a long-term Portuguese fishing community. The fascinating menu is split between the homeland and its former colony, Brazil, including several coconut-milk-swathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia that are rarely found locally. The array of appetizers from both countries embraces addictive bolinhos de bacalhau (salt cod fritters) and rissóis de camarão (fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp). For entrées you the earthy *gomes de sá* (codfish with chick peas) or Brazil's *bife apimentado* (spicy beef) or even an African-inspired bife de moçambicana (beef with shellfish). There's also a *rodizio* option of skewered meats and/or seafood. Save room for the owner's mom's homemade desserts, especially pastéis de nata (delicate custardfilled pastries). Portuguese wines, full bar. Not all dishes always available. Service quality variable. Long stairway up to second-floor restaurant. Live music most nights after 10 p.m. Easy parking. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday, to midnight or later except Sundays. Mod-

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? Açaí (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up açaí, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the açaí power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. -

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla.

858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provencal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated foie gras tor-chon, luscious free-range veal, and topquality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) weekdays, and dinner daily (including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe





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"sunset dinners" Sunday through Thursday). Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. - N.W.

#### BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

**La Espadaña** Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10813, Tijuana, 664-634-1488. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it were cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef - steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. Vegetarian upon request. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tiinana's version of Mission Valley Still. it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadaña* (holes cut in the mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, Mom getting her degree - whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B.

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 664-686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle ranch food. Entrée price includes a deli-cious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two botana (snack) plates, of, say vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef-liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A parrillada—BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, carne asada, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Vegetarian upon request. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — E.B.

Vallarta Natural 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), Tijuana, 664-686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tiiuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcantar, They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas — and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the tartaleta vallarta, a mix of eggs spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chili-For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, caldo tlalpeno, packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chili, will fill you nicely. The soy hamburguesa is good, but go for the torta, which has that gluten milanesa along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeño Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

#### CENTRAL

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-220-0692. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines

— Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discrete admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, tlacogos cuitlacoche, ovals of blue

corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Reservations rec-ommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. - N.W.

Anthology 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. This spiffy, multilevel nightclub offers pleasant, userfriendly, modern-American cuisine (lo cal produce, natural meats, wonderful breads) conceived by consulting celeb-chef Bradley Ogden. But when good musicians are cookin' onstage, the eats are liable to become mere background music for the mouth. A great date venue for jazz lovers. \$15 minimum (easy to meet on beverages alone) or \$5 cover when there's live music. No cover charge Tuesdays and some Sundays - otherwise ticket prices (bought separately) vary, plus \$15 to \$20 minimums (easy to meet). Wine list is fine and wide ranging but starts high and escalates sharply, plus full bar with fruity cocktail creations as

well as classics. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive on up, if you drink anything but tap water. — N.W.

**Bale French Sandwich Shop** 4879 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980. Ann's brother succeeded her, and the prices have hardly changed they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue

sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French - that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — voila! Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street, South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the veggie option: sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and bon mots like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. Inex-



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**Bombay Exotic Cuisine of India** 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouthscalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy (though their sag paneer — creamy, cheesy spinach delivered a surprising punch). The buf-fet includes tandoori chicken, assorted pakoras (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken tikka, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu - say, a creamy tikka masala with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, tikhi. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb samosas. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — E.B.

Café Chloe 721 Ninth Avenue, Down town, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisianstyle bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar nibbles. Don't miss breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle beurre blanc. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include divine lavender lemonade, root beer choices, and an intelligent wine list at modest markups, most available by the glass. Metered street-parking daytime

No reservations except large groups. Moderate. — *N.W.* 

**La Doña** 1784 Newton, Logan Heights, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. zoot-suiters drift in as you inspect the black-and-white shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Rev olution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 vears, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsa — it's a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include chicharrones menudo, and pozole. Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main Street, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four vari eties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks the taquería-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Gourmet India** 810 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-7967. Most local Indian restaurants share nearly identical panregional menus (yawn). Gourmet India, in contrast, serves authentic regional delicacies you won't find at the clones. Don't miss the distinctive appetizers, especially the crunchy sev poori (wheat wafers with a vibrant, spicy fresh top ping), the bel poori (India's favorite railway snack), or southern India's uttapam, pancakes (made of cream of wheat) resembling soft, exotic mini-pizzas, accompanied by a coconutty fresh chutney. Peshawari naan is a spectacular tandoor-cooked bread stuffed with cashews, raisins, and fresh cheese, and tandoori chicken wings are tender and savory with their lively green dipping sauce. Entrées include the rarely seen mirchi tikka, tender boneless chicken from the tandoor, steeped in a bright spicy, lime-juice marinade. Madrasi Fish in coconut milk is a delicious southernstyle coconut milk curry, and the house specialty, Bombay Chicken, is a salty and oddly homey-tasting stew. Interesting and appropriate wine list; numerous Indian and international beers. You can eat royally on a prosperous peasant's budget. Lunch and dinner daily. (Parking not validated at Horton.) Moderate. — N.W.

Grant Grill 326 Broadway, Downtown, 619-744-2077. The hotel has reopened after its \$52-million renovation, and it's looking magnificent. The Grant Grill, too, is changed and freshened. In days of yore, the bill of fare combined French haute cuisine with British hotel-grill staples. Now it's thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup in response to diner pleas) with nods to the "slow food" movement Well-raised meats, local produce, and artisanal products include house-made burrata mozzarella and herbed bread. Entrées are large, rather salty, and have fine side items, but there's still a basic conservatism at work. Nothing here to scare the horses. Appetizers and amuse-bouches are more engaging than entrées, while desserts are in the 'needs more work" stage. Serving pace, especially on busy evenings, is slow. But the town's movers and shakers are back at their old favorite haunt. Breakfast,

lunch, and dinner daily. Very expensive.

Jimmy Carter's Café 3172 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or pessaratu (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, dhal, and chutneys). Or vegetarian vindaloo. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Krakatoa 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swampgreen clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham, cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubehebe (a dormant volcano in Death Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave Desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, banana, cinnamon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Linkery 3794 30th Street, North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations featuring humanely raised, premium meats, including a daily changing array of house-made sausages. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers

and a house-made charcuterie plate and some fine entrées, often with Mexican-flavor influences. The organic, grass-pastured steak is small in size and huge in flavor, but the focus is on the sausages. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Some of the best include the juicy "super bison Mexi-dog," the linguisa, and the Polynesian pork. Poultry sausages are chancy, tasting sawdusty when overcooked. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus local and international craft beers and soft drinks (e.g., Mexican Coca-Cola) made with cane sugar instead of high-fructose corn syrup. Dinner daily until 11:30 p.m. Moderate. — N.W.

P. F. Chang's China Bistro — La Jolla 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, University City, 858-458-9007. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window, and there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the waitstaff. But this busy mall Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the Sichuan from the Sea shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, if one searches for them. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the mas-sive Great Wall of Chocolate dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.* 

**The Ritual Tavern** 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-283-1618. North Park is becoming a hotbed of ethical food culture, and Ritual is one of its proponents. At this cozy, civilized, Old World-style pub where the music always plays softly enough for conversation you'll find classic pub dishes plus some more exotic forays, cooked with consistent care to emphasize the fine, natural flavors of humanely raised Niman meats, gourmet Jidori chicken, locally grown organic veg-

etables. Want a burger? The ketchup is made in-house. The wildest dish is a tasty, mouth-filling, étouffée-thick "Saddlebrush" (Yankee) gumbo that's not remotely Cajun or Creole (it's got carrots — and no okra or file!), served over longgrain wild rice instead of the sticky whits stuff. Vast list of local and international artisan beers includes a Porter milkshake for dessert; nearly all of a dozen affordable international wines are available by the glass. Soft drinks include Mexican Coca-Cola (made with cane sugar, not corn syrup). Small parking lot behind restaurant. Several vegan and gluten-free menu items. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday to 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W.

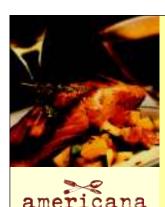
Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. Tom yum kung, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: chicken green. Health treat: Som tum, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Southeast San Diego, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery galanga, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, som tum (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced











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**Dessert:** Classic créme brulee • Banana tarte Tatin with dolce de leche ice cream • Caramelized strawberries and figs over vanilla ice cream

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meat called larb - closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cui-sine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully packed approximation of a muffaletta, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The iambalava is tasty, too, even with the substitute for andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations. Breakfast to dinner (closes 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday). Inexpensive. — N.W.

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-488-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-682-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a

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#### **NORTH INLAND**

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q 6904 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-2333 Texas barbecue consists of meat. chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). In this family-owned restaurant, they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the

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brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad; vegetarian and senior-citizen specials also available. Wheelchair accessible. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.



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Centre City Café 2680 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chickenfried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early-bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambience, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W.

Corner House Café & Pizzeria 11815 Sorrento Valley Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-755-3183. This must be the last farmhouse standing in Sorrento Valley's glassy, glossy business park. Corner House Café shares the nearly century old, yellow, two-story clapboard house with Lily's Closet Café and Caliente Mexican Food. You eat outside in patios and gardens among flowers, fountains, farm carts. It feels like the country. Sandwiches reign. Try the Ironman (chicken, avocado, cheese) or Sorrento's Choice (turkey, cream cheese, sunflower seeds). Also terrific are the full meals. No fancy tableware, but dishes like chicken tequila fettuccini with its green pasta and sinful golden creamy sauce are sophisticated, delicious, and interesting. Open daily till 5 p.m. (3 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Fiore's 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley

Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species. For a starter, the shrimp margarita is delicious. Choices include numerous seafood en-trées, and for lighter eating there's an oyster bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate at oystar bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. - N. W.

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from nat-ural ingredients. Recipes of the 24 loaves are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in su-permarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Sand Crab Café 2229 Micro Place. Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border, A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompany ing them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can

BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy house-made key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Înexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

#### **NORTH COASTAL**

Armenian Café 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a loss leader featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese kibbe (a large, glorified nutfilled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her kashta lea dessert - an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewa ter syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great Armenian salad and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. - N.W.

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlán — Encinitas 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taquería, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlán, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas - which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, nongreasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsita. 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 puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three

meals, until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — N.W. Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encini-

tas, 760-942-5642. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to musubi (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "lo-cal food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* 

Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a nonkosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crispskinned fat cheese blintzes, matzoh brei, hot brisket with latkes - or chickenfried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — ov!. so goy! Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W.

Milton's Deli 2660 Via de la Valle. Del

Nozomi 3050 Pio Pico Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-7877. Put together a young entrepreneur with a real talent for restau rateuring and decor, an ex-head chef from Japengo, and a classic sushi chef of high principles lured away from Sushi Ota in a gorgeous but unpretentious three-story restaurant embodying Japanese esthetic principles (running water, ponds, "country inn" comfort) and

you've got a "wow." The food runs from classic *nigiri-zushi* in the Ota style to wild party rolls to fusion grazing dishes and entrées (including genuine Japanese Wagyu beef) and back to a few Japanese standards. Party rolls default to Krab (fake crab), but just ask for the real stuff. It's all good, and the atmosphere is welcoming. Don't miss the outstanding ankimo (monkfish liver pate). Wheelchair accessible from parking lot to lower-level "turtle pool" lounge (with full menu, restrooms). — N.W.

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including allday breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Star of India — Del Mar 3860 Vallev Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111. 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.

#### **SOUTH BAY**

Café 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Since the place changed hands a couple of years back, the food has definitely gotten more interesting. Breakfast omelets, for starters. The Cortez has sautéed shrimp, mushrooms, Jack cheese, avocado, sour cream, plus fruit or sautéed potatoes. Paninis like the Tuscany come stuffed with roast beef and bleu-cheese crumbles. They do a fine chicken pecan salad, too. But at heart this is still a Left Bank sort of coffee place for hanging out, talk-ing, arguing, and having deep thoughts. Grab a joe or a large bottle of their hoppy Mermaid's Red Ale, take it outside, start a conversation. Open 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (kitchen 7 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.) daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 East H Street, Suite 211, Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. This chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it has gone carnivo rous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a nono. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like chimichurri sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetable pizza,







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where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell pep-pers. And Mediterranean Chicken Salad works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. Moderate. — E.B.

Spiro's Gyros 1201 First Street #4. Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view - are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wines (cheaper than their Californian), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (egg-plant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in tzatziki sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. -

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill -**Chula Vista** 555 Broadway, Suite 1076, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Uno's expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak 'n' cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660; 890 W. Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8667. — E.B.

#### **EAST COUNTY**

Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Place, Inland Border Towns, 619-478-2888. Tiger Woods eats here. He plays paint wars nearby, then comes in and always orders the same thing: cheeseburger, medium rare, with fries. The burgers are all made from certified Black Angus beef, so they cost a little more. But there are deals for folks with country appetites. For breakfast, ask for "The Works" omelet. It's loaded with bacon, ham, sausage, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, and potatoes. A half-order will be plenty. At lunch order the robust, homemade soup of the day, like vegetable, which has so many fresh-cut vegetables in it that you won't need to order anything else. Open daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-433-0180. This is the neighborhood café this neighborhood lacked for years. Which explains why, since it opened in 2005, it's been busy, mostly filled with locals. People come because the waitresses know them and know what they like, but also because the plates are usually overloaded. All the omelets are four-eggers, with generous sides like biscuits and gravy. Portuguese sausage scramble is a bulky way to start the day. Evening meals include fish served European-style with the head still on. Other comfort foods include liver and onions, meat loaf, and pork chops with stuffing. Open 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road, Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slip ping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni!

Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — A.M.

Somewhere Else Coffeehouse and Bookstore 330 North Magnolia Avenue, El Caion, 619-441-0480. Here, 100 years ago, stagecoaches and gold miners from Julian would raise a ruckus at this very crossroads every morning. Today, what has to be the smallest counter-restaurant with the tiniest kitchen in El Cajon serves up decent, straightforward breakfasts, soups, and sandwiches, along with good conversation that can't be a lot different from stagecoach days, Breakfast scrambles, burritos, and panini are filling. They have a little living room area packed with books and a cool deck out back. Coffee and a toasted bagel with tomato and avocado are delicious. But be good - Maria, the owner, is an excop. Open for breakfast and lunch. Closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Café 6792 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619 582-4024. You're eating in a museum here. You can nibble your panini and check out ancient bikes like Rudge's penny farthing or the three-seater bike the Three Stooges used. The little black-board menu's basically a list of toasted paninis and cold sandwiches. Each sandwich gets its name from the bike world. The Tandem is a double-decker peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The Tour de France has ham and Swiss on a croissant; the Tour d'Italia is salami, pepperoni, ham, cheese, and a pot of marinada. Add their rib-sticking chicken soup with wild rice and you'll have a cheap and enlightening lunch. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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#### **Beach House,** Cardiff

Best view in North County. Expensive, but they do have great happy-hour specials from 4 to 6 p.m. Very relaxed atmosphere, but the service has really gone downhill the past couple of times I've visited. I could hear two other tables complaining about the service also. I still love the place; I'm just hoping things improve in the service department.

By sassisquirrel 3:50 p.m., Feb. 25

#### **Sab-E-Lee,** Linda Vista

I am a San Diego native living and working on the island of Borneo for many years now, still accessing Reader via Internet. I work in Thailand quite regularly and just want to complement you on your description of the essence of Thai cuisine. I thought it was very well done. You have really captured the feel. Well done for a tourist vs a regional native. I agree 100% with your descriptions and analysis. I go back to SD twice a year and will be sure to visit the restaurant. Thanks so much. By junglejohn 5:43 a.m., Feb. 26

#### **Hexagone**, Hillcrest

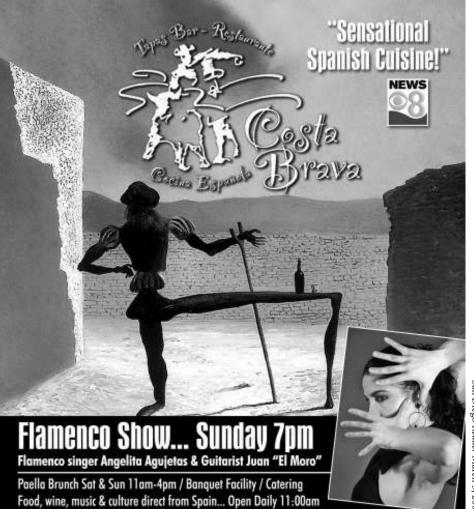
Called to reserve a table for two, Carol and myself. Voice at other end had a pleasant French accent. Good, we'll be able to exercise what little we know of the language. When we entered the place, I thought we'd walked into an argument. Turned out that the three persons in the entry barroom were only talking; must've been deaf. The table captain took us to a deuce blessedly distant, parlant français en route. That's as much French as we had that evening. Our young waiter addressed us throughout our meal as "you guys." Carol ordered a wine, I an especially tasty brand of Belgian beer that was on the menu. Her wine was delicious, round, with no astringence; the restaurant was out of the beer. I ordered another brand that tasted green, inadequately aged. The bread was flavorless, the butter tightly rationed. Carol's whitefish, *la spécialité du jour*, was moist and delicious, as was my salmon after I returned it to the kitchen to be heated. Carol was still eating when the waiter started to remove my plate — faux pas. A party of six seated themselves at a nearby table, and despite the restaurant's thick draperies and carpeting, their voices bombarded us; they might as well have joined us. We finished off with a Grand Marnier soufflé, which was marvelous. But all in all, Hexagone n'était pas comme anticipé.

By **manninc** 8:17 p.m., Feb. 26

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#### Acts of Faith

Laterthanever Productions presents the world premiere of Kathleen B. Jones and Sharyn C. Blumenthal's stage adaptation of short stories by Grace Paley. Blumenthal directed. TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 29.

#### **Anything Goes**

MiraCosta Theatre Department presents the 1934 Cole Porter musical with "mismatched lovers, supersized characters, and more on-stage marriages than a Shakespearean comedy." Tracy Williams directed. MIRACOSTA COLLEGE, ONE BARNARD DRIVE, OCEANSIDE. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 8.

#### **Betrayal**

PowPAC stages Harold Pinter's drama that traces the arc of a relationship in reverse, from breakup to first stirrings. Sherrie Colbourn directed.

POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THEATER, 13250 POWAY ROAD, POWAY. 858-679-8085. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 29.

#### **Driving Miss Daisy**

Point Loma Actors Theatre stages Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer Prize winner. Daisy Wertham, a rich, crusty widow, and her chauffeur, Hoke, an African-American, are an odd couple, at first. John H. Cochran directed.

POINT LOMA ACTORS THEATRE, 3035 TALBOT STREET, POINT LOMA. 619-225-0044. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 14.

#### Grease

Broadway\*San Diego hosts a nationally touring production of the musical salute to the 1950s and "the glory that was grease."
SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. 858-570-1100. THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY, 8 P.M. SATURDAY, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAY, 1 AND 6 P.M.

#### The Greeks, the Murders

The Old Globe/University of San Diego Graduate Theatre Program present part two of "The Greeks" trilogy, an adaptation of *Hecuba, Agamemnon,* and *Electra.* Sabin Epstein directed.

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, 5998 ALCALÁ PARK, USD. 619-260-4600.

#### The History Boys

THURSDAY, 8 P.M.

Cygnet Theatre stages Alan Bennet's Tony Award-winning comedy-drama about boys at a British boarding school preparing for a qualifying exam. Sean Murray directed.

CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040

TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 29.

#### Killer Joe

Compass Theatre stages Tracy Lett's drama about Worthless Son. He wants his mama "bumped off so he can get together some quick insurance money to pay off a drug debt." Lisa Berger directed. COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 5.

#### A Midsummer Night's Dream

OnStage Playhouse presents Shakespeare's romantic comedy about "star-crossed, criss-crossed, and uncrossed" lovers. Daniel Zisko directed.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 4.

#### **Moon Over Buffalo**

Moonlight Stage Productions presents Ken Ludwig's backstage farce about the marriage of two highly competitive actors. They have one last shot at movie fame. Eric Bishop directed.

AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA. 760-724-2110. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 22.

#### **National Comedy Theatre**

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult

enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly. then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

#### Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. FRI-DAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

#### Peter and the Starcatchers

As part of its Page to Stage series, the La Jolla Playhouse presents a workshop production of this prequel to Peter Pan, written by Rick Elice and directed by Roger Rees and Alex Timbers.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, UCSD. 858-550-1010. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 8.

#### The Platt Brothers

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#### Rent

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#### **Room Service**

Who knew? Who knew that a doorslamming farce, first produced in 1937, would resonate with such relevance today? Seven years into the Great Depression, after Sam Harris dropped the project in Philadelphia, George Abbott became producer and director of a fledgling comedy. He turned it into a Broadway hit, then sold it to the Marx Brothers for the highest price ever. The situation's what theaters across the country face today: a producer on a shoestring has a hot script but no money. Backers are backing out, and he owes the White Way Hotel a small fortune for housing his 22-person cast. The show must go on — but how? Amid a giant moose head, a big bunch of bananas, a stuffed owl, doctors (both true and quack), harried hotel and doubly harried theater - folk, and maybe the world's most on-thespot creative producer (a tribute to Abbott, who was just as inventive off-stage as on), the show not only goes on, the villain...well, see for yourself what happens to him. Robert Smyth and his Lamb's Play-

ers cast have obvious fun breaking today's rules of acting and going for broad portrayals; the broader the better, in fact. Jon Lorenz's mellifluous-voiced producer flat refuses to accept defeat, as does John Rosen's Gregory Wagner, red-faced hotel honcho; the two are a frenetic pair, around whom the cast runs a twoact steeplechase on Mike Buckley's handsome, hotel suite scenic design. Special mention: David Cochran Heath keeps walking offstage as one character then, seconds later, comes back as someone else, equally believable, detailed, and funny. Note: due to popular demand, Lamb's Players has extended the show's run. Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUN-

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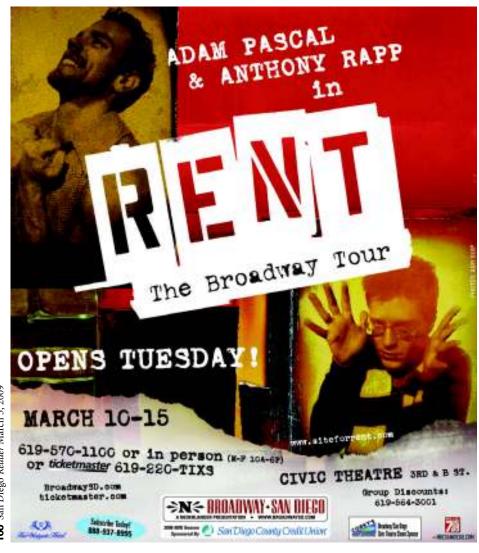
#### The Scarlet Pimpernel

Welk Resorts Theatre presents composer Frank Wildhorn's musical version of the tale of Sir Percy Blakeney, an English aristocrat, who, disguised as the Scarlet Pimpernel, wreaks havoc on the French Reign of Terror. Jon Engstrom directed.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. SAT-URDAYS, 1:45 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 1:45 P.M. TUESDAYS, 1:45 AND 8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 1:45 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 26.

#### **School of the Americas**

The Mesa College Theatre Company stages Jose Rivera's drama





about the last two days in the life of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, hero of the Cuban liberation.

MESA COLLEGE, 7250 MESA COLLEGE DRIVE, KEARNY MESA. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 15

#### Shipwrecked! An Entertainment

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Donald Margulies's "amazing adventures of Louis De Rougement (as told by himself)." Matthew Wiener directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. WEDNES-DAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 15.

#### Since Africa

In Mia McCullough's drama, Ater is one of the Lost Boys of the Sudan. Like thousands of young males, he watched his family murdered and fled from his Dinka village, running hundreds of miles, barefoot, across the Sudan (there are no "lost" women; they were made slaves). Now 21, Ater is in Chicago, where Diane, a socialite whose husband died recently, and Deacon Reggie Hudson attempt to "resettle" him. But neither sees Ater. Each is a Pygmalion; they see who they want him to become. Are they aiding, or trying to colonize, Ater? Since Africa

plays like an extended commentary on John Guare's Six Degrees of Separation, also at the Old Globe. Amid small-world nearness stand walls, both personal and cultural. Breakthroughs are possible, even awakened awareness, though attempts to change a person often result in confirming differences. Until mid-act 2, the play is low on drama. The author tends to wade into a scene, for 10 or 15 lines, then paddles hard. The Globe made a smart choice in having Seema Sueko

direct. She's staged the play before and knows its quirks. Linda Gehringer's unafraid to push Diane a few clicks past likability, which gives her performance an authentic ring. Willie C. Carpenter, Warner Miller, and Ashley Clements add dimension to slender roles. Since Africa plods but also offers payoffs, especially in its critique of intentions and in Kristin D. Carpenter's performance as the Nameless One, a statue that comes to life and dances with vigor and joy.

#### Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 8.

#### The Skin of Our Teeth

Moonlight Cultural Foundation's Free WordsWork Play Reading Series presents Thornton Wilder's saga of the intrepid Antrobus family (i.e. Everyfamily), who survive ice ages and dinosaurs in the back yard. Esther Emery directed. A discussion — and stick around, you'll want to talk about this play! follows the reading.

AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA. 760-724-2110. MONDAY, 7:30 P.M.

#### The Sugar Syndrome

Like countless others, 17-year-old Dani feels she can be completely honest only on the Internet. Anonymity guarantees impunity. Dani recently spent two months at a clinic for eating disorders. She likes to help people who, like her, "need fixing." When she moves out of the chat room, she almost creates a similar openness with two men in the real world. Almost. She connects with Lewis, a nerdy virgin who still lives with his mother, and with Tim, mid-thirties, who had shock treatments for pedophilia. The irrepressible Dani bonds with Tim (both are in a freak show, she says, "on the same side of the bars") and becomes for a time his therapist-friend. But problems confessed on a keyboard can magnify when experienced firsthand, as Dani, her mother, and Lewis find out in Lucy Prebble's highly original comedy-drama. Once again, Moxie Theatre lives up to its name with a sharp production of a thought-provoking, surprisingly funny script. Amy Chini's set (steel

gray, metallic walls and platforms) could be actual living spaces or the inside of a computer. The cast, directed by Jennifer Eve Thorn and wearing JoAnne Glover's apt costumes, all perform admirably: Jesse Allen Moore, fine comic relief as Lewis; Sean Cox, an eerie calm to his speeches, which walk two paths at once; Terri Park, as Dani's semi-ditzy mother (who, Park shows with skill, is far less experienced than her daughter; the playwright loves to invert traditional assumptions); and Rachael Van Wormer glows as Dani. Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 8

#### The Threepenny Opera

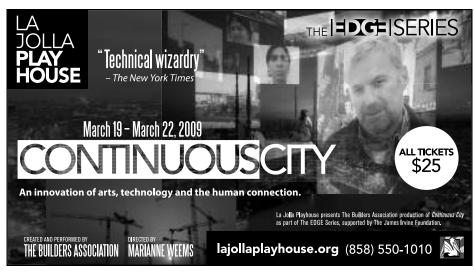
The San Diego Repertory Theatre stages the Bertolt Brecht/Kurt Weill musical about "love, deception, and greed run wild." Sam Woodhouse directed.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HOR-TON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, 619-544-1000. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 29.

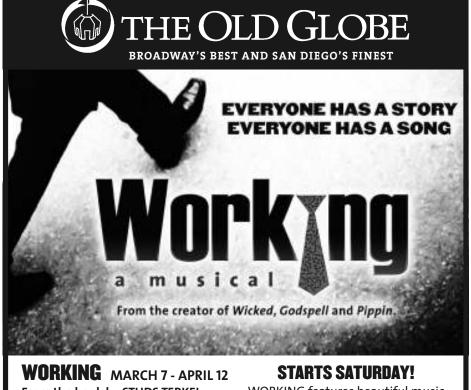
#### The Wizard of Oz

Coronado Playhouse offers a stage version of L. Frank Baum's immensely popular tale about a Yellow Brick Road and an intrepid quartet (if you don't count Toto) who dare to follow where it leads. Nick Reeves directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 8.









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### No one movie can civilize a desert island.

MOVIE

**DUNCAN SHEPHERD** 

t all began with the death in mid-December of Van Johnson. As is my wont, I found something in the Los Angeles Times obituary to grumble about at the breakfast table: no men-

tion of *The Bottom of* the Bottle. Why, I wondered aloud to the suffering soul who puts up with my grumbles,

is that movie never shown anymore on television? I'd have been content to drop it there, but my wife went Googling and wound up at a blog labelled Booze Movies: The 100 Proof Film Guide, where Bottom of the Bottle held a place of honor among such estimables as The Big Lebowski, El Dorado, Rio Bravo, The Nutty Professor, and Whisky Galore, in addition to the inevitable Harvey and Lost Weekend and many more. "A never-better Van Johnson," the blogger wrote to my satisfaction. But no more was I content to drop it. At the end of the brief write-up was a note to the effect that the movie had never been released on video and a link to a site called Yammering Magpie Cinema, which was said to have "a collectors [sic] copy available on DVD... presented

in its original Cinemascope ratio." Yammering Magpie? I clicked.

Yammering Magpie proved to be an attractive and navigable website which listed, at reasonable prices,

> DVD-R's of movies either no longer or never available on commercial video, "offered as digital transfers from

one collector to another." The claim of unavailability was patently untrue in some cases, but still. Bottom of the Bottle happens to be a 20th Century-Fox film in Cinemascope directed by Henry Hathaway in the second half of the Fifties. It occurred to me immediately to type into the site's Quick Find box the title of another 20th Century-Fox film in Cinemascope also directed by Henry Hathaway in the second half of the Fifties, a film I periodically Google in hopes that it will have been issued on DVD, a film I have over the vears mentioned a time or three in this space, a film I recklessly refer to as one of my favorites even though I haven't seen it on the big screen since I was ten years old and haven't seen it on the little screen literally in decades or,



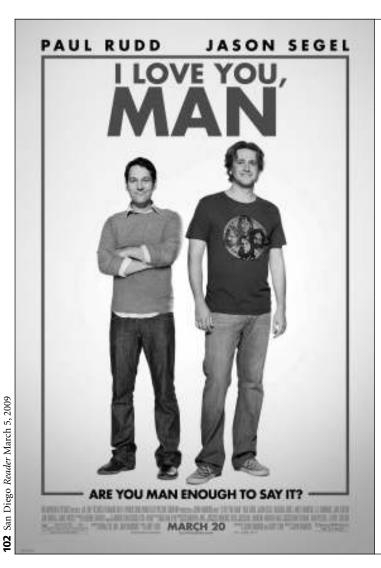
Van Johnson

even then, in anything but a pan-andscan print. I typed it into the search box. F-r-o-m H-e-l-l t-o T-e-x-a-s. *Et voilà*. Bingo. Eureka. Hallelujah. They not only offered it. They offered it letterboxed — "barely worth watching unless seen in its original Cinemascope" and they graded the print quality as "A" for "pristine." (*Bottom of the Bottle* was graded "B" for "good.") I spent a short

while typing in some other titles for which I'm always on the lookout (some hits, some misses), scrolling through the categories of Classics, Film Noir, Westerns, and making up a shopping list. I had to apply the brakes. I didn't know Yammering Magpie from Yammering Adam. So I prudently limited my first order to the two Hathaways.

Weeks went by. E-mails confirmed

variously that my order had been received, processed, shipped, and, after the passage of a few more days, again shipped. I didn't worry. It was Christmastime after all, a busy time. The package arrived in the new year, two slim-line plastic cases adorned with miniatures of the original posters, plus a handwritten note to assure me that in the next week they would be send-



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ing "a better copy" of Bottom of the Bottle. Hmm. What could be wrong with the copy in hand? I popped it into the DVD player, and up came... Secret of the Incas. Now, Secret of the Incas, as I knew well from experience, is what we might call a hoot, a risibly inauthentic treasure hunt in authentic locales, featuring Charlton Heston and a "native" musical number by the five-octave Peruvian marvel, Yma Sumac. But I wasn't hooting. Secret of the Incas is not Bottom of the Bottle. It shouldn't take much to provide "a better copy." I thought I'd better promptly check out the pièce de résistance. I could see in my mind's eye the abandoned saddle in the desert, and I could hear in my mind's ear the galloping hoofbeats and the wordless male chorus. And up came... Secret of the Incas.

Numerous phone calls and E-mails, of differing degrees of consternation, outrage, and sarcasm, went unacknowledged. Total blackout. I observed on the website that Secret of the Incas occupied the top spot on the site's list of bestsellers, and I speculated in one E-mail that that was because it was the only disk they ever sent out. I had begun to worry. It wasn't until I earmarked an E-mail as my final attempt at communication, promised to dispute the charges on my credit card, and identified myself (I wince to recall it) as the film critic on the nation's largest alternative free weekly, that I got an immediate response. The explanation was perfectly plausible to the extent that it went over my head. They had, in a nutshell, been trying out new equipment for their digital transfers and didn't know how to work it correctly. Then they had been gone over the holidays and were swamped with complaints from customers who likewise had received unwanted copies of Secret of the Incas. They couldn't have been nicer about it. And inasmuch as they would be pleased to throw in a couple of bonus DVD's to make up for the inconvenience, I went to my embryonic shopping list and requested Hugo Fregonese's Black Tuesday (graded "D" for "rough") and either John Farrow's Alias Nick Beal (a "B") or Andre de Toth's Pitfall (another "B"), whichever would be easier. They sent me everything mentioned, plus the unmentioned Big House, U.S.A., plus boxes with appropriate artwork for Secret of the Incas. All was forgiven.

Black Tuesday, a taut Edward G. Robinson prison-break thriller that I hadn't seen since childhood, was indeed rough in print quality not to mention in violence. Alias Nick Beal, with its reliance on fluid long-takes and naturalistic supernaturalism, was silky-smooth. Pitfall, owing to Ray-

mond Burr's psychopathic stalker, was creepy in the extreme. Big House, U.S.A. was rougher in violence and even more so in cinematic technique, though not in print quality, than Black Tuesday. And Bottom of the Bottle, a Cain-and-Abel parable from a Simenon novel, about an alcoholic escaped convict trying to sneak across the Mexican border to his wife and kids but marooned by floodwater at his upstanding brother's, had moral ambiguity and amoral ambience in abundance. A fleeting logo on screen disclosed that the print had been broadcast on the Fox Movie Channel, whatever that may be.

But now to the pièce de résistance. It is always risky to designate as a personal favorite a movie not seen in decades. The very designation is inherently slippery. Such a movie is asked to hold the hill against the challenges of dozens, hundreds, a thousand. And any one movie can do only so much. No one movie can civilize a desert island. So let me first remove the burdensome designation and then say simply that I was amazed at how well I remembered every foot of From Hell to Texas, that I have now watched the DVD of it three times, and that the movie comes as close to perfection, in a certain bygone Hollywood tradition, as a movie can come. Admittedly it falls short of perfection when the hero, to appease the attacking Comanches, cuts loose two horses tied to the back of the rumbling covered wagon, and then in the next scene rides into Socorro astride one of the horses he had cut loose. (Is there a missing scene that might account for this? The running time of the DVD comes up a few minutes shy of the official 100.)

A manhunt Western, plainly titled Manhunt in Great Britain, it begins in medias res, with six riders, behind a shielding herd of horses, descending upon a lone cowpoke and his lame mount. The cowpoke, pumping his Winchester into the ground, turns the herd against the riders, one of whom is trampled to the sill of death's door and not long afterward crosses the threshold. It all gets sorted out in short order. The cowpoke has been blamed for the knifing death of a man at a schoolhouse dance. The casualty of the stampede was the dead man's brother. A third brother remains standing, a punkish Dennis Hopper. Their father, R.G. Armstrong in the performance of his life, is a self-made land baron, first name of Hunter, who now heads up the avenging posse: "That saddle tramp has come close to washing my mark out." We also find out firsthand that this saddle tramp, while he wears no six-gun, is a crack shot with a rifle.

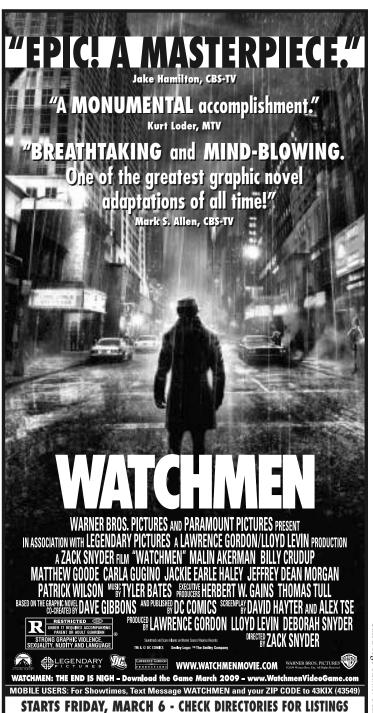
Of the initial killing we have only his account — that the victim fell on his own knife — and we have no cause to disbelieve him. He's as decent a man as ever rode the West, a soft-speaking, Bible-reading pacifist who has been searching since his mother's death for his long-lost father, striving always to be guided by the Ten Commandments. If a nubile tomboy impudently strips off in front of him to bathe in the river, he'll demurely turn his back. Don Murray, a conscientious objector during the Korean War, is excruciatingly touching in the part (seldom more so

than when he is introduced to a California orange: "What do I do with it?"), and the enigmatic convent-bred Diane Varsi, already twice divorced as a teenager in real life and soon to be a contract-breaking Hollywood dropout, is hardly less touching as the tomboy on the brink of womanhood. Their mutual longing in their reunion scene has a nakedness that practically cries out for an "R" rating.

As events unfold, infused with the American love of the underdog and hatred of the tyrant ("Wherever this man goes," puzzles our Hunter, "somebody turns a hand to help him. They don't even know him. Why?"), we can see the sowing of the seeds of a local legend, and yet nothing is overblown







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## Calendar MOVIES

or overdrawn as it's happening, nothing outgrows its moment. It just keeps moving steadily ahead, the right shot in the right place for the right duration, with nice rhythmical variation in angle and distance, nothing fancy, nothing stressed too heavily, never even one true closeup in the entire movie, and any extra shots noticeably retarding the tempo and concentrating the attention: as when, in an ingeniously strategic gunfight indelibly punctuated with the sound of cocking rifles, an ambusher forces the hero in selfdefense to violate the Sixth Commandment ("That don't pleasure me none," he deflects congratulations), or when, immediately thereafter, he can't bring himself to kill the ambusher's tag-along horse. The questing fatherless hero gets a taste of different types of father figure — the merciless punisher; the

benevolent protector, a folksy Chill Wills, who looms as a potential father-in-law; and lastly the padre, earthly delegate of the Heavenly Father, who can show him to his natural father's grave — but the psychology is stressed no more heavily than anything else. It's present, if only in passing. This is a self-effacing, straight-shooting, ammoconserving style of filmmaking I treasure and mourn: picking the shots, making them count. Conciseness refined into classicism, craft elevated into art.

I can recollect — I don't expect you will — that I wrote some years ago about the melodramatic boiling point when the fugitive, horrified that the prospective father-in-law has taken three bullets for him, suddenly stops running and reverses course to confront his final three pursuers in the streets of Socorro. The remarkable upshot is a shootout that lasts over five minutes, fully satisfying as a piece of action filmmaking, a working of angles, a covering of space, a shifting of positions, a

teetering of advantage, and yet - you would never imagine in an adult Western - no one gets killed! What the shootout finally settles is the superior humanity of the hero, to the diminishment and mortification of the black hat. The latter's beseeching effort to save face in the denouement (a beautiful speech beautifully delivered, almost poetically: "Long after we're dead, you and me both, they'll be telling this story. And they'll tell it in a dozen different ways. None of them will favor me...") is the icing on top. I would not want to have bitten the dust without getting to see this movie again. And again and again.

No outward clue, by the way, as to the provenance of the print: the website of the Fox Movie Channel, as I discovered, doesn't have this title in their database. The crisp, clean image, it ought to be noted, was properly letter-boxed for the opening credits only, then switched to a modified letterbox with a tall enough slot to fit a Christmas package through. Reason enough, perhaps, to downgrade it to a "B."

But I would invite you to go to yammeringmagpie.com in search of your own long-lost favorites. If they send you *Secret of the Incas* instead, don't hesitate to tell them you're a personal friend of the film critic on the nation's largest alternative free weekly.

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Amarcord — Another in the Fellini line of semi-autobiographical entertainments, episodic and variable in quality from episode to episode, this one set in the hometown of his youth. In his choice of recollections, there is a strict ban on the banal (it hardly seems possible that this wonderland is the same sort of town that Fellini fled in I Vitelloni), and yet the familiar Fellini grotesqueries are mercifully toned down here, and the famous egotism is shut away in a closet. If something doesn't appeal to Fellini's playful side, it no longer appeals to him at all. There is an ample supply of jolliness, of the director's carefully culti vated obsessions, and of flawless, limpid, controlled color images (once again, a salute to the wizardly Giuseppe Rotunno) What is lacking is any modulation or momentum from one scene to the following; each one builds to an abrupt fade-out that's like a wonderstruck gasp, or sigh, and then the next one starts all over again, building.

★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 3/5)

Che: Part One — First half of Steven Soderbergh's four-and-a-half-hour worship service in honor of Che Guevara, conducted in Spanish with English subtitles, really two distinct movies. This first, in wide screen and in roomy frames, operates a time shuttle between vivid color re-enactments of the overthrow of Batista in the late Fifties and grainy black-and-white faux news coverage of Guevara's visit to New York in the mid-Sixties for interviews with the press and speeches at the United Nations. Nothing is sustained (the shuttle runs continuously) until the extended battle in the last reel or so. We instead get scenes glimpses, moving snapshots of the Lifestyle of the Revolutionary and Famous: walking through the woods, resting up, slapping comrades on the back, exhorting the troops etc. There are no rises and falls in the narrative contour, just a kind of flatline. Benicio del Toro and Demián Bechir can pass for Guevara and Castro as well as anybody could in the same beards and hats, and with the same pipe and cigar. Catalina Sandino Moreno, Santiago Cabrera, Elvira Minguez, Julia Ormond. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/6)

**Che: Part Two** — The free-standing second half of Steven Soderbergh's worship service, in narrower screen than the first

half, and in less vivid color and no blackand-white, unfolds a contrastingly chronological account of Guevara's final year, 1966-67, his ill-fated attempt to do in Bolivia what he had done in Cuba. As in the first half, there is an extended battle toward the end of it, and prior to that a lot more of authentic-feeling shots (in similarly roomy frames) of the lifestyle of a revolutionary, in addition to a worrisome increase in the hero's asthmatic wheezing. His post-battle execution is as lovingly dragged out as any screen staging of the Crucifixion. Richard Fleischer's average-sized 1969 film of the same name, minus the Part One and Part Two but plus an exclamation point, with Omar Sharif and Jack Palance as Guevara and Castro, was doubtless a Hollywood travesty, but that at least made it somewhat fun. (Jack Palance by his lonesome makes anything somewhat fun.) Soderbergh's corrective is no travesty and no fun. Benicio del Toro, Franka Potente, Joaquim de Almeida, Lou Diamond Phillips. 2008. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/6)

**The Class** — Free adaptation of François Bégaudeau's nonfiction chronicle of a single year of teaching French, or trying to teach it, to a group of restive fourteen- and fifteen-year-olds at a melting-pot public school in a rough district of Paris. Bégaudeau essentially - and needless to say, convincingly — plays himself on screen, under the fictitious monicker of M. Marin, and the students are nonprofessionals chosen with no eye to beauty and glamour, but a sensitive eve to a variety of shapes and shades. Laurent Cantet, best known for Time Out and Heading South, has directed the piece with standardized documentary affectations — an air of improvisation, a raw digital image, a bobbing camera and floating frame, no background music and the teaching sessions are far less compressed than in the typical school film of minute-and-a-half classes and saved-bythe-bell. (Many of the nuances of language and accent are unavoidably lost in the English subtitles.) The circle of action is strictly confined to the school grounds, and any parents who enter into the picture must come to campus to do so. There is no continuous story arc, although the disciplinary proceedings against a chair-rocking troublemaker from Mali become the focus of the final stretch. By then we have gotten to know a few of the students quite well, while

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## **User Reviews** — MOVIES

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#### **Blood and Chocolate 2007**

This movie has been running on Showtime, and although it is not a great move it is okay if there is nothing else on. A big plus is that it was filmed entirely in Romania, which was nice for location shots.

By **SurfPuppy619** 4:03 p.m., Feb. 25, 2009

#### Choke 2008

Clark Gregg's adaptation of Chuck Palahniuk's *Choke* was in true Palahniuk fashion; dark, multilayered, and fascinating! Where does he come up with this stuff? Well, in reading other Palahniuk works, I've learned that in the years past, Palahniuk supplemented income by working as a caregiver to folks who spent a lot of time in 12-step meetings. Palahniuk brings us a colorful, honest, unconventional part of human nature. Gregg's movie did a fantatstic job of illustrating this on screen. I checked out the deleted scenes on DVD just to give me a little more insight on the plot. Seen *Fight Club*? Well, this is a movie for true Palahniuk fans, not just those of Brad Pitt.

By **HRCordova** 10:40 a.m., Mar. 1, 2009

#### Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2009

Mall rats and mall cops are pure Americana. This film is for all the wannabes who never made it to the big show! By **GeorgeM** 7:49 a.m., Mar. 2, 2009

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others are still getting noticed for the first time. It all feels irrefutably and exasperatingly real; and the teacher, a youthful figure given to Socratic sparring with his charges, wins our admiration for his equanimity under the constant stress. A misunderstood use of the word "skank" (as it is translated) in class discussion can be readily pardoned. For all that, the drawback of the rigorously realistic movie is that it seldom adds up to more than the sum of its parts. This isn't the exception. 2008.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Confessions of a Shopaholic — The addiction nightmare played as comedy, very frothy and formulaic and materialistic comedy: a dozen maxed-out credit cards of an aspiring fashion writer, and rapacious consumer, in Manhattan ("They said I was a valued customer. Now they send me hate mail!"). The effervescent Isla Fisher dives into the role as if it's her one shot at stardom, and she hits a small jackpot out on the dance floor with a Spanish fan in hand. Hugh Dancy, Krysten Ritter, Kristin Scott Thomas, Leslie Bibb, Julie Hagerty, Joan Cusack, John Goodman; directed by P.J. Hogan. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HOR-TON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Coraline** — A piece of 3-D stop-motion animation about a little girl with blue hair and ski-jump nose (everyone hears her name as Caroline, and her last name of Jones will only encourage confusion in anyone who remembers the Morticia of TV's Addams Family, Carolyn Jones), who, unhappy with her preoccupied parents, is lured into a parallel universe of idealized replicas - a sort of Stepford Mom and Stepford Dad — but for their button eyes. Her price to pay for permanent residence in this universe is to trade her own eyes for buttons: "Soon you'll see things our way." (Distant echoes of Invaders from Mars and Invasion of the Body Snatchers: the lobotomy bugaboo.) Director Henry Selick, heretofore of The Nightmare before Christmas and James and the Giant Peach, pays a lot of attention to landscape and surface, such that the film cultivates an aggressive tactility. But the dream world opens the door also to a self-indulgent succession of oddities and bizarreries - here a mouse circus, there an audience of Scotties - without much narrative drive. And it's plainly a higher priority to be dark and edgy and Tim Burton-y than to be kid-friendly. The catered-to adult is still apt to feel something extra was needed, and the distracting 3-D neither provided it nor disguised it. With the voices of Dakota Fanning, Teri Hatcher, John Hodgman, Ian McShane, Keith David. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: HOR-TON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Doubt** — From the prize-winning stage play by John Patrick Shanley, an ambiguous drama of possible priestly pedophilia at a Catholic school in the Bronx. The playwright, perhaps best known to moviegoers as the writer of Moonstruck and writerdirector of Joe versus the Volcano, handles the direction of his own work on screen, and the freedoms of the medium enable him to detail operations of the parish to almost anthropological ends: the nuns' rising and dressing in the A.M., the altar boys' preparations for Mass, the crosscutting contrast between the bloody-roast-beef and red-wine dinner table of the jovial priests as against the silent and austere table of the milk-fed nuns, the students' coed dance lesson to "Blame It on the Bossa Nova," and so

on. (The time, as the aforesaid musical selection would suggest, is early Sixties, the time of the playwright's own Catholic boyhood in the Bronx, although the sermon on communal despair after the JFK assassination - one of three pithy sermons in the script - could easily have been recycled post-9/11.) The three principal characters are types: the progressive priest who believes in a "friendlier" church that moves with the times, a friendliness that may or may not have gone too far in embracing the school's first black student, a vulnerable target; the hidebound and humorless old nun ("Penmanship is dying, all across this country") whose hawklike vigilance zeroes in on the priest; and the innocent and idealistic novice, young and pretty, who wants to believe the best of everyone. The clash of personalities, strictly limited by the play's title and tactical guideline, illuminates nothing so much as the players. Meryl Streep, overacting awesomely, is not only a holy terror as a nun but as a thespian, booby-trapping every scene with unforeseeable little diversions, inventions, stratagems, embellishments, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Amy Adams, no slouches themselves, appear to enjoy their one scene alone together in the courtyard, no one to steal it from them, no one to show them up or slap them down. With Viola Davis and Joseph Foster. 2008. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 3/5; HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 3/6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/6)

Echelon Conspiracy — Globe-hopping paranoia thriller, tethered everywhere to cellphone and computer: Bangkok to Prague to Moscow to a fiery finish in (brace yourself) Omaha. Paralyzingly routine With Shane West, Edward Burns, Ving Rhames, Tamara Feldman, Martin Sheen, and Jonathan Pryce; directed by Greg Marcks 2009

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROME-NADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Gran Torino — Clint Eastwood, director, serves Clint Eastwood, actor, a nice fat one, a softball lobbed right down the middle of the plate and effortlessly belted over the fence: a sort of Grumpy Old Man version of Dirty Harry, a scowler and a growler (looking and sounding uncannily like a dog in defense of a T-bone), a new widower who has seen his Detroit neighborhood taken over by Hmong immigrants ("HUMmong," in his two-syllable pronunciation), a hard-ass retiree defined by a pair of prized possessions, the M-1 rifle that commemorates his service in the Korean War and the 72 Gran Torino that commemorates his life's work on the Ford assembly line. The character's blatant bigotry toward his Asian neighbors, whereby he runs through every applicable epithet in a thesaurus of slang (past "fishhead" and "gook" all the way to "zipperhead") is somewhat problematic. Eastwood's endearing presence in the role automatically takes the edge off the racism in a way that just wouldn't happen if the role were occupied by, say, Gene Hackman, Rip Torn. And taking the edge off the racism is not altogether a good idea, regardless how many laughs you get out of it. What ultimately redeems him and his film is not the conventional, formulaic, softhearted and simple-minded warming of relations with the two weakly acted Hmong teenagers next door, and not the tighter focus of wrath on the Asian street gang that's terrorizing the neighborhood, and not even the expediently plotted climactic act of karmic restitution (which in honesty had slim chance to work out as planned). No. none of that. What redeems him and his film, lending it, for all its entertainment value, a sense of gravity and personal conviction, is simply its place in line in his ongoing penance for the offhand violence, the incalculable casualties, of his earlier career: its place behind Unforgiven, A Perfect World, Mystic River, etc. Once was not enough. It was not just lip service, like an obligatory number of Hail Mary's after a long-postponed trip to confession. It was, so it would appear, a genuine conversion, a revelation. This stands as the further proof of it, and further refinement of it. With Bee Vang, Ahney Her, Christopher Carley. 2008.

\*\* (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VAL LEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-NADE 24: TOWN SOUARE 14)

He's Just Not That into You —  $\operatorname{As}\operatorname{an}$ explanation of romantic incompatibility, the catchphrase title is stunningly unilluminating, no matter which of its six words is stressed. (On screen, the third one stands out in green from the white of the rest, but that seems an arbitrary reading.) Satisfied with the what and incurious about the why it tends to slam the door on further discussion. The screen treatment of Greg Behrendt's and Liz Tuccillo's best-selling advice book, illustrated by way of a ficti tious mating game for five women and four men, is similarly incurious. It's ... just ... not ... that ... into... anybody. Its objects of study remain light on personalities, preferences, professions, particulars of any type. The stubborn superficiality, even so, puts up no impenetrable barrier to enjoyment. The filmmakers grapple with real and eternal and universal issues, in precisely the same sense that their puppets, the characters, grapple with them: the transmission and interpretation of signs and signals, the exercise of power and will, the preservation of self, the hope of happiness. Ken Kwapis, while not a director of impressive imagination, is an efficient traffic cop, maintaining good spacing and smooth flow; and his ace cinematographer, John Bailey, oils up the action in luscious, flattering, sunsetty pinks and oranges. There are plainly too many characters, too uneven in numbers, for happy endings to be arranged across the board; and such arrangements are tricky enough to be not readily apparent from the start. As far as they can be made, they fall well short of Jane Austen, but they nevertheless are deftly brought off, and they offer, for the susceptible, a couple of squeal-withdelight climaxes. Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Connelly, Ginnifer Goodwin, Scarlett Johansson, Ben Affleck Kevin Connolly, Bradley Cooper, Justin Long. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SOUARE 14)

The International — A murky exposé of big-bank chicanery, not stopping short of paramilitary hit squads, is only a posturing pretext for some pretty slick thriller maneuvers: the foot chase in pursuit of what turns out to be an empty car; the nifty detective work that reveals the presence and identity of a second shooter at a political assassination in Milan; the tailing scene on the streets of New York that leads to a running gun battle at the Guggenheim; the bugged assignation in a Turkish mosque. Tom Tykwer's very precisely balanced — or just as often, precisely unbalanced - compositions proclaim an iron hand. With Clive Owen, Naomi Watts, Armin Mueller-Stahl, Ulrich Thomsen, and Brian F. O'Byrne.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Milk — Gus Van Sant's celebratory biopic on Harvey Milk, the gay-rights activist and San Francisco City Supervisor martyred by assassination in 1978. However useful as pep rally or memorial service, the film

comes up short as drama, relying altogether too much on Position Statements, Slogans, Bromides, primarily through the protagonist's stump speeches and a serialized inthe-event-of-my-death tape recording that ties the narrative together. (Screenplay by Dustin Lance Black ) What nonetheless humanizes all this plain talk is the transformational performance of Sean Penn, a totally new and different Sean Penn, almost birdlike in his lightness and tightness, very vulnerable in his worries and very touching in his joys, unshy about the kissy-face with James Franco and Diego Luna, bravely not avoiding homosexual stereotype yet nicely avoiding caricature. It immediately takes its place alongside the performances of Mystic River, Dead Man Walking, Casualties of War, maybe one or two others, in the actor's best-of portfolio. With Josh Brolin, Emile Hirsch, Alison Pill, Victor Garber. 2008.

HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Moscow, Belgium — Improbable romance begins with a meet-cute fender bender in a supermarket parking lot: the woman's a bedraggled forty-one-year-old Belgian with three kids and a straying husband; the man's a divorced recovering-alcoholic Italophile twelve years her junior. (Her straggly strands of hair will get smoothed into place post-coitus.) The down-in-themouth Barbara Sarafian, who has fleeting facial resemblances to Tim Roth, unfalter ingly and almost single-handedly carries the film; earthy and unglamorous, vet contrived and unconvincing for all that. With Jurgen Delnaet, Johan Heldenbergh, Anemone Valcke; directed by Christophe Van Rompaey, 2008.

★ (KEN, 3/6 THROUGH 12)

Paul Blart: Mall Cop — A hypoglycemic overweight eight-time reject from the Jersey State Troopers, trying to make the most of a job as security guard, can't handle a speeding old duffer in a wheelchair or a bellicose fat lady at Victoria's Secret, yet he rises to the challenge of a highly trained team of professional armed robbers. Die Hard for the common schlub (Kevin James, highly trained in his own way), with a hot chick as a bonus. Better call it Dream Hard. With Jayma Mays, Keir O'Donnell, Raini Rodriguez, Shirley Knight, and Bobby Can-

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navale; directed by Steve Carr. 2009. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; AN ABSORBING, HYPNOTIC CINEMATIC EXPERIENCE. ★★★★ EPIC. **BENICIO DEL TORO GIVES** A HEROIC PERFORMANCE. "★★★★★!
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Push — Differently gifted paranormals, on the model of the Fantastic Four and the X-Men, battle over a wonder drug in a secreted syringe in Hong Kong. The possibilities are endless, and so, in consequence, is the tedium. Paul McGuigan's hopped-up direction only increases it. Chris Evans, Dakota Fanning, Camilla Belle, Djimon Hounsou. 2009.

• (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MIS-SION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROME-NADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Reader - Stephen Daldry's tight and trim adaptation of the Bernhard Schlink best-seller on German war guilt and the filial estrangement of the postwar generation. It begins in 1995 in the frigid colorless antiseptic Berlin apartment of Ralph Fiennes, lit by way of Vermeer, but soon it retreats to his adolescence in 1958, his incarnation in a very dissimilar young actor named David Kross, his scarlet fever, his torrid summer affair with an older streetcar attendant played by Kate Winslet, and his habit of reading to her in bed and bath: The Odyssey, Huckleberry Finn, The Lady with the Little Dog, Lady Chatterley's Lover ("This is disgusting," huffs the naked lady beside him). In school, his Lit. teacher broaches the universal theme of secrecy - a nudge to us viewers - and it's clear that the boy's secret is his older lover. But what's hers? Again it's clear, from the shaded and shifting emotions of the unfailingly fascinating Winslet, that there's a lot going on inside which we don't know about. And not because Winslet, as the torrid affair abundantly lays bare, is to any degree inhibited. It would not be giving away too much to reveal that several years later, when our protagonist has enrolled in law school, his advanced seminar attends for educational purposes a war-crimes trial in which his former lover is unmasked as an S.S. officer at Auschwitz. It's still clear even then, from all the shading and shifting, that she harbors secrets. The provocation of the protagonist to divulge his own secret and to interpose himself in the proceedings becomes quite urgent and suspenseful, although in both courtroom and classroom the film has now entered a polemical mode that can only be termed uncinematic. All the same



Diego , 2009

# Calendar

David Hare, the screenwriter, is a fastidious wordsmith; and even if the film drags on a bit once the time line catches up to Ralph Fiennes, drags on seemingly to justify his place on the payroll, it eventually comes to a satisfying end in a highly charged sitdown between him and Lena Olin, a concentration-camp survivor. The clean clear color and the pinpoint focus (Chris Menges and Roger Deakins, co-credited as cinematographers) belie the moral muddiness.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6)

The Secrets — The academically advanced daughter of a fundamentalist rabbi, postponing her arranged marriage in order to study the Talmud at a seminary for women in the holy city of Safed, gets thrown together with a cigarette-smoking rebel from France, and the two of them (the ardent Ania Bukstein, the kittenish Michal Shtamler) take upon themselves a customdesigned program of redemption for a dying French expatriate and ex-convict (the regularly magnificent Fanny Ardant, more magnificent than usual). It's a story, twists and turns aplenty, of feminism and sisterhood in an exotic culture with specific obstacles and specific personalities to negotiate them. The logic of it can pass as the logic of destiny, the bringing together of these people in this place for this purpose, to carve out a life path that diverges from the path that had been charted, a twisty, turny one in place of a paved straightaway.

To say it a different way, the logic of it can pass as an object lesson in the art of fiction. This is how the trick is supposed to be done, one thing leading inexorably to another with step-by-step credibility, cumulative implication, climactic impact. It fascinates and illuminates. Directed by Avi Nesher. 2007.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Slumdog Millionaire — Feverish daydream, partly amorous, partly avaricious, around an unschooled Bombay teenager who, hoping to reconnect with his childhood sweetheart, climbs toward the top prize on the Indian Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? It breaks down into three time zones, shuffled together in a jumble: the game show itself, the torture and third degree of the contestant by police who presume he's cheating, and the flashbacks to the life experiences that explain how he could answer the questions. Much squalor and brutality, but filmed by Danny Boyle with a heedless, almost uncaring, exuber ance and exhibitionism. Dev Patel, Freida Pinto, Irfan Khan, 2008.

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Taken — A ring of Albanian white slavers (Middle Eastern buyers) has the bad fortune to shanghai the virgin daughter of a retired American superspy - "I was a preventer," he understates — on her first morning of vacation in Paris. There is no satisfaction in the quick-as-a-blink detective work that leads him to them, only satisfaction, for those who can take it, in watching him mow them down, a Weedwacker in a field of dandelions. (Too late to "prevent' the kidnapping, but not too late for the defiling.) Nor is there satisfaction in watching an eye-lifty Liam Neeson playing Steven Seagal. Nor in watching the native director, Pierre Morel, sell out his country on top of himself. Catharsis, you learn anew, can't come out of crud. A hot shower afterwards would be your closest approximation. Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen, Olivier Rabour din. 2009.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Two Lovers — The movie itself was rather overwhelmed by the advance announcement that its star, Joaquin Phoenix, was hereupon retiring from acting to pursue a career in hip-hop. It is a movie easily overwhelmed, an intimate little indie directed and co-written by James Gray (The Yards, We Own the Night, both with the selfsame Phoenix), about a suicidal jilted suitor who has moved back home with his parents in Brighton Beach and toils by day in their dry-cleaning store. In aid of his recovery, they try to set him up with a business associate's nice, sweet, kind daughter (the Hilary Swank-y Vinessa Shaw), whose professed favorite movie is The Sound of Music. "That is a good movie," he allows. "Underrated." But he, for his part, only has eyes for Trouble: the "completely fucked-up" drug-abusing girl next door (Gwyneth Paltrow), or more exactly girl upstairs and across the courtyard, who is deep in an affair with a married man. The simple story, a tony takeoff

on Dostoevski's often-filmed White Nights, doesn't have far to go and takes a long, slow time to get there. Phoenix's striking discomfort in the leading role — the adolescent awkwardness in his body, the Herculean effort of speaking clearly and audibly - inevitably raises the question of whether his discomfort is the character's or the actor's. Either way, it works in the role, but the question is a distraction. With Isabella Rossellini, Moni Moshonov, Elias Koteas, 2009.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 3/6; HILLCREST CINE-

Watchmen — Zack Snyder's screen version of the DC Comics graphic novel, with Malin Akerman, Patrick Wilson, Billy Crudup, Jackie Earle Haley, Matthew

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSS MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS SION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10: RIVER VILLAGE 6: SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/6)

The Wrestler — It was a stroke of fortune if not of genius for filmmaker Darren Aronofsky to cast Mickey Rourke in the title role of Randy "The Ram" Robinson (né Robin Ramzinski), a Dodge Ram-driving, self-described "old broken-down piece of meat," two decades past his prime, yet persisting in plying his trade at sparsely populated venues outside the glare of TV lights, dreaming of one last big payday at a twentieth-anniversary rematch with a Southern California car salesman formerly known as The Ayatollah. Rourke, monstrously bulked up since his stint of moonlighting as a professional prizefighter, has one of the most

ravaged faces in the entire gallery of once beautiful leading men, somewhere between Jan-Michael Vincent and Francisco Rabal, and his noisy, labored breathing is excruciating. There is, however, an inherent sentimentality in the basic situation, and it's not at all toughened through the by-the-numbers plotting around an attempted détente with his neglected lesbian daughter (Evan Rachel Wood), a clumsy courtship with an over-the-hill stripper (Marisa Tomei, carrying on in the before-it's-too-late exhibitionistic mode of Before the Devil Knows You're Dead, plus nipple rings and tattoos), a postmatch heart attack, a bypass operation, an obvious and inevitable self-martyrdom. Aronofsky's handheld camera follows Rourke around — often literally behind his back and over his shoulder, as in a Dardenne brothers art film - in ghoulish anticipation of a train wreck; follows him into the locker room to map out the matches with his fellow combatants (an amusing glimpse behind the scenes); follows him to the hair salon (for upkeep of his Eighties heavy-metal mop), to the tanning salon, to his drug dealer, to his degrading day job in the stock room of a grocery store. Best scene: reluctantly working behind the deli counter in direct contact with the customers, but really warming up to it. (Bad scene: flipping out behind the deli counter, specifically at the meat slicer.) The wrestling matches, natural dramatic climaxes, are crucibles for the actor and the character alike. Not to forget the spectator. 2008. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: FLOWER HILL 4: GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-

# **MOVIE SHOWTIMES**

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#### **CENTRAL CLAIREMONT**

#### Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (877-789-6684) Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG); Coraline (PG); Defiance (R); Echelon Conspiracy (PG-13); Fired Up (PG-13); Gran Torino (R); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); The International (R); Milk (R); New in Town (PG-13); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Taken (PG-13); Watchmen (R); The Wrestler (R)

#### **DOWNTOWN**

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (877-789-6684)

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13); Fired Up (PG-13); Friday the 13th (R); Frozen River (R); Gran Torino (R); The International (R); Last Chance Harvey (PG-13); Push (PG-13); Rachel Getting Married (R); The Secrets (R); Taken (PG-1 Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (R); Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13)

#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:05, 3:30); Coraline (PG) Fri. (10:05, 9 12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30; Defiance (R) Fri.-Sun. 6:45, 9:45: Doubt (PG-13) Fri -Sun (10:45, 1:10. 3:35) 6:50, 9:15; **Echelon Conspiracy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:50p.m.; **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13) Fri. (9:55, 12:45, 4:05) 7:15, 10:05
Sat.-Sun. (9:55, 12:45) 4:05, 7:15, 10:05; **Jonas** Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15, 10:15; Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) Fri. 2 10:15; Madea does to Jan (1 5 27) (10:40, 1:05, 4:45) 7:20, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:05) 4:45, 7:20, 10:00; Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri. (10:25, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30) Sat.-Sun.

(10:25, 1:00, 3:15) 5:30; Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35 3:35) 7:05, 9:25; Waltz with Bashir; Watchmen (R) Fri. (10:00, 11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:55, 10:25, 10:55 Sat -Sun (10:00, 11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 3:10, 3:40) 4:10, 4:40, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:55, 10:25, 10:55; **The** Wrestler (R) Fri. (10:20, 12:55, 3:25) 6:40, 9:10 Sat. (3:25) 6:40, 9:10 Sun. (10:20, 12:55, 3:25) 6:40, 9:10; You Changed My Life (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (9:50, 12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30 Sun. (9:50, 12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

#### LA JOLLA

#### La Jolla 12

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#### La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) The Class (PG-13); Doubt (PG-13); Milk (R); The Reader (R); Slumdog Millionaire (R)

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Confessions of a Shopaholic; Coraline; The Curious Case of Benjamin Button; Defi-ance; Echelon Conspiracy; Fired Up; Friday the 13th; Gran Torino; He's Just Not That Into You; The International; Madea Goes to Jail; Paul Blart: Mall Cop; Push; Revolutionary Road; Taken; Twilight; Watchmen

**Mission Valley 7** 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Watchmen (R) (10:00 11:00 12:00 1:30 2:30 3:30) 5:00 6:00 7:00 8:30 9:30 10:30; Jonas **Brothers: 3D Concert Experience** (G) (10:15 12:15 2:15) 4:15 6:15 8:15 10:15; **The Wrestler** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; No 10:15 Sat. & Sun.; **He's Just Not That Into You** (PG-13) 5:15 8:00 10:45; **Taken** (PG-13) (10:30 1:00 3:15) 5:30 7:45 10:00: No 5:30 & 7:45 Tues.; **Coraline** (PG) (10:00 12:30 2:45); Barbie Presents Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am

#### Mission Valley 20

No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Confessions of a Shopaholic; Coraline; Echelon Conspiracy; Fired Up; Friday the 13th: Gran Torino: He's Just Not That Into You; The International; Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience; Madea Goes to Jail; Paul Blart: Mall Cop; Push; Street

Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li; Taken; Underworld: Rise of the Lycans; Watch-

#### STATE UNIVERSITY

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Moscow, Belgium (Not Rated)

#### **UPTOWN**

#### **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Che (R); Milk (R); The Reader (R); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Two Lovers (R)

#### Museum of Photographic Arts

Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! (G) Sat.

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

Animalopolis (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00 Sat Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 3:00; Van Gogh: Brush With Genius (NR) Fri. 4:00, 6:00 Sat. 11:00, 4:00, 6:00 Sun. 11:00, 4:00; Wild Ocean (NR) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 6:00

#### San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) Human Body (NR) Fri.-Sun. 2:00p.m.; Ocean Oasis (NR) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 4:00; Planet Earth: Pole to Pole () Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00,

#### **EAST COUNTY**

#### **EL CAJON**

**Parkway Plaza 18** 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information.

#### LA MESA

#### **Grossmont Center 10**

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG); Fired Up (PG-13); Gran Torino (R); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience (G); Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13); Milk (R); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Taken (PG-13); Watchmen (R); The

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PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

#### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 6:40; **Coraline** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:35, 4:20) 7:20, 9:55; **The Curious** Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:25p.m.; Fired Up (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55) 6:55; Gran Torino (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 3:25) 7:15, 10:05; He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 3:20) 7:05, 10:15; **The International** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:55) 9:35; Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:35) 7:10, 9:30; Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:40, 4:35) 7:50, 10:20; Paul Blart: **Mall Cop** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:45, 4:25) 7:40, 10:10; **The Reader** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:50) 6:50, 9:40; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 3:30) 7:25, 10:25; **Taken** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:35, 4:00) 7:45. 10:35; **Watchmen** (R) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:20, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30 Sat. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30 Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:40)

#### **SANTEE**

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Slumdog Millionaire (R) Fri.-Sat. 6:30, 10:20 Sun. 7:30, 11:20; Taken (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 8:35p.m. Sun. 9:35p.m.; **Watchmen** (R) Fri.-Sat. 6:30, 11:20 Sun. 7:30, 12:20; Yes Man (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:30p.m. Sun. 10:30p.m.

#### **SOUTH BAY**

#### **CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Watchmen (R) (11:00 12:00 12:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:00) 5:00 6:00 7:00 7:30 8:30 9:30 10:30; Jonas Brothers: 3D Concert Experience (G) (11:00 1:00 3:15) 5:45 7:45 10:00; **Slumdog** Millionaire (R) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:15: Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) (11:45 2:30)  $5:15\ 7:45\ 10:15;$  Friday the 13th  $(R)\ (11:00$ 1:15 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:45; **Coraline** (PG) (11:30 2:15) 4:30; Push (PG-13) 7:15 9:45; No 7:15 Wed.; **Taken** (PG-13) (12:45 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; Barbie Presents Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### Otav Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15; **Coraline** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45; Fired **Up** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10) 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:30; He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:35, 4:25, 7:30, 10:25; The International (R) Fri. (11:05) 1:45, 4:30 Sat. 1:45, 4:30 Sun. (11:05) 1:45, 4:30; Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:25) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50 Sun. (10:55) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50; **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:55) 1:05, 3:25, 5:35, 8:00, 10:10 Sun. 1:05, 3:25, 5:35, 8:00, 10:10; The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:45) 2:25, 4:50 Sun. 2:25, 4:50; Push (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:35, 10:20; Slumdog Millionaire (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:50, 4:45, 7:25, 10:35; **Taken** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 12:40, 2:45, 7:15, 9:25; **Watchmen** (R) Fri. (10:30, 11:30) 2:15, 3:15, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:45, 9:35, 10:05 Sat. (10:05, 11:30) 2:15, 3:15, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:45, 9:35, 10:05 Sun. (10:30, 11:30) 2:15, 3:15, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:45, 9:35, 10:05

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
Confessions of a Shopaholic; Coraline; Echelon Conspiracy; Fired Up; Friday the 13th; Gran Torino; He's Just Not That Into You; Hotel for Dogs; The International; Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experi ence; Madea Goes to Jail; Paul Blart: Mall Cop; The Pink Panther 2; Push; Slumdog Millionaire: Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li; Taken; Underworld: Rise of the Lycans: The Uninvited: Watchmen: The Wrestler

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Watchmen (R) Fri. (12:30, 4:05) 7:30, 11:00

#### IMPERIAL BEACH

#### South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

#### NATIONAL CITY

#### Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262) Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG); Coraline (PG); Fired Up (PG-13); Friday the 13th (R); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG); Push (PG-13); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Taken (PG-13); The Uninvited (PG-13); Watchmen (R)

#### NORTH INLAND

#### **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

#### Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (877-789-6684) Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG); Coraline (PG); Doubt (PG-13); Fired Up (PG-13); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); Hotel for Dogs (PG); Milk (R); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG); The Reader (R); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Taken (PG-13); Watchmen (R); The

#### **FALLBROOK**

#### River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Watchmen (R) (11:00 12:00 1:30 2:30 3:30) 5:00 6:00 7:00 8:30 9:30 10:30; **The Reader** (R) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:15: Jonas Brothers: **3D Concert Experience** (G) (11:15 1:15 3:15) 5:30 7:45 9:45; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:15; **Barbie Presents** Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu. No 11 am-3:45 pm shows Tues.-Thu.

#### **POWAY**

**Poway 10** 13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



10:30; Jonas Brothers: 3D Concert Experience (G) (10:15 12:15 2:15) 4:15 6:15 8:15 10:15: The Wrestler (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; No 10:15 Sat. & Sun.; **The** Reader (R) 5:15 8:00 10:45; Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) (1:45) 7:15; Coraline (PG) (10:00 12:30 2:45); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) (10:45) 4:30 10:00; Taken (PG-13) (10:45 1:00 3:15) 5:30 7:45 10:00; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) (10:30 1:15) 4:15 7:00 9:45; Barbie Presents Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### **SAN MARCOS**

#### San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information.

**Vista Village** Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 7:20; Coraline (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:15; **Fired Up** (PG-13) Fri. Sun. (12:25, 5:10) 9:45; **Friday the 13th** (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:05, 10:20; Gran Torino (R) Fri Sun. (2:00) 7:25; He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:25; **The International** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 4:40) 10:10; Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00) 7:00, 9:00; **Madea Goes to Jail** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35; **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 8:00, 10:20; **The Pink Panther 2** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45); **Push** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:15; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:05; **Taken** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50, 5:20) 7:45, 10:05; **Watchmen** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 11:40, 12:20, 1:00, 2:00, 3:05, 3:45, 4:25, 5:25) 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:50, 9:55, 10:35, 11:00, 11:30 Sun. (10:50, 11:40, 12:20, 1:00, 2:00, 3:05, 3:45, 4:25, 5:25) 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:50, 9:55, 10:35

#### NORTH COASTAL

#### CARLSBAD

#### Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) The Reader (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10 Sun. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35; **Slum**dog Millionaire (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 9:55 Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20; Taken (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 1:30, 3:40) 5:45, 7:55, 10:00 Sun. (11:25, 1:30, 3:40) 5:45,

#### **DEL MAR**

#### Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



Watchmen (R) (10:00 11:00 12:00 1:30 2:30 3:30) 5:00 6:00 7:00 8:30 9:30 10:30; **Jonas Brothers: 3D Concert Experience** (G) (10:15 12:15 2:15) 4:15 6:15 8:15 10:15; Fired Up (PG-13) (1:00) 8:00 10:30; Confessions of a **Shopaholic** (PG) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; No 10:15 Sat. & Sun.; Coraline (PG) (10:30 3:15) 5:30; He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) (1:45) 7:15; Taken (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:30 10:15; Gran Torino (R) (10:45) 4:30 10:00; Barbie Presents Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun.

#### No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



Two Lovers (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30: The Reader (R) (10:45 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:15; **The Wrestler** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Slumdog Millionaire (R) (10:30 1:15 4:00) 7:00 10:00 No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### **ENCINITAS**

#### La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Frost/Nixon (R); Milk (R)

#### LA COSTA

#### La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)



Watchmen (R) (10:00 11:00 12:00 1:30 2:30 3:30) 5:00 6:00 7:00 8:30 9:30 10:30: Jonas Brothers: 3D Concert Experience (G)(10:15 12:15 2:15) 4:15 6:15 8:15 10:15; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) (10:45 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:00; **Taken** (PG-13) (10:30 12:45 3:00) 5:15 7:30 9:45; No 10:30 Sat. & Sun.; **Barbie Presents** Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### **OCEANSIDE**

#### Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)



Watchmen (R) (11:00 12:00 12:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:00) 5:00 6:00 7:00 7:30 8:30 9:30 10:30 Jonas Brothers: 3D Concert Experience (G) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:45 8:00 10:00; The **Wrestler** (R) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Fired Up (PG-13) (11:30 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:15 10:45: Confessions of a **Shopaholic** (PG) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Coraline (PG) (11:15 1:30) 4:15; Push (PG-13) 7:00 9:45; He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) (1:00) 4:15 7:15 10:15; Taken (PG-13) (12:45 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:15; Slumdog Millionaire (R) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:00: Barbie Presents Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### Oceanside 16

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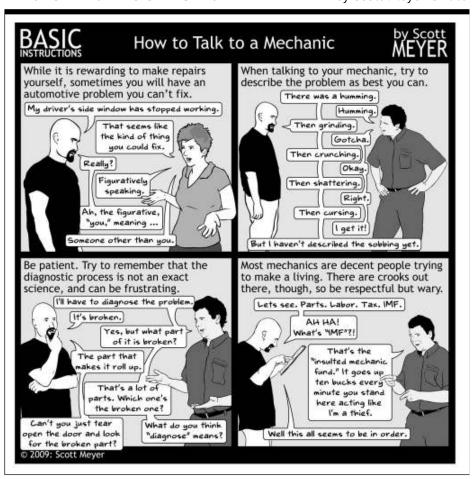
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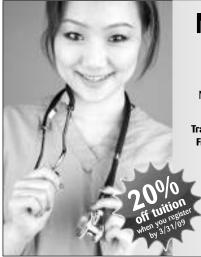
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#### THE READER PUZZLE:

#### **RULES OF THE GAME**

- 1) Each week we're printing a list of EVERYONE who submits the correct answers to the previous week's puzzle. See this week's contenders below.
- 2) When you successfully complete a puzzle, we'll also print a brief (10 words or less) message that you've written. This is optional, but it's a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to reject offensive text.
- 3) We're keeping 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 7:00 a.m., Monday.
- 4) Entries must be faxed to 619-231-0489 or 619-233-7907 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, or scanned and e-mailed to: puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions must be attached to e-mails in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed. 5) 10 Reader T-shirts are awarded
- 5) 10 Reader T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly! And now for the really small print:
- 1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- Late entries will not be considered.
   One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

#### Across

- 1. They may be furrowed
- 6. Syrup source
- 11. Purse item: Abbr.
- 14. Hunky-dory
- 15. "That's \_\_\_\_ off my mind!"
- 16. It might be struck south of the border
- "Mr. Wahlberg! You're holding the movie script I wrote!"
- 19. Put in stitches
- 20. Scottish hillside
- 21. Eggs on

- 22. "Jaywalking" personality
- 23. Bank, to a credit card
- 25. Model
- 26. "Mr. Sajak! Apply the suntan lotion on me where I can't reach!"
- 31. Vegas "bandits"
- 34. \_\_\_\_ plant
- 35. South Korea's Kim \_\_\_
- 36. Bingo relative
- 37. Howard Stern sidekick Lange
- 38. "Roseanne" star
- 39. "Lord, is \_\_\_\_?"
- 40. Flight component
- 41. Angelou and Rudolph
- 42. "Mr. Fallon! Don't forget to secure your bicycle!"
- 45. How some stock is bought
- 46. 1991 horror sequel
- 50. PC "brains"
- 51. Full of activity
- 55. Loudness unit
- 66. \_\_\_\_ Kan (pet food)
- 57 "Mr. Maher! I want to be the next guest on your show!"
- 59. Superman's symbol
- 60. How hermits like to be
- 61. Out of this world?
- 62. Mao \_\_\_\_-tung
- 63. Equally awful
- 64. Shows flexibility

#### Down

- 1. Highest grossing movie of 1942
- 2. Nature calls?
- 3. Gumbo vegetables
- 4. Hear first thing in the morning

- 5. Orchestra: Abbr.
- 6. Bryn \_\_\_\_ College7. Sleep like \_\_\_\_
- 8. Scrutinize, with "over"
- 9. Youngsters
- 10. McBain and McMahon
- 11. Crosses the international date line from east to west
- 12. Winner of the 1983 Oscar for Best Song
- 13. Office mates
- 18. Mongolian tent
- 22. Smashable tennis shot
- 4. \_\_\_\_ in elephant
- 25. Pay-\_\_\_-view
- 27. TV personality who had Will Shortz on her show in 2008
- 28. Instruction for casual dress
- 29. Spin
- 30. "\_\_\_\_ Haw"
- 31. Picabo Street's outerwear
- 32. Not get worked up over something
- 33. Thoughtlessly
- 37. Big inits. in long distance
- 38. Popular fundraising event
- 40. Neighbor of Turk.
- 41. 1900, on a cornerstone
- 43. More, in Mexico
- 44. Seep
- 47. Away
- 48. "Man, do \_\_\_\_ a drink!"
- 49. Sports announcer Lundquist and others
- 51. Feels fluish
- 52. Splotch
- 53. Limb bone
- 54. "T.J. Hooker" actor Adam
- 57. Sheepish comment?
- 58. Inventor's place

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#### THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 8. "Spring forward; drink Nehi Pink Lemonade." Cecile Alcaraz, Chula Vista, 8.

"Salamat sa inyong paetugon, manong Ben at Rumir." Mary Arana, Encinitas, 8. "Wel-

come, Olive!" **Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 8.**"I'm at a loss for words."

Heights, 8. "Enrique and Erin, you two are the wind beneath my wings."

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 8.

Jen Barnes, University

"Z is for zippety zands!"

Jeff Battles, Serra Mesa, 8.
"Gunner and I are joined at the

Ólga Betteridge, Ocean

**Beach, 8.** "You are my salty water."

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 8. "I have more love for O than there are avocados." Charlotte Brown, Clairemont,

8. Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 8. E.T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 8.

Phillip Castle, Carlsbad, 8. "Plant a Coast Live Oak today!"
A.T. Certik, Bonita, 8.
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 8.
"Eytses to John Salz: tu mir a toksh"."

Pat DePew, San Diego, 8.
"Spring is almost here!"

Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 8.
"The hoi palloi are hardly hotty-totty."

Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 8. "Which iPod is the hippest?" Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 8. Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 8. "Happy Birthday Lin!"

8. "Number 8 is for Larry Steward - bye bro."

William Edwards, Kensington,

Harry Engel, La Jolla, 8. "Happy Birthday Josh."

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 8. "Sign the contract already, LT!"

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 8. "Bicycling is always hip!" Rand Feura, Santee, 8.

Justin Finke, Sorrento Valley, 8. Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 8. Bill Griffin, Crest, 8. "I should have 8 wins but editor lost my

#### **See Your Ranking Online!**

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Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 8. "Tables are hard; things are difficult!" Mary Hutchings, City Heights,

"I'll still sponsor you, Michael

o. Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 8. "Kiera and Bodo, in like lions." Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 8.

Phelps."
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 8.
Kyle Matzke, Vista, 8. "Global warming threatens human survival, not the planet's existence."

Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 8. "Hip hip hooray."

Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 8. "Can't buy or sell? Paint it

like new! paintwithdan.com"

Ron Meyer, Santee, 8. "2

weeks before we leave for the

Marlboro Ranch."

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 8. "A museum on the move... www.sdmrm.com"

Ed Murphy, Ocean Beach, 8. "Keep right, pass left, lane on ain't

Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 8. "Will March come in like a lion?" Jim Odell, Vista, 8. "Reader's unfair bias toward newbies for shirts

is obvious."

Julie Osburn, North Park,

"Do I have to start losing to get a

Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 8. "8 is enough."

Gil Patricio, San Diego, 8. "Yo

John Pertle, Santee, 8. "2 Peter 3:3-9; Revelation 1:7-8; John 20:21"

Robert Phillips, Downtown, 8. "Those stupid windshield handbills all end up on the ground."

Matt Read, La Mesa, 8. "Sacramento, not San Andreas, will sink California."

#### THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

indicates T-shirt winner

Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 8. Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 8. "Thank you Angel and Puzzle Lady for fixing my standings"

Doug Rodgers, Rancho Penasquitos, 8. Eric Sandquist, Allied

Gardens, 8. Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 8. "Do the right thing Rand. See Dr. K."

Capn Skarz, Encinitas, 8. "Get in the car, let's run. I drooled on this!"

Tom Somich, Clairemont, 8. Eddie O. Spaghettio, Coronado, 8. "143U15! Mistress R., I've got your stimulus package hangin! CILIM21"

Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 8. "I'm visualizing winning a T-shirt. Let's see if it works."

Pamela Swain, College Area, 8. "Hip hip hooray." Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach,

**8.** "Life is like doing a crossword puzzle without an eraser."

Mark Wilde, Spring Valley,8.

Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 8. "It's tough waiting a week for the results"

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 8. "Tax, borrow, and spend: the Liberals' snake oil solution."

Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 7. "Baby shower hangover!" Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 7.

Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, "Thanks for making a difference!" Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 7.

Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 7. "Eight 8"

Leslie Chase, Campo, 7. "Oh what a beautiful morning!"

Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 7.

"I'm so ready for summer."

Jon Connor, Oceanside, 7. "Pig

is a filthy animal."

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 7.

Vince Cuseo, Vista, 7. "A boy's best friend is his mother..."

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 7. "Before aught else you learn, with

zeal to metaphysics turn."

Robin Drubin, Vista, 7.

Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 7.

"Happy 31st Eugene. I owe you a

drink...or three!"

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 7.
"Pooh, you are the love of my life!"

I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 7.

Marie Grace, College Area, 7.
"Cesar is a hottie."

**Joe Griffin, Crest, 7.** "Real men play croquet!"

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 7.
"Darts anyone!"

Bryan Hartman, Golden Hill, 7.
"Why are you taking away PDF submissions? Glad I checked!"

Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 7. Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 7. Julie Hocking, Normal Heights, 7. "Go crazy!" Ron Hootman, Santee, 7. "Hoot 101: I was hip in the '50s when we

were Beat."

Edward C Horbett, Jr., Crown

Point, 7. "Hiromi rocks Billy."

Richard Hutchings, Santee, 7. George Jackson, Oceanside, 7. Jim Koziol, UTC, 7. "Hey - what happened?"

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 7. "Higher spending to reduce the deficit?"

Lane and Gaby Litke, Chula Vista, 7. Michael McGriffin, Bay Park,

7. "I want minor league hockey to return to SD."

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 7. "Live in the moment." Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific

Beach, 7. "Famous yet?"
Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 7.
Irving Metzger, San Diego, 7.

"Marcia's amazing." Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 7. Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 7. "Hey Daisy, have you seen my

Sarah Murphy, Ocean Beach, 7. "Anytime, Mommy Reebster!" Bill Pischke, Ramona, 7.

"Zipadee doodah, zipadee ay, what a wonderful orange day."

◆ Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 7.
"Only now republicans want to rein in spending. How hypocritical!"

**John Prince, Serra Mesa, 7.**"Half go randomly to newbies, half to all remaining contenders."

Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 7. "It is gone."

Mark Shiflett, San Diego, 7.
"Euclid 3:16"

Dave Small, San Carlos, 7. Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 7. "Where do I apply for a govern-

ment bailout?"
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 7.

"P-town 4 life."

Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 7.
Jim Vaughan, Carlsbad, 7.
Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 7.
Bob Werner, Bay Park, 7.
Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 7.

M. Zimmermann, Vista, 7.
"www.gopnot4me.blogspot.com"
Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 6.

"Happy 18th Mark."

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6.
"People from the past walking in the front door. Wow!"

Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 6. Maria Coda, Oceanside, 6. *"Hi* 

Al!"

Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 6.

"Ernie Hays, we miss you."

John L. Drehner, North Park,
6. "Two positives never make a

negative. Yeah, sure!"

John Fabry, San Diego, 6. "Still

love my Bunny!" **Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 6.** "She found a bomb."

Greg Harkless, San Diego, 6. "That rug really tied the room together."

Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 6. "Where's my bailout?" Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 6. "/

love New York."
Billy Horton, Santee, 6.

Gerard Hoskins, Bonsall, 6.
"10 trillion in debt - maybe Ron Paul
was right."

Jerry Jones, Oceanside, 6. "Hipster Dufus rides again!"
Cornelia Lewis, Alpine, 6. "Life

in balance."

Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 6.

B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 6.

Craig Martin, Serra Mesa, 6. "I was robbed!" Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 6.

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 6. "Hey Babe! Hope things go well this weekend! Love ya!"

Willie McGee, San Diego, 6. "San Carlos Painting rocks!"

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 6.
Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 6.
"Why is Baby so baby? Big eyes,
tiny head/ears."

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 6. "Fantasy baseball, beer brats, and Bob. A good day."

Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 6. Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 6. "I've pever felt a piece of felt"

Rich Tschiegg, Scripps Ranch, 6.
"Needs more hop to go with that hip."
Marie Turock, North Park, 6.
Nathaniel Uy, East Village, 6.
"Congratulations of finishing pact!"

Kierkegaard Victoria, San Diego, 6. "Noypi rin po ako. Mabuhay tayong lima."

Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 6. Westie, San Diego, 6. Tom and Jenn, Mira Mesa, 5.

"40 days is a long time!"

Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista,
5. "Reader Puzzle People thank

you for doing me right. Peace."

Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville,

5. "Happy Birthday Mary!"

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 5.

"Baseball spring training! Go Cards."
Jim Corbett, San Diego, 5.
Andre Desilets, Downtown, 5.
Rosalie Dow, Tierrasanta, 5.

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Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 5.
"Shut up Mr Fluffy."

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 5.

"Watch for DOW to go under 6000." Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 5. "It's not Danny, it's Danny!"

Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 5. Lizzy Henry, Encinitas, 5. "You need size small T-shirts."

**Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 5.** "Pinky, known anyone who whistles through their nose while breathing?"

Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 5. "Elaine wouldn't let me cheat."
Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 5.

"How do actors act when there's no script?"

James Mayfield, Bay Park, 5.

"I hate Rush Limbaugh."

Aleksa Mendive, Normal

Heights, 5. "Madness is an art form!"

Michael Panther, Point Loma,

**5.** "Here's to all the powerful wizards and important surfers."

Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 5. "Hand delivered, all correct, disinfranchised. What the heck? Add 1!" Douglas Meyers, La Mesa,
 5. "No Ollie? No comics? WTF!"
 Eddie and Andrea Schroder,

Carlsbad, 5. "Here's to home schoolling!"

Robin Suter, La Mesa, 5. "Still can't believe I forgot to send last week's puzzle!"

Barbara Varga, San Diego, 5. "Finally!"

Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 5. Elizabeth Wood, Poway, 5. "Happy 1st Birthday Adam. Auntie loves vou!"

Michael Wright, Downtown, 5.
J.D. Boucharde, North Park, 4.
"4 days and counting."

Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 4. S. Depka, Vista, 4. "Happy Birthday Baby Orr! Congrats Jessica and Brian."

Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 4. "Give blood. Play hockey."

Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 4.

"I keep trying!"

Terry Golden, Clairemont,
4. "Welcome home Travis."

Sharon Jones, El Cajon, 4. "Love the T!"

Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 4. "Tartan Day April 6."

Bev Longdon, El Cajon, 4. Alex Moran, San Diego, 4. "I intend to live forever, or die trying. Groucho Marx"

Noah Najbert, Mira Mesa, 4. "Thanks for the NASA hat, Chris." Cindy Quinto, Golden Hill, 4. "Lub you Jake. Miss you. Can't wait to be home."

Carol Rabner, Escondido, 4. "RIP Scott C. Ramsay."

Connie Rittichier, Poway, 4. Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 4. "Just in it for the cotton."

Henry Romero, San Diego, 4. "Go away, bad thyroid!"

Joanne Sanchez, Mira Mesa,

4. "They got me! It's workin'!"
Stephen Wilder, Rancho
Bernardo, 4. "Shot in the dark:
May cat?"

Michael Williams, Downtown, 4. "It's a code red and no one showed up. damn!"

Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista, 4. Jerry S. Anders, Scripps Ranch, 3. Erica Breuer, San Diego, 3. "It's

Bruer, not Brewer!"

Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 3.
"It's the final countdown."

Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 3. "It's been awhile since I've won."

Mike Crowley, Ramona, 3.

Jane Depka, Mission Hills, 3. "I
hope the puzzle people can read
mv writing."

Jim Hitchcock, 3. "Press on, this too shall pass."

Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 3.

"Hi Dad!"

Phil Nichols, Escondido, 3, "Tax

my taxes!" **Denis Rees, Alpine, 3.** "Bigger government taxes: nice change."

Dennis Roth, Santee, 3. John Willis, National City, 3. "Juego golf to el día en mi oficina. Jessica Bazo, Clairemont, 2. "Free shirt? Haberday Sweetie Pants!"

Dustin Beabout, Temecula, 2. "Joined at the hip with my iPod." Charlie Brown, San Diego, 2.

**Leah Dadich, Pacific Beach, 2.**"I'll make breakfast this weekend. Hi
Hana & Sacco."

Joy E Fernandez, Chula Vista, 2. "Love you Rach, Jen Jen, Uggies, and Papo Junar!"

Dara Hetzel, Escondido, 2.
"You never learn anything by doing it right."

**Deidre McClanahan, La Mesa, 2.** "Kari. I want to see you, yeah? Hi Dan!"

Pat McMann, Solana Beach, 2.
"Levantate ponte hyper prendete!
Sacale chispanal instante!"

**Stephanie McNicol, Rolondo, 2.** "Rassilon, did you find the TARDIS key yet?"

Jon Nuanez, Downtown, 2.
"I'm so happy I gotta jump back and kiss myself."

John C. Pipes, Lemon Grove, 2. "Did I get #2?" Janet Reilly, University City, 2. Rubber Chicken Research Team, Mission Hills, 2. "This one's for you, Mary! We miss you!" Les Sherman, Pacific Beach, 2. "I love you, Schmoopy! YOU'RE

Felina Thom, Lemon Grove, 2. Neal Tomblin, Vista, 2. "When I die, bury me 6 down and 3 across." Randall Van Dyek, San Diego, 2. "Forget Colorado, how about Chicago? xoxo69"

Schmoopv!"

Patrick Whalen, San Diego, 2. "Majors rules."

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 1. "Who needs a scanner? I use my Kodak camera."

Sabina Calabrese, Carlsbad, 1.

**David Campbell, Carmel Valley, 1.** "First one sent in!"

Greg Del Campo, Temecula, 1.
Marcus English, San Carlos, 1.
"Hi there Alaska!"
Rebecca Farmer, Los Angeles,

1. "Smells like urine San Diego." Eric Gonzales, San Diego, 1. Steve Gunsolly, Normal Heights, 1. "If my entry's wrong I don't want to be right."

Pinford Heddington, Chula Vista, 1. "Ahh! My face!" Gail Jones, El Cajon, 1. David Kahan, Serra Mesa, 1. "I am full of useless information."

Kevin Karan, Murrieta, 1. "Happy Birthday Trevor and

Martha Ponce, La Mesa, 1. "One hippy chick!"

Bill Reese, La Jolla, 1. "Keep

'em coming! Enjoyable!"

Armando Vargas, San Ysidro, 1.
"To my lucky IT'd CL\_ARM\_CRIS"

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Jen Wager, Spring Valley, 1. "I
love you baby! Daisy and Tigre, too!"

Vanessa Wells, Grant Hill, 1. "Yay! I finally finished one!"

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Doris Yu, San Diego, 1. "To April...wei wo!"

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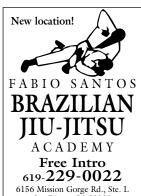
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"In Hawaii, the water is so blue and clean...it's warm all the time. We don't have to wear wetsuits. Here, the water is kind of gross. There is tons of seaweed, and it's cold, even in the summer. Surfing and living in Hawaii is kind of like living in a

Some San Diego beaches have locals that confront nonlocals. Jureyl says that in Hawaii it's even more severe.

"The locals are very protective of their beaches. I have seen lots of fights in the water. It is a pretty mellow place most of the time, but the worst thing to do is cut someone off. I saw a guy get angry at another surfer for cutting him off, and he cut his leash and threw his board into the water. I've only come close to one confrontation, but my uncle was with me and he helped me out."

Jureyl started surfing at age 11. He lived just



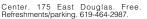
"A good friend and I were surfing at Waimea Bay. During the winter, the waves can get huge, as tall as 50 feet. That day, there were 10to 16-foot sets rolling in. My friend tried to go over a wave and it got ahold of the sandbar. He got caught under. The impact broke his back, and he was bedridden for a long time. A couple of months after that, I almost drowned. It was the same scenario, except the wave pinned me under. It was like being caught in a washing machine."

his leg, slamming him into

Jureyl says that the key to surviving when trapped underwater is to stav calm and conserve oxvgen, allowing you more time to find your way to the

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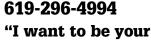
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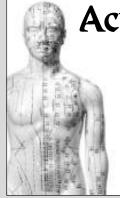


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#### This week's questions

- 1. What was the name of the teen music group that performed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in **Encinitas?**
- 2. Chrissie Hynde of the Pretenders owns a restaurant in her home town of Akron. What's it called?
- 3. A bluefin tuna can bring in roughly how much money in Japan?
- 4. Singer-songwriter Kenny Eng saw his music greatly affected in 2005 when his sister was diagnosed
- 5. What skin condition does Barbarella's dad suffer for which she and her sister accompany him to the
- 6. Leap year and leap day trace back to what year?
- 7. Josh Board gets down with his literary self and attends a book-release party for the author of what
- 8. Katy Perry's new single "Broken" is essentially the same as what 2003 song by what local act?
- 9. The correct way to move a grand piano, if you ever need to move one, is on its \_\_\_\_.
- 10. At downtown's Suite & Tender, Naomi Wise encounters a meringue formed into the shape of what?

#### Last week's answers

- 1. The Extra Action Marching Band. (p. 78)
- 2. Saartije Baartman. (p. 65)
- 3. 1902. (p. 101)
- 4. Grew beards. (p. 84)
- 5. Fifty. (p. 16)
- 6. Buckethead. (p. 82)
- 7. His computer crashes. (p. 20)
- 8. 39 percent. (p. 6)
- 9. 31. (p. 19)
- 10. American Artifact. (p. 30)

Last Week's Winners:

Louise Guarnotta, Rose Patella, Noah Najbert, Karelyn Kimokeo, and Kim Bauer

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I have to wake up each day and choose my attitude about being out of work, but in a much bigger way, and as a Christian, I

truly have to hand it over and let go. Thy will be done. And it will be, as long as I don't fall into a pajama funk and watch Leave It to Beaver

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- Saudi Arabia is host to several camel beauty pageants each year (condemned as religiously fatuous by Muslim clerics), but the country's first goat beauty pageant was held in September in Riyadh, with the distinctive Najdi breed, featuring high nose bridges and silky, shaggy hair, taking top prizes. In fact, most of the goats in the competition had the same father, Burgan, whose progeny typically fetch the equivalent of \$25,000 and up. Still, prize-winning show camels can bring ten times that amount for the greater status they convey to their owners. Burgan himself did not appear at the pageant, according to a Reuters dispatch, because his owner feared that a jealous competitor would have an "evil eye" cast upon him.

#### **Cultural Diversity**

· In January, a federal judge dismissed the last lawsuit standing in the way of a new Indian casino for California's Amador County, where the federally recognized Me-Wuk tribe of the Buena Vista Rancheria has its 67-acre reservation. The tribe consists of Rhonda Morningstar Pope and her five children, none of whom lives on the tribal land.

 Twenty million Chinese have their residences in caves, but that is often not a bad deal, according to a December McClatchy Newspapers dispatch from Miaogou Village. In addition to the obvious advantages (e.g., no mortgage), some caves have been in the family for generations and have electrical wiring, plumbing, and cable television, and some are part of communities of connected caves. Researchers said that earthen insulation keeps the inside temperature from dropping below about 55 degrees Fahrenheit even in the dead of winter.

#### **Questionable Judgments**

- Family Knows Best: (1) Evelyn Poynter, 86, had refused for months to leave her apartment in Pittsburgh and move in with her sister, Laura Stewart, 72, who had offered to take care of her. In December, according to police, a fed-up Stewart forcibly wrapped Poynter's arms, legs, neck, and body in duct tape, tossed her in the back seat, and drove her home to Shaker Heights, Ohio. "There was nothing sinister," said Stewart's daughter, but still, Stewart was arrested. (2) In October, police in Elgin, Ill., said they were investigating an accusation that after a 13-year-old boy and girl broke off their relationship, the girl's mother ordered the boy to reconcile with her daughter by threatening to release nude photos of him that her daughter had taken.

#### Creme de la Weird

- Among the medical oddities mentioned in a December Wall Street Journal roundup was "Jumping Frenchmen of Maine Disorder," in which a person, when startled, would "jump, twitch, flail their limbs, and obey commands given suddenly, even if it means hurting themselves or a loved one." It was first observed in 1878 among lumberjacks in Maine but has been reported also among factory workers in Malaysia and Siberia. It is believed to result from a genetic mutation that blocks the calming of the central nervous system (but could be merely psychological, from the stress of working in close quarters).

#### **Least Competent Criminals**

• (1) In January, police in Cape Coral, Fla., were seeking LaKeitha Watson-Atkinson for shoplifting from a TI Maxx. The thief escaped after running from store security, but not before she was knocked down twice by her getaway car. In the commotion, a check made out to Watson-Atkinson fell to the ground. (2) Luke Radick, 21, was charged with attempted robbery of the National Bank of Palmerton in Sciota, Pa., in January. Bank employees refused to buzz Radick in because he stood at the door, covering his face and holding a shotgun.

#### **Grudges**

- (1) Marie-Eve Dean, 23, was ordered into intensive therapy in December by a judge in Ottawa, Ontario, after her conviction for mischief in making more than 10,000 crank phone calls to the city's 911 line, apparently just to protest the legal system's treatment of her former brotherin-law in a child-custody case. (2) A South Korean man identified only as Kim, wanted in Seoul for murder, had a more enduring grudge. Police charged the 37-year-old with the November slaying of his high school music teacher after stewing for 21 years over the teacher's 1987 accusation that Kim cheated in class.

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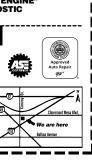
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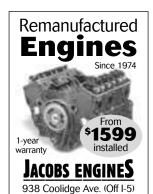
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"You have to protect your floors and take your time and treat them like they are big eggs."

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**'W**e can move any type of piano except concert grands, the largest-sized pianos," explained Ron Castiglione, owner and technician at Pitch Perfect Piano in Encinitas (800-205-0076). When moving grand pianos, "You have to protect your floors and take your time and treat them like they are

big eggs. You take the legs off, wrap the piano in blankets, put it on its side, and you have a special board that you use to put the baby grands on and strap it to that."

After the move, "You want to let the piano settle a couple of weeks before you tune it," added Castiglione. "It needs to get acclimated to your new home. The moving plus the change in humidity, change in temperature," all affect the tuning.

"Every job is different," said Castiglione, "a lot of factors for pricing. Prices start about \$85 to \$90 and they go up. Usually baby

grands are about \$120 to \$140. For a small upright, a local move, one house to another that are pretty close, it is \$85."

"If someone is buying a piano or moving it into a new location," said Diane, a customerservice rep with Encore Piano Moving located in Miramar (800-444-8071), "it might not fit around corners, up stairways, or by bushes, trees, or obstacles. But if it got in there, it can get out." Usually. Diane told of an exception

> town, we put the piano in before the high-rise was even finished. We used a crane and just put it up in the hole. It's on something like the 22nd floor."

to that rule. "One of the high-rises down-

Any trouble moving old

"[All pianos] get brittle. The wheels don't really work on them. even the new ones, so we don't rely on the wheels for anything. The exteriors of pianos are made out of all different types of wood, but the interiors, the soundboards, are made generally out of the same kind of wood." According to WikiAnswers, "The soundboard is a thin panel of spruce that underlies the strings."

The correct way to move a grand piano "is

on its side, on proper piano-moving equipment, with the legs off and the lyre off," offered Diane. "The lyre is where the pedals are. Then the piano is reassembled at the new location. Piano movers are pretty well seasoned, knowing where the areas are in the moving process that are the most vulnerable, like on thresholds. If you don't use a piano dolly and a piano skid board, then pianos are extremely vulnerable to damage. A piano-moving skid board is a carpeted piece of material that sort of allows for the lip of the [piano] lid to overhang without damage. It marries up to a piano dolly, and the wheels are high enough to where the threshold and the stairs and steps are not going to make it vulnerable in any way. Any-

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body that would move a piano using muscle

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"Away from exterior windows is the best because they will tend to stay in tune longer if they are not subjected to that humidity and temperature change. And if you live in the area of the beach or the desert, sometimes you need a dehumidifier or a humidifier in the room. depending on what area you are in. It helps it stay in tune."

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> > All companies called said that each move is different, but all offered example prices.

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#### **Thirty Years Ago**

Maureen O'Connor now guards her private life with remarkable jealousy. In the course of preparing this story I wasn't invited to her home, she wouldn't introduce me to her husband, and she warned me that she would flatly refuse to answer many questions. I learned that she's built up careful defenses to protect her privacy and that few outsiders invade it.

- "DON'T CALL ME AT HOME," Jeannette De Wyze, March 8, 1979

#### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

The first summer following my marriage, I got a half-basset, halfbeagle dog; two mallard ducks who hatched 17 black-and-yellow ducklings; a black kitten who guarded five goldfish in an oversize brandy snifter; and a blue parakeet. And I planted a small garden, digging neither deeply nor thoroughly enough, nor adding any soil amendments or fertilizers. I sowed radishes, two

kinds of lettuce, spinach, beets, carrots, yellow crookneck squash, and, because I liked it fried in cornmeal, okra. By God, I was a married woman, I was pregnant, and I was going to make up for all those years keeping off the grass.

- "GARDENER'S ART," Judith Moore, March 8, 1984

#### **Twenty Years Ago**

Not long ago, sea urchins were considered a nuisance, a weed in the kelp gardens off Point Loma and the Channel Islands. "People used to be amused that anyone would bother with them," Mac says. Now they are the number-one seafood export from California. Urchins picked by Mac can be in a Tokyo seafood auction 48 hours after they hit the dock in San Diego Bay. The Japanese love raw sea urchin gonads, which pack the highest concentration of protein of any known food.

"ONE MORE JUMP," Rick Geist, March 9, 1989

#### Fifteen Years Ago

My favorite moment of Olympics coverage was when CBS used a sound bite of Nirvana's "Breed" to accompany video of the biathletes shooting off their rifles: "I don't mind, I don't mind, I don't mind, I don't mind if you don't have a mind."... A few years ago, the song's author, Kurt Cobain, vilified gun use in "Come As You Are." More recently, however, he had his own personal armory confiscated by police after a domestic quarrel that got ugly.

- "I TOOK A SCUNNER AT PICABO," Gina Arnold, March 3, 1994

#### **Ten Years Ago**

"What," I ask him, "do you think of this sculpture?" We are standing in front of the Westin surrounded by luggage and waiting for a cab. Towering over us is a giant plastic monstrosity of dolphins and swordfishes leaping through frozen (polyvinyl chloride?) waves, a fiberglass obelisk rising pointily, if pointlessly, 92 1/2 feet into the air. At night it is lit internally with blue neon. During the day, this urethane non sequitur winks smeared sunlight at the synthetic, water-spewing pelicans and clams surrounding its 40-foot-diameter base.

"I think it's real San Diego," Tom from Nashville says approvingly as a cab pulls up.

"I think you're right." I nod, thank him, and say good-bye.

"I WOULDN'T NOTICE IF THEY NAILED BABIES TO THE WALL," John Brizzolara, March 4, 1999

#### **Five Years Ago**

It was bound to happen. I went to two of the worst parties. My friends have the nerve to be envious that I get to attend a variety of parties and then write about them. But when you spend hours at a horrible party, it sure isn't fun. And it's not that I'm picky about parties. I went to a Christmas party this year that had

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only four people in attendance, but I had fun — great conversation and great food.

The first horrible party I went to was for the last episode of Sex and the City. Maybe I went in with high expectations because of a party I cohosted more than ten years ago for the last episode of Cheers.

— CRASHER: "THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT." Josh Board, March 4, 2004

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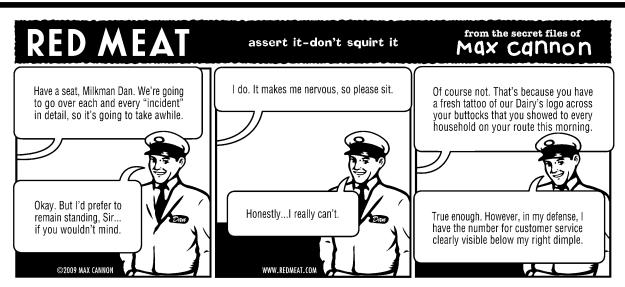
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Staff size: 10

Sunday school enrollment: 65

Annual budget: n/a Weekly giving: n/a Singles program: yes Dress: mostly semiformal **Diversity**: mostly Caucasian

**Sunday worship**: 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. **Length of reviewed service**: 1 hour, 5 minutes

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"Last Sunday, we worshipped in an ordinary, Lutheran way," said pastor Laura Ziehl at the beginning of the service. "This Sunday we are blessed: Teen Rock is here. Today we will know a kind of joy that is completely inappropriate during Lent." The congregation laughed, and the teens in black T-shirts (with "God Rocks" in white letters across the back) started in singing over their (mostly older) backup band. The sound ranged from peppy pop to bluesy honky-tonk, and joy-making aside, the effect

was perhaps not so much inappropriate as disconcerting, given the white-and-wood tastefulness of the church interior. After a moment's thought, the lyrics came across as appropriate enough.

"There's a place where religion finally dies," proclaimed the opening hymn, "Dancing with my Father God in fields of grace." Such a freewheeling vision of faith was strange to hear of during a service that mentioned Lenten disciplines and fasting, that included confession and the Lord's Prayer (if not a creed). that finished with the ancient blessing "May the Lord bless you and keep you; may His face shine upon you..." And yet, when Ziehl welcomed a group of new members (including a couple of infants) into the congregation, she never used the word "church" to describe what it was they were joining. Instead, she asked, "Is it your intention to join your voice and your prayers to the worship life of this congregation, to share with us in fellowship, to work with us for peace and justice...to share

your faith and the gifts that God has offered you for the sake of this community of believers and for the sake of this world?" ("We will," they answered.)

And while the old liturgical structure was still in place, it seemed to be just that — a structure, designed to showcase the more personal elements of the service. The making of a prayer quilt for a man with liver cancer. The memorial of those killed last week in Iraq and Afghanistan. The shared meal of Communion. It came across as more a matter of emphasis than anything else, but the effect was noticeable.

At the Offertory, the Teen Rockers fired up "Anywhere with Jesus": "Anywhere with Jesus, I can safely go/ Anywhere He leads me, in this world below..." That echoed Ziehl's welcoming remark on this first Sunday of Lent: "We are now in the midst of a 40day journey together in the wilderness. We will take up what it means to be a people called into a wilderness, and to find God there, waiting."

The Gospel related three wildly divergent scenes in quick succession. First, the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus at His baptism. Second, that same Spirit driving Him into the wilderness for 40 days, during which He was tempted by Satan. Finally, His arrival in Galilee and His proclamation that "The kingdom of God has come near."

Ziehl's opening prayer thanked God for His "accompaniment in our lives in times of wilderness.... In the solitude and silence, may we hear Your voice." To the children, she said that "the promise is that God will never ever leave us, that He will be with us...in every difficult day, every hopeless moment.... Dear God, thank you for Your love in the wilderness."

But when it came time to preach to the adults, she asked, "Can this be the same Spirit, which descended so gently on Jesus, that hurls Him into the wilderness" - that place of uncertainty and temptation? She stressed that while it was the devil who tempted Jesus, it was not the devil who

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brought Him to the place where He was tempted. "Temptation doesn't take us by force — temptation is to be enticed to do something that we want to do. What in your life is tempting you, drawing you away from what you know in your heart is right? Perhaps

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What happens when we

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