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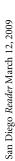
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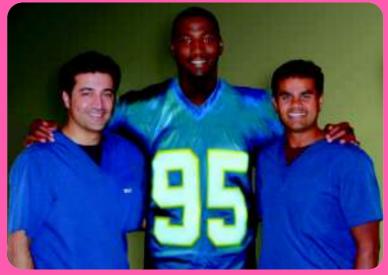
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#### **Ballooning the federal deficit**

Arizona's GOP senator John McCain has been



fuming over the \$7.7 billion worth of earmarks hidden in the nooks and crannies of a \$410 billion spending bill that started in the House and was making its way through the Senate. He tried but failed on a 63–32 vote to remove more than 8500 earmarks for fellow lawmakers' pet projects from

the bill. But then, late last week, Democrats failed to come up with enough votes to push the final bill through the Senate, leaving open the question of whether some of the pork might eventually be stripped from the legislation.

So what goodies may be bound for San Diego? A Washington group called Taxpayers for Common Sense has assembled a database of Congress's pet spending. Way at the top of the list of local projects is \$110,362,000 to pay for massive cost overruns on a federal courthouse downtown, the budget for which hit \$368.7 million as of last month. That was sponsored by Susan Davis, fellow Democrat Bob Filner, and Republicans Darrell Issa and Duncan Hunter. Then there is \$1.35 million for the "San Diego and Imperial Counties Regional Communications System Upgrade," thanks to all of the above plus Republican Brian Bilbray.

On his own, Bilbray earmarked \$285,000 for "Encinitas Blvd/Interstate 5 Interchange Environmental Review" and \$476,000 for a "public health information management system" for the county, along with \$500,000 for "Coastal Field Data Collection: Southern California Beach Processes Study."

Davis slipped in \$95,000 for a group called Survivors of Torture International, to provide "medical, dental, psychological, and social services to victims of torture." She got the same amount for the Southern Sudanese Community Center to spend on "job counseling and training of at-risk youth" and sponsored "regional bus replacement" to the tune of \$475,000; \$428,000 was set aside for Family Health Centers of San Diego for facilities and equipment, says Taxpayers for Common Sense.

Filner sponsored \$58,910,000 for the San Ysidro Land Port of Entry, along with \$4,479,000 for the San Diego Area Water Reclamation Program.

Issa sponsored \$142,500 for a French Valley Airport Feasibility Study and \$238,000 for the Mira-Costa College Foundation, to be devoted to "nursing programs, including career development."

Cashing in With Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Democrats in the state legislature asking voters to raise their own taxes in a series of measures set for a May special election, legislative salaries are becoming a subject of scrutiny.

One interesting name is that of Ocean Beach resident Richard Grosch. According to recent figures dug up by the newspaper Capitol Weekly, he's making \$75,000 a year as district coordinator for Democratic assemblyman Marty Block. A longtime fixture in Democratic politics here who has failed in city council bids, Grosch is currently president of the San Diego Community College District board of trustees, the post held by his former colleague and current boss Block.

First elected in 2002 with the backing of teachers' unions, Grosch is in his second term on the board; last summer he voted with Block against imposing term limits on its members, a recommendation made by the county grand jury. In

September 2007, Block and Grosch joined fellow board members in voting 4-0 to repeal a \$3500 campaign-contribution limit for members, saying eliminating the cap would make it easier for challengers to raise money, a position contested by ethics advocates. Grosch played a key role in Block's



Assembly campaign. Community college district spokesman Richard Dittbenner says board spots pay \$10,764 a year.

**High and dry** Yet another local recession victim: the San Diego office of the National Marine Manufacturers Association, producer of the annual San Diego Boat Show, is being shuttered, and future shows may be canceled. "The recreational



boating industry is facing a new economy, and NMMA is taking the necessary steps to adapt to these changes and

position the industry for future growth," spokesman Ben Wold said in a statement. ... A potentially controversial proposal to relocate the National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla is up for discussion by University of California regents at their monthly meeting next week. In January, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reviewed the project's Environmental Impact Report: "The proposed facility's roof will include a photovoltaic farm and a green roof planted with vegetation. While we commend this proposal, we have concerns regarding impacts to air quality from construction emissions. We also have concerns regarding mitigation for impacts to Diegan coastal sage scrub, a sensitive vegetative community, and request additional information regarding cumulative impacts to this resource."

— Matt Potter

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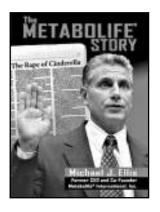
By Don Bauder

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Unfortunately, I'm afraid that's what this book essentially is: fiction.

It's The Metabolife Story: The Rape of Cinderella, by Mike Ellis, one of three owners of the former multilevel marketer of diet pills containing ephedra, banned in 2004 by the Food and Drug Administration after it was linked with 155 deaths. In 2005, Metabolife pleaded guilty to filing false income tax returns and declared bankruptcy. The 414-page book is self-published and available through M.J. Ellis Publishing (themjellisgroup.com) for \$24.95 plus \$4.95 shipping and handling. The gist is that



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istration, Internal Revenue Service, and Department of Justice conspired to destroy the company through illegal and unethical tactics, punishing its three undebauched owner/managers for transgressions they did not commit. That thesis is simply not credible.

After reading the book, I had a long interview with Ellis, who recently got out of prison, where he served six months for making false

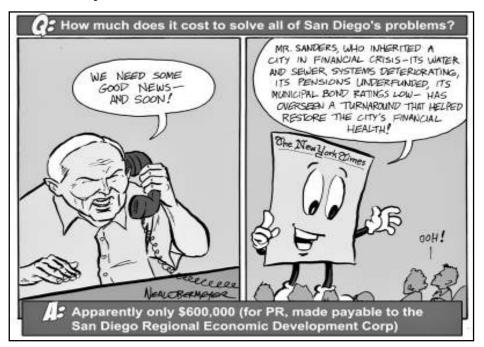


statements about the diet pill's safety. I conferred with the Food and Drug Administration and Department of Justice and talked with the Reader's Matt Potter, who, like me, has covered this story for around a decade.

Ellis cites many villains in his adventure, but the

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#### **Neal Obermeyer**



# **Got Megayachts?**

By Matt Potter

The stock market is crashing. The city budget is crumbling. The state unemployment rate has hit 10 percent. Maybe it's

not the best time to be spending \$1.27 million to subsidize a marina for superyachts.

On the other hand, having lived through all manner of government giveaways, subsidized sports teams, and a broken pension fund, many San Diegans probably won't be surprised by the latest tax-



payer-financed undertaking: the docks of Fifth Avenue Landing, located on San Diego's bay front, across Harbor Drive from Petco Park, just north of the new Hilton Hotel.

Off-limits to the general public, the gated marina is

described on Fifth Avenue Landing's website as a "secluded, twelve-slip super-yacht dockage" that can "accommodate superyachts up to 300 feet." The \$3 million complex features "complimentary concierge service for owners and crew," free wireless internet, and "secured, controlled access."

Though it hasn't been publicized locally, the world's toniest yacht magazines and websites are buzzing with the news. "We promise megayacht owners, captains and crew the finest berthing experience they've ever had," dockmaster Fred Larsson told *synfo.com* in February.

Gushed Maritime Reporter: "San Diego is the site of the new Fifth Avenue Landing, an elite, stylish superyacht facility that now welcomes the world's largest and [most] luxurious megayachts.... One notable guest at Fifth Avenue Landing was the famed 225 ft Feadship megayacht Attessa, which spent several weeks at the facility in early 2009."



Brokered by the California Department of Boating and Waterways, the \$1.27 million in public funding for the venture was provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Boating Infrastructure Grant Program. The money comes from a 10 percent federal sales tax on fishing equipment, boat fuel taxes, and import duties related to tackle and small boating.

According to its grant application, the Fifth Avenue Landing partnership, owned by Raymond Carpenter and members of Coronado's Engel family, both longtime port lessees, put up \$1,757,203, for a total dock complex cost of \$3,035,000.

Port records show that the partnership also spent another \$2.9 million on "landside" improvements.

During fiscal year 2008, the period in which Fifth Avenue Landing received its grant, the government paid out a total of \$6.1 million in boating infrastructure grants for projects across the country. There were only two other California recipients, the cities of Santa Barbara and Redondo Beach, each getting \$50,000 for small guest docks.

The rules of the program allow funds to be used "to construct, renovate, and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length, and to produce and distribute information and educational materials about the program." Each state designates an agency to process the grant applications and allows funding to go to either public or private marinas.

Unlike the Fifth Avenue Landing website, nothing in the partnership's grant application refers to superyachts. Nor does the application dis-

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Fifth Avenue Landing; trimaran tent on right

#### **STRINGERS**

#### Front Line in Mt. Laguna

By Josh Grant, 3/5/09

Mt. Laguna — Recently, while doing stream surveys in the East County, we came upon a roadblock set up on Sun-



rise Highway, near Mt. Laguna. Homeland Security (Border Patrol) agents scrutinized all vehicles coming through.

The agents warned us of smuggling activity in the area we were about to survey. We were warned about gun, drug, and human smuggling. The agents advised us to approach and unlock access gates with extreme care, as they might be "booby trapped" with hypodermic needles or other dangerous devices.

#### **Green by the Sea**

By Christine Spicer, 3/9/09
Point Loma — Students at
Point Loma Nazarene University voted in favor of a
"Green Fund Proposal" on
February 19. In accordance
with the proposal, student
fees will increase by \$5 per
semester in order to boost
campus sustainability.

The Associated Student Body predicts that the installation of energy-efficient lighting, the purchase of more front-loading washing machines, more fuel-efficient campus vehicles, a community garden, and expanded recycling efforts are likely to be at the top of the list of projects.

#### Flowerpot of Danger

By Peter C. Salisbury, 3/5/09 South San Diego — Looking for bargains last Saturday morning at the South Bay Drive-In swap meet, I picked up what I thought was some lacing material out of a decorative flowerpot and, to my horror, held in my hand an electric blasting cap labeled "DANGEROUS!"

I set the pot with its explosive contents on a table in front of the lady running the stall and told her that these components were used to detonate dynamite and in my opinion were very dangerous. The lady looked in the pot, then at me, and said she would get rid of them immediately.

#### Pity for the Spanish

By Cindy Winslow, 3/7/09 Point Loma — On Thursday, March 5, beaches at Spanish Landing and Shelter Island reopened after being closed due to a sewage spill.

The spill, which began at 10:35 a.m. on March 4, released approximately 1400 gallons of sewage at the intersection of Roosevelt and Truxtun roads in the Liberty Station area of Point Loma.

The spill ended at 10:55 a.m. after wastewater crews



from the City of San Diego removed a grease blockage from the sewer line.

"Grease blockages are the second-leading cause of sewage spills," said Brian Drummy of the city Wastewater Department.

#### **Keep It Funky**

By Ken Harrison, 3/7/09 Leucadia — "Keep Leucadia funky" has been the battle cry from residents and merchants for years. But in a community where surfers live next to neurosurgeons, a rift is occurring over the future of Highway 101.

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#### CITY LIGHTS

#### Michael Ellis

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most damnable one is Phil Halpern, assistant U.S. attorney in San Diego. Over 23 years, Halpern has been a major prosecutor in many of San Diego's most highprofile criminal cases: Randy (Duke) Cunningham, Brent Wilkes, Kyle (Dusty) Foggo, of recent vintage. "A federal prosecutor is not engaged in a popularity contest seeking approval of those he indicts, convicts, and imprisons," says Halpern. "I'm sure that if you talked to any of CITY LIGHTS

the scores of federal felons I have prosecuted and that find themselves in prison, I wouldn't be voted their best friend."

The book excoriates Halpern over and over again. Each time, the name is misspelled: "H-a-l-p-r-i-n."

And that brings us to a crucial question: Who wrote this book? I asked Ellis how in the world he could remember every word of lengthy interlocutions from years ago and how he could reconstruct talk that had taken place when he wasn't there. The book is structured like a novel, filled with

informal dialogue that one doesn't see in nonfiction. "I did have a writer who helped me get the grammar so I didn't look like a complete idiot," says Ellis. "We worked together on the outline, the way it was laid out." Still, Ellis insists, "He was not a ghostwriter. This was almost all my work." He would not identify the writer who helped him, and the book does not refer to any edito-

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Ellis describes his lifelong best friend, Mike Blevins, as an upstanding person. In 1988, the two

rial assistant.

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# **Stringers**

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Encinitas offered a paid consultant to the Leucadia 101 Main Street Association to gather community input on redevelopment of the eucalyptus-lined, four-lane highway.

After two community meetings with over 100 residents in attendance, the Main Street Association has plans to reduce traffic and create a bicycleand pedestrian-friendly, artinfused curbside dining "village" from A Street north to the city boundary at La Costa Avenue.

Designs call for reducing the two northbound lanes to one lane, removing traffic signals and stop signs, installing five "roundabout" traffic circles, and increasing bike lanes by eliminating some parking spaces.

Back-in parking spaces — so when pulling out, motorists would better see oncoming cyclists — is a questionable plan, as curbside diners may not appreciate the spewing car exhaust over their huevos rancheros.

Over 1000 signatures have been gathered to oppose the plan, along with opposition from Encinitas' chamber of commerce. Merchants are generally opposed to the plans because the upheaval would come at a time when they need customers most.

Leucadia Glass owner Rick Smith, a Highway 101 merchant for decades, says, "We all want improvements, just not this."

#### **Pet Petition**

By Robert Jackson, 3/5/09 Golden Hill — A decision has been made by the city to streetsweep the 1000 block of 22nd Street on just one side of the street — weekly. No other side streets are scheduled weekly except for 22nd Street.

Emails with city-council president Ben Hueso's office first said it was a citizens' petition that prompted the city to provide the service. Subsequent emails stated the regular street-sweeping had been scheduled.

So, fellow citizens, pass a petition along for your neighbors to sign and get your street

swept. All it takes is 50 percent of the property owners on your street.

#### **Night Prowler**

By Grant Madden, 3/5/09 El Cajon — In the early hours of Monday, March 2, two houses on Alderson and Andover streets in El Cajon were broken into and purses and small amounts of money were taken.

These robberies were the two latest in a "hot prowl" spree in which the offender enters premises while the occupants are either at home or asleep. Twenty-one houses in the Granite Hills and southeastern El Cajon communities have been targeted since October 2008, including seven houses in one short street of nine houses.

#### **Heavy Metal**

By Ben Cooper, 3/3/09
Downtown San Diego —
Shortly before 8:00 p.m. on
Thursday, February 26, metal
chairs and tables rained down
from the roof of the Ramada
Inn on Sixth Avenue, narrowly

missing several passing automobiles. Bent and twisted into nearly unrecognizable shapes, the patio furniture littered the asphalt and the concrete sidewalk across the street from the hotel between E and F Streets.

A few pedestrians who had scrambled for safety called 911. One citizen ran into the middle of Sixth Avenue, stopped all approaching vehicles, and barred their progress until nearly a dozen San Diego Police Department cruisers arrived,

A lone figure appeared occasionally, poking his head out from the edge of the roof. Later, he was seen pacing on a ledge one story below the roof, from which a large patio umbrella, the final projectile, descended to the pavement.

According to SDPD Lieutenant Dawn Summers, "the suspect was drunk and distraught over some unknown personal problem."

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### **Michael Ellis**

were arrested for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine from a house in Rancho Santa Fe. Blevins got five and a half years in prison and Ellis got five years on probation. Blevins did it to raise money for his ailing mother, claims Ellis. Why did Ellis do it? "Stupidity," he says. Ellis says Blevins's father set them up in a government sting so he could get a lighter sentence for his own drug transgressions.

According to a Reader story by Matt Potter in 1999, federal court records showed that the senior Blevins and his son had dealt cocaine together. Drug Enforcement Administration records showed that Michael Blevins and another person were arrested in early 1975 for conspiracy to distribute cocaine. The charge was dismissed. Cocaine money went

into real estate deals Michael Blevins had in Otay Mesa, according to federal prosecutors. By the early 1980s, Michael Blevins was hanging out with a reputed Chicago mobster who headed a large-scale narcotics operation, said Potter's story. In 1973, Michael Blevins was charged with battery on a police officer. One charge of cocaine distribution was reduced to possession. In mid-1975, he got a threeyear suspended sentence and a year of probation.

Ellis claims he doesn't know about most of those misdeeds. But why did Blevins get a long sentence for the meth-lab crime and Ellis only get probation? "Mike had things in his past," says Ellis.

By the mid-1990s, Ellis, Blevins, and one Robert Bradley owned Metabolife, and all got rich as Metabolife became one of the world's largest purveyors of diet supplements. In mid-2002,

the Internal Revenue Service, suspecting tax fraud, raided the office of the company's accountant, Michael Compton, and the Rancho Santa Fe Farms home of Blevins. In November of the following year, the affidavit for the search warrant was unsealed. That affidavit revealed that Compton admitted he had traveled with Bradley and Ellis to set up offshore accounts and trusts. With Compton's blessings, the company kept two sets of books. Compton had inquired of another person if he would be criminally liable if he knew that corporate tax returns had not reported cash that had come into the company. He was told he would be.

Ten days after the affidavit was unsealed, Compton committed suicide. Here's how Ellis spins it in the book: The IRS discovered Compton had lied on forms when purchasing a home. Therefore, the agency threatened

that it would get his accounting license yanked unless he told lies about Bradley committing fraud. There follows more than a page of presumably exact dialogue as Compton tells Bradley over the phone what the IRS wants him to do: "They're asking me to lie about you," the book quotes Compton complaining to Bradley, "...that you embezzled money from Metabolife." And on and on.

"Mr. Ellis's flight of fancy is comical," says Halpern, pointing out that neither Compton nor his attorney ever raised a single claim suggesting any type of improper conduct by the government.

Ellis's book stresses that neither he nor Blevins was charged with tax fraud. True, but Metabolife itself and Bradley pleaded guilty to several counts of tax fraud. Metabolife admitted not reporting more than \$1 million of income in 1997 and

1998. Those false tax returns had been prepared by Compton. Bradley, the company bean counter, created offthe-book accounts and a web of shell companies. Bradley subsequently got six months for tax evasion. Halpern argued that he should get more than that because of his use of offshore tax and secrecy havens.

Ellis claims the affidavit was completely false. Nonsense, says Halpern, pointing out that the case was thoroughly contested in court and Ellis was unable to show that there were any problems with the affidavit whatsoever. No evidence was excluded, and the affidavit eventually led to multiple tax convictions. Moreover, affidavits to support a search warrant do not constitute proof. I reported on that affidavit for the Reader as soon as it was unsealed; I can personally attest that the language was properly hedged. The government

wasn't making charges. It said it had reason to believe that income had been skimmed, not reported, and in some cases stashed.

Other parts of this book stretch credulity. One employee, important in the company's medical claims, turned out not to be a nurse practitioner as he had said. But he had told some other whoppers (participation in a famous Super Bowl play, being one of the first six employees of Microsoft) that should have been a tip-off. Both this employee and an in-house psychiatrist used drugs and nobody knew it, presumably. Ellis claims that on a trip to China, he discovered herbal medicines that could "eliminate indigestion in five minutes...wipe out PMS pains...cure migraine headaches in ten minutes...[provide] instantaneous cold relief." Wow. Ellis argues that ephedra is safe and effective, but material I received from the Food and

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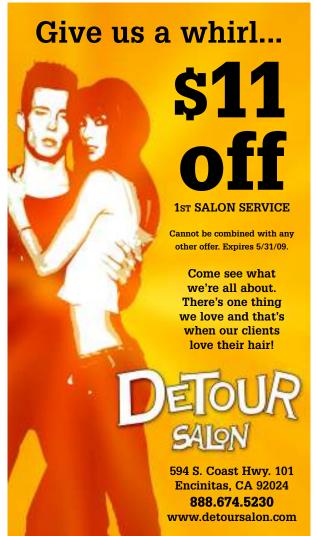
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And Ellis denies that he knows anything about Bradley's close association with Mayor Jerry Sanders.

Ellis displays humility. He feels sorry for his friends who were "drug through the knothole with me." Apt verb: drug. ■

# Megayacht

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"These slips will be available to local boaters, some 7,000 in numbers ranging from 26 ft length to 180 ft in length. These transient docks will be available to them and will create a home away from home for 2 and 3 day trips within the Bay.

"The site creates much needed access for visiting boaters to Downtown San Diego, which is not currently available. In addition to dockage for guest vessels, the shore-side restrooms offer needed comfort to those vessels"

As it turns out, according to Kevin Atkinson of the Department of Boating and Waterways, there is no requirement for public access to the docks. Average citizens are forced to admire the big boats from afar while walking along a concrete promenade on the water's edge. A 300-foot stretch of lawn, featuring several dispensers with free plastic bags for the use of dog walkers, as well as restrooms and a ticket booth for a harbor excursion company run by the Engels, is also open to the public.

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# Megayacht

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George Palermo, Fifth Avenue Landing's general manager, says that despite the hype on the partnership's website about luxury-boat accommodations, it is not the partnership's intent to bar smaller craft from tying up at the new docks, if they can pay the fee. "It's not necessarily about just megayachts. It's just for boats," he says.

Dockmaster Larsson said the berthing rate for boaters who want to tie up at the landing overnight is currently \$2.50 per foot per day, which he characterized as an "introductory rate" that has been set "while we can judge what the demand will be." He said that is roughly comparable to other mari-

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nas around the bay.

Palermo notes, "The length of our fingers is not common for marinas. Most marinas have fingers that are shorter and don't have a lot of fingers to accommodate large vessels. So in this case, because our fingers are so long, we thought that would be attractive to larger boats. But all boats are welcome; it's not restricted."

Palermo adds that Fifth Avenue Landing is participating in the port's Dock and Dine program, through which small-boat owners who want to tie up at the docks and spend time at a downtown restaurant or bar for a few hours can call the partnership's dockmaster in advance of their arrival to request a temporary access key.

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Unified Port of San Diego lease records indicate that a small portion of the dock complex is supposed to be available to weekend mariners, but only in a limited way. "One berth shall be made available free to a sailing club or other means to make boating as a recreational use affordable to those members of the public not able to own personal watercraft." So far, though, no such arrangement has been established, according to the records.

Palermo says that's because local boating and sailing clubs have expressed no interest in the idea. "No one has ever come forward," he says.

In fact, as of late, Fifth Avenue Landing's biggest customer has been Larry

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Ellison, the San Jose-based billionaire founder of Oracle Corporation, the computer software giant. Ellison's private syndicate, BMW Oracle Racing, has sublet the northern third of the dock complex near Joe's Crab Shack to house the 90foot trimaran he hopes to use in his next challenge for the America's Cup.

A December 10, 2008 letter to the port from Palermo indicates that the partnership began leasing to Ellison last September and is charging him \$97,000 a month, "less nominal credits if applicable." The current term of the lease lasts through May 30.

Though the terms of the state grant are supposed to limit the marina to transient boating uses, Oracle has set up a sizable semipermanent base of operations for its large crew, including large trailers and a big white plastic tent set up in the Fifth Avenue Landing parking lot.

"Oracle intends to remove the boat from the water and relocate it in a temporary tent structure in order to modify the boat," wrote Palermo. "The primary work to be done on the boat will be the removal of the two outer hulls (floats) and installation of new floats and other elements that are being fabricated off site. This will involve cutting and grinding to fit the new floats and then bonding and painting.

"The tent will be completely closed when any of the above described work is being done with fans used to create negative pressure inside the containment tent to eliminate the possibility of any grinding residue or fugitive dust escaping from the tent.

"Filters will be placed over the exhaust ports from the tent to trap any dust or airborne epoxy or paint operations that would require a San Diego County Air Pollution Control District permit, and the work will be done under their permit."

According to a September 29, 2008 letter from Chris Hargett, the port's senior asset manager, to Carpenter, the Fifth Avenue Landing partnership currently

pays a minimum annual rent

of \$469,400.

But the docks may not be around for long.

In addition to the monthly payments from Ellison, the Fifth Avenue partnership is also receiving a \$1 million option payment from the San Diego Convention Center Corporation, a subsidiary of the City of San Diego, while the City studies whether it wants to expand the convention center on the land. Currently, Fifth Avenue Landing has the right to build a hotel on the site,

but it hasn't been able to put a deal together.

The convention center option expires in a year, after which the City could pay the partners \$13.5 million to buy out the Fifth Avenue Landing lease or

walk away from the deal. Palermo says that should the City take over the property for the convention center, Fifth Avenue Landing would continue to operate the docks as an independent operation. ■

# WHY SOLID GOLD DOESN'T USE SUNFLOWER OIL

The Swedish National Cancer Institute conducted a breast cancer study on women. The study divided the women up into three groups. One group was given flaxseed oil, the second group was given canola oil, and the third group was given sunflower oil.

At the conclusion of the study, the flaxseed and canola oil groups showed no difference from before the study. But the sunflower oil group showed a 69% increase in the risk of cancer. The study was concluded in 1999.

When the health food stores read the study, they removed sunflower oil from the shelves. Immediately, sunflower oil became the cheapest oil available since no one wanted it. Just as immediately, many dog food companies put it into their dog foods.

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#### **Dump Dopehead**

It was an intriguing cover today (March 5) with the headline "Waste time. Save money. Ride the bus!" and the accompanying photo.

As someone who chooses to often leave my car at home and ride the bus/trolley, I figured it would be an interesting read. Alas, I gave up on the article shortly after the writer, Ollie, shared that "I'd inundated myself with an alphabet of drugs along with every color and composition of alcohol" before he began his transit-story research.

Spare me your loser writers and their illegaldrug habits.

Does he or do his editors ever contemplate whether those drugs are being supplied by the Mexican narcoterrorists spilling the blood of any and everyone who gets in their way as they supply their American dopehead customers?

Paul M. Clarke via email

#### Time

My old 15-minute commute from Encinitas to Carlsbad became a 45-minute to 1-hour and 15-minute bus ride when my car broke down ("Waste time. Save money. Ride the bus!" Cover Story, March 5). In North County, there is NCTD. I believe it means Never Comes on Time Dammit or No Connection to Destination.

Jay Spencer Cardiff

#### **Leftover Ollie?**

How disappointing to read this week's feature story ("Waste time. Save money. Ride the bus!" Cover Story, March 5).

Don't get me wrong. Seeing Ollie on the cover was a thrill. My immediate thought was that the previous letters to the editor had an impact on getting Ollie rehired. Thus the idea that "Remote Control King" would be back caused me to flip to its usual column space.

Instead, I found that there was no "King" column, only, and I'm guessing here, a leftover story that had been submitted by Ollie but not published. That is, until all the uproar about his termination.

Like so many of the recent feature stories, I found it trite with no ironies, a foregone conclusion, and that it was overly groomed. Just like the bug girl ("Please Let Me Sell Them Pest Control," February 12) and the abortion lady ("Bertha Bugarin Heads to Jail," February 19), it was easy to figure where the

story was headed in the first couple paragraphs.

I liked other features that Ollie submitted, the bicycle ride for instance was a hoot, but I had the real impression that this was hastily formatted and printed to appease those of us who are saddened to see Ollie go. This is like learning that a favorite movie star has passed away, then finding the worst film the star ever made by chance when flipping through the channels.

I do hope that the *Reader* is reconsidering Ollie as a full-time staff writer and that he will consider reinstituting his former regular column.

Thom Hogan College Area

#### **Down With Duncan**

Duncan Shepherd got game. Amazing. Has he published any books? Does he do lists of best, worst? Does he provide lists by subject, genre, foreign, etc.?

Name Withheld via email

Duncan Shepherd's reviews can be sorted by star rating on the Reader website. — Editor

#### **High On Plates**

I'm calling regarding the article about the license plates ("How Much Can You Say in 7 Letters?" Cover Story, February 26). I thought it was really interesting. I'm a license-plate collector, and I have them from all over the world, and I have all 50 states. My most unusual personalized license plate is one from the '80s — they wouldn't even make it today — and it says "ecstasy" on it.

David Ford Normal Heights via phone call

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#### Cover Story Published March 4

Posted by hogfat on March 6, 11:55 a.m.

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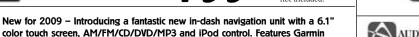
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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Dear Matthew Alice:

Are bees suicidal? I swim in an outdoor pool, and practically every time there is a poor bee straining to stay afloat. I offer it a lifesaver (a twig or a leaf) and quickly put the insect on the

cement. And sure enough, when I return from my lap, it's hack in the water. Well, I guess insects have no concept of death. Are they temperature sensitive? It gets pretty hot here in Escondido.

— Name withheld, Escondido

Bees have no death wish, in spite of what you might think from the behavior of your persistent little drowners. But they do have a strong instinct to forage for water, and they'll take whatever they can find, from a mud puddle to a pristine

You and bee are a bit alike. You get hot, you take a dip. The hive gets hot, and certain bees instinctively buzz out to gather water. They bring it back and it's spread around the hive, especially into the honeycomb cells containing eggs and larvae. They fan the air with their wings, turning the hive into a sweet, waxy swamp cooler. The hive also needs to maintain a certain humidity level (higher than the outside air when it's hot), so water foraging can solve this problem. Water is also a necessity for feeding the developing bees. Foragers will buzz out to gather water if the nectar brought into the hive recently has been low in water

Obviously bees need water for lots of things, but they don't store any in the hive. This keeps water foragers pretty busy. And because bees don't forage at night, early morning is a good time to find them in your pool. So is the hottest part of the afternoon. All things considered, you're very likely to bump into a bee as you grind out your laps. Maybe when you rescue your little friend, you can put a tiny water dish next to him so he won't follow his water-driven instinct and dive to his death again and again.

Hey, Matt:

Why do people have toes? Why do toes have toenails? Who invented pedicures? COULD you dance BALLET if you had NO TOES? Does the size of one's toes correlate to any other significant physical or mental characteristic? I suppose nobody could "toe the line" without toes. — GREG DUCH, San Diego

This toe thing has you all in a dither, eh, Greg? Naturally, we can undither you since that's our

> mission statement — to undither the population and create peace and clear thinking for all people. The elves and I take that oath every morning, right after we brush our teeth and before we raise the big flag in the front yard.

> > We have toes because our

earliest ancestor primates, tree dwellers, had toes. They had big, long toes so they had an additional set of appendages with which to grab tree limbs. Nowadays, we can pick up things we drop pens or stuff that's rolled way under a table —

using our toes, thanks

to our primate ancestors. But somewhere along the line, flat ground started looking pretty good, and some primates abandoned trees. With no limbs (or pens) to grasp, through evolution their toes shrank and turned into super-valuable devices for running. They added extra leverage so proto-man could evade that big furry thing chasing him or catch up to that small furry thing that looked good to eat. Our big toe is a big toe because it's the last one to push off the ground, so it needs to be bigger. And stronger. It later became the piggie that was lucky enough to go to market, compared to the ones that stayed home and cried wee-wee-wee.

Toenails protect our toes. Obviously, toe shoes and toe dancers would be useless without toes. And toes indicate nothing about your character, intelligence, or fertility.

Pedicures go back four centuries, to Turkey or Egypt. The uppity classes put gold and rouge on their nails as another signal that they didn't work for a living. But that's nothing compared to what we've come up with these days. How about a fish pedicure? It's true. It's real. Stick your tootsies in a pan of water containing a particular type of carp and let the fishies eat all your dead foot skin. No need to cut or buff it off. I'm not kidding. It's a true thing. It's the newest pedicure thing. It's a revolting thing.

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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

# Be There!



this column as your March Madness early-bird primer. Clip and save.

The 2009 NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament goes off on March 17 with games scheduled in eight sites scattered around the country. The winners meet in one of four regional tournaments to be held in Boston, Memphis, Indianapolis, and Glob City. But — and here's the exciting part — the Final Four will be played in...wait for it...DETROIT, MICHIGAN, playground of America's rich, and home to our automobile industry!

We'd better start planning your trip now in order to get the best prices. You'll want to land in Detroit on Friday, April 3, for the early parties, then catch the first round of games on Saturday, be there for the Mondaynight championship contest, and fly home Tuesday.

We'll chart your trip from Lindbergh Field. I can get you a nonstop round-trip ticket on Northwest Airlines for \$648.70, and I'll throw in use of a restroom while in flight.

Too pricey? Okay, I can do lowball. Climb aboard American Airlines flight #692. You'll leave San Diego before the sun comes up, change planes in Chicago, arrive Detroit at 4:55 p.m. local time. Same coming back. Only \$336.39. Whaddya say?

Now, for a hotel. Check in April 3, check out Tuesday morning, April 7. Take a look at MotorCity Casino Hotel in, they claim, downtown Detroit. Enjoy the amenities of Vegas-style casino action and fine dining at the all-you-can-eat Assembly Line buffet. Lucky for you, they have a special going on in April: you can get all the above plus access to the D.Tour Spa for \$499 a night. You're going to love it. And MotorCity Casino Hotel is less than a two-mile walk from just a little bit beyond the beltway into downtown Detroit and Ford Field. Hint: it's especially enjoyable as a night walk, strolling back roads, breathing in the bracing north coun-

try air, on the lookout for the first flowers of spring.

Too much money? All right, here's a deal: the lovable Devonshire Motel and Restaurant at 39 bucks a night. And I'll throw in a foreign country. Yes, the Devonshire is located across the river in the Republic of Canada, Windsor free state. They've got TV with remote control, offstreet parking, running cold and hot water 24 hours a day, and free ice. On the map, it looks to be a pleasant six-mile jog and one border crossing to Ford Field. Give or take a mile, two at the most.

Don't like foreigners?

No problem. How about the Ramada Inn Downriver on Eureka Road in Taylor, Michigan? It's back in the U.S. of A, has free internet, spa tub, swimming pool, and goes for \$55 a night. Even better, it's a pleasant 13-mile hike to Ford Field and NCAA basketball action. Drink and eat all you want, you'll burn it off on the commute.

Speaking of eating and drinking, let me tell you about a City Best Detroit winner, holding down their number-one ranking in the coveted family-friendly restaurant category. I give you, ladies and gentlemen, the Rainforest Café.

Rainforest tells us to "Imagine enjoying a meal, when, all of a sudden baboons start beating their chests and elephants roar.... The entertainment section of the meal also includes live parrots..." Blogger ikm92263 comments, "The volcano is a desert I highly recommend."

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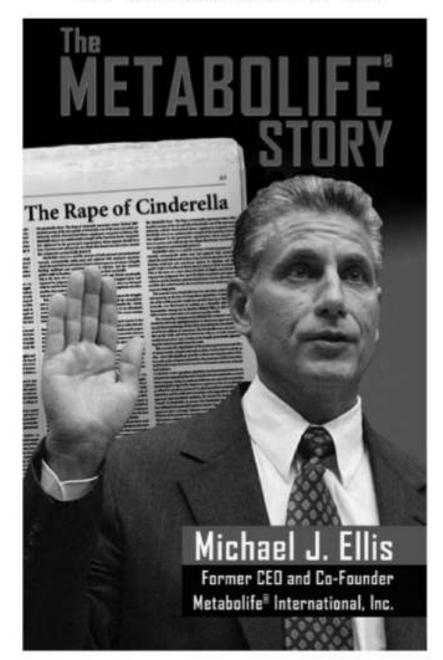
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# fast break

By Anthony Gentile



Bishop's guard David Stotlemyre slices through Francis
Parker's defense



Torrey Pines guard Joe Rahon shoots a fadeaway jumper

#### Division I: El Camino vs Torrey Pines

Posted March 8, 2009

Last season El Camino fell in overtime in the Division I championship game. Saturday night the Wildcats left no doubt in the title game, racing out to a big first-half lead and rolling to a 59-45 win over Torrey Pines at USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion.

"Losing it last year made it this much better this year," said El Camino center Luke Evans. "It feels great."

El Camino came out running and took control of the game as Torrey Pines struggled to score early. The Wildcats led 15-3 after the first quarter, a quarter in which the Falcons failed to make a field goal.

"I thought that our defensive pressure could get into them a little bit, and if we played them tough we could get some turnovers and get an early lead," said El Camino head coach Ray Johnson. "And we went out and did it."

The Wildcats hit six three-pointers in the first half, including four from guard Alan Cox. Cox scored 14 of his 15 points in the opening 16 minutes, including a buzzer beater from just beyond halfcourt that gave El Camino a 37-16 lead at halftime.

"It felt pretty good, but I knew the game wasn't over," Cox said. "I knew we still had 16 minutes to play."

Torrey Pines came out more settled in the second half and managed to cut El Camino's lead to 10. But that was as close as Torrey Pines would get.

# Division III: Cathedral Catholic vs La Jolla

Posted March 7, 2009

The La Jolla High School Vikings captured their second consecutive Division III championship with a 44-39 win over Cathedral Catholic Saturday afternoon at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The tenth-seeded Vikings (17-13) entered the playoffs with a losing record and made it to the

Division III title game without playing a home playoff game. La Jolla was 9-13 in early February.

"We went through the fire together and we lost close game after close game," said La Jolla coach Kamal Assaf. "We lost 11 out of 14 close games — three points or less or overtime. [The championship win] was so satisfying because of the adversity and the ups and downs," Assaf said.

The Vikings used suffocating man-to-man defense to win the rubber match against Western League rival Cathedral Catholic (17-13). Both teams had trouble scoring, especially in the first half when they combined for only 34 points.

"We take pride in defense, and that's how we win games," said La Jolla guard Taylor Davis.
"Our coach says we're not the most athletic guys, we're not the fastest or the strongest. But we're the smartest and the toughest, so that's what we have to rely on to win games."

# Division IV: Bishop's vs Francis Parker

Posted March 7, 2009

Bishop's didn't earn any style points in their Division IV title game victory over Francis Parker. But the Knights' 46-30 win Saturday at the Jenny Craig Pavilion was completely by

"Coach [Tom Tarantino] said he wanted a boring championship game. He said he wanted to blow them out but he wanted it so boring that people would leave the game," said Bishop's forward David Stotlemyre. "We decided defense was going to get that."

Trailing by four in the second, the Knights (25-4) closed the first half on a 12-0 run capped by a Malik Love three-pointer at the buzzer. Bishop's controlled the game in the second half to win going away.

"We saw a very grinding, chopping game," said coach Tarantino, "because both teams are very familiar with what the other wanted to run."

The Knights' win was their third over Francis Parker this season. Stotlemyre led Bishop's with 14 points and Love added 13. Francis Parker guard Deon Randall had 13 to lead the Lancers.

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# T. G. I. F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

It seems they all use Peruvian currency, food stamps, and out-of-state checks with no ID.

Friday again. Payday again. You've been down to Ramen noodle soup since Wednesday. You're in North County, but you are far from retiring, much less retiring rich. Vons is on the bus route along Rancho Santa Fe Road, and you have a bus pass. It's only a buck to ride. Cash the paycheck at the bank stall inside the grocery store, and you'll have enough to buy food for the week, maybe.

Enough food so you'll need a taxi to schlep the stuff back home, anyway. Sixteen bucks for that ride.

Inside the grocery store at 6:30 p.m. you decide on a coffee from the Starbucks stall. A dozen others follow suit as you sit in the café seating area, drink your coffee, and observe. Very revealing, one notes, the stuff people buy for their weekend.

Here's a man, gotta be 80, at least. He's buying a single box of bak-

ing soda, Arm and Hammer. That's it. He's in line behind three other people in the express lane, but what's the holdup? It seems they all use Peruvian currency, three different charge cards, food stamps, and out-of-state checks with no ID. You don't know, but it's the only possible explanation for why it takes half an hour to get to the guy with the baking soda. This usually only happens when you are in that line.

A woman enters the express line: fiftyish; tinted, copper, short-cropped hair. She's buying a single jar of applesauce, three Lean Cuisine dinners (all chicken dishes), and a bottle of California chardonnay. A divorcée, for certain.

Another man, at least 80, is buying an econo-pack of Ensure, a four-pack of high-fiber fruit in plastic containers, a jar of fruit cocktail, and two gallons of cheap California Mondavi wine: Chablis and burgundy. A lost weekend maybe, but a regular one.

It is the end of February, the 27th.

Maybe investment dividends have arrived, pension or Social Security checks. A lot of seniors up here. Many under the age of 50 are buying 12-packs and cases of American beer: Coors and Bud.

Say you try interviewing a half dozen folks out front. The only ones willing to talk to you about what they are buying are the ones buying the usual stuff: ground beef, eggs, milk (mostly low fat and nonfat). No one seems to buy much bacon anymore. At least not this evening. Vons moves stuff that has "low sodium" labels, low in cholesterol, high fiber, and gluten-free (whatever that is — you think it is in bread), and stuff that is "flavored." "Chocolate-flavored drink" or "lemon flavored." Stuff that you are pretty sure means no chocolate and no lemons are contained in these products.

A pretty young girl, early 20s, is buying minipads, maybe maxi-pads — you're not that close. You can't interview people like that. At the checkout, she buys a Snickers after deliberating with herself, staring at the candy rack.

At the magazine-and-paperback shelves you see more people studying the mags than the books. No surprise. So far the few book buyers are women. Maybe the publishers are right. Here are Susan Wiggs, Carol

Higgins, Nora Roberts, mostly women writers but punctuated by Robert Crais's Chasing Darkness; Steve Berry's Venetian Betrayal, The Amber Room, and The Alexandria Link. Clive Cussler's Plague Ship is right next to Mariah Stewart's Mercy Street.

You do ask the manager a couple of questions, like, "Is Friday night a big night for your store?"

"Not any more than any other weeknight. Sunday is big and Saturday. Tuesday too, because the

ads come out on Monday with the coupons." He's bagging groceries himself. A couple in their early 30s is buying mostly cleaning products: mops, a broom, sponges, scrub brushes, cleaning solutions, etc. They also buy four bottles of wine, about \$15 each, both white and red. They are well dressed. The man is in tan corduroy pants, a flannel shirt, Ugg boots, a rust suede vest. He is bearded. The woman's brown hair (a luxuriant gloss fresh from the salon, possibly) is in a ponytail. She wears matching boots, a denim shirt, and jeans.

Maybe they just moved into one of the ubiquitous condos up here, moving out of an old apartment, house, or condo and want their cleaning deposit back, or maybe they're just really clean people. Anal, maybe.

You are judging people, maybe, and you shouldn't do that. But you are surprised to find that people are rather private about what they buy in the grocery store.

So what did you buy? Shoelaces, Cheerios, two steaks, a gallon of milk...enough food for yourself and your roommate for a week, maybe. What does this say about you? Your weekend? Not much, you think. It is just everybody else who is so revealing here.

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by Barbarella

The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work.

— Émile Zola

wrenched myself from the espresso-machine demo and joined David by the cookbooks. "You sure about this?" I asked. David nodded, but I required more convincing. "We're not being transparent or presumptuous? Like, 'Hey, happy birthday, for your gift we'd like to put you to work'?" David remained silent, knowing that if he left me on my own I would continue rationalizing this thing until I worked it all out. "Well, maybe not," I said. "I mean, Josue does enjoy creative ventures. He'd have fun with this, right?" David's face was inscrutable, but I read it as encouragement to continue in the same vein. "Yeah, I mean, it's not like it's selfish to give pigment to a painter just because you might enjoy what he creates with it. You know what? Now that I think about it, it's a great idea." David nodded again and proceeded to the checkout counter.

I fancy myself a thoughtful person. But I also recog-

"What say, as, like, an 'Easter gift,' we get him a book on how to make cheese?"

nize that by reason of humanity, every deed sprouts from a selfish seed. Even acts of alleged altruism — such as volunteering at a homeless shelter or mentoring a troubled teen — are rooted in one's selfish desire to feel good. I don't see this as a bad thing, especially when I think of

# **Give and Take**

all the beneficiaries of charity — it's safe to assume recipients of benevolent acts are not as concerned with the giver's motivation as they are thankful for the

Despite my aspirations to altruism, when it comes to gift giving, my motivations are often more Gates than Gandhi. For example, last year, David and I insisted on getting his mother an iMac for her birthday because we knew it would be easier for us to help her with technological issues from 3000 miles away if she was on the same team (and we also believe the Mac is a sexier machine than that antiquated PC she had been using).

When I give the gift of a spa treatment, it is always under the condition that I come along. It's not "Here's a certificate, go to the spa," it's "Guess what? I'm taking you to the spa!" That way, while the birthday girl is receiving her massage in one room, I can be indulging in an aromatherapy facial in another; afterward, I insist on taking her to Chloe's for champagne and small bites. I convince myself that my company makes the day more enjoyable for the giftee, as if my time is a bonus appended to the present. Part of me really believes that. But on another, darker level, I know that I'm merely rationalizing how my being pampered for a day is a selfless endeavor and therefore guilt-free. Everybody wins.

And now there I was at Williams-Sonoma, aiding and abetting in the purchase of a pasta maker for my friend Josue while secretly harboring a supposition that I would end up partaking in the fruits of his labor.

A painter and photographer by trade, Josue brings passion to everything he approaches. The man doesn't have "hobbies." Rather, each interest becomes an obsession, each pastime a peak he must conquer. Whether he is designing and manufacturing jeans in Mexico City or providing commission paintings to collectors in Beverly Hills, Josue's diversions tend to be appreciated by others.

In recent months, Josue has been applying his inexhaustible zeal to the art of cooking. Like a composer spawning variations on a theme, once Josue had been introduced to the salty-sweet combo of a pizza blanketed with bacon, grapes, and fontina cheese, he experimented with ways to intensify and diversify the toppings —

spicy and sweet jalapeño and strawberryserrano jellies, exotic meats and imported cheeses. Because Josue was producing so much fare in his pursuit of the perfect pizza, David and I (conveniently located a few floors away in the same building) were repeatedly called upon to volunteer our tasting services.

We were giving this pasta maker to Josue with explicit expectancy, like the time we gave Hungarian sausage to Hanis, the chef at Kensington Grill. We knew Josue would put things in that shiny red machine that we would never think to try; it was his trial and our pleasure, and we stood to profit from the investment.

The evening of Josue's birthday party, we watched him unwrap the pasta maker and pasta-making cookbook with no small amount of anticipation. We told ourselves our intentions were pure, and I'm sure at the time we believed it. The following week, I feigned surprise when Josue invited us to dinner. He said that Rosa would be making one of her inventive salads and that for the main course, he would proffer the contraption's inaugural pasta. I danced my way to the elevator with David, smiling beside me, a bottle of wine in each hand.

I should have known Josue wouldn't play it simple the first time. When starting out, most amateur cooks would try a few batches of basic pasta first. Then, if things go well, they might hazard adding some black pepper or a few fresh herbs. Before





attempting record-breaking feats of derring-do, even high-wire tightrope walkers first practice their art just a few inches off the ground. For his first walk, Josue had stretched his tightrope between two mountaintops. Then again, I must have known this would happen. Isn't that what I'd been counting on?

As soon as I entered his kitchen, I was assaulted by the smell of green: spinach, serrano chilis, parsley, fennel, Granny Smith apples, and mint, all of it commingling with the pungent beige of garlic, flour, tequila, and eggs. The apples and fennel made up Rosa's salad, and

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the rest contributed to the jade lump of dough on the granite counter. I stifled a squeal of excitement.

Like a surgeon's assistant, David fed Josue the dough to squeeze and flatten in the machine until long ribbons of fettuccine were ready to be placed into the pot of boiling water. Minutes later, I had in my bowl a serving of pasta so spicy and flavorful it required no sauce, just a pat of butter to keep the green strips from sticking together. "Wow," I said. "And this is only your first attempt!" Taking in my friend's proud smile, I left unsaid my speculation as to what unknown delights lay ahead as the

result of the triumphant birthday present.

Hours later, as David and I made our way upstairs, buzzed from good food, wine, and the company of our friends, I was struck by a brilliant idea. "Hey, beh beh, hold up." David paused in the hallway and waited for me to catch up. "Josue's into holidays, right? What say, as, like, an 'Easter gift,' we get him a book on how to make cheese?"

David thought about it for a minute and then his face broke into a smile. "You know what?"

he said. "I bet he'd really like that." ■

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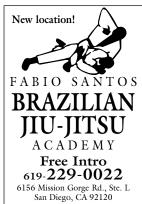




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row of angle-parked Harleys, here where Palm meets El Cajon Boulevard.

Look, we've had problems

with your paper before," he says. "They say they're going to write one thing, then they print another. Sorry, man."

That's a shame. I was hoping for a street-up view of the city that half the county thinks of as, at least if you believe my



friend Scott, who has lived here most of his life, Redneck Central. Rightly or wrongly, El Cajon gets dissed. But does it deserve the "redneck" moniker? Well, start with the name: El Cajon. The Box. How can you take a city called "The Box" seriously? At the very least, El Cajon is maybe the most hidden, unappreciated city in the county. Almost like a foreign country to most beach people. It's near the end of the line for the eastbound trolley, a valley you skim past on your way up Interstate 8 heading inland to the casinos, or the desert, or Phoenix. Think El Cajon, and your first image is of that great shoebox-

shaped hole in the mountains. Next, you can't help wondering if this is the site of an ancient impact that left such a neat hole the meteor must have been square. You could almost believe this is where all those poor dinosaurs fried. Because, for sure, archeologists have found everything here, from woolly mammoths to pterodactyls. And, of course, you wonder, when you come through the hills and look down into this high, granite-walled valley, how anybody can stand the boxed-in summer heat. Why they'd choose to live here in the first place. Julian has its apple pies, Oceanside has its ocean, Potrero

has winds so clean that the most allergic people in the nation can breathe free up there. Heck, Borrego Springs has its incredible stars. But El Cajon? One-hundred-degree sumknown bar in El Cajon." How else to get to know a town? This is down near the historic heart of the town, where Main and Magnolia meet. "I came when I was in high

down?""

Everybody's knocked back a couple of brewskis (this is an hour after my chat with the Hell's Angels), not drunk, just lubricated in a happy Saturday-night Scott blurted out the other day. I asked if El Cajon deserved its, well, "redneck" reputation. It was as if I'd touched him with a live wire. He's mad.

"I get so...pissed...off

# "We are the only zero-waste city in San Diego County," Mayor Lewis says.

mers and...a Mother Goose Parade?

"Why am I here? I hate it. I don't know why I'm here!" This gent named Pat searches the ceiling for an answer. "I've been here for 40 years."

Now we're in the Grand Bar, the "oldest

school," Pat says. "Just a teen. I hate the heat here. The mayor's an idiot. They keep tearing up downtown. They tore it up, they tore it down. They rebuilt. Now they've torn it up again. There's so much drugs in some parts. And I swear it's getting hotter by the year. Hell, I go up to Alaska every August, just to cool off. I'll call back down from up there, and where it's 62 degrees there, here it's 115. And I

sort of way. But Pat's serious about this. He also says, "The people, now: the people here are awesome. Far more laid-back. You know everybody. They know you. And, hell, we've got Jimmie Johnson and the Mother Goose Parade, and the car show Wednesday nights, right?" He shakes his head. "Still don't know why I'm here, though. I guess because I'm here."

This search started with something my buddy

when I hear that word, the R-word," he says. Okay, he's biased. He lives here. "We're no more redneck than Chula Vista or I.B., or Oceanside, or Escondido, or P.B., or downtown, Goddammit. But we get the label slapped on our foreheads, as soon as anyone asks where you're from. You can see the look. I mean, have you ever taken the time to come and find out what we're actually about up here?"

There's a silence. Me,

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"Thought not. Let's talk again when you have."

So, search for the soul of El Cajon, chapter one. I guess I'd always thought of it as one of those awkwardly sized, awkwardly placed cities. Too close to the Big Smoke of San Diego and not quite critical-mass-big enough to stand on its own feet. But first, the facts. Before I move an inch, I check my Wikipedia.

El Cajon, it says, is not to be confused with the cajon, a boxlike wooden Afro-Peruvian drum you sit on, or with Cajon Pass (4910 feet up in the San Gabriel Mountains). "El Cajón is Spanish for 'the

Drawer,' relating to the town's origin as a parcel of land granted out of the vast Mission San Diego de Alcalá tract and used for farming by Spanish missionaries."

It says El Cajon is 14.6 square miles in area, of which zero square miles is water, has an elevation of 436 feet above sea level, and was incorporated as a city in 1912. It lies 17 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean, 20 miles north of the border, is 6 miles long by 4 miles wide, sits below 800- to 1700foot-high granite hills, and once, before being tarmacked over, contained 7500-plus acres of prime farmland.

By 2000 it had a population of 94,869 and had about 34,000 households, including 23,000 families. Ethnic breakdown was around 74 percent white, 22 percent Latino/Spanish, 5 percent African American, 1 percent Native American, 3 percent Asian, and about 11 percent from other races. And yes, that adds up to more than 100 percent, but Latino/ Spanish includes citizens with that background from every race, so there's some duplication there.

The El Cajon portrait continues. As of the 2000 Census, "The median age was 32 years... For every 100 females aged 18 and over, there were 91.4

males... Males had a median income of \$32,498 versus \$25,320 for females. The per capita income for the city was \$16,698... About 16.7 percent of the population was below the poverty line."

So, armed with all this, I leapt aboard the Orange Line on Saturday night, got off at the El Cajon trolley stop, and started walking down into the Box...the Drawer, whatever. After visiting with the Hell's Angels, I ended up in the Grand, sitting with Pat's group, chewing the fat.

"Everything's cheaper here," this guy at the next table, Boyd, says. "Including the women. Joke. But it is cheaper. The western

side of town's cool. The east side's the real redneck part."

He and his roommate Craig pay \$950 for a twobedroom apartment. This side of town. The west. Not bad.

The ladies in Pat's party have been filling my glass regularly. I get up to even things up a bit, when I come across the owner, Alex, sitting at the bar with his wife Julie.

"Is this really the oldest bar?" I ask. "Looks pretty new to me." Because outside it's brand new, with rounded walls like one of those old drive-up roller-skate places, only refurbished, and a bunch of hogs gleaming in the parking spots right outside.

"Oh, yes," says Alex, "but not in this location. The old Grand was a dingy. small place a few blocks away. People felt comfortable there. When I took over and shifted up here to East Main, a lot of customers felt I'd betrayed them. Here, you have to dress up a little. I want this to be a real neighborhood bar, but we're changing. Like El Cajon." He says El Cajon is a blue-collar town, but not like the blue-collar towns back east. "I came here from New Jersey. A lot rougher. For six months it's miserable cold there. What do you expect?"

He certainly looks as if he's doing a good busi-

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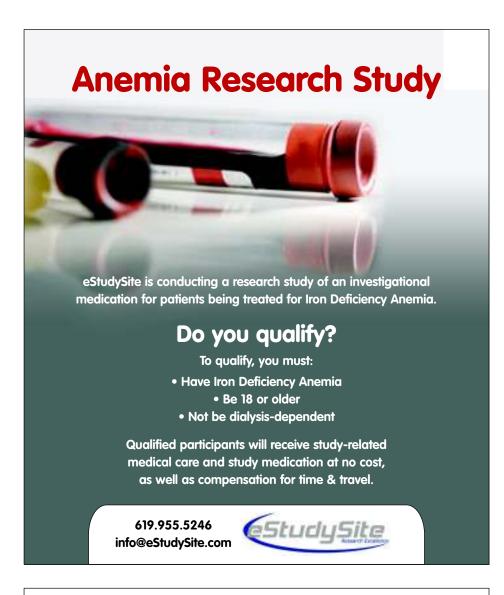
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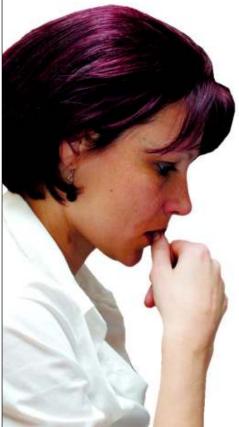
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Is worrying excessively, feeling tense or irritable interfering with your life?

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ness, but how about the rest of the town? Main is pretty deserted. Doesn't feel — at this hour anyway, admittedly around 11:00 — as if there's a lot of life downtown. Alex says the mayor wants the business base to expand. "But it's hard to start a business in this town. The mayor needs to make it more inviting. We have the highest sales tax in the county, and the November ballot just passed an increase on that by a quarter percent to 8½ percent. The process and restrictions to anybody wanting to set up shop here are just too onerous. But the biggest problem is that they're building low-income rental housing, and that attracts more low-income people, and they never have any excess cash to spend at local businesses, so the local businesses go out of business. We don't have one major grocery chain downtown. Albertsons pulled out a year ago. Now we have Foodland — and

Ah, yes, the Chaldeans, the Christian Iraqis who have settled into the valley big-time. "They're buy-

the Chaldeans."

ing a lot," says Alex, "and moving into grocery stores and liquor stores, which is fine, but they don't do business with others. There's no reciprocity between them and us."

"We hate to see the old El Cajon go," says Julie, Alex's wife. "In the old El Cajon I grew up in, nobody left, it was stable, and everyAnd he wouldn't mind. Because he flaunts it. Beard, cap, shades, refusal to wear the three-piece suit, the whole deal. You just know he's dismaying other city elders, who want him to put on a more dignified front for the city. But with Mark Lewis, forget it. This guy is El Cajon. For a start, when he was younger, he

# Dead, empty shop fronts are sprinkled depressingly among the living.

body looked after each other. When I was younger, the liquor stores were all family-owned. Now it's all Chaldeans, Vietnamese, foreigners. People are more guarded, standoffish."

I hadn't thought about it till now, but it's mainly a white crowd here. Led Zeppelin's letting rip with "Whole Lotta Love."

#### **Mayor Redneck**

If you wanted to label the mayor of El Cajon, it'd be "number one redneck."

was a full-on biker. He's got a record of being stopped by the cops of his own town, for all sorts of unspecified reasons, back in the day.

His office, on the sixth floor of City Hall, is splattered with official recognition plaques, other plaques loaded with bons mots, flags, pictures of the mayor with citizens — and a place of honor facing his desk for a John Wayne portrait. There are objects decorated with

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#### Depressed, Low energy, Uninterested, Guilt You are not alone.. 1 in 6 people experience depression. You may be suffering from a severe form of depression if you experience the following symptoms: · Depressed mood or sadness Loss of interest or pleasure in things you normally enjoy Trouble sleeping and/or low energy • Problems with concentration, memory, and/or making decisions Strong feelings of guilt and/or suspicion Having unusual experiences such as hearing voices or sounds, or seeing things that aren't real Medical researchers in your area are currently enrolling participants in a clinical study evaluating an investigational drug for the treatment of a severe form of depression. Participants must be 22-75 years old and be experiencing symptoms of depression. Participation will include a confidential evaluation by a psychiatrist, all study-related visits, physical exams, and study drug at no cost.

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#### **Body Dysmorphic Disorder**

Are you preoccupied with a defect in your physical appearance, spending hours a day worrying about it or looking in the mirror? Do you groom excessively or try to camouflage your flaw? Do you avoid having people see it?

Dr. Sanjaya Saxena from the UCSD OCD Program is looking for people who are excessively concerned about a physical flaw to take part in a study that is providing:

\*12 weeks medication \*Brain imaging scans \*Diagnostic evaluation \*Neuropsychological evaluation

Study participants must:

\*Be age 18-65 \*Not be on any medications that affect brain functioning \*Not have any active medical conditions \*Weigh less than 280 lbs. \*Not have a history of chronic alcohol or substance use



# Are you suffering from pain associated with Tennis Elbow?

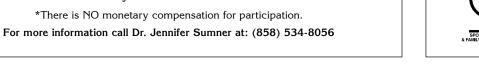
We are seeking volunteers to participate in a Clinical Research Study using an investigational skin patch.

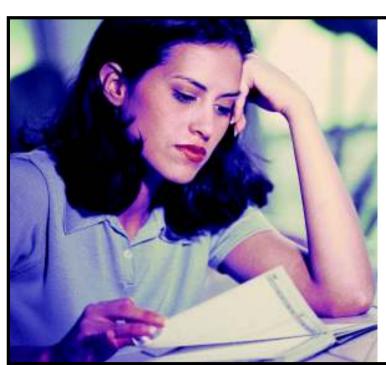
#### To qualify, you must be:

- 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.

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# **CLINICAL RESEARCH**

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Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling men and women in inpatient and outpatient studies.

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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.







# Irritable Bowel Syndrome

...can't eat without runnin' to the bathroom!!

- ...bloated....uncomfortable...
- ...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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painted-on cows, and even a pig.

Mayor Lewis hands me his card. It's an expensive-looking hologram that combines Lady Liberty, fireworks, the Capitol, the flag, and the words "America... Home of the Free Because of the Brave." On the other side it adds, "Not paid for with taxpayer dollars." He also shows me a much more modest card saying, "County of San Diego. Mark Lewis. Waste Management Coordinator."

"That's my other job," he says. "That's right upstairs."

He jokingly rattles an old-fashioned milk bottle with two quarters in it. "That's our tax dollars," he says. "We need more." He picks out a photograph of a John Wayne stamp ceremony. He's not joking now. "He really was

the last American who was, like, 'This is yes, this is no; this is right, this is wrong.' It was good, what he stood for." He comes to another picture. "We have the largest flag in East County, about four stories tall. We fly it on holidays." He has a Golden Donut Award and a long wooden plaque that says, "Thou Shalt Not Whine." And he has his own mounted motto: "Be yourself. Have fun."

"El Cajon doesn't get the respect?" he says. "We don't care. Redneck? Fine. I had a Harley. Got pulled over by the police I don't know how many times. They'd target us. When I was first elected in 1990, I had long hair, beard, the whole ball of wax. This is the beauty of El Cajon."

And redneck? Talk about *e pluribus unum*:

"We have 70 languages in our community," he says. "We've had an influx of Chaldeans, Kurds, Iragis, Syrians, 20,000 of them. They're all busy going to language school. They fit right in here because guess what? We're all about family. And that's their strongest trait too. I encourage them to come here. I want them to live in El Cajon, to help pay taxes. They run stores, not fancy stores, but community stores. They have real community spirit. I tell you what: you never see a Chaldean begging for money. You never see their elders in a rest home. That would be embarrassing in their culture. Their family takes care of them."

And here's another surprise. Mayor Lewis belongs to the Sierra Club. "I believe in recycling. We

#### RESEARCH STUDIES

# **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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# **PSORIASIS?**

Therapeutics Clinical Research, a center of excellence in psoriasis care, is conducting a clinical research trial of an investigational medication for people with chronic plaque psoriasis.

#### We need participants:

- 18-65 years of age
- With chronic plaque psoriasis

#### **Qualified participants will receive:**

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# ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION

Are you or an adolescent you know:

- Suffering from depression?
- Are between 12 and 17 years of age?
- Have had symptoms for greater than 2 months?

You may be eligible to participate in a clinical research trial for an investigational new medication.

#### Participants will receive free of charge:

- Study-related exams
- Investigational drug
- Compensation for time and travel

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Are you at least 40 years of age? Are you using **one** of the following bronchodilators:

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#### Do you or someone you know suffer from

# OSTEOARTHRITIS OF THE KNEE OR HIP

If you are:

- Over the age of 18
- Are in good general health
- Currently on a stable dose of oral NSAID therapy

# YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLINICAL RESEARCH TRIAL.

Participants will receive free of charge:

- Study-related exams
- Investigational drug
- Compensation for time and travel

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### Are you overweight with type II diabetes?

You might qualify to participate in a new clinical research study. We are investigating new treatment options through medical research that may help overweight people with type II diabetes lose weight.

You must be:

- Between 18 years old and 65 years old
- Considered to be in stable health
- Taking oral medication for type II diabetes
  - Not taking insulin
- Able to perform an exercise program
- Willing to participate approximately 1 year (17 visits)

Qualified participants may receive at no charge:

- Personalized dietary counseling
- Study-related investigational medication
- Compensation for your time and travel

To learn more, call: Synergy Clinical Research Center 1-888-486-9150

### **HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?**

Have you been diagnosed with, or think that you may have, high blood pressure?

If so, you may qualify for a research study of investigational medications to treat high blood pressure.

Qualified participants must be at least 18 years of age.

If you qualify, you will receive at no cost study-related:

- Physical exams
- Laboratory tests
- Investigational study medications
- Compensation for time and travel

For more information call: 1-888-486-9150



# 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.

To learn more about this study, please call 1-866-245-5919.

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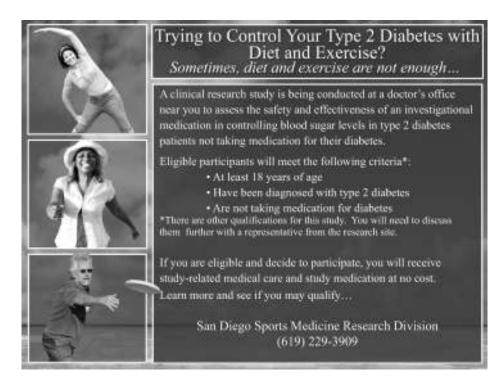
are the only city in San Diego County committed to zero waste. I used to have a green pickup with the license plate 'BAD-MAN.' Now I have a Toyota hybrid. My plates read 'CPT TRSH.' Captain Trash. Because that's what they call me. We're very proud of our trash. We have Waste Management, the world's largest recyclers. They were an \$11 billion company in '06. We create 110,000 tons of trash in this city each year, and they recycle 50 percent.

Maybe 55 percent. We're aiming for 80 percent by 2014. We profit \$3 million a year from them. We started on this in 1994. The City of San Diego started only two years ago. We're looking at food recycling, putting in line systems to recycle C&D construction and demolition — because you know what, recycling does make us money. We have 110 City trucks running on natural gas — the secondlargest fleet in the nation after L.A."

We're standing at the window, looking down at the artificial creek and ponds in the park that link the government buildings and the Performing Arts Center. "There's my mother duck," he says, pointing down the five floors to a tiny, distant duck coming out of the water. "See? She's a good mother. She'll stop traffic to usher her line of ducklings across. People, drivers understand. That's El Cajon for you."

Mayor Lewis has lived in El Cajon since 1950,

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# Constipation

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



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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. when he arrived at the age of three months. Has it changed? "Oh, yes," he says. "I graduated from Granite Hills High. I remember walking down Broadway between orange groves on the right and grapevines on the left. It was rural. The '50s and '60s were the fastest-growing. Now it's slowing down because, well, we're built out. But we're trying to bring the country back. We plant trees. Lots of trees. We've been designated a 'Tree City USA' for the past 12 years. For every tree we cut down, we always plant two or three. For a start, it cools the streets. And the work we've been doing to make downtown more livable — and that was with SANDAG's [the San Diego Association of Governments], not our taxpayers' funds — is making a difference. We have the makings of a walkable city now. We narrowed the streets, widened the sidewalks, planted magnolia trees on Magnolia, installed fancy lights, put drought-resistant trees all the way to the freeway. But this is a 30-year job, and soon, we're going to be hurting. If the state would stop taking money from us — they took \$1 million last year — we wouldn't be hurting so much. We've been cutting back these last three years, cutting staff. But we'll get by. We'll do whatever our bosses say." Bosses?

"The people of El Cajon. They're the bosses. That's what I love about living in the Box, it's about family, friends, the warmth of the people, being 15 minutes from the ocean, 15 minutes from the mountains. Hot? It can be. But it's the best weather in the world. There's nowhere I'd rather be."

Does he have critics? You betcha. Take that Per-

forming Arts Center, for starters. The theater, which, according to some, had the best acoustics of any in the county, has largely languished. Mayor Lewis might have added that El

Cajon is also a mere 15 minutes from Viejas, Barona, and Sycuan, all with stages and budgets to lure top entertainment talent from anywhere. Right now, the mayor has leased

the center of the city's cultural pride to the Christian Youth Theater. They do safe kids' productions like Willy Wonka. El Cajon, the home of the famous and forgivably cute Mother

Goose Parade — ves, largest parade west of the Mississippi — has allowed its cultural icon, the Performing Arts Center, to become terminally cute. Still, I come away liking

the mayor, a lot. You can't help it. He's easygoing, approachable, funny, modest. This guy is no stuffed shirt. He'd fit in instantly — and probably does — down at the

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# do you suffer from Schizophrenia?

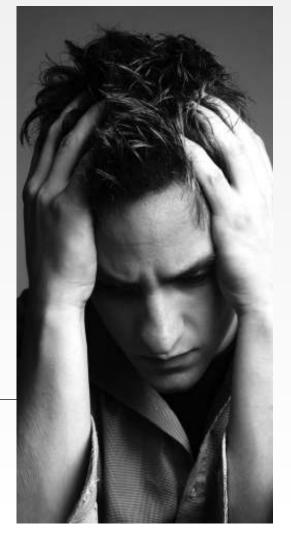
Do you have trouble concentrating?

Are your thoughts slow and disorganized?

Have you been on a stable dose of Risperdal, Abilify or Invega?

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Profil Institute is seeking Type 1 Diabetic volunteers to participate in a clinical research study to evaluate the effects of investigational long-acting insulins.

#### You may qualify if you are:

- 19-65 years old
- A Type 1 Diabetic, diagnosed for at least 2 years

 Not currently taking prescription or over-the-counter medications other than insulin and oral contraceptives.

Otherwise healthy

If you qualify and choose to participate you may be compensated up to \$5560.

and two outpatient visits will be required.



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Grand.

And yet, downtown, you can see what one candidate for the city council, Robert Isham, a registered nurse, meant when he told me during his campaign, "The pulses on a lot of my patients are better than the pulse of downtown El Cajon."

Back outside after my interview with Mayor Lewis, I wander up Main and instantly see what Isham was talking about. Yes, there's that sun-baked, spacious, unpressured feel of the country town, but that's the problem: all that space. It's like, what if they had a war and nobody came? That wide grid has no "there" there, when you get there. It was originally made to welcome traffic more than people. As I walk down Main, I see where they've tried to



humanize it, especially with street-narrowing and sidewalk-widening, so that cafés can spread onto the streets between Magnolia and Ballantyne. Still, dead, empty shopfronts are sprinkled depressingly among the living. And the out-of-scale pretentiousness of the city hall com-

has long since been eclipsed in urban planning. Actually, the complex is still most famous for maybe the easiest jailbreak in history, after prisoners held in the upper-floor, million-dollar-view jail above the mayor's office discovered that the walls were made of, uh, polystyrene.

# El Cajon was the place **Lester Bangs loved** to hate.

plex, this great brown monolith sticking up in the middle of the valley like some monster termite mound adds to the feeling that this city has a problem. It has outgrown its How Green Was My Valley phase and isn't ready for big-city prime time. And because of its fixed granite-wall mountain perimeter, maybe it never will be.

That very '70s idea of rolling city hall, performing arts center, and courts and holding cells into one complex, with its ideas of concentration of power,

"That was before my time," he told me. "I would have issued them paper towels, not cloth."

#### This Place Demands Respect

Then again, you have to put it all into perspective. El Cajon is vital to thousands of people. Stand at the transit depot, where the trolley stops on Marshall, and you'll see not only the casino buses pulling out, but rural buses pulling in, from places like Julian, Santa Ysabel, Buckman Springs, Borrego, Dulzura, In-Ko-Pah, and all the tiny towns and val-

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# Research Study - Type 2 Diabetics

Do you have type 2 diabetes and still have uncontrolled blood sugar levels even with the help of a healthy diet and exercise, with or without medication? If this sounds like you, then you may be eligible to participate in EMERGE.

Dr. Sunder Mudaliar and his associates at UCSD are looking for men and women with type 2 diabetes as volunteers to take part in a research study to assess the efficacy, safety and tolerability of an investigational drug for diabetes.

Breakdown goes as follows: screening period (up to 4 weeks), treatment period (24 weeks), plus 28 weeks (up to a total of 1 year treatment) if you agree to continue in the study after the initial 24 weeks, follow-up (2 weeks).

If you meet the following criteria you may be eligible to participate

#### Inclusion Criteria:

- Males or females aged 18 to 75 years
   Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
   Treatment with pioglitazone greater or equal to 30 mg/day and metformin greater or equal to 1,500 mg/day for at least 12 weeks on a stable dose (meaning no dose changes to these medications)

  • HbA1c between 7-10% • Stable weight for at least 12 weeks
- Body Mass Index (BMI) is 25-45 kg/m² (greater than 23 for Asians)

#### For more information, please contact Catherine DeLue at: 858-552-8585 ext. 6740

Qualified participants will be compensated for participation up to \$550



# 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 diabetes.

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)
- Have a waistline larger than 40 inches (for men)
- 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.

For more information, please contact:

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# Overweight Volunteers Needed for VA Endocrine Study

You may be eligible if you:

- Are a Male age 40-65 and a Non-Smoker
- Have a **Parent or Sibling with diabetes**
- Have no history of psychiatric illness and are taking no psychiatric medications
- May be **pre-diabetic or borderline diabetic** (but not diabetic or taking diabetes medications)

Participants will be asked to:

- Come for two outpatient visits
- Come for one overnight stay

### Total Compensation: \$500

If interested, contact Tanya Baker at: (858) 552-8585 x2875 or tanyab@ucsd.edu

# Do you have **Sun Damaged Skin?**

If you are 18 and over and have been diagnosed with

#### **Actinic Keratosis**,

you may be eligible to participate in a local research study with Accelovance. For 4 visits over 24 week, Qualified participants may receive:

- Study related physician care Compensation up to \$160
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# Looking for Healthy Volunteers

The Profil Institute is seeking Healthy Volunteers to participate in a clinical research study evaluating

an investigational oral medication.

# You may qualify if you are:

- 18-50 years old
- A non-smoker or smoke less than 10 cigarettes per day
- Not currently taking prescription medications
- In good health with no major medical conditions
- Females must be postmenopausal or surgically sterile for at least 1 year

You may be compensated for your time and travel. Up to 20 consecutive overnight stays and 2 study related visits are required.



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Are you or someone you know diagnosed with any of the following conditions?

# Schizophrenia Bipolar Disorder Major Depression High Blood Pressure Diabetes Obesity

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levs vou've never heard of that make up three quarters of our county. This is the big smoke for these folks. The place you come to for fresh blood, for company, and to stock up on supplies for winter. Even in this freewayridden age, maybe especially so, everybody who lives "in between" and who can't drive or can't afford to drive - and that's a lot of people count El Cajon as their connection to the world.

What's more, this place

demands respect for its

history. Stand at the corner of West Main and Magnolia and listen for ghosts. I'm doing that now. Some swear that at certain moments you can hear the whinnies of the horses and the yelps of dogs and the trundle-rattle of the stagecoach, and the crack of the driver's whip and the shouts of the miners crowded on top, coming back down from Julian, some of them loaded with gold, others looking to buy shovels and sieves and other supplies so they can try again. Whatever, I can't help imagining the horses, liquor, kids, the smell of sweat and manure, and the grunts and moos of oxen...the stagecoach rumbling back around the back to change horses. This was the rural bus depot of the time. Here, where Magnolia — the mountain road snaking down from the booming gold mines of Julian meets Main, is where passengers would hobble into Knox's hotel for a washup, food and drink, and maybe a rest before continuing down into San Diego, with its banks and baths and Wyatt Earp's pleasure parlors in the Stingaree.

El Cajon has preserved the little old brown clapboard house that was once the Knox Hotel. Amaziah L. Knox, an Eastern entrepreneur and former deputy sheriff, built it in the goldcrazy land-boom days of 1876. At that time, El Cajon valley's population was 90. Twenty-five families.

Right now, a couple of ladies are sitting on the steps of the old brown house, chatting, in Spanish. Wow. Frisson time. They fit right in. Even though, by 1900, when a nationwide census was taken, according to Victor Geraci in a San Diego Historical Society paper, most of the people living here in El Cajon Valley "typified an agrarian, middle class, politically conservative community, of northern European origins. It was as if a whole town from Nebraska or Illinois had moved to this agricultural suburb of San Diego."

So I soak up the vibes and then ask the ladies if there's an eatery around. When it left, Albertsons pretty much gutted the El Cajon Towne Center across Magnolia, but I don't want to break this historical vibe.

One lady points to a little building beyond a Victorian bandstand rotunda in a little green park. Sign says, "Somewhere Else." But it's sad news when I get there. This café and bookstore is closing, as in closing down. María, the owner, can't make a go of it. "This city, this mayor," she says. "They don't want the little people like me. They only focus on two blocks on Main Street. They want to change the image. Get away from the redneck thing. They're interested in big-box businesses. So their developments are with big store spaces no mom 'n' pop could fill, or afford. Regulations? I can't even put a sandwich board on the sidewalk outside. This building is 50-80 years old. The city would love to rip it out."

The place has people wandering in for coffee. They can take their food and drinks onto a patio out back or sit among the books and free computers inside.

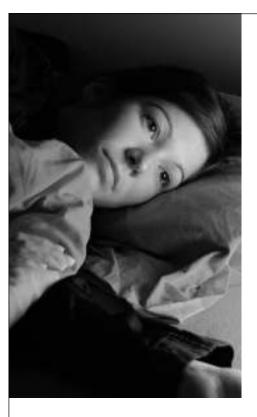
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Phillip Villani. "My mom and dad brought us here in 1949. Dad paid \$1600 for a 200- by 120-foot hillside lot. They built a twobedroom house on it. That cost an extra \$8900. We sold it in 2005 for \$470,000, with just half the lot. But when we were kids, this was really just country. The 8 freeway was a two-

"El Cajon? I love it," says

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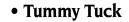
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lane country road. I started doing a paper route and earned enough to get a rifle, and my friends Bill McLaren and Roger and I would go shooting rabbits and other stuff up on Cowles Mountain. You wouldn't see a soul. Then we'd go and have a float at Mel's Root Beer Shop. The finest in the world."

Villani's a retired teacher. Lives up in Crest. "I guess the ritzy part of El Cajon is the north side of Crest, Granite Hills, Shadow Hills, Jamul." He says an ugly redneckism was alive and well here at least till the 1980s, especially up in those ritzy areas. "There was plenty of property with the injunction 'only sold to whites' in the deed," he says. "Only in the '80s did we start to see nonwhites moving in significantly."

"Well, the redneck thing has echoes in the art world," says Creela, his wife, who's an artist. "El Cajon does not support the arts. But I don't think it's just El Cajon. Southern California is a disposable society. People aren't going to invest significant money into art pieces to keep forever."

### "This is a very beautiful place."

And yet look at the famous sons El Cajon has given to the world. Brian Giles and Marcus Giles, Major League Baseball players; Jimmie Johnson, the NASCAR driver; Brandon Whitt, NASCAR driver; Greg Louganis, the Olympic diver; and let's not forget the most famous of all, Frank Zappa, who lived here for a couple of his teen years in the '50s.

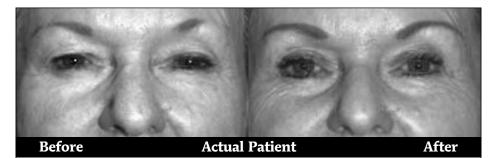
Oh, and of course, Lester Bangs, the writer many call the greatest rock music critic ever. Okay, he did call his hometown the "asshole of the world," but let's assume that was the drugs talking. When he wasn't writing brilliant prose, what he said was speedtalk, often as not. El Cajon was the place he loved to hate, same way you love to hate your parents. When you've gone far, you often distort where you came

"No, this is a very beautiful place," says a man sitting at the counter of the bookstore-cafe. "It is like Mosul, Nineveh. The granite mountains, the trees, the sun. I will never leave it." María is serving him a coffee. "This is William," she says. "He is from Iraq. He was conscripted into Saddam's

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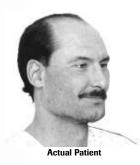
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army for the first Iraq war. They sent him to Kuwait. An American bomb fell right on him and his friend. He had to shoot his friend because he was in such pain."

William has PTSD. The only time he ventures out of this valley is to make money by role-playing the Iraqi enemy for Marines at Twentynine Palms, in war games that prepare troops for upcoming tours. "Except, he hates when they yell at him," María says.

#### Olaf Wieghorst Painted Here

There is one El Cajon son who may be more famous than any, in certain circles. The western artist Olaf Wieghorst is so admired they have moved his house from Renette Avenue, here to Rea Avenue, right near the performing arts center and city hall, and designated it a historic resource.

Walk up to it, and you suddenly feel as if you're in El Cajon as it used to be, exploring the culture that has always been its secret pride and joy. It feels like a horse ranch in the Anza-Borrego. Saguaro-type cactus sprouts from the miasma of dust, hitching rails wait for you to flick your hoss's reins around. The place has a creakylooking veranda and unpainted, sun-faded timber walls.

This is the house where Wieghorst lived and painted pictures of the American West and then would lean them against the adobe wall surrounding the house, when it was on Renette, to sell to passers-by.

Wieghorst was a Danish stunt rider who emigrated in 1918 and worked for the New York City mounted police and the U.S. Cavalry between stints as a wrangler on ranches. His pictures and sculptures make you think of Remington, but they are full of their own life and show real understanding of horses and their riders. He retired to El Cajon in 1945 and started painting seriously, after sketching all his life. In the beginning, to attract customers, he'd hire guitarists and trick ropers, lay out Navajo blankets, and pass around glasses of rum punch to potential clients. It must have worked. Today, according to Earlene Hollmichel, who volunteers in the next-door museum of Wieghorst's paintings and sculptures,

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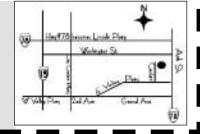
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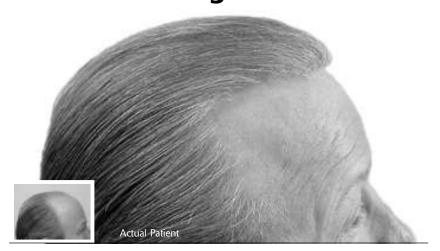


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#### The Menu of the New El Cajon

Except — no Kozak's. It's now — sign of the times the Hammurabi Chaldean restaurant. I sit down and soon start getting interested in the menu of the new El Cajon. Stuffed honeycombs, to begin with. I end up with a rice and stew plate and constant glasses of free chai. Zak, one of the owners, says this place is just starting to get on its feet. I ask if El Cajon natives are flocking to his door. "Not yet," he says. "Because they are still getting used to us. And we are getting used to them. So we depend on our own people to come. But we love El Cajon. It is so like northern Iraq. Warm, cold, granite mountains, fields of wheat. The first Chaldean here, a doctor, came to El Cajon in 1951. Our population has been growing ever since. Partly because family and friends are here, partly because it is inexpensive. This is the first stop for many of us, but not the last. Once we get some money, we may move to the hills, or other suburbs. But this is our first American home, our first love."

I sit and sip, as that sun lowers behind the boxtop mountains. Is El Cajon "Redneck City"? With the climate — the economic climate — being what it is, I think we're looking at Mohammed and the mountain. Instead of moving out, the rest of San Diego may well be moving in. My friend Scott is due any minute. By now it's been a week since we first talked. Got to, as it were, report my findings. I almost don't want the town to get beyond this stage of what might be pimply teen years, when nothing is certain and

everything is still possible. Redneck? Maybe the Chaldeans are the best thing to happen, just because the old Wieghorst aesthetic is becoming harder to cling to. But, as

the mayor said, those shared values of family and a true neighborliness, which city life can so easily kill, may be El Cajon's greatest gift of all. ■

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# **Second Worst**

Well, there it was last summer for all to see and read, an article in *Forbes* entitled "America's Worst Cities to Be a Sports Fan." It stated: "Lining up behind Miami for the

Author: Sandra Keener Neighborhood: Downtown Age: 60 Occupation: Retired

Editor's note: This is the winner of February's \$500 first-place prize for our monthly neighborhoodessay contest.

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booby prize [is] San Diego (\$300 a game for a family of four)."

The article noted a Chargers and Padres combined winning percentage of .425 (26th place "among 29 major sports metros"). The study was limited to the four major sports franchises, cities with at least two teams. The cost for a family of four to attend a Padres game was calculated based on the prices of four tickets, two small beers, four small sodas, four hot dogs, parking, two programs, and two inexpensive team caps (in San Diego?).

In other words, San Diegans cannot really afford to go see the Padres or Chargers play.



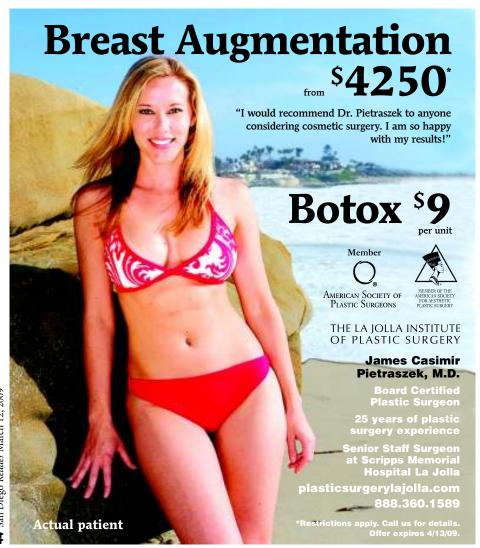
Downtown San Diego

I hope Padres owner Mr. Moores and soon-to-be Padres owner Mr. Moorad saw this article. Do they know how it feels to be a fan and read such an article? Do they now know that San Diego sports spectators rank as the second-worst fortunate in the nation?

Now that it is in print for all to see, Mr. Ballweg, Padres VP of sales, you don't need to take our word for it. Now everybody knows we pay way, way too much for the pleasure of seeing games in San Diego. This can be fixed. You can work your way out of the top ten "worst." It is simple: lower the prices.

After this blog was posted to the Reader website, the Padres announced a 25 percent price reduction of some tickets for the 2009 season and a "value meal" (hot dog, regular soda, peanuts, popcorn, and a cookie) for \$5.

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#### San Diego: Building, Building, Building

I was wandering around the internet, looking for information on "affordable" housing in San Diego. I noticed a news article on the proposed senior center at Beech Street and Fourth Avenue. This is the opening paragraph: "DOWN-TOWN SAN DIEGO — A charity's plan to create a cutting-edge senior center in downtown San Diego is faltering because the city's downtown redevelopment agency wants to see a bigger building there instead."

Will everyone who wants another high-rise building in San Diego please raise their hands? Aren't there enough vacant condos, empty commercial spaces, and lack of affordable housing to make someone stop and think? I realize that the Centre City

Development Corporation and friends are supposed to have some expertise in redevelopment and that I am merely one voice that sees things from the perspective of a downtown resident, but someone needs to speak up. Those square feet.

What exactly is "supportive" housing? I think it would be interesting for someone at some city agency to produce the current numbers regarding the *empty* retail or commercial space on the ground floor of the com-

#### Aren't there enough vacant condos and empty spaces?

who know me are probably laughing because here I am, speaking up!

There is another project proposal for the southeast corner of Broadway and Ninth Avenue. A 16-story building with 230 "affordable and supportive housing units." And again, my favorite part of all projects: the always questionable ground-floor retail space. This one is 5000

pleted projects, projects underway, and proposed projects. I do not know which agency would have this information.

In addition to those spaces, there are many empty spaces in other buildings, mainly from failed businesses. Although it does seem that 7 Eleven is doing its "civic duty" and is opening several stores in the downtown area.

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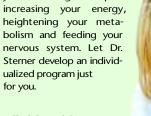
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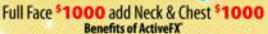
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# Marbles

ORMER MARBLES CHAMPION Zang Duong, 34, stands in a recessed area of cement, where white pop-up tents shade five round tables covered in felt. The space is nestled in the middle of the Del Mar fair and yet feels removed from the crowded bustle, grating music, and gaudy colors of the carnival atmosphere. It feels more like a neighborhood block party. A grey-haired man with a cane, straight out of Norman Rockwell, greets guests at the sign-in table. He grins as he challenges players to guess the number of marbles in a large jar, while bystanders linger by another table, examining a display case full of trophies won by previous champions.

Although Zang doesn't have a trophy in this case, he does have a few at the Marbles Hall of Fame in Wildwood, New Jersey. He's been written up three times in Sports Illustrated. He is considered one of the best ever in the United States. He even starred in a few Japanese commercials in the '80s. And perhaps he will add another marble to his jar today.

It happens to be perfect beach weather on this Saturday in July, but the crowd of mostly twenty- and thirtysomethings might as well be in Kansas because they have no interest in the beach today. They are captivated by a deceptively simple

children's game. In his aviator sunglasses and striped, terrycloth wristbands, Zang walks around one table, coaching a few friends.

nods, arms folded and looking serious behind dark sunglasses, as he contemplates the marbles that are arranged in the shape of a cross on

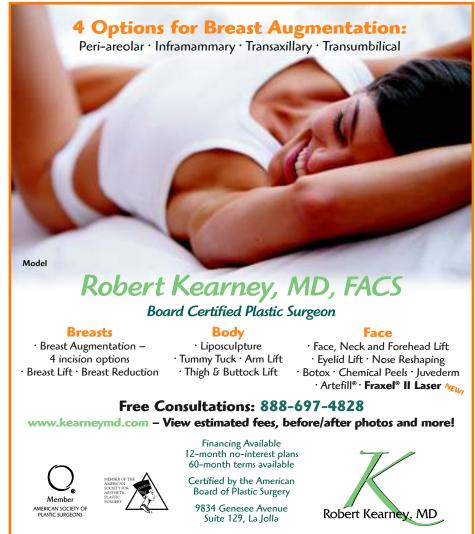
#### "We were a part of the second wave of boat people."

"The way you shoot it is you put your shooter at an angle to a line of marbles. And if you hit a marble out and your shooter stays in the ring, then you keep going." Zang points out the best angles to shoot from, the same way one would talk about hitting billiard balls on a pool table. His buddy the felt table.

"I think I get it," the friend says. He unfolds his arms and picks up a shooter. With knuckles down, he flicks his thumb hard. The shooter skids across the table, knocks a marble out of the ring, and bounces onto the pavement and into a bush.

"Yeah, you got it!" Zang





sips from the straw of his super-sized drink.

A few of the younger kids have camera-toting parents hovering around them, who seem to be taking this event more seriously than the rest. One father cups his hands to shout rough words of encouragement to his son after a bad play. "This isn't a practice round! Focus!" The favorite of the event appears to be a red-haired kid, about 5'6", with big, round glasses that mirror his body shape; he looks as if he stepped out of a comic strip. The kid's got great technique, but it's just not his day. The Duong brothers are in town.

The lively crowd watching the 15-19 division begins to clap and chant a player's name as he steps up to the table with his shooter. "Matt! Matt! Matt! Matt! MATT!...O-Ohhhoo." The fans comment, cheer, and chat away during the matches, occasionally whooping — there's no golf-clapping here or hushing the crowd. Zang watches Sang, his youngest brother, adjust the sweatband around his forehead and step up to the table. Sang sweeps the table, knocking five marbles out of the ring in one turn to win the match. "Somehow he's gotten a lot better in his old age," quips Zang. An ironic comment. But then, Zang saw marbles fame at the age

"Zang is the most unique person I know," says a friend, Tyler. "We laugh about it, but not many people can say they are considered the best at something."

Eddie, another friend, tells a story about Zang from when they first became acquainted in Philadelphia in the late 1990s. They were just out of college. "Zang sat next to me when we were both working at an investment firm. One time, I asked him what he was doing for the weekend, and he said, 'Oh, I'm going to Wildwood, New Jersey, for the Tournament of the Champions, for marbles,' and I said, 'The what?' That's when I found out he was a former marbles champion. The next week, he was on the phone with some girl he met at the tournament who kept calling him. Apparently, when she found out who he was, she got really excited. The girl's mom happened to work for the University of Pittsburgh, and the girl offered to get Zang tickets to a game. He brought four of us from work. We were in the hotel room, and she called, and he said, 'Thanks, I got the tickets in the mail.' She asked if he wanted to hang out

later, and he said, 'Nah, I'm busy.' That's how Zang was."

Eddie has an incredulous look on his face. "He actually had marble groupies."

> "Badass," Tyler says. Zang sat for an inter

view in his cozy townhome in Pacific Beach. He wore his daily uniform, a T-shirt and shorts, interchangeable, depending on the activity: soccer shorts, board shorts, cargo shorts...marbling shorts? Eddie, who is also

his roommate, hung out in the background, preparing an evening meal. But despite the comfortable setting, Zang seemed anxious about the interview. He smiled across his kitchen table, eyes averted; he picked up a newspaper

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6110 Friars Road, Suite 205 • www.lajollahairclinic.com (1 mile west of 163 Freeway and Fashion Valley Mall.Next to NYPD Pizza) and leaned back as though to read it. One of Zang's friends from back east has been attempting for some time to write a screenplay, a comedy about Zang's life that includes a few fictitious spins. But the friend hasn't been able to get enough details to complete the project — Zang is hard to pin down.

"All right, I'm ready," he says.

His skin is caramel, and his features often cause people to assume he is Korean. To a passerby on the street, he'd probably appear American-born — his outward appearance is an obvious embrace of America — but when speaking, a light Vietnamese accent occasionally slips into the conversation. He pays homage to his homeland on an almost weekly basis by gathering a group of friends for his favorite Sunday ritual: lunch at a

local Vietnamese restaurant.

Zang, his sister Loann, and his parents escaped Vietnam in a boat just after the war ended. "We were robbed by pirates on the first leg of the trip," he recalls, "and we were lucky — many people had worse things happen to them. The pirates even steered us in the right direction after they robbed us." Long Duong, Zang's father, was a supporter of the South Vietnamese Army and did not feel safe after the war ended. Many South Vietnamese officials were imprisoned in re-education camps after the Communist North took over the country. Zang remembers his father hiding from police several times before his family fled. Long and several others built a boat that took them as far as Malaysia, where Zang's brother, Bang, was born. His mother had endured the first leg of the trip while pregnant, two children in tow.

"We were a part of the second wave of boat people," Zang says. About two million civilians fled the country after the war. About half of these boat people perished. A Lutheran church in Philadelphia enabled the Duong family to come to America around 1979, when Zang was six. His parents are forever grateful to the church for sponsoring their immigration. They still attend church services regularly, as a sign of respect and gratitude, even though they don't share the church's beliefs.

"They got us involved with the church and the community—they helped us adapt to U.S. culture and customs," Zang says. It was a neighbor and family friend from the church who introduced him to marbles.

"I was like, 'Marbles, whatever, who plays marbles?' " remembers Zang. "At eight years old, I was thinking about running around outside, not marbles. But I finally went. I ended up beating the kid that got me to go out and play the first time." Jim Ridpath watched Zang that day at the Lutheran church and asked if he could coach him. Ridpath, a decorated Navy veteran of WWII, had a passion for marbles.

"It was just like The Karate Kid," says Zang, describing how he learned

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to play the official game in the U.S., called Ringer. "Mr. Ridpath made us shoot ten times each, two-inch shots, four-inch shots, so on. He kept records, and we had to do it a certain amount of time before he'd let us move on. We had to practice different scenarios — if it's windy, I might put a lot of spin on it."

Ridpath was the founder and a member of the Marble Club of America. His passion for marbles, and also for his collection, led *Sports Illustrated* to write a story about him: "Here's a Man Who Has All of His Marbles — Maybe Some of Yours, Too." At that time Ridpath owned 161,471 marbles, thought to be the largest collection in the world.

That December 3, 1984 issue of *Sports Illustrated* describes how Ridpath drew a regulation ring on the linoleum floor in his basement. "Every now and then, a kid will knock on his door and ask his wife Helen, 'Can Jim play marbles today?' " the article says. There were marbles all over his house, everything from agates to a 19th-century sulphide worth, in those days, nearly \$300.

"He would take us on trips during the off-season, to glass and marble museums to see how marbles were made," says Zang. "It was really cool. He taught us about the history of the sport, little by little. I think my mom liked that I played marbles because it kept me out of trouble." Ridpath was a second father to kids in the area, and he took care of them when their parents weren't around. The legendary coach considered Zang his protégé, but that didn't mean he favored him.

"If we missed a practice he would tell us, 'Do you want to get serious about this game?' " recalls Zang. "I was kicked out of the program a few times for missing practice, and he would tell my mom." Zang practiced three to four times a week during the year and then every day for two months before the big

tournament

"You need a lot of composure in the finals," Zang says. "Kids used to break down before even finishing the game. It's a lot of pressure." Once, after an intense match that he won, Zang

ran from the table and began to cry, upset because he thought another kid had cheated. And Zang remembers one girl, Shellie, who came to the Wildwood, NJ, tournament and placed second or third, year after year. She never won because she would break down from the emotional strain before the game was over.

"The year I won," Zang says, "the guy I played against in the final was also coached by Mr. Ridpath. My coach

was so emotional during the match that he just had to sit back and watch — he told us he couldn't coach."

Ridpath passed away in 2005, before he could publish a book he was writing about marbles.

"It's all downhill after you win the title at nine," quipped a girl in another story about marbles in *Sports Illustrated*. Zang laughs when this quote is read to him. But he remembers the intensity of feelings that

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come with the sport he practiced religiously growing up as a Vietnamese immigrant in Philadelphia.

In a book about New Jersey history, author Mark Di Ionno writes that "the misty-eyed sports romantics who think that only baseball is a microcosm of changing America should look at marbles. In 1986, Giang Duong, a boy of Vietnamese heritage, won the championship. His brother, Bang Duong, won in 1994." After all the write-ups, Zang Americanized the spelling of his first name, Giang.

Along with the youngest brother, Sang, all three Duongs have held the title of National Marbles Champion. Zang, the oldest, is the marbles legend. Like Jim Ridpath, Bang carries on the tradition by volunteering as a marbles coach for kids in

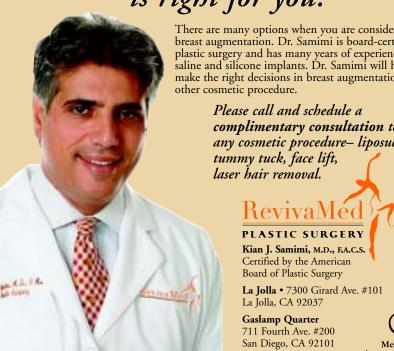
Philadelphia.

At the San Diego County Fair, Zang met the grey-haired man with the cane and the jar filled with marbles. His name is Doc Leavitt, and he is a Vietnam veteran. They first talked when Zang called to ask about the tournament, and the two ended up trying to identify when they both were in country. Leavitt was a medical corpsman in the

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Navy but spent his time — 29 months, three tours — in the Marines as a naval advisor. He has seen a lot of tragedy in his life, but you wouldn't know it if you met him. He seems to make a dear friend out of everyone, with his willingness to share his stories and his knowledge. One friend who stops by asks him, "Are you doing another one of your war interviews?"

John Smith, a friend of Doc's and fellow combat medic in Vietnam, recalled a childhood filled with all kinds of street games — mostly marbles. Smith is a tall African-American man with graying hair. Although he is younger than Doc, he has just as many stories.

"We used to play with cat-eyes in the streets."

"Cat-eyes," Doc says disdainfully, "they're passé." Smith chuckles at this remark—he used to love the cat-eye marbles when he was a kid. Doc begins to piece together a memory of playing marbles at school, and his mind wanders back to his childhood in Montana. He speaks in a slow, deliberate voice, as if he were sitting on a back porch, passing time.

"I can remember, as a youngster in the '40s, carrying my marbles in my bib overalls. We would play at school. And we carried them in a tin — a tobacco tin. And if you happened to win something that was really attractive, say while out at recess break, and you made the mistake of opening that tin to look at it in the afternoon during geography class, you'd feel a touch on your shoulder. And that would be the teacher. And suddenly, that tin of marbles would be out of your possession and you wouldn't get it back until the end of the school year. When people look at the tins in my display, I jokingly tell them that it took me a while to learn that lesson, you

Smith has his own memories. "We used to shoot marbles every day when I was growing up in New York City in the 1950s, in Harlem and the Bronx," he says. "We would play on the dirt. We would run the dirt through a grinder and turn it into dust and then wet it and make it hard, and then grind it up again until we made a perfect playing field. We used to play all kinds of street

games. There were cat-eyes in two sizes, and the bigger marbles were the targets. We used to shoot with the smaller marbles. Now it's reversed. And we'd actually keep the marbles we won."

At the qualifying rounds

for the county fair, held in La Jolla, both Doc and Zang were touched by the enthusiasm of the younger children who came out to play marbles.

"A girl came up to me and said, 'I won 90 mar-

bles!" "says Zang. "It meant a lot to her, and I thought it was cute. It's great that there is still interest in the game." Doc also described how he was pleasantly surprised by the excitement of the 5- to 15-year-olds, and especially the girls.

"Everyone in my chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America thought I was completely out of my tree for trying to organize the tournaments. They said, 'You know, Leavitt, you've gone

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over the wall this time. It's

impossible for us to interest

the youth of today in mar-

bles, when the only thing

they are concerned about

are Xboxes and iPods and

video games.' And I said, 'It's

worth a try." A friend of

Doc's, George Prather of

Escondido, helped put the

whole thing together and

raise the necessary funds.

ing rounds, there were 11

players over 60. To watch

them, you'da thought we

were back in a schoolyard,

back in the 1940s and '50s —

'cause the only thing miss-

ing was the fistfights. Every-

thing else was the same —

they were arguing with one

another about whether or

not their shot was good,"

recalls Doc, with a grin on

his face.

"At the La Jolla qualify-

indulged in a breakfast of champions that included a round of ribs, giant corn dogs, and fries. He lured his contingent in flip-flops to play in the tournament, along with him and his two brothers. The youngest brother, Sang Duong, is a recent San Diegan. And Bang Duong, with some of his buddies from Philly, flew out for a weekend vacation.

It is the final round for the 30- to 59-year-old division. There are several games underway, but most of the fans vie for a view of this particular table. Zang moves deftly around the circle, impressing the crowd with his skills, even after all these years. A few members from Vietnam Veterans of America who run the tournament look on, beaming with delight as they watch the charis-

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matic Zang elicit cheers for winning yet another match.

It is Zang's turn again in the final match of the final round. The crowd is uncharacteristically silent. He puts his thumb and knuckles to the table. Gripping the marble tightly, his hand shakes, the way it does every time he shoots. His signature vibration emits a bolt across the felt circle. All eves watch as Zang's glass rocket hits one marble out, then backspins to hit another out, and then slows to stop, still inside the

"I used to knock them all out my first turn," Zang says. "I did that 61 times one tournament - won the match on my first shot. I beat kids with mustaches." He laughs. "I still can't grow a mustache." ■

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#### LETTERS

the monthly passes after fuel costs hit the ceiling. It worked where we saved more on vehicle wear and tear, then monthly cost for

As to the article, it was full of foul and bad language, gave great details about being an alcoholic and druggie, smacked of the "Hillcrest Homo" clan and was produced and supported by the Metropolitan Transit System; which Ollie rode the roof of a bus to stardom.

All these things for our young and impressionable.

We quit riding when MTS raised rates and shook our heads in dismay, when it was contradictory to why mass transit was pushed, in the first place.

Posted by Torasan on March 6, 1:30 p.m.

This articled showed that there is a lot to be said and written about public transit and those who ride it in San Diego. However, the article also showed that the author should not have been the one to write about it.

Posted by singsing on March 8, 7:16 p.m.

What was this article about?? As far as I could tell, it was about 15 pages worth of NOTHING. The author took a topic that was worthy of real exploration and wasted it by making banal jokes. Why not actually discuss why San Diego's public transportation system is so terrible, explore ways this could be changed, or offer alternatives? How can any story on alternative transportation not include bicycling, especially in San Diego which has the most optimal weather? I think you miss the point of reporting when your cover story contains phrases like "bum curdling goat's milk in his belly button." Come on, man. That's pretty lame.

#### **Movie Review Published March 4**

Posted by olderit on March 4, 11:23 p.m.

To the publisher of The Reader,

I've moved downtown from Scripps Ranch and am now looking at more Reader pages than just movie reviews but I have to say it and perhaps shouldn't because it may make Shepherd

giddy:) — but he really is your ace in the hole. At a time when Union-Tribune and Newsweek film critics simply disappear it is such a treat to find Duncan Shepherd did return to you and we can still read his stuff in your pages. Thank you. Eric

Anderson, Marina Park, State Street.

#### **Under the Radar Published March 4**

Posted by burgess on March 4, 4:41 p.m.

Rumor has it that former staffer BD Howard has formed exploratory committees to look at running for public office. Mr Howard also ran Stephen Whitburn's grass roots campaign for city council. At this time it looks like Mr Howard would prefer to run for Ben's old seat in district 8.

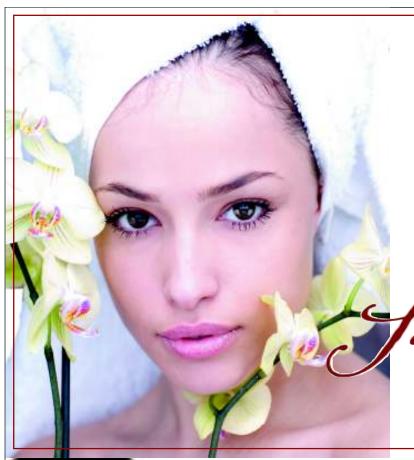
#### Diary of a Diva **Published March 4**

Posted by Gretchen on March 6, 9:23 a.m.

Barb,

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Warm regards, Gretchen, your twitter twerp

#### Restaurant Review Published February 25

Posted by 619hotstuff on March 4, 2:15 p.m.

Hi Namoi,

I happen to come across your article on At last, True Thai. I'm Laotian and have been here for over 20+ yrs. Even though Laos is not well known in

the media but we're still proud of who we are. One of your sentence in the article "It's more like Laotian food, or so I hear, but who knows Laotian food." That right there, OFFENDED me. You shouldn't have phrase it like that. We might not have restaurants around the US and might not be as well known as Thai people. But that's ok, I'm pretty content with how things are now. You should have done a little more research on both of the two country before you wrote that sentence. FYI- we do have some little Mama and Papa restaurants here in San Diego. It might not be well known through out in the media or written about. But in the Lao community, it's well known. I hope that in the future before you write your next article, you've done a little more research on your topic.

#### Cover Story Published February 25

Posted by reggie13021 on March 3, 5:25 p.m.

I've seen a couple of cases where someone added punctuation or symbols to their personalized plates with a marker or stickers. I wonder how often the cops let that slide.

Also, I'm sure that somewhere out there, there's a Van Halen fan with "OU812" on their plate. If you see them, stay far away, they are obviously mentally unstable.



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#### KNOW A GIANT (PUPPET)?

Experts in all kinds of fields are coming up with ways to save money in these tough times. Puppeteer Cory Gilstrap shares with a special faction how to use recycled household materials to create giant puppets, which can then be used to entertain and educate in lieu of traditional, and more expensive, theaters and schools. See **LECTURES**, page 62.

## Tuesday | 17

# THE 30TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY OPEN READING

People shouting, "Kiss me, I'm pretending to be Irish" and pinching all those poor saps who forgot to wear green is what happens at the pub. If you're looking for a tamer way to celebrate the patron saint of Ireland, head to D.G. Wills in La Jolla for some good ol' fashioned Irish readin'...and beer! But no pinching allowed. See **SPECIAL**, page 64.

## "FEMINIST ART AND THE MATERNAL"

Must a woman display conventional female characteristics in order to be a good mother? In her book, CSU San Marcos visual arts associate professor Andrea Liss explores the answer by examining feminism, art, and motherhood.

See IN PERSON, page 60.

#### Wednesday | 18

## WHERE HAVE ALL THE SHARKS GONE?

As officially "un-cute," sharks have a harder time keeping up with the more adorable and less dangerous dolphins and seals when it comes to human affection and protection. Shark researcher Andy Nosal of Scripps Institution of Oceanography will discuss the disappearing populations of sharks. See **LECTURES**, page 62.

## ENSURING THE PANDA'S FUTURE

Speaking of a cuddly-furry species we can wrap our loving arms around, the pandas need protection too. Dr. Meg Sutherland-Smith, veterinarian for the San Diego Zoo's giant pandas, will educate black-and-white teddy lovers on panda management and reproduction. See **LECTURES**, page 62.

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THE POWER OF AILEY!

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15, California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

(SEE DANCE)



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 the Hot Rod Lincoln on March 15; 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 15, 4 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and up. Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, 5000 Willows Road. (ALPINE)

**Dwight Carrier and the Zydeco Road Dogs!** Band take stage for dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club and Gator by the Bay Festival. Dance instruction at 6:20 p.m., live music from 7-10:30 p.m. 858-496-6655. Saturday, March 14, 6:20 p.m.; \$14. War

Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

**Hustle Dance Party** Hustle workshop for intermediate/advanced dancers led by Alex Kim (\$5 members, \$7 nonmembers). Hustle dance party follows 8 p.m.-midnight (\$15), with beginner lesson 8-8:30 p.m. (included in admission). 760-803-9982. Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Bouleyard, Suite 100 (ENGINITAS)

#### Macedonians and Balkans!

"Famed" Macedonian singer-dancer Dragi Spasovski leads singing workshop (6:30 p.m.), followed by dance party with Dragi and the Mehanatones (8 p.m.). Expect traditional Macedonian song and dance, featuring traditional instruments on songs rarely heard. Bring snack to share. 619-281-5656. Saturday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.; \$6-\$10. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Old Twine String Band** Provides music, Graham Hempel 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. Saturday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

St. Patrick's Day Dance Party Ellie Konitshek and Marcee Chipman call for San Diego English Country Dancers party. Beginners' session starts promptly at 6 p.m. "Wear green or pastel colors to celebrate the season." 858-676-9731. Sunday, March 15, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Swing and Country-Western Dance Party DJ plays West Coast swing, country and western, and requests for singles and couples of all ages. Host and roving dance instructor: Jane Hance. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, March 14, 8 p.m.; free. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

The Power of Ailey! Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater takes the stage, marking its 50th anniversary with performances of *Festa Barocca, Unfold,* and *Revelations* on Saturday. See *Blues Suite, Suite Otis,* and *Revelations* on Sunday. "Beauty, spirit, hope, and passion know no bounds." Amen! 800-988-4253. Saturday, March 14, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m.; \$44-\$62. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

WinterWORKS Winter dance concert highlights talents of students in original choreography by faculty choreographers Eric Geiger, Margaret Marshall, Patricia Rincon, Yolande Snaith, as well as guest artist Miguel Gutierrez (from



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New York). 858-534-4574. Thursday, March 12, 8 p.m.; Friday, March 13, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 15, 7 p.m.; \$10-\$20. Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts, 9500 Gilman Drive, (LA JOLLA)

#### FILM

"The Latino Experience" Enjoy Real Women Have Curves when ongoing Carlsbad Library film series continues in conjunction with "Cardinal Points/Puntos Cardinales" exhibit. Pre- and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, March 18, 6 p.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Amélie Audrey Tautou stars in this celebration of life, screening in French with English subtitles. 619-299-9360. Sunday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.; free. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Body of War Documentary follows Tomas Young, who at 25 was paralyzed after serving in Iraq for less than one week. See him evolving into a new person and raising his voice against the war. Media Makers series screening in Arts Building room 240. 760-750-8085. Tuesday, March 17, 6 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Building a Utopian Playland Dr. Phineas Waldolf Steel is described as "a multitalented musician, artist, visionary, and certified lunatic." Enjoy this screening of "his propaganda film," as well as shorts and concert footage. "Mindcontrol cookies" will be served. Part of the Steampunk events. 619-527-3430. Saturday, March 14, 1 p.m.; free. Ages 13 and up. San

Carlos Library, 7265 Jackson Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

Ca\$h Eric Besnard's "cheeky caper" from 2008 focuses on the wages of crime, starring Jean Dujardin, and screening for Film Forum series. In French with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Coming to Light: Edward S. Curtis and the North American Indians As complement to "Considering Edward Curtis" exhibition, see film continuing discussion of how Native American identity is perceived and displayed through Curtis's images. Film tells story of Curtis's life, creation of his monumental work, his changing views of people he documented. and gives American Indian people a voice in discussion of Curtis's images. 619-238-7559. Wednesday, March 18, 1 p.m.; free. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado.

**Secrecy** Peter Galison and Robb Moss's documentary delves into massive labyrinth of U.S. government secrecy, mixing interviews with visuals, archival footage, animation. 858-454-3541. Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Darwin at the Movies Series offers glimpse into Darwin's personal life, as well as his significant career. See The Darwin Adventure, covering "the whole of Darwin's life," including his adventurous 1831 voyage to South America on the Beagle. Screening in Student Services room 1500, 619-594-1105. Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Latino Film Festival Media Arts Center's 16th annual Latino Film Festival with over 100 films from all over the globe runs March 12-22, promising shorts, feature films, documentaries. Titles include Euforia, O Pai O, Rudo y Cursi, Perro Come Perro, Xani Xepica, Children of the Amazon, The Missing Lynx: Paws on the Run, many, many others. Festival includes celebrity appearances, music, parties, art, workshops. Details: 619-230-1938. Thursdays, 4 p.m.; Fridays, 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 4 p.m.; Sundays, 4 p.m.; Mondays, 4 p.m.; Tuesdays, 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 4 p.m.; through Sunday, March 22, \$7-\$9. Mission Valley 7, 7510 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

#### FOOD & DRINK

Sustainable Seafood Chef Dustin Anselm of Jake's Del Mar demonstrates recipes with sustainably raised seafood. Reservations: 888-424-3663. Saturday, March 14, noon; \$30. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina, (MISSION VALLEY)

#### FOR KIDS

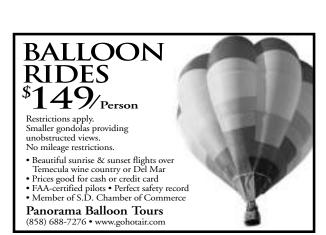
"Springtime Flutter-bies" Find signs of spring on scavenger hunt in Zoro Garden during History for Half Pints program for children aged 3 to 5 years (and parent). Play

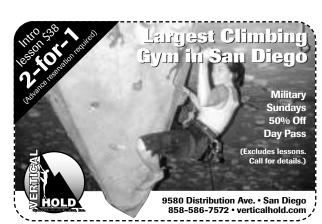
bubble games, make butterfly craft. 619-232-6203 x129. Monday, March 16, 10 a.m.; \$5. Ages 3 and up. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

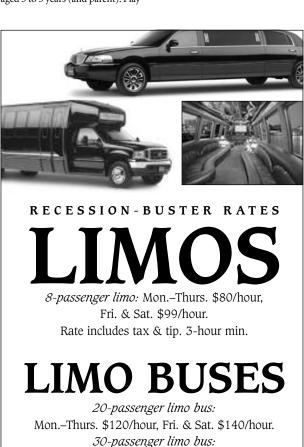
1001 Grains of Sand This "young person's adventure round the Earth through action, song, and dance" was "devised" by Margaret Larlham. "A thousand grains of sand, from around the earth finely ground residue of ash, fossil, bone, rock, seas, and deserts pour through an hourglass conjuring the story of a journey through memory, imagination, and action." 619-594-6884. Friday, March 13, 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m.; \$8-\$18. Don Powell Theatre at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Airborn Teen Reader's Club discusses Kenneth Oppel's book, watches video of real world airships including the new Zeppelin NT. 619-527-3430. Thursday, March 12, 3:30 p.m.; free. Ages 12 and up. San Carlos Library, 7265 Jackson Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

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. Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 15, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; \$13-\$17. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)







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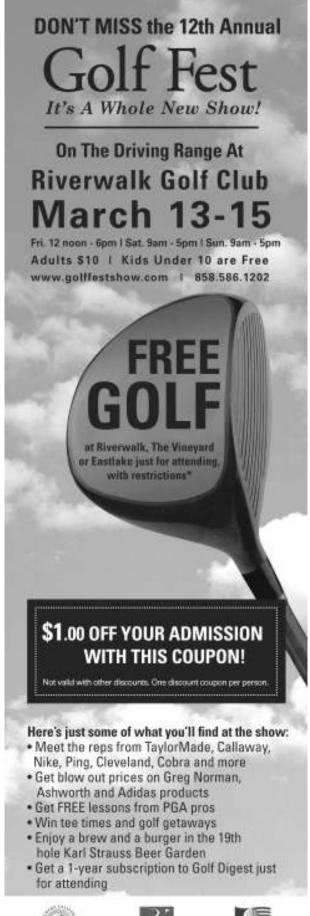
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#### ROAM- -- RAMA | A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond | by Jerry Schad

Soggy Lower Willows, along with its primary source of water — Santa Catarina Spring — together comprise Anza-Borrego's richest riparian habitat. An easy-going hike through here is all that's needed to acquaint you with this surprisingly lush piece of territory.

Don't forget your binoculars — the birding is excellent. You'll likely tramp through some muddy areas and wade in the stream, so wear old shoes or boots and bring extra footwear to leave in the car. Since March is expected to be the peak time for desert wildflowers this year, don't forget to take along your camera, too.

Perhaps the biggest challenge may be getting there by vehicle (hint: the more off-road-capable the vehicle, the better). From Borrego Springs, drive east to DiGiorgio Road, then go north to where DiGiorgio Road ends. Set your trip odometer to 0.0 here and continue north



Fording Coyote Creek

on the unpaved road into Coyote Canyon. After a first creek crossing at 3.6 miles and a second crossing at 4.4 miles (both of which could be impassable, depending on how much recent rain has fallen), the road veers left across the creek for a third time at 5.3 miles, and then commences a steep, rough ascent ("boulder alley") through the ravine to the west. Park where space is available near the third crossing.

Your route on foot is simply up the bottom of Coyote Canyon, on traces of the disused former Coyote Canyon jeep route — now a trail for hikers and equestrians. Where trucks and 4-wheel drives once waddled, wheezed, and snorted through the stream, there are now only the sounds of bubbling water, birds, and insects. The rampant growth

of vegetation, largely willows, mesquite, tamarisk, and arrowweed, has obliterated most parts of the old road. Even the contemporary trail can be obscured by overgrowth after one wet season. Listen for the monosyllabic hoot of the phainopepla, a winter-resident bird that flits about with white wing patches flashing in the bright sunlight.

After about one mile, Santa Catarina Spring, comprising several oozing acres, lies on the left. The air is heavy with humid odors, and colorful insects — grasshoppers, beetles, katydids, praying mantises — seem to be everywhere. Cottonwoods and palms thrive, and tangles of wild grape vines twine upward into the taller trees.

After almost two miles, you come to the end of the dense willows. The open desert floor of Collins Val-

ley lies ahead. A trail branching left (southwest), skirts the marshy Santa Catarina Spring and then heads toward the nearest dirt road in the valley. You may turn back when you reach that trail, for a round trip of four miles.

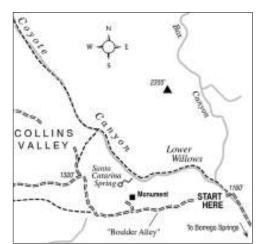
If you care to try a longer, sunnier, and drier looping return route, you can use the left-branching trail and the valley road ahead in order to swing south and east onto a bluff overlooking Santa Catarina Spring. There you'll find a monument with a historical plaque commemorating the passage of the Juan Bautista de Anza party in 1774.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should

#### **LOWER WILLOWS**

Explore a jungle-like oasis tucked inside Anza-Borrego's Coyote Canyon.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 102 miles Hiking/biking length: 4 miles round-trip Difficulty: Moderate



be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry

Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

Miss Electricity Kathryn Walat's play explores ideas of true friendship, bullying, and uniqueness on one's own terms. Tired of being picked on at school by cool kids, Violet longs for respect and sets out to break a world record so she can prove how extraordinary she is. 858-550-1010. Saturday, March 14, 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 15, 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; \$9-\$12. La Jolla Playhouse, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Seussical** Center Stage Productions presents "musical extravaganza" showcasing community youth in Dr. Seuss-themed play. 858-486-1517. Friday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m.; \$15-\$17. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

**All Aboard!** Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides. Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. Saturday, March 14, 12:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 15, 12:30 p.m.; free. Rohr

Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

**Ant-Sized Adventures** Learn about "amazing woodrat and his house of sticks" during parent and preschooler program. Expect to hear facts about "this thrifty and busy mammal, with songs, short hike, and take-home craft." Reservations required: 619-582-6261. Thursday, March 12, 10 a.m.; Friday, March 13, 10 a.m.; \$2. Ages 2 and up. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (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 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)

Dinner with the Dogs Children will dine with animals, make crafts, take behind-the-scenes tour of shelter. Noodles and Company provides dinner. 760-753-6413. Friday, March 13, 4 p.m.; \$15. Ages 5 and up. Rancho Coastal Humane Society, 389 Requeza Street. (ENCINITAS)

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 12; Friday, March 13; Saturday, March 14; Sunday, March 15; free. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West.

**Kite Time** Create da Vinci paper kites during family science day. Sessions last 45 minutes, included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. Saturday, March 14, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Nature Explorers Kids between five and ten years old and their parents explore magic of natural world through the many changes taking place at dusk, using four senses and flashlights. Reservations: 619-668-3278. Friday, March 13, 6 p.m.; free. Ages 5 and up. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Theatre of the World Festival SDSU's School of Theatre, Television and Film presents 12th annual festival in venues in Performing Arts Plaza. Celebration features music, dance, stage performances representing a range of Middle Eastern cultures. Enjoy events indoors, as well as an outdoor "Fringe Festival" with music, crafts, face painting, demonstrations, giant puppet parade. Weekend passes available, 619-594-6884. Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.; Monday, March 16, 5:30 p.m.; \$15-\$18. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Watch Out for Mr. McGregor! Puppet Express takes stage to present *Peter Rabbit*. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, March 18; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

#### IN PERSON

Feminist Art, the Maternal Andrea Liss, associate professor in Visual and Performing Arts Department, reads from her recently published book *Feminist Art and the Maternal*, in which she "critically considers the dilemmas and promises of representing feminist motherhood in contemporary art and visual culture." Signing follows in Commons Building room 206. 760-750-4366. Tuesday, March 17, 2:30 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road.

"Fringes-Margins-Borders"
Queer Exchange piece performed
by Alison M. De La Cruz, Dead
Lee, and Ian McKinnon, using po-

etry, music, monologue, hip-hop, dance, storytelling to examine lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender contemporary life in California. Tickets are "pay what you can," with \$15 suggested minimum donation. 619-235-8466. Thursday, March 12, 8 p.m.; Friday, March 13, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, 8 p.m.; Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Homespun Tales — Singing Our Stories" MiraCosta Masterworks Chorale and Chamber Chorale plan a night showcasing storytelling through music. Also, MiraCosta music instructor Kathleen O'Brien performs a set of songs as a soloist. Program is "studded with the 'jewels' of choral repertoire" including folk songs such as "Black Is the Color of My True Love's Hair," "Shenandoah." 760-795-6815. Friday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.; \$8-\$10. MiraCosta College Theatre, One Barnard Drive.

**"Olio the Show"** Live jazz and dance supper club revue, following "evolution of jazz music and its dance forms starting with tradi-



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tional West African dance and drums all the way to hip-hop and everything else in between." Reservations: 619-869-1663 or 619-337-0238. Sunday, March 15, 8 p.m.; \$15-\$25. Ciao Bella Caffe Bar e Ristorante, 5263 Baltimore Drive.

"One Mic...San Diego" Comedy show hosted by Nate Jackson, featuring Aida Rodriguez, starring Esau McGraw. 619-384-2124 or 619-708-7975. Wednesday, March 18, 8 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. The Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

"Page and Stage: The Power of the Iliad Today" Events are designed to inspire people to come together to read, see, and think about classical literature, how it continues to influence and invigorate American cultural life. Library will explore Homer's Iliad through perspective of program theme: "Know Thyself."

Program commences with performance of Aquila Theatre's production of Homer's *Iliad: Book One,* followed by discussion with local scholar Anthony Edwards of UCSD. 619-236-5800. Sunday, March 15, 4 p.m.; free. City Heights Performance Annex, 3791 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Relativity of Albert Einstein"
Broadway, film veteran Duffy
Hudson "brings Albert Einstein to
life" in his one-man show. Get to
know "theories of special and general relativity...without mathematics or knowledge of physics required." What is light anyway?

858-552-1657. Monday, March 16, 5:30 p.m.; free. Ages 8 and up. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"The Paranormal Bender Tour" "Four Authors, Seven Days, One Hell of a Road Trip" hits Mysterious Galaxy. Authors Mario Acevedo (Jailbait Zombie), Mark Henry (Road Trip of the Living Dead), Caitlin Kittredge (Second Skin), and Cherie Priest (Fathom) read from and sign their new releases. 858-268-4747. Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Stories That Make Us Human Concert by Lakota/Apache storyteller Dovie Thomason hosted by Storytellers of San Diego in Manchester Conference Center. "A welltold tale can do more than entertain, it can remind us of what it means to be human." Suitable for adults, children over 12. 619-298-6363. Saturday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.; \$10. Ages 12 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park.

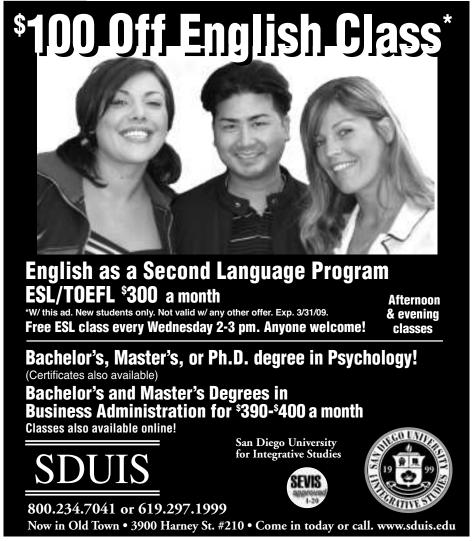
Ain't Misbehavin' The Fats Waller comedic musical revue is next production by the students. Though originally written for cast of five, this production boasts 20 performers. 619-475-8556. Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m.; Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m.; \$6-\$7. School of Creative and Performing Arts, 2425 Dusk Drive. (PARADISE HILLS)

American Nerd: The Story of My People Writer Benjamin Nugent plans reading, discussion, booksigning of his "cultural history of the nerd," in conjunction with San Diego Science Festival. Nugent will focus on "how the modern concept of the nerd evolved during the 19th and 20th Centuries and









# Calendar

how the presentation of the nerd in popular culture has changed over the past several decades." Call for space availability: 760-846-3473. Thursday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.; free. Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Disintegration** Performance piece by dancers Patricia Maldonado, Ivonne Vielman, and visual artist Christian Michaels, combining improvisational dance with interactive video. Piece is composed of three dances addressing war, struggling economy, the "breakdown of social barriers." 619-299-0010. Saturday, March 14, 10:30 p.m.; free. Ray Street Studios, 3436 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Hip Pocket Fun(draiser) Lamb's Players Theatre presents showcase performance of its touring school production, Hip Pocket, to raise funds for educational outreach



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program. Event begins with reception (4 p.m.), followed by play (5 p.m.), as well as salute to Mary-Lynn Deddeh and Mary-Lynn Deddeh Fund for Kids. 619-437-6050 x20. Saturday, March 14, 4 p.m.; \$10. Coronado Community Center, 1845 Strand Way. (CORONADO)

Sum: Forty Tales from the Afterlives Neuroscientist and author David Eagleman discusses, signs his new book, said to expose "radiant new facets of our humanity." 858-454-0347. Monday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

A Brassy St. Paddy's Party Westwind Brass hosts St. Patrick's Day celebration with music, "camaraderie, and culinary delights," all in support of ensemble's educational outreach programs. Irish hors d'oeuvres, desserts, libations. Advance reservations: \$20 per person, or \$35 for two. 619-501-3562. Tuesday, March 17, 6 p.m.; \$20. James S. Copley Library, 1134 Kline Street. (LA JOLLA)

Book Talk Local author, former Union-Tribune reporter Caitlin Rother discusses, signs her new book, Body Parts. 619-295-2201. Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.; free. Borders Books and Music — Mission Valley, 1072 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Comics That Kill Stand-up comedy with Sherry Custer, Matt Zint, the Trash Man, Christian Spicer, and Kam, hosted by Jason Bang. 619-255-8635. Monday, March 16, 9 p.m.; \$5. Ages 21 and up. Riley's, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Get Outside! Afoot and Afield in San Diego author and Reader con-



#### <u> O U T & A B O U T</u>

LATINO FILM **FESTIVAL** March 12-22, Mission Valley 7.

(SEE FILM)



tributor Jerry Schad plans slide-illustrated lecture on his explorations of county's varied geographical provinces and abundant recreational opportunities available for those interested in walking or hiking. 858-581-9935. Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m.; free. Ages 12 and up. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard.

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)

The Gelato Poetry Series Chris Vannoy reads his poetry followed by open mike. 760-434-1240. Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.; free. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Thriller! Author Barry Eisler who spent three years in a covert position with the CIA's Directorate of Operations - signs his new book, Fault Line. 858-268-4747. Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

#### **LECTURES**

"An Introduction to English Genealogical Records: Civil. Church, and Census" June Hanson speaks for British Isles Group sponsored by San Diego Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome. 619-583-8352. Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.; free. LDS Family History Center, 4195 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"An Introduction to Pine Needle Basketry" Students use local natural materials, transforming yard waste into functional vessels during class led by Carol Lang. Bring sharp scissors. Materials fee of \$10 paid directly to Lang. Registration: 760-721-2787. Information: 760-431-1645. Sunday, March 15, noon; \$55-\$80. Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art, 219 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

"Astrology as a Key to Spiritual Guidance" Gloria Star focuses on "the natal chart's story of the soul and spirit of the individual" when San Diego Astrological Society meets. She will also explore ways to create guided meditation from specifics of natal and progressed charts. 619-307-1636. Friday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.; \$6-\$12. Iovce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Black Womanhood" Symposium with panelists Zeinabu Irene Davis, Ayo Abiétou Cloy, and Lizzetta LeFalle-Collins from fields of visual art and cultural theory discussing issues raised in artwork, curatorial concepts of "Black Womanhood" exhibit, 619-232-7931. Friday, March 13, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"British Isles Panel Forum" The three "interest group" chairs (England/Wales, Scotland, and Ireland) of former British Isles Genealogical Research Association, which recently merged with San Diego Genealogical Society, discuss research techniques needed to effectively use civil registration, church records, censuses, tax records, and geographical division of land. Nonmembers welcome. 619-583-8352. Saturday, March 14, noon; free. Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church, 8350 Lake Murray Boulevard. (SAN CARLOS)

"Echoes in the Ice" Artist lecture by Rik van Glintenkamp, whose collages profiling 50 daring Arctic and Antarctic explorers are on view through Thursday, April 16. Lecture follows reception (4:30-7 p.m.). 619-388-2829. Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m.; free. Mesa College Art Gallery, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (MESA COLLEGE)

"Foreign Policy Challenges in Afghanistan" Barnett Rubin, senior fellow at Center on International Studies at New York 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 12, 7 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Homo Sapiens: Threatened **Species"** Panel discussion with Michael Shaw, Aptera; Barry Logan, La Milpa Organica Farm owner, farmer; and Bill Toone, director of Ecolife Foundation. "Learn how we can reduce our carbon footprint though informed decisions." Advance ticket required. 619-255-0203. Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Incident at Ft. Benning John Vasquez, author of Incident at Ft. Benning, addresses MUFON (Mutual UFO Network). 760-753-2456. Sunday, March 15, 6 p.m.; free. Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Irrigation Design for Water-Wise Gardens" Kathy Eagle, director of horticulture at Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino, discusses essential design principles for integrating overhead sprinklers and drip irrigation into your garden. Topics include sprinkler selection and spacing, valve zoning, water pressure. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m.; \$15-\$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Morality and the Social Brain" Patricia Churchland of

UCSD speaks for "Body Worlds and the Brain - Our Three-Pound Gem: The Original Exhibition of Real Human Bodies" lecture series. "Contrary to the assumption that a subject must apply a general rule in deciding what ought to be done, this is only occasionally a factor, even in human decision-making." Advance registration: 619-255-0203. Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.; \$5-\$10. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Nature as the Enemy" Richard W. Halsey, director of California Chaparral Institute, plans discussion of proposals to masticate, burn, and graze native plant communities in name of "fire safety" when California Native Plant Society meets in Casa del Prado room 101. Mystery plants identified. 619-294-3868. Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Racism, Discrimination, Colorblindness, and the 'Obamerica Miracle' " Duke University sociology professor Eduardo Bonilla-Silva addresses "'miracle' of a black man elected as 44th President in a still deeply racist nation" in M. Gordon Clarke Field House room 113. Why and how did Obama rise to the top? 760-750-4366. Thursday, March 12, 6 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

"The Succulent Flora of Jalisco. Mexico" Slide-illustrated talk by Brian Kimble, curator of Ruth Bancroft Garden in Bay Area, for San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society in room 101 of Casa del Prado, 858-270-5544, Saturday, March 14, 12:30 p.m.; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

"Where Ocean Meets Rainforest — the Osa" Wildlife photographer Roy Toft, who has been exploring, photographing fauna of Osa Peninsula for 20 years, discusses trials and tribulations associated with trying to photograph diversity of wildlife in rainforest. 619-255-0203. Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.; \$10-\$12. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado.

At Risk for Diabetes? Registered dietitian, certified diabetes educator Cherie Roussos plans talk for those diagnosed with prediabetes



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or for those who are at risk for developing diabetes. Understand factors contributing to diabetes, how to slow progression to diabetes by healthy lifestyle changes. Emphasis is on good nutrition, keeping active. 619-533-3970. Monday, March 16, 6 p.m.: free, Allied Gardens-Benjamin Library, 5188 Zion Avenue. (ALLIED GARDENS)

**Creative Writing Class Author** Lisa Shapiro helps writers improve creative writing, including fiction, family history, personal memoirs, and creative nonfiction. 619-588-3718. Monday, March 16, 2 p.m.; free. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

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

**Ensuring the Panda's Future** Dr. Meg Sutherland-Smith has been providing veterinary care for San Diego Zoo's giant pandas since conservation, research, breeding programs began 12 years ago. She will talk about "Giant Panda Management and Reproduction" for Special Speakers series. Required reservations: 619-557-3963. Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.; \$15-\$17. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Five to Thrive "Save Water and Money: Incorporate Native Plants into Your Landscape" presented by horticulturist and landscape designer Nathan Smith, former curator of California native plant area at UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley. Learn which are top five trees, shrubs, perennials, ground covers, how to care for them. Classes meet Thursdays, March 12-26, and Saturday, March 28. Required advance registration: 760-436–3036 x206. Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m.; \$80-\$100. Quail Botan-

ical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

On March of the Penguins... Writer/director Jordan Roberts speaks for SoCal Moviemakers for

ongoing filmmaking series. Also on tap: film screening by local filmmaker, networking by filmmaking professionals, general public. 619-309-7492. Thursday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Gallery Talk Artists Debby and Larry Kline, currently exhibiting "Divi/nation," lead talk and tour. 760-839-4120. Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m.; free, California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard, (ESCONDIDO)

**How Authentic Is Your Fiction?** Author, writing instructor Beth Brust divulges "Seven Steps to Achieve Authenticity in Your Fiction" when Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators gathers in USD's Hahn School of Nursing Building (at Linda Vista Road and Marian Way). 619-713-5462. Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m.; free. University of San Diego, 5998 Al-

Know a Giant (Puppet)? Puppeteer Cory Gilstrap plans lecturedemonstration on making and performing with giant puppets. His work focuses on recycled household materials, designed to entertain and educate audiences of

March 13: Touch of Balsamic

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March 18: Kitchen Basics

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March 19: Roy's La Jolla Garrett Mukogawa of Roy's La Jolla shares some of his favorite recipes.

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calá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

all ages. Talk offered in Arts Building room 111. 760-750-4366. Monday, March 16, 10 a.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Peace Through Olive Oil! Bonnie Stewart and Sandy Ehrlich focus on "Promoting Peace in the Middle East" during community round-table event, promoting peace through joint Israeli-Palestinian production and marketing of blended olive oil, 858-268-3674. Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.; free. Congregation Dor Hadash, 4858 Ronson Court, (KEARNY MESA)

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 18, 10 a.m.; \$15. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

The Return of Terry Terry Cole-Whittaker, author of five self-improvement books including What You Think of Me Is None of My Business, conducts her new workshop, "The Ultimate Prosperity Program." Offering. 619-303-6609. Sunday, March 15, noon; \$5. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA

Where Have All the Sharks Gone? Shark researcher Andy

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Nosal of Scripps Institution of Oceanography focuses on why shark population is disappearing from oceans. Would sharks stand a chance if they were loved "the way we love dolphins, seals, and turtles? Is that even possible?" 760-753-7376. Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m.; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Wood 'n' Clay Create an unusual pine needle basket attached to a ceramic base during class for all levels led by fiber artist Carol Lang. Materials provided by instructor; \$15 materials fee charged. Required registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Friday, March 13, 10 a.m.; \$50-\$60. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive.

#### **OUTDOORS**

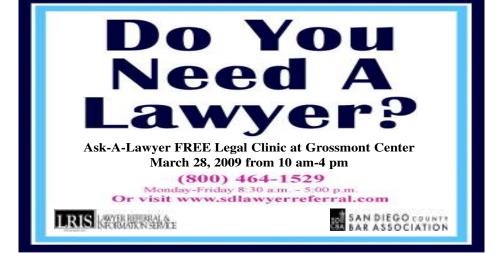
Winter's Intermittent Warm Spells came and went, and in do-

ing so triggered the early emergence of bright green leaves on sycamore, liquidambar, and other decorative deciduous trees around San Diego, Cruise down Highway 163 through Balboa Park to appreciate the vernal splendor of the sycamores growing in the landscaped center divider. Or walk across the El Prado bridge and look down upon the same.

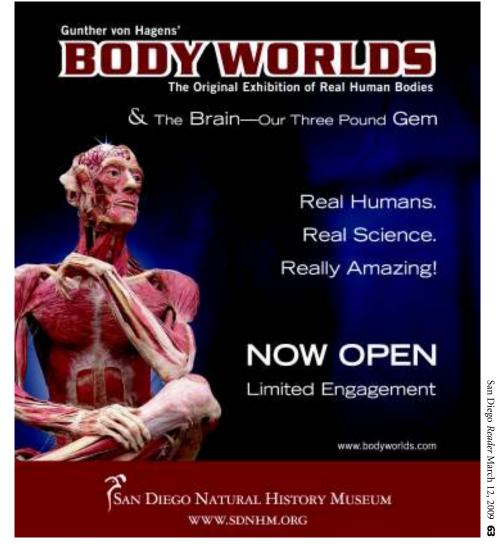
**March Is the Proverbial Windy** Month here in San Diego, as in most places. From midday to late afternoon, sun-warmed air expands

and rises over the county's interior, drawing in an influx of cool air from the coast to replace it. These afternoon sea breezes will continue at peak strength until well into the summer, providing dependable conditions for such sports as sailing, kite flying, and hang-gliding.

African Daisies are bursting into bloom around San Diego, especially along the freeway embankments. The name refers to a wide variety of species belonging to the genuses Arctotis, Dimorphotheca and Osteospermum, with flowers ranging in color from vellow, orange, and white to purple. These hardy ground covers require little water except when in active growth, and help to hold soil in place during heavy rains.







Ornamental Peach Trees, with

radiant white and pink blossoms, are lighting up the manicured landscape around Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street in Balboa Park. These and other "stone-fruit" trees, with and without edible fruits, belong to the genus Prunus. Several native Prunus species contribute to San Diego County's natural vegetation as well - among them, hollyleaf cherry, choke cherry, desert almond, and desert apricot. The desert apricot, now beginning to bloom on the rocky hillsides of the Anza-Borrego Desert, attracts swarms of bees with its sweetsmelling nectar.

#### Asian Pacific Historic District

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

**Botany on the Ranch** Naturalist James Dillane leads moderate 3.5mile hike in search of ferns and blooming wildflowers. Hike follows Rock Ridge and Boulder Loop trails. 760-839-4680. Sunday, March 15, 1 p.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Manzanita Canyon Hike California Native Plant Society members David Di Donato and J.R. Sundberg lead hike starting in parking lot on Poplar Street. 619-656-9650. Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.; free, Ages 7 and up, Azalea Park Recreation Center, 2596 Violet Street, (CITY HEIGHTS)

March Madness at the Lake Take guided nature walk, explore spring antics of native creatures and plants surrounding the water. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 14, 8:30 a.m.: free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

#### Meet the Salt Marsh Wetland

Tend California native plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough in this salt marsh wetland. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Mystery Walk Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles based on makeup of the group. Expect "a lot of map reading." Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, March 13, 7 a.m.; free, Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Native Tree Planting Help with planting, invasive tree removal, trash and debris removal from river, surrounding habitat. Dress in clothes that can get dirty. Wear closed shoes, hat, and sunscreen. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.; free. Mast Park, 9125 Carlton Hills Boulevard. (SANTEE)

Nature Walk Outing starts at Rios Avenue trailhead, found at north end of Rios Avenue. 760-436-3944. Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

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

Park's Gone Green! Be sure to wear green! Trail guides lead walks through "explosive green metamorphosis taking place throughout the park." 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 14, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, March 15, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, March 18, 9:30 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Restore Santa Luz Help plant native plants to create coastal succulent scrub habitat for endangered coastal cactus wren songbird. This is "first full-fledged restoration effort on the Santa Luz

portion" of park. Bring water, sun protection, gloves if you have them. Meet at northeast corner of Black Mountain Ranch Community Park. 858-342-8856. Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.; free. Black Mountain Community Park, 12115-A Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASOUITOS)

San Diego Field Ornithologists Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote

Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Weeding and Planting Party Help out with weeding in Old Town State Park's native plant garden. Bring: hat, water, gloves, a weeding tool, something to kneel on. Garden is found across Congress Street from trolley/train/bus depot, right next to parking lot. Saturday, March 14, 1 p.m.; free. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

#### **SOUTH OF THE** BORDER

Lobster Lunch Tour Baja California Tour's outing includes lobster feast at Villas Ortegas in Puerto Nuevo, shopping in Rosarito and Tijuana. Tour departs from Kings Inn. Reservations: 858-454-7166. Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.; \$88. Kings Inn San Diego, 1333 Hotel Circle South. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Orchids Around the World** San Diego County Orchid Society's 63rd annual orchid show and sale, with orchid exhibits, speakFriday, March 13, 4 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.; Sunday, March 15, 10 a.m.; free, Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"CPR Saturday" Classes offered by American Red Cross begin on the hour, starting at 7 a.m.; all participants who successfully complete course receive certification at no cost. Children's learning area for those aged 5 to 11, 858-309-1275. Saturday, March 14, 7 a.m.; free. Ages 5 and up. San Diego Community Concourse, 202 C Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Irish Night" Classic Youth Theatre hosts fundraiser in support of its upcoming production of Abie's Irish Rose. Irish fare buffet, live music by Fiffin Market, hosted bar, an excerpt from the play. Tickets: 760-730-9447. Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.; \$40. E Street Café, 128 E Street. (ENCINITAS)

"Night of a Thousand Dinners" Everyone asked to bring a dish from a country affected by landmines; call to find out "your country." Also planned: an "international trivia game"; teams of three or four compete (\$5/person or \$15/team). Proceeds benefit "Adopt-a-Minefield" campaign. 619-223-4778. Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$15. Hostelling International — Point Loma, 3790 Udall Street. (POINT LOMA)

"Shapes, Colors, and Codes of Protection" Opening reception for exhibit in Glass Gallery, promising performance by "Tall Spirit" stilt dancer, Bomani Drum and Dance Ensemble. Illustrated talk and film clips entitled "Paths to Protection in Africa" by curator Barbara W. Blackmun. 619-388-2498. Friday, March 13, 5 p.m.; free. Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

"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 14, 10 a.m.; free. Saint Mark's United Methodist Church, 3502 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

"Wine Is Bottled Poetry" Robert Louis Stevenson's quote may prove true during Family Winemakers of California's "Tasting 2009," a public tasting with participation by 240 wineries. Tasting showcases very small, familyowned wineries, many of whom pour at very few events. Registration: 415-705-0646. Sunday, March 15, 3 p.m.; \$40-\$50. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Distributive Justice** Discuss this John Rawls work with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Sakura Season Cherry Blossom Festival promises musical entertainment, craft vendors, cultural demonstrations, traditional Japan-

ese food samplers along freshly bloomed cherry blossoms. 619-232-2721. Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m.; \$7-\$18. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BAL-BOA PARK)

**Art Relief: The Creative Road** to Recovery Art Relief 2009 is silent art auction hosted by SDSU's College Students for New Orleans. Profits help cover transportation, housing costs for SDSU students to volunteer in New Orleans area. rebuilding houses, working in food banks, more, 510-334-9648, Saturday, March 14, 6 p.m.; \$12-\$15. Centro Cultural de Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Board Game Benefit Noncom**petitive game play to benefit Heifer International. Donation. 619-204-8834. Friday, March 13, 8 p.m.; \$10. Tea N More, 7380 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Book Works Turns 3(3)! Shop turned 33 years old and celebrated 3 years under Lisa Stefanacci's ownership on March 3. During birthday party, enjoy refreshments, music by Chase Morrin Jazz Band, and buy three books, get 33 percent off the least expensive book. 858-755-3735. Sunday, March 15, 3 p.m.; free. The Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

Creations in Chocolate Join San Diego Youth Services, local chocolatiers and pastry chefs for evening of decadent desserts. Enjoy appetizers, champagne, dinner, "magnificent chocolate masterpieces." Tickets: 619-221-8600 x235. Friday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.; \$90. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

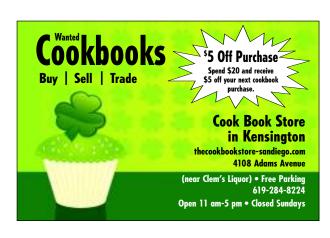
Daffodil Time Fifth annual Julian Daffodil Show held in conjunction with Julian Arts Guild Daffodil Art Show. Judge: Jay Pengra of National National Daffodil Society. Dozens of species displayed. 760-765-0480. Friday, March 13, 11 a.m.; Saturday, March 14, noon; Sunday, March 15, 11 a.m.; free, Blue Heron Garden Shop and Gallery, 2116 Third Street, (JULIAN)

Dark Matter? P&R Discussion Group gathers to consider dark matter, dark energy, and inflation. 619-370-1027, Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m.; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street, (NORTH PARK)

Dog Days AKC Del Sur Kennel Club dog show returns. Free viewing; \$25 to register dog in show. 858-793-5555. Saturday, March 14, 8 a.m.; Sunday, March 15, 8 a.m.; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, (DEL MAR)

Get to Work! San Diego Home Improvement and Landscaping Show promises designers, exhibitors, lectures, more, 800-999-5400. Friday, March 13, 10 a.m.: Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.; Sunday, March 15, 10 a.m.; free, San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Got What It Takes to Be a Master Composter? Solana Center for Environmental Innovation offers master composter course; participants are trained to teach others in community. Course



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meets once a week for five weeks, plus two field trips. After completing course, certification is earned by performing 30 hours of volunteer service in various composting activities. Materials fee: \$5. Registration: 760-436-7986 x217. Wednesday, March 18, 6 p.m.; \$5. City of San Diego Ridgehaven Building, 9601 Ridgehaven Court. (KEARNY MESA)

**Home Compost Workshop** 

Learn to turn food scraps, yard trimmings, horse manure into a rich soil amendment during class led by certified master composters and Solana Center. Registration: 760-436-7986 x222. Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.; free. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

House of Ireland Lawn program with costumes, music, dance, and ethnic foods (for sale). 619-234-0739. Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m.; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Let's Talk Together Artists, scholars, storytellers, community leaders talk about complex issues, history presented within "Black Womanhood" exhibition. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK

Lux at Night Enjoy music by the Paddle Boat, libations, and last

chance to view Jolynn Krystosek's wall collage exhibit with "large-scale paper cut-outs and intricate wax floral relief carvings" on its closing day. 760-436-6611. Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and up. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real, (ENCINITAS)

One Book, One San Diego  $\operatorname{Dis}\nolimits$ cuss Diane Ackerman's book The Zookeeper's Wife, a true story documenting efforts by zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski to save 300 Iews after Germany invaded Poland during World War II. 619-531-1539. Thursday, March 12, 1 p.m.: free. Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street. (POINT LOMA)

R-Rated Trivia Trivial fun returns with "mini-games, comedy, and 'will it float'?" Cost: \$3 per person. Winning team takes all "or come play for free if you just want to see and be seen by highly educated drunks." 619-294-4848. Sunday, March 15, 8 p.m.; \$3. Ages 21 and up. The Wit's End, 420 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

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.

**Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp** and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, March 15, 10 a.m.; free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Test Some Clubs Twelfth annual Golf Fest provides golfers with "interactive golf experience," with representatives from top golf manufacturers, clinics, golf skill contests, resorts, golf courses, golf products to help golfers improve their games. Driving range available to test equipment. 858-586-1202. Friday, March 13, noon; Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.; Sunday, March 15, 9 a.m.; free, Riverwalk Golf Club, 1150 Fashion Valley Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

The 30th Annual St. Patrick's Day Open Reading As always, "Messrs, Guinness and Harp will officiate the proceedings" during readings of selections from James Jovce, William Butler Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde, Sean O'Casey, Edmund Burke, et al. 858-456-1800. Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m.; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Greenest Block Party! The 13th annual Miller Lite Sham-ROCK 2009 promises entertainment by the Fooks, the Young Dubliners, the Down's Family, deejays, and traditional Irish music with step dancers. Over 60,000 square feet of green Astroturf is rolled out for the party. Food and libations from over 30 venues on offer. 619-233-5008. Tuesday, March 17, 4 p.m.; \$20-\$25. Ages 21 and up. Gaslamp Quarter. (DOWNTOWN)

Water Smart Plant Fair Gain an early spring start renewing landscapes with plants that thrive in an increasingly dry San Diego. Sale showcases growers, nurseries specializing in water-saving shrubs, trees, perennials, grasses, more, Lectures ("Plant Adaptations," "Water Smart Plants for Your Garden," more), children's booth, "Ask the Experts" about landscape design, composting, firewise gardening. 619-660-0614. Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m.; free. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Wearing of (Much) Green 29th annual St. Patrick's Day parade and festival celebrates Irish culture. Festival showcasing Celtic performers follows; Celtic village, youth stage, food and vendor booths. 858-268-9111. Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m.; free. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

#### **SPORTS**

"The Dressage Affaire" "Elegant tête-à-tête between horse and rider" featured during competition, 858-481-9085 Friday, March 13, 8 a.m.; Saturday, March 14, 8 a.m.: Sunday, March 15, 8 a.m.: free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Clash at Clairemont 3 Event presented by PacSun and Mission Valley YMCA promises demonstrations by nearly 30 professional skateboarders and BMX bike riders including Andy MacDonald, Ryan Sheckler, Pierre Luc Gagnon, Bucky Lasek, Kevin Robinson, Mimi Knoop, other pros. Autograph session, 2-3 p.m. 619-279-9254. Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.; free. Krause Family Bike and Skate Park, 3401 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Hilly! Bicycle to Ramona by way of Del Dios with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society. Expect 75 miles of pedaling. Bring money for lunch in Ramona. 619-473-8513. Sunday, March 15, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVER-SITY CITY)

Sea Level Century Join Knickerbikers for 100-mile bicycle adventure to Dana Point for lunch (bring money) and back before the sun sets. 760-525-6833. Saturday, March 14, 6:45 a.m.; free. Carmel Valley park and ride, 12791 Sorrento Valley Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

St. Patrick's Day Hooley Party and Irish golf tournament. Fees include nine-hole golf tournament, Irish buffet, one drink, entertainment. Don't play golf? Attend party only. Tickets: 877-451-3282. Tuesday, March 17, 2 p.m.; \$35-\$75. Fallbrook Golf Club, 2757 Gird Road. (FALLBROOK

St. Patrick's Day Run 29th annual 10K run, 2- and 4-mile fun run/walks, in Mission Bay Park. Registration: 6 a.m. south of Hilton Hotel on East Mission Bay Drive. 619-298-7400. Saturday,

March 14, 7:30 a.m.; \$15-\$33. Hilton San Diego Resort, 1775 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Stickball Sundays Preseason stickball scrimmage games played with "players who show up" to play. League play begins April 5. 619-320-9030. Sunday, March 15, noon; free. Ages 15 and up. stickball games, West Ash Street at State Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Take Me Out to a World Baseball Game! Round two games of the '09 World Baseball Classic take place at Petco Park (following round one competitions in Japan, Mexico, Canada, and Puerto Rico). Sunday, March 15, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Monday, March 16, 8 p.m.; Tuesday, March 17, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, March 18, 8 p.m.; \$15-\$325. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

To the Lighthouse Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for flat ride from I Street boat launch parking lot to Coronado Ferry (bring money for fare) and Point Loma Lighthouse. 619-647-3212. Saturday, March 14, 8:45 a.m.; free. J Street Marina Park, 550 Marina Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

Tour of Borrego Select from 22-, 40-, 62-, or 80-mile payed road rides around Borrego Springs Valley on March 14, with mostly flat terrain. Registration opens at 7 a.m., with starts 8:30-9:30 a.m. On Sunday, take part in optional time trial hill climbs to top of Montezuma Grade (8 a.m.). 760-765-2200. Saturday, March 14, 7 a.m.; Sunday, March 15, 8 a.m.; \$49. Palm Canyon Resort, 221 Palm Canyon Drive. (BORREGO SPRINGS)











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Sinfonia Concerto Competition San Diego Youth Symphony hosts competition finals, with musicians including Hedda Bates (flute), Allison Chen (cello), Anita Chen (violin), Anya Egense (piccolo), Annelle Gregory (violin), and Josh Jurkowsky (flute). 619-233-3232. Free. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 7 p.m., Thursday, March 12. (LA JOLLA)

**Duo Piano Concert** Stephen Nielson and Ovid Young in concert. Offering. 760-753-6582. San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena), 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 13. (ENCINITAS)

How About a "German Requiem"? This Brahms piece may be heard, along with concert arias by Mozart and Schubert, when the San Diego Master Chorale joins San Diego Symphony for Jacobs' Masterworks concerts. Soloists include soprano Janice Chandler-Eteme and baritone Stephen Powell. Reservations: 619-235-0804. \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14; 2 p.m., Sunday, March 15. (DOWNTOWN)

**Modigliani String Quartet This** ensemble, "considered one of the best young chamber groups in France," plays Haydn's "Quartet in B Major No. 4 (Sunrise)," the "String Quartet No. 10 in E-Flat Major (Harp)" by Beethoven, and Ravel's "String Quartet in F Maior" for Art Power series. Members include Philippe Bernhard (violin), Loïc Rio (violin), Laurent Marfaing (viola), and François Kieffer (cello). 858-534-TIXS. \$31-\$34. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 8 p.m., Friday, March 13. (LA JOLLA)

Starring Female Composers
Concert in celebration of International Women's Day planned by
Hutchins Consort, with works by
Nadia Boulanger, Susan Allen,
Consuelo Velazquez (who at 15
years old wrote "Besame Mucho"),
and Joan Tower. 760-753-7376.
Free. Encinitas Library (540 Cornish Drive), 10 a.m., Saturday,
March 14. (ENCINITAS)

Divisive! La Jolla Symphony and Chorus presents "The DNA of Music: Perspective" concerts; David Chase conducts "imaginative program" dividing chorus in two. On first half, women of chorus and guest soloists Mary Jaeb and Janelle DeStefano join orchestra for Debussy's setting of Rosetti's "La damoiselle élue." Male chorus, soloists, orchestra, take stage for second half, performing Stravinsky's oratorio "Oedipus Rex," with guest soloists Chad Frisque, Martha Howe, Lorant Naibauer, Kenneth Bell (narrator). 858-534-4637. \$15-\$26. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, March 14, and 3 p.m., Sunday, March 15. (LA JOLLA)

"Smiling Throughout" It's the way Hector Berlioz described Beethoven's "Symphony No. 2," which may be heard during concerts by Palomar Symphony. Piece is paired with the intermezzo "The Walk to the Paradise Garden" by Frederick Delius. 760-744-1150 x2453. \$8-\$12. Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road), 8 p.m., Saturday, March 14, and 2 p.m., Sunday, March 15. (SAN MARCOS)

**Old Masters of Music and Art** Series continues with concert by Richard Glenn with Harmonia Baroque. Enjoy instrumental music selected to complement paintings from museum's European collection from Renaissance and baroque periods. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. Free. San Diego Museum of Art (1450 El Prado), 2 p.m., Sunday, March 15. (BALBOA PARK)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, March 15. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Pegasus Trio** Pleasure of Your Company chamber music series continues with performance of the "Carmen Fantasy," "Time Pieces" by Muczynski, and pieces by Pleyel. Trio members are pianist Miho Gary, flutist Elena Yárritu, clarinetist Matt Gill. Reception follows. Donations appreciated. 858-8158. Free. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 15. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Cecilia String Quartet Canadian ensemble plays Haydn's "Sunrise Quartet No. 4 in B-Flat Major" for Winter/Spring Concert Series. Also on program: Schumann's "Quartet in A Major No. 3." Members of the quartet — named for the patron saint of music — include Sarah Nematallah and Min-Jeong Koh (violins), Caitlin Boyle (viola), Rebecca Wenham (cello). 619-236-5810. Free. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 15. (DOWNTOWN)

Choir Concert The 64-voice Northern Arizona University Shrine of the Ages Choir plans recital. Donation: \$10. 858-454-0713. La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue), 3 p.m., Sunday, March 15. (LA JOLLA)

Lyric Percussion for Lunch Aiyun Huang performs for miniconcert. Bring your lunch! 858-454-5872. Free. Lyceum Theatre (79 Horton Plaza), noon, Monday, March 16. (DOWNTOWN)

Music on the Point Alison Leudecke and the Millenia Ensemble perform for series. Reception follows. Donation. 619-223-6394 x13. \$5. All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard), 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 16. (POINT LOMA) Elegant, Folksy, Modern The Golden West Winds woodwind quintet plans concert including "the elegance of Brahms, the folksy Americana of Aaron Copland, and the modern Latino sounds of Paquito d'Rivera," as well as Broadway tunes, American patriotic music. 619-236-5810. Free. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 18. (DOWNTOWN)

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#### GALLERIES

"Documenting Life" Artist's reception for exhibit of new posters by Aaron Chang, who has traveled the world photographing famous surf spots. 858-272-7760. Free. Aztec Graphics Gallery (1439 Garnet Avenue), 6 p.m., Thursday, March 12. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**"Echoes in the Ice"** Opening reception for artist Rik van Glintenkamp, whose collages profiling 50 daring Arctic and Antarctic explorers may be seen through Thursday, April 16. Artist lecture follows reception (7 p.m.). 619-388-2829. Free. Mesa College Art Gallery (7250 Mesa College Drive), 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12. (MESA COLLEGE)

"Shapes, Colors, and Codes of Protection" Opening reception for exhibit in Glass Gallery, promising performance by "Tall Spirit" stilt dancer, Bomani Drum and Dance Ensemble. Illustrated talk and film clips entitled "Paths to Protection in Africa" by curator Barbara W. Blackmun. 619-388-2498. Free. Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive), 5 p.m., Friday, March 13. (KEARNY MESA)

"Small Ones" Opening reception for artist Richard Allen Morris, exhibiting new collages and paintings. Through April. 858-459-3917. Free. R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, Suite 201), 4 p.m., Saturday, March 14. (LA JOLLA)

"Student Award Exhibition 2009" Awards reception for students in School of Art, Design, and Art History planned in Flor y Canto and Everett Gee Jackson Galleries. Continues through Wednesday, March 18. 619-594-6511. Free. Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University (5500

Campanile Drive), 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 17. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Text • Context" Opening reception for exhibition of book works by Cheryl Sorg, who takes two copies of a book, dissembles them line by line, reconfigures text "in readable order" with "clear tape into a variety of large-scale and complex forms inspired by the themes and imagery within their stories." Several huge pieces, and a dozen large photographic documents of others, may be seen through March, 760-753-7376. Free. Encinitas Library (540 Cornish Drive), 1 p.m., Saturday, March 14. (ENCINITAS)

**Artists Reception** Opening for featured artists Morgan Janis (photography), Joan Grine (pastels), Jeffrey R. Brosbe (photography), Lisa Dunn (pottery). Through April. 760-942-3636. Free. Off Track Gallery (500 Second Street), 5 p.m., Friday, March 13. (ENCINITAS)

#### ART MUSEUMS

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, August 2. 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 multi-projection 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 midcentury art practice, including abstract expressionism and color-field painting," with pieces including Morris Louis's painting Beth Beth, Adolph 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 Photographic Arts "Lou Stoumen: The Naked

Truth" is solo exhibition of photographs by the artist describing "the era in which he lived" and his travels around the U.S., India, Puerto Rico, China, Japan, and beyond. Closes Sunday, May 17.

Also on exhibit through May 17: "Lou Stoumen Award Winners: The Legacy." Exhibition begins with photographs by 2009 Stoumen Prize Winner, Mikhael Subotsky, as well as previous Stoumen winners Debbie Fleming Caffery (1996), Kenro Izu (1999), James Nachtwey (2002), Gary Schneider (2006), featuring the photographs that won them the award alongside new work created after receiving it.

Edward Steichen (1879-1973) was one of the most influential figures in history of photography. "Edward Steichen: The Early Years" consists of Steichen's "signature soft-focus, moody studies of light, landscape, and form." Closes Sunday, May 17.

"Considering Edward Curtis," closing on Sunday, May 10, examines over 35 photogravures from 1907 to 1930 made by Edward Curtis (1868-1952) for his monumental 20-volume opus on Native American tribes. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art "Black Womanhood: Images, Icons, and Ideologies of the African Body" — through Sunday, April 26 — explores "direct relationship between historic and contemporary representations of the black female body as they have been expressed in both traditional African and modern Western art." The 130 included works — prints, photographs, paintings, sculpture, video, installations — are said to "reveal how ideologies and realities of race, gender, identity, and sexuality have been constructed, critiqued, and transformed through visual representations of the black female body" from 19th Century to present.

Also see "Oceanic Art: A Celebration of Form," featuring 97 works of art primarily from Melanesia and Polynesia, as well as objects from Micronesia and Taiwan. Closes Sunday, January 3,

"Emerging Elites: Indo-Muslim Cultures in Transition" examines artistic transitions that took place in Indo-Muslim cultural centers in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Exhibition treats these paintings as creative, ongoing cultural transformations. Closes Sunday, March 15.

"Visible Places: Works on Paper by Women," continuing through Sunday, March 22, is composed of "Spatial Gestures" and "Manners of Sight." All of the included works are from museum's permanent collection, many of them presented for first time. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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



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#### **Everybody Should** Juggle Spitting fire and juggling has helped Bushwalla get 6 European tours and some 15 U.S. tours. The singer-songwriter-guitarist says mixing magic, comedy, and circus tricks has allowed him to take his "freestyle-

both ended up out here. We played at Java Joe's in O.B. [in 2001]. When he took off to make his first album, I took over his Thursdays."

Bushwalla's third album, Old Street, was recorded at Mraz's home-based studio and released last month.



funk-acoustic-hiphop-vaudeville" act on the road.

"The biggest thing I ever balanced was an eight-foot surfboard on my chin. I once balanced five chairs at once."

Bushwalla, who lives on Jason Mraz's five-acre rural expanse in North County, has toured with his more-famous roommate and cowrote some of

the music on Mraz's CDs. Bushwalla (born Billy Galewood) met Mraz 14 years ago when they both attended the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York. "We

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TRAVELING VAUDEVILLIAN BUSHWALLA

Bushwalla spent October through December playing 14 shows in four European countries.

'This will be my first trip to Australia," he says of his upcoming tour in April. "I

have seven shows in 20 days. There was a community of friends there who wanted to host a Bushwalla show. They knew they had to fly me out, which is a couple thousand dollars."

Bushwalla says his fans often hire him to perform for private house parties. He says once he has secured the initial commitment for air travel, he then books himself for other private shows or public gigs. "I played at an art gallery in Amsterdam and at an ad agency in east London. In the U.S. I've played everything from golf courses to trailer parks."

He says he now just relies on referrals and return bookings in more than 20 U.S. states. He won't say how much he gets, but he says all his expenses on his last European tour were covered. "The fact that I can go to Europe regularly says something. The last time I went I came back with a little extra [cash]."

Bushwalla, 33, started in musical theater at age 9. "I started clowning at 17. Then I taught myself magic. I can pull 15 feet of colored paper out of my mouth while I'm performing. I have swallowed a 3-foot balloon animal. I've juggled swords, fire, clubs, balls, and any three objects I can find. I have blown a 6-foot fireball out of my mouth, but that can get risky.

"I think everybody

should juggle. It's an ability that everybody has but they don't know it. The other day I saw a kid on the side of the road with his girlfriend, his dog, and his cat. He was totally broken out in poison ivy. I gave him some oranges, \$10, and a set of juggling balls. I told him if he could juggle while he's panhandling, he could become a master juggler."

Bushwalla says he will bring his juggling clubs with him to South by Southwest, where he appears March 18 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

— Ken Leighton

No Robots! Local hip-hop internet radio station JellyRadio.com broadcasts around a dozen live programs each week, including Royal Jelly Reggae Show and Fried Chicken and Hip Hop, claiming 1.5 million listeners. The site is now launching JellyFish, a new online community said to "combine the concepts of MySpace, Facebook, craigslist, StumbleUpon, and YouTube into a single network."

"Part of the reason other p2p [peer-to-peer] networks have millions of users is because most of them are fake and created for advertising purposes," says JellyRadio.com executive producer Norman Jester, a.k.a. DJ Dizzo. "Any 15-year-old can download a MySpace account-creation program

and create a few hundred fake robot accounts per day." Jester points out drasticpromo.com, whose MySpace



account creator defeats the MySpace "captcha" codes designed to thwart mass uploading of shell accounts.

"The JellyFish network will not allow any form of mass-market advertising, spam, or fake user robots," says Jester. "We will not allow people to sign up purely for business purposes. We will not permit advertising in your posts or your messages. We want your friends to really be friends.... We will cater to those who want a real community and not someplace for people to sell you stuff."

With no site fees, how

will JellyFish make money? "To monetize both the station and community [and] to maintain a clean look and

> not be intrusive with ads and other hidden agendas, we will accept premium advertisers for noninvasive advertising opportunities."

In addition to his work on JellyFish, Jester is CEO of Otay Mesa Data Center Inc., a carrier-neutral telecommunications facility. "The fact that I own my own telephone company and ISP means I can leverage it to JELLYFISHER JESTER keep our costs very

low. Very few people in the world have at their disposal unlimited amounts of bandwidth and servers."

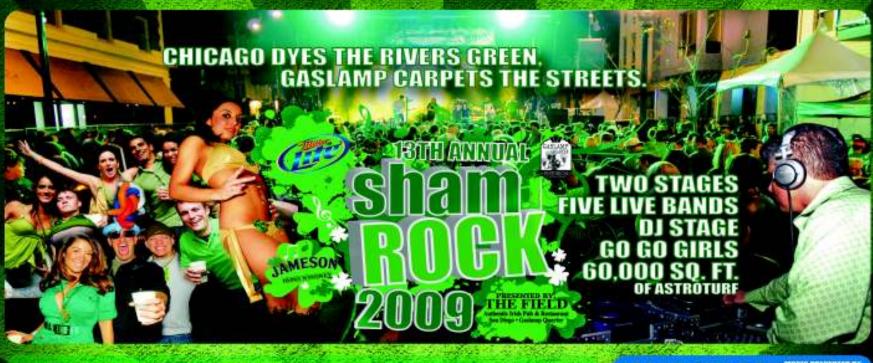
So far, only a few hundred users have signed up at jellyfish.jellyradio.com. "Due to the way p2p communities interrelate with search engines, we anticipate a growth exponential to the amount of users, factored by the amount of content they post to their JellyFish profile.... For the first year, it doesn't seem unreasonable to expect greater than ten thousand users."

> As for users posting (Continued on page 70)









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— Jay Allen Sanford

#### **Donkeys to the Rescue**

After a nationwide tour last September and a two-week,

ten-show tour through the

chilly Midwest in January,

Donkeys apparently haven't had enough of the road. On

March 12, the band will load

"Sancho," and head out on

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'70s-style jam band the

up their Dodge van,

their third tour in five months.

"The spacing in between trips is a little rough," says bassist Timothy DiNardo in a March 3 email. "This current trip was actually just tossed together recently."

The reason for the sudden departure is that the Donkeys are galloping off to rescue a Dead Oceans Records label mate, acoustic folksinger Phosphorescent.

"He has a tour coming through California on his way to Austin, and his opening act fell through for the West Coast dates. So we jumped on."

The band plans to shoot

"Just put one foot in front of the other, and you will eventually end up back home. It's the preparation that can get

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stressful." For the Donkeys, another stressful part about the road is finding time to write new material. especially between visits to record stores and drinks at the bar. "Writing songs on the road is a little rough. We do most of our writing between trips at our weekly rehearsals."

From those weekly

rehearsals, DiNardo says they have a handful of new songs. And the band recently purchased an eighttrack reel-to-reel to record the songs as demos for their next album, which, according to DiNardo, the band would

like to see released by the end

of summer.

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Pimps "I'm a residentially challenged entertainment engineer," says one-manband Ran Diego, who has been busking the Gaslamp for around two years. Usually seen performing on Fourth or Fifth Avenue between E and K streets, Diego says, "I end up playing different spots every night. Currently, police do not require a permit to busk, so I compete

Asked to explain those last three, Diego says, "A spanger is a spare-changer. A sign flier is a spanger who communicates via signs like 'will work for cash' and 'need a beer.'

with panhandlers, cupshak-

ers, spangers, sign fliers, and

puppy pimps."

"A puppy pimp uses a puppy to solicit donations, as in 'my puppy is hungry.' A few weeks ago, a lady with a puppy sat down right in

RESIDENTIALLY CHALLENGED RAN DIEGO That's when we all

front of me at Fifth and Market. She was so close, people couldn't pass between her and my tip hat. A lot of people try to piggyback off buskers."

Some areas are ducat

dead zones. "I played the Embarcadero for three hours, during the day, with hun-

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

GOD'S PROBABLY

dreds of people passing by. Zilch."

Biggest tip? "A hundred dollars. I was just jamming away with another musician, doing some original jams. The guy [who tipped] must have really liked it. But, since the economy tanked, tips are way down....

"I usually wait until dark to play, after people have had a meal and a few drinks.

loosen up a bit."

– Jay Allen Sanford

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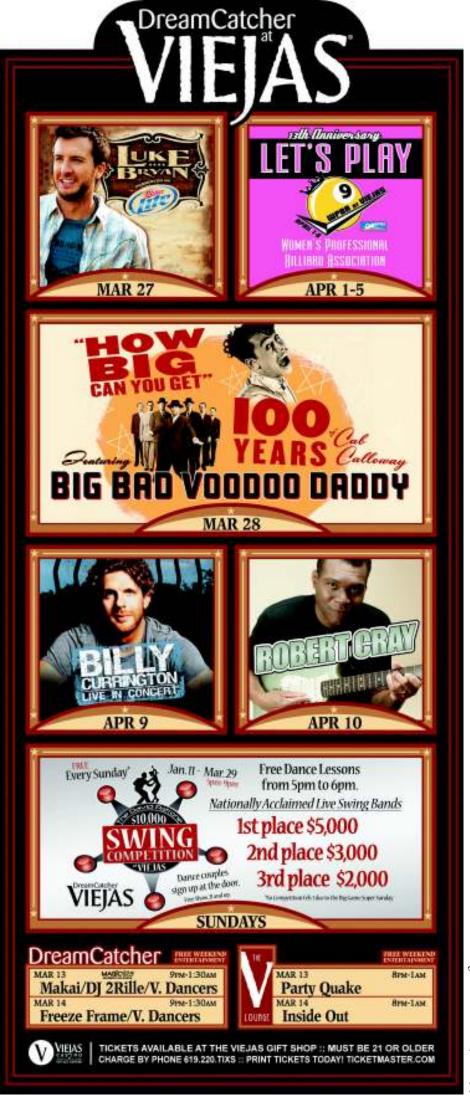
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# This Week

Thursday

The Portland psych-pop quartet **Minmae** will deliver Sean Brooks's latest acoustic-meets-electronica (acoustronica?) collection Tertiary Allotment Is a Delightfulness. Since



founder and sole original member Brooks has released an album a year under the Minmae moniker. Tertiary will be his first eponymous offering and is due to drop in April, coinciding with a mini Eurotour. Local alt-pop hits Roxy Jones and Dreaming of Tanks up first.... The local up-and-coming pop trio Writer will join the Bay Area's electronically driven indie-rock act

Birds & Batteries at Bar Pink Both bands are Austin-bound for next week's SXSW. Check out Writer's new split 7" with their pals Swim Party... Braaiins! and Zombie Surf Camp seems a clever pairing, ves? The apocalyptic surf punks share a bill at the Ken Club with the Anasaziz and Deepsea Goes.

Friday

De La Soul Is Dead. De La Soul is not dead. The NYC alt-hop trio will celebrate 20 years this year with their tenth original collection, You're Welcome. Still grooving jazz beats and wack lyrics, but 3 Feet High and Rising remains their hip-hop bomb, if not thee hiphop bomb. Catch up with the genre vets at Canes Friday night.. SanFran art-punk band **Thee Oh** 

Sees are touring through town on their way to Texas. The quartet's B-52like rave-ups will make for tasty live fare at Bar Pink. They're sharing the ride and the gig with Bay Area buds and aesthetically similar Fresh & Onlys .... Sheeeit, everybody's going to Austin! NorCal soul rockers Mother Hips will stop off in Solana Beach to hip-check Belly Up with our own Americana crew Billy Midnight .... Two shows at Casbah on Friday: early sets at 7p by acoustic cats Tim Barry, Austin Lucas, and Josh Small; desert rockers Transfer headline the late sets behind Long Live Logos and Crash Encore. Get

a load of Transfer's EP Sunken Eyes yet? Boys're poised.... Aaaand, 'round uptown you got Diablo Dimes, the Deere Johns, and Jon Meeks digging low-down roots at Radio Room...Creepy Creeps, Oh Nos, and the Dabbers serv ing up an indie-rock

smorgasbord at the Ken...Lualta, Sunday Times, ASA Ransom (NYC), and Mermaid filling a bill at Soda Bar...while Wendy Darling delivers charmed bedroom pop to Ruby Room. Cover crews Blasphemous Guitars and Still III open

Saturday

Bright Eyes buds **Cursive** just dropped their sixth Saddle Creek disc, Mama, I'm Swollen. Critics are calling it the indie act's best next to '06 benchmark Happy Hollow, and the Space takes support the hype. The quartet's selling out club dates left, right, and center, including Saturday night's set at Casbah with Ladyfinger and Little Brazil... Hot-shit piano-poppers **Silent Comedy** along with **Or, the Whale** and **Get Back Loretta** are probably your next-best sets Saturday night. Ken Club scores that hat trick.... Else: Beauty Bar stages indie pop by **sayvinyl** and the

Dreamers...Swedish alt-rawk quartet Millencolin'll be out at Soma...and noise-rockers Sirhan Sirhan, Hostile Combover, and the Archons will turn it up at Radio Room.

Sunday

Detroit garage gang Von Bondies will play a 94/9 "It's About the Music" thing at Belly Up. Reading the reviews for this year's Love, Hate and Then There's You, it appears the Bondies' '04 Jerry Harrison-produced hit Pawn Shoppe Heart was a tough act to follow for the quartet. Nico Vega and **Scarlet Symphony** set the Solana Beach stage.... Soda Bar draws a doozie with pop-punk minimalists Personal and the Pizzas,

Christmas Island, and Wild Thing. The Pizzas' greezy Fonzie rock smells like their hometown of Hoboken. Fun stuff. If you haven't checked out Soda yet, this'd be a good night.... Miss the doo there, she-punk purists Wild Weekend and Girls and

**Birthday Suits** lay it bare around the bend at Bar Pink...while indie experimentalists Asobi Seksu, Resplendor, and Bell chime in at Casbah.

Monday

After disbanding Plot to Blow, **Crocodiles** duo Charles Rowland (guitar, synth) and Brandon Welchez (vocals, programming) set out to reinvent themselves by reinterpreting the glammy fuzz-rock of Jesus and Mary Chain through their VU filter. The duo signed to Fat Possum and in May will drop one of this year's most anticipated indieworld releases. Check out Space take "Neon



Jesus" for a primer, and get to Soda Bar where the boys'll band with Kill Me Tomorrow and Past Lives.... Casbah's Anti-Monday team tags Oakland electronic-rock boy-girl band the Lovemakers. SQXMYLMNS (I know, I didn't get it right away either) and Tropical **Depression** up first.... Spanish spaz-rockers **This** Drama join the Old In Out at Bar Pink.... Belly Up stages Mavericks crooner Raul Malo and country chanteuse Shelby Lynne.... And Jersey glam-metal band Skid Row hits House of Blues

Tuesday

Get your dance duds out, party people, because English DJ duo Simian Mobile Disco will hang their glittery ball at Casbah Tuesday night. If you're at all interested, get to myspace.com/simian mobiledisco and check the production team's vid for "Synthesise." Entrancing.

Wednesday

"Let's get cray-cray!" Soda Bar's gonna fill some fine, fun bills this week. Keeping widdit Wednesday — they'll stage nu-wave crew Jamuel Saxon with Los Angelino twee-pop peeps One AM Radio and local lo-fi duo Tape Deck Mountain.... Before their Global Takeover tour takes off, San Dago's own anglophilic punx Rat City Riot will overtake Ruby Room with Jersey barroom rockers the Hudson Falcons.... And a couple of Brighton bands, Freeland and Evil Nine, bring their electronic dance beats to Casbah, which poses the question: Zombies dance?

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Saturday, 21st: Reggae w/MG3

Sunday, 22nd: Old Timey Session

**Monday, 23rd:** The Tail Draggers

Tuesday, 24th: Nathan James

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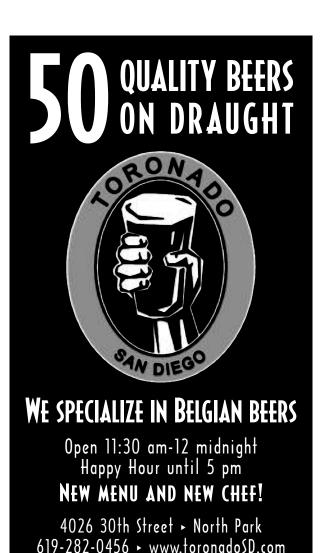
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Sunday, 29th: Old Timey Session

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# **Less Agro**

# "I didn't like being forced to weigh it. Everyone should get too much ice cream."

MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

olo musician Derek Papa is a nostalgic fellow. "I would like to see those stage guitar holders come back," he says, "the ones that don't require a strap, they just suspend

in midair. They were big in the '80s and allowed you to walk up and shred on multiple guitars during one song." On stage, he is

seen with two guitars that "[I am] very attached to. My Fender Telecaster, made in 1999, never lets me down. I bought it new, so I know every bit of its wear and tear. My acoustic is a 1964 Gibson J-50, which I've had since 2001. It has a haunting low end to it. I would save both from a burning building."

Nostalgia permeates the songs on his recently released CD from Arno Records, I Will Get to You, which includes (along with guitar and Papa's vocals) banjos, a Rhodes piano, harmonica, and lap-steel guitar, creating a quirky, laid-back, folksy atmosphere.

But he goes by his own name — not a stagy alter ego, which is popular among musicians these days. When asked why that is, Papa says, "I guess it's like a chance to try on a different pair of shoes that you don't normally wear."

Papa hosts a weekly event Thursdays at the Whistle Stop dubbed "Zzzz: The Sound of Quiet Punx." On his MySpace blog, he states, "Zzzz is a free monthly evening designed for 'less agro' or 'more pensive' artists and music lovers to come and see fragile local music come to life

at [your] favorite bar."

## **WORST JOBS YOU'VE HAD**

"This is an example of a great job but bad task: when I was 14, I helped my neighbor's landscaping business in the summers. It was a great job. I would do a lot of weeding and brush-clearing. However, one day [my neighbor] accidentally had me weed out a poison ivy vine.... And scooping ice cream. I didn't like being forced to weigh it. Everyone should get too much ice cream."

#### WHAT SUCKS?

"The knocking down of the San Diego Hotel."

#### BEST THING DONE WHEN DRUNK

"Wandering around town is always fun."

#### WHAT IS IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

- 1. John Cale, Paris 1919. "I think this one will sound extra nice in the fall."
- 2. Neil Young, On the Beach.
- 3. Woody Guthrie, Songs to Grow on for Mother

and Child.

4. Jimmie Rodgers, My Time Ain't Long.

#### **BEST/WORST GIGS**

"Best - my first band played on the edge of a half pipe in Utah for a snowboarding contest. We weren't exactly the kind of music that made you want to bust a backside 720, but it was incredible playing on a mountaintop. Worst — I can't remember the name of the place, but it was somewhere in P.B. Some guy started setting up his drums during our set. Not cool, bro."

#### **EARLIEST MEMORY**

"The blizzard of '78, Ipswich, Massachusetts."

#### **FAVORITE SAN DIEGO HANGOUTS**

"There are a few. I like watching the mountain lion at the zoo. The cactus gardens. Torrey Pines."

#### **BEST LOCAL BAR**

"Hamilton's Tavern is a great place to go when the sun won't leave you alone. Mondays are the best, when Sam is pouring."



#### **FAVORITE QUOTE**

"Boredom is the root of all evil — the despairing refusal to be oneself." - Kierkegaard

#### **BEST ADVICE GIVEN**

"To play the pentatonic blues scale."

#### WORST NAGGING DREAM

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Saturday, 9 p.m. — TrunkMonkey. Covers/pop/modern rock.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-

Friday - Defamation League. Rap.

The Alley: 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-1173. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays — The Love Rangers. Dance music.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Jane Monheit. Traditional

jazz. \$20-\$38. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. - Martinis & Sinatra. Big band/jazz standards. \$18. 9:30 p.m. — Haute Chile. Covers/standards. \$16. Tuesday, 7 p.m. — The Anthology House Band. Jazz/R&B/soul. \$5. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — The Rebecca Jade Quartet. Jazz/R&B.

**Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth** Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. Sunday, 3 p.m. — The Irish Rovers. Irish folk group. \$20-\$47.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746. Monday, 8 p.m. — LDR and the Kates. With Excuses for Skipping.

Rock

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

Sunday, 8 p.m. — The Von Bondies. Alternative/punk/indie. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Ashley Matte. With Beth Preston and Veronica May. Pop/rock/soul. \$8.

#### **Birch North Park Theatre:**

2891 University Avenue, North Park. 619-239-8836. Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Spanish Harlem Orchestra. Mariachi/ Latin/Tejano. \$40-\$45.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300. Thursday, 9 p.m., - Jacqueline Grace. Pop/Latin. Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Donovan Nugent. With Maddox Revolution. Pop/rock/acoustic.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989. Thursday — The Minor Keys. With

Bang Bang and the Blast and Sweet Ever After. Indie.

Bondi Bar and Kitchen: 333 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-342-

Sunday, 3:30 p.m. — Jordan Reimer. Acoustic/folk/pop.

The Brew House at EastLake: 871 Showroom Place. Suite 102, Chula Vista, 619-656-

*Thursdays*, 8 p.m. — Paradigm. With guests. Jazz/pop/blues. Free. Ages 18 and up.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — the START. With the Action Design, Roxy Epoxy & the Rebound, and guests. Indie/electro/power pop. \$10. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Kyle Van Band. Acoustic/bluegrass.rockabilly. \$5.

Café La Maze: 1441 Highland Avenue, National City, 619-474-

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. — Sandy Chappel and Burnett Anderson. With various pianists. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. — The Sandy Chappel Quintet. With Sandy Chappel, Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, Marley Waak, and bass player du jour. Standards/jazz/ blues.

Saturdays, 7 p.m. — Live Music. Various rotating musical groups. Standards/jazz. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. — Burnett's Bliss. With Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian and Scott

Wallingford, Jazz/standards/blues.

Café Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue. Downtown, 619-233-5979. Sunday, 8 p.m. — Orquesta Guayo. Colombian

Mondays, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español. Tuesday — Orquesta Primo. Latin/mariachi/Tejano

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. Friday, 9 p.m. — De La Soul. Hip hop. \$25. Ages 21 and up. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Tainted Love. '80s tribute band. \$15.

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Saturday, 8 p.m. — The Baytown Band. Funk/pop/rock. Free.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.

Thursday, 9:30 p.m. — Minmae. With Dreaming of Tanks and Roxy Jones. Indie/pop. \$6. Friday, 7 p.m. — Tim Barry. Plays an early show with Austin Lucas and Josh Small. Folk/rock/punk. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. — Cursive. With Ladyfinger and Little Brazil. Indie. \$15. Ages 21 and up. Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Asobi Seksu. Indie/electro/pop. \$10.

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**Downtown Café:** 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-

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**Dream Street Live:** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.

Wednesday, 7 p.m. — La Creaky Cahts. Rock.

**Epazote:** 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. *Thursday*, 7 p.m. — Freefall. Jazz. Free.

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Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-2660. Friday — Wild Weekend. Garage/pop/punk.

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Sunday, noon — The Blokes. Irish rock.

Tuesday, 8 p.m. — The Mighty Regis. Celtic/punk. Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Joe Wood & the Lonely Ones. Roadhouse blues.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Listen to the online-only live album that Brooklyn band Asobi Seksu released in October 2006, and the first thing you hear is a loud burst of guitar feedback. Guitarist James Hanna bends his notes, tweaking more overtones and squeals out of his amp for a couple of minutes before drums and bass come pounding into the mix and YukiChikudate's high voice chimes in like a little bird trying to be heard over the sound of a rocket launch. Next, listen to Hush, the new Asobi Seksu album, and instead of feedback you'll hear chiming guitars and gentle synths providing cozy pillows under the head of that songbird.

The official explanation for this abrupt change is that, while on tour in 2006, Hanna realized he was tired of loud guitars and decided to change direction. The cynical explanation is that Asobi Seksu got tired of trying to sound like My Bloody Valentine and decided to sound like the Cocteau Twins instead. A third explanation might be that between Asobi Seksu's last album and Hush, My Bloody Valentine got back together, and Hanna and Chikudate realized there was no point in trying to compete with the real thing.

But none of those explanations fully accounts for the big step forward evident on Hush. Unable to float along on waves of noise, Hanna and Chikudate had to sharpen their songwriting skills. The songs don't necessarily have pop hooks, but they build up to emotional climaxes (Hanna hasn't completely



retired the noisy guitar) that carry a wallop even at those times when Chikudate is singing in Japanese. There are plenty of moments when they don't just sound like the Cocteau Twins, they sound better.

ASOBI SEKSU, Casbah, Sunday, March 15, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10.

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BY DAVE GOOD

There are days that I O.D. on indie rock, especially when the newer bands put out stuff that seems headed toward '80s import. meaning the dark days of synth and ugly haircuts. But then some fresh group such as Little Brazil comes along and recharges the rock and roll batteries. They are from Nebraska, founded a couple of years ago as a side project by Landon Hedges. His name is recognizable in the architecture of Nebraska rock, having played with Conor Oberst and in a band called the Good Life. The emo thing sends bad shivers up and down my spine, and Hedges has some of the essence of emo about him, but I can overlook that in this case. His guitar in Little Brazil rings with manly garage-band stamina. LB does early Death Cab for Cutie better than Death Cab did, this perhaps because they have had the time to reflect on what it was that Death Cab was really all about.

Little Brazil includes fellow cornhuskers Greg Edds, Danny Maxwell, and Oliver Morgan. All are young men who have only recently come of age; in the past, their chosen subject matter would have indicated that they were still deep in the grips of figuring themselves out: "Were you ever in love?/ Did you ever feel like this

was the one?" Hedges sings. "Or was I just a stepping stone to help you grow up?"

Little Brazil is touring now in support of their latest CD titled Son, said to be a collection of semifictional short stories set to a chunky mass of guitar-based rock. That LB split their focus on youth sentiment with the angst of the Middle Ages ups the level

LITTLE BRAZIL

of their songwriting intelligence quotient way past that of a band blindsided by their own collective immaturity. But is it asking too much of an obscure group from Omaha to save indie rock from itself? Only time will tell.

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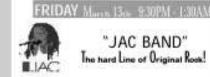




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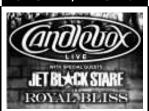


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"Long Way Home," by the Coyote Problem, was the most-downloaded MP3 from SDReader.com during February. Below is an interview with songwriter Peter Bolland.

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Has it been easier or harder to write songs during tough times?

Peter Bolland: If anything, it's easier during tough times. Pain is a catalyst. After the pain comes the change. And how can you keep silent about that? You learn a lot when you lose, and the wisdom that wells up in you bleeds out through your guitar. Hopefully, songs capture the flow. Maybe these songs can do other people some good. Judging by the emails I get from fans all over the world, this song brought about a lot of healing. I'm humbled

Does writing a song like this change your luck or fill

I don't know about luck. but it definitely fills a void. Good songs tell the truth. Great songs show you the truth in your own life, truth you'd overlooked. The best songs give you back to yourself. When we recorded this song, we knew we had something special. And then when Lisa Sanders came in and added a third harmony, Sven (my producer) and I just looked at each other and nodded we knew we had an album opener. The sound of our three voices - me, Billy Fritz, and Lisa Sanders - is the emotional core of this album.

Did the Coyote Problem split up? What's in store for CP this year?

No, Coyote Problem did not split up. We're on hiatus.... I love music and will always write and perform in some capacity, but running the business, dealing with booking, promotions, the scores of web presences we have, the competition, the envy, the striving and the ambition - I felt my joy pulling me in other directions. For a while, anyway. Danny, Billy, and John are busy in several other projects. I'm doing a few solo shows here and there, and we are all very proud of what we created and humbled by the beauty that happened when we got together and made music.

Partial lyrics to "Long Way Home":

Have you ever crawled out of a hole so deep That it took you all year just to find your feet It's a long way home You stumble and trip on a bare root Fall flat on your face, they're all looking at you And it's a long way home Looking up at the road that winds and climbs I'm gonna run till I'm bleeding, broke and blind



Broken bottles all over the floor

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March 25 — Trece de la Suerte. March 26 — Orquesta Primo.

March 29 — Gene Perry y Afro

March 31 — Banda del Swing.

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April 10 — Don Felder.

April 11 — Led Zepagain.

April 12 — Cold.

April 14 — Aterciopelados. April 17 — The Derek Trucks

April 18 — India.Arie. April 19 — The Kottonmouth

Kings. April 23 — Queensrÿche.

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May 20 — Fischerspooner.

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Ensemble. May 21 — Palomar Concert Band and Palomar Brass Ensemble.

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August 13 - Jackson Browne.

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March 22 — Drive By Jones.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington Talmadge, 619-284-2848. March 19 — Heavy Glow.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.

April 17, May 23, June 19 - Live Wire.

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March 27 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.

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April 29 — Live Wire

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March 22 — The Unruly Bangs. March 23 — Mystery Train.

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April 29 — Celtic Woman: Isle of Hope.

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**Poway Center for the** Performing Arts: 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505. April 11 — Vybration.

Price Center at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, 858-534-6467. April 15 — Seun Kuti and Egypt 80.

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March 27 — TrunkMonkey. March 28 — Stepping Feet.

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The Red Eye Saloon: 1448 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. May 29, May 30 — The City Limits

The Red Parrot Lounge at Casino Pauma: 777 Pauma Reservation Road, Pala, 760-742-2177. April 18 — MoonDance.

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May 20 — Flight of the Conchords.

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May 31 — Fleetwood Mac. August 29 - Ricardo Arjona

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121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500. March 20 — Joe Bonamassa. April 18 — John Prine.

May 22 — Jack's Mannequin

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# Crasher

# SPACE CHIMPS TRAVESTY

by Josh Board

love movies — watching them and discussing them. I've gone to the Sundance Film Festival a few times and recently started going to some local festivals.

I went to the Fallbrook Film Festival last year. It was a nice excuse to hit Fallbrook and fun listening to filmmakers talk about their projects. It was awkward if a movie was bad and they'd do a Q&A afterward. But more often than not, I was surprised at how enjoyable they were.

For the San Diego Black Film Festival on February 1, I figured I'd try to meet Lou Gossett Jr.

The SDBFF was at the theaters in Horton Plaza. There was a small crowd in the upstairs section of the theater. One guy was asking the filmmakers for autographs, and I asked him if he had gotten Gossett's signature. He said, "He's not here. He was supposed to be here for the meet-and-greet, but I overheard someone say he got into a disagreement with someone." He wasn't going to show up until the awards segment. At a different event a few years ago, I recall he didn't show up at all (he said he had the flu that time).

I listened to actors who starred in a movie called I Own You. In the film, an African American is



married to a white woman, and there is a brief time during which they believe her family might have owned his. The film was a comedy, and they were funny as they discussed it.

While in line for food, I met a guy who runs a website dedicated to movie trailers. He was enthusiastically telling me about his company as I downed the Ghirardelli chocolates that were in the center-

"I hate to admit this, but I got it at Costco."

pieces. I left without meeting Gossett.

The real film parties were on Oscar night a few weeks later.

Some friends went to a party

that the San Diego Visual Arts Network put on at the UltraStar theater in Hazard Center, but I opted for a party in Sunset Cliffs, a potluck.

My girlfriend suggested we bring a cake or cupcakes. I asked her if she'd be able to design them using themes of the movies nominated. A bat for Dark Knight would be easy. Maybe buttons on one for The Curious Case of Beniamin Button. We decided that's what we'd

Then Sunday arrived and we hadn't done anything. And, well, I'm lazy. We ran into Vons and bought desserts.

Sometimes potlucks don't have the best variety of food. At this party, there was a crab lasagna, a couple of pizzas, fruit salad, and about 15 other delicious things to eat. Bowls of popcorn or boxes of candy had been placed on tables. It was like being in a movie theater, only nobody cared if your cell phone went off. And when one did ring, I heard the person talking about snow in Michigan. Another guy commented on the sunny weather we've been having. After he almost knocked over his plate of popcorn, he said, "The amount of popcorn I got would cost me ten dollars at the theater."

I tried talking movies with a few people around me, and I found that people didn't see many films this year. It made it funnier when Oscars host Hugh Jackman joked about having not seen The Reader.

When Goldie Hawn came out, a few people wondered if she'd had surgery. A few of the women talked about how horribly her dress fit. A guy nearby said, "I'm not complaining." A lady said, "Then go see The Wrestler. You'll see a lot more skin in that."

When animated clips were shown on the screen, I said, "It's a travesty that Space Chimps didn't get a single nomination."

As people were getting up for food, everyone raved about the spinach-artichoke dip. A woman sitting next to me leaned in and whispered, "I hate to admit this, but I got it at Costco."

A guy named Eric showed up and was talking about how he'd just been accepted into a drumline named Gold. Everyone applauded. I said, "Is there anyone you'd like to thank?" Someone yelled, "Your mother, for all those drum lessons!" Someone else said, "He should thank the man unstairs not God, but the guy living above him, for not complaining when he practices drum rolls."

Eric had gone up to Hawthorne to audition. I asked him how many people he'd competed against. He said, "There were 14 people trying out for 7 spots."

He talked about the audition process, the various marches and maneuvers required for the audition. A guy in his 50s started talking about the days when he was in a drumline. He said, "We'd try to trap the judges as they walked up and down." Someone asked him when that was and he replied, "Oh, a couple centuries ago."

When a couple was leaving early, the woman told me her husband was tired because he had been going through chemo.

A guy wearing a Wolverine jacket complimented me on my Batman jacket. Someone who heard us suggested a party next year at which you dress as one of the movie characters nominated. I said, "If that was done this year, you'd just see a bunch of Nixon masks." Someone else said, "I don't know. There was a variety of people this year: the Joker, Iron Man, Hellboy,



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With all the talking, I was surprised at how quiet the room became when a posthumous award was given to Heath Ledger. It was a touching moment to hear his family speak on his behalf.

I went to grab my second brownie (which were perhaps the best brownies I've ever had) and saw Eric at the table. I decided to continue our drum talk and asked if he'd seen the White Stripes on Conan O'Brien's last show. I said, "It was weird that Meg wasn't playing drums. I think she's still freaked out about playing in front of crowds." He replied, "Yeah, it's weird. She might not be the best drummer around, but she's fine for that band."

I overheard a woman say she didn't see The Reader because she thought it would be too depressing. She then mentioned visiting concentration camps in the

'70s and talked about how when she toured them it felt as if she had been there before. She said she knew things before she was told what they were. I leaned into my girlfriend and said, "Is she implying that she had a past life or is psychic? Or am I missing something?" She elbowed me because my whispering was loud.

I noticed the napkin I had my brownies on read, "Congrats Grad." I glanced at the table and saw forks with "2000" on them. I looked at the cup my sparkling cider was in — a New Year's cup. Leslie saw me inspecting it and said, "Hey...they were all left over from previous parties, and I thought this was the perfect time to get rid of them."

I agreed. Although, if the Oscars weren't on the big screen, I would've been confused about what party I was reporting on. ■

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# **Cheap Steak Serenade**

What is Golden Hill's edgy Turf Supper Club, along with its tattooed waitresses, doing out in the wilds of La Mesa? Same as it ever was: serving cook-it-yourself steaks. And now, beyond the basic green salad, there are side dishes and even desserts.

The original Turf on 25th Avenue still exists, after a fashion, under new management. Recognizing a potential cash cow, the landlord bought out the restaurant's owners, who relocated seven miles east to a lower-rent residential zone that's even more famished than Golden Hill (if that's possible) for restaurants with more variety than the ubiquitous taco stands.

Riviera Supper Club and Turquoise Lounge occupy a huge space (compared to the old digs), a sprawling 1950s-style blue-collar roadhouse that most recently held Habana, a Mexicanowned Cuban restaurant and salsa dance hall (a branch of a Texas-based chain) that fit the neighborhood about as well as would a UFO from the Andromeda Galaxy. Now, the interior is back to the early '50s, with dark red walls, low lighting, and sprawl-y tufted black leatherette booths (plus some stand-alone tables), and a large communal grill in the center of the room. If your aim is to drink your blues away, you can go straight into the Turquoise Lounge bar (where you can also eat), but if you're primarily focused on dinner, choose the Riviera door. Around the edges of the property, awaiting warm weather, are two outdoor-dining patios (including a secret, sheltered, smoking-okay space behind the dining room, on the side opposite the front door, that, in Cuban times, served as a "cigar lounge"). The Turf Club jukebox is famous for its eclectic assortment, played pretty loudly; but the evening's ebullient crowd drowned out the music.

La Mesa isn't Golden Hill, and the old ascetic menu probably wouldn't play out here in the boonies, where the natives expect their dinner



to be a *dinner* — not just a slab of raw flesh and a piece of bread. The meat choices have expanded to five cuts of steak, ranging from an 8-ounce sirloin to a 28-ounce porterhouse for

two, along with a rack of "St. Louis-cut" pork spareribs, plus the original burgers and teriyaki kebabs, a chicken-breast sandwich, and several seafood options, including a daily fish

catch at market price. There's always been a huge, luscious portobello mushroom to grill (now it comes with a side of risotto!), but vegetarians and vegans can also choose from several huge new side dishes.

Steve and I arrived early and settled down with cocktails from the list of house specialties. (Cocktails and glasses of wine all seem to cost the same \$8.) His Sazerac, a New Orleans clas-

sic involving bourbon and anise-flavored Herbsaint (similar Pernod substitutes here in Yankee-land), was a powerhouse, delicious but far from the subtler potion they make at

Napoleon House, which claims the invention of the drink. It's a good cocktail for the designated drinker. What caught my eye was a fad drink of the ferny singles bars of the '70s — the Harvey

Wallbanger, my first (and last) Harvey since 1976. It was the opposite of the Sazerac, a thin, icy, girly-girly drink with not nearly the strength to make any good girl go wild. When the Lynnester and her marvelous mom, Mary Ellen, arrived — the latter escaping the worst of the northern Michigan winter as she does every year — they sampled various red wines by the glass and let us taste. I can't say I'd want any of

## Riviera Supper Club and Turquoise Lounge

★★½ (Good to Very Good)

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**HOURS:** Wednesday–Saturday, 4:00 p.m.–2:00 a.m.; Sunday–Thursday, 4:00 p.m.–midnight. Food served until two hours before closing.

**PRICES:** Entrées, \$6.50–\$28.50 (for two); sides to share (serves four to six), \$5.50. Desserts to share, \$7.50. Most cocktails and wines by the glass. \$8.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Raw USDA Choice steaks, pork ribs, burgers, kebabs, and fish, all for do-it-yourself grilling, plus giant-sized steakhouse side dishes. Full bar with classic cocktails, basic selection of wines by the glass, identified by grape (not by label or year). Bottles available but servers not versed in them. Free corkage on first BYO bottle, \$8 on additional bottles.

**PICK HITS:** Sirloin steak, "Kansas City" New York strip steak, "St. Louis—cut" pork spareribs, panko-crusted onion rings, bourbon-bacon baked beans, probably porterhouse steak and wedge salad.

**NEED TO KNOW:** No reservations for parties smaller than eight. Under 21 restricted to 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. daily in dining room only. One vegan entrée, nine huge vegetarian sides (at least four vegan). Weekends and midweek primetimes, grill may be crowded; best go early or late. (Note very late hours.) Can be seriously noisy. Automatic 18 percent gratuity for parties of six or more.

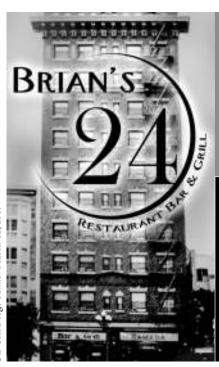
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them, although the Pinot Noir was, eh, acceptable.

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reography problems involving raw meats and cooked sides arriving simultaneously, so the sides cooled while the meat got cooked — that glitch is pretty much solved now, except when it isn't (some blog posts indicate that slip-ups still happen). We got our meat first, did our grill-time in the center of the room, and when we returned to our table, the sides arrived apace.

The steaks are wet-aged USDA Choice, deliciously seasoned with garlic, olive oil, cracked black pepper, and kosher salt. (There are additional condiments at the grill, including Worcestershire and Tabasco sauces.) When I last reviewed Turf in Golden Hill, the splendid beef came from Iowa Meats. Not long after, the owners changed vendors, and now at the Riviera they've changed again — "upgrading," said our waitress. (The prices have gone up, too, although the steaks are still bargains.) Though you're given a serious, heavy steak knife, I didn't think "upgrade" while sawing away at my 16-ounce bone-in Cowboy rib-eye. This is a cut prized for flavor rather than tenderness, but gee-whiz, is their Cowboy a high-mountain sherpa? I've eaten beast-of-burden vak rib that was tenderer. Yes, I cooked it very rare — but that was true in Golden Hill, too, where this cut was much more ingratiating. Chewing this one was an aerobic exercise.

On the other hand, there was the terrific sirloin. The restaurant's cheapest cut (just \$8.50 for eight boneless ounces) is wonderful — tender, full-flavored, a classic fine steak. When I was a kid in New York, sirloin was the ne plus ultra of the middle class. (Mom would say, "Who can afford porterhouse?") Moving out West, I found that the sirloins on this coast didn't have the same rich flavor, so I switched allegiance to rib-eye and the occasional porterhouse. Well, this sirloin resembles the savory, satisfying steaks of memory. (And here the porterhouse is a 28-ounce slab for \$28, a darn good deal to feed two normal people plus a Chihuahua waiting at home, or one ravenous Cro-Magnon. Or, if you're looking for tenderness, there's an eight-ounce filet mignon for \$17.50.)

A bone-in "Kansas City" New York strip (\$16.50), cut from the center loin — a tender muscle less exercised than either rib or sirloin — also hit the spot. At my friends' choice of medium-rare, it was a smidgen overcooked to the tastes of my inner cavewoman. Saint Steve (after Sab-E-Lee, that's become his nom-de-Reader) had taken over as our table's alpha griller and was kind to our civilized tablemates.

We'd ordered the sirloin in the surf 'n' turf combo, paired with a teriyaki seafood kebab made with the day's catch,

ahi - small chunks skewered alternately with onion and green pepper. The kebabs, no different than they were at the Turf, didn't thrill me there or here. A daily market-price fish sounds more promising if you're a good-enough cook to move it off the heat early. The classic, mainly accurate formula for fish is ten minutes of cooking per inch of thickness. The grills at Riviera seem set to low-medium heat, so it should work. As for steaks, the rule is: touch your face and then your steak, and when the meat feels like your cheek, it's rare; when it feels like your chin, it's medium, and when it feels like the tip of your nose, you're about to eat your shoe. As for burgers: be gentle don't squish them down with the spatula (as we saw one biker doing), which only drives out all the juices.

Another menu introduction is a slab of "St. Louis-cut" pork spareribs (16 ounces), precooked to be reheated on the grill. The ribs were meaty, juicy, and lean, probably, we decided, oven-braised with care in a little flavorful liquid (not simmered in water, as so many fake "barbecues" do). They had their full pork flavor intact and came with a ramekin of generic barbecue sauce that, if not great, did no harm. Lower-price choices include a thick puck of a sirloin burger (\$7.50), beef or chicken teri-kebabs (\$7.50), and a chicken-breast sandwich (\$6.50).













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Over the communal grill, we met and chatted with other customers. Some were sweet older La Mesans, humbly asking advice from us whippersnappers as they tried to make sense of this novel DIY arrangement. Others came from an exceedingly loud ("DUDE! HowAH ya, how's it HANGin'?") group of 12 male and 2 female bikers in partial leathers, whose seven pristine machines I later admired in the parking lot. They were equally friendly as they joined us at the campfire to cook their burgers and sirloins to cindery deaths. When we returned to our table and their genial roars filled the room, now and then I'd yell out, vainly, if safely, "SHUT IT THE HELL UP!" (They were seated at the opposite side of the room and couldn't hear me.)

Our sides (all \$5.50 and large enough for four guys nicknamed "Tiny" or six regular people) showed up as soon as we settled down in our booth with the meats. Top pick: panko-crusted onion rings with a hint of cayenne in the airy batter, accompanied by tasty ranch, bleu cheese, and chili-sauce dips. Seriously good. Don't miss the great bourbon-and-bacon baked beans — deep, sweet, rich, and loaded with large bacon pieces. Another likely good bet: a neighboring table ordered the wedge salad of iceberg lettuce. It looked great, and we all remembered that the Turf has always served delicious salad dressings.

Dish to avoid: the soggy creamed corn tastes only of reduced dairy, with zero corn flavor. Steve nailed it: drained canned corn. "They must be figuring that here in the suburbs they can get away with serving any kind of junk," he said. We lamented that the kitchen hadn't sprung a few extra cents for frozen corn, which maintains some of its native flavor and texture.

Macaroni with four cheeses was a tragic near-miss. The breadcrumb-cheese coating was a glutinous mess, congealing into an ugly skin on top of the dish. The pasta was overcooked, and the sauce too mild and gooey, with no distinctive cheese flavor. "I want more cheddar in this, a good sharp cheddar," I said. "You're right," said Mary Ellen. "This cheese mixture is like baby food, with no personality."

Desserts are also new since the Turf Club days. We all wanted to try the baconchocolate cake. It proved to be a vast slab of dry, ordinary chocolate cake reminiscent of Duncan Hines devil's food cake mix, topped with a cheap-tasting fudgey chocolate that resembled Betty Crocker canned frosting. In the center, mingled with another frosting layer, was a pile of crisp, chopped bacon, which inspired an addictive love-hate relationship. Bacon and chocolate, chocolate and bacon - sweet and gooey and crisp and salty, flavors and textures sending up their siren songs from the dark cavernous depths of the evil cake. I took the doggie-bag home and, hating myself, kept picking at the bacon-laden center

a teaspoon at a time, a bite or two per night, until the bacon was finally gone and the surrounding cake was mummified sawdust. Serious chefs out there: this is a great idea, please pick it up and make it right. And make it too small to doggie bag.

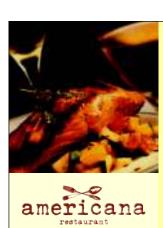
Much better was our waitress's recommendation of chocolate malt crème brûlée. Not too sweet, it resembled a silky, light chocolate pudding topped with Whoppers malted milk balls and unsweetened heavy-cream swirls. It, too, was way too big — one dessert is more than enough for four. There's no espresso to go with the sweets, but the coffee is adequate.

And now I'm back to the shock: don't tell me I'm not losing a daughter but gaining a son. The Turf isn't going to be the same, so I've lost precisely half my neighborhood's best choices for eating out (and now that Luigi's Pizza has been "discovered," there are always long lines). My loss is La Mesa's gain.

Bargain Bite: \$10 "Stimulus Package" Sunday-Thursday at the bar of the Linkery on 30th Street in North Park. You get a plate of two house-made sausage (or portobello) tacos — and the Linkery is good with Mexican food plus a Session Lager, jar o' wine, or sparkling water. Sit at the bar and whisper the code phrase "stimulus package," or something similar, and it's all yours for ten bucks.

Happy big-deal birthday, Michelle! Please read "Missed Connections" for the rest of this important message from your devoted posse. ■





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The Cookie Lady Café and Bak**ery** 7596 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1640. Pretend you're going to Tapenade, then veer off up Shingle Lane. You come to a sunny brick patio with mosaic tables, trees, plants, and a little Curiosity Shoppe-looking place. Ask for Joan, the Cookie Lady, Think Hermione Gingold ("There's no business like show..."). She's so bursting with life you'll almost forget to eat. Yes, this is soup-and-sandwich land, and od in both departments. A half-andhalf turkey sandwich (and it's real turkey, roasted here each morning) and Italian wedding soup will overstuff you. Best of all: your total here is about what you'd pay for the tip next door.

Open daily except Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely picante. Given the surefire location at the hub of P.B. party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list em phasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — N. W.

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla - rich, poor Brahmans, and gardeners - could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish wait-resses at lunch. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich Hot Creamy Oatmeal with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin,

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crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-hereforever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive.

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. If this is a chain, then tie me up, tie me down! Piatti started in the Bay Area and retains that foodie ethos, giving chefs at the local branches freedom to produce splendid, classic Italian menus including multiregional starters, interesting pastas, and thin-crust pizzas. The quality of ingredients and cooking is beyond suspicion. You are almost guaranteed a tasty meal. This is one of a few





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local eateries to offer sweetbreads to those who love them. Ravioli al limone, prosciutto-grilled romaine, and key lime-raspberry tart are among the favorites. Californian-Italian wine list, full bar. Plenty for vegetarians, plus some vegan dishes (varying seasonally). Reservations essential — beg for patio seating in good weather to avoid the indoor din. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard #H, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. At this delightful mini-chain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegivirtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak - in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. - N. W.

Red Marlin Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina, 1441 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-1234. When you've got vacationing relatives or friends in tow or just wish you could take a vacation yourself, this view-endowed, indoor-outdoor seaside dining room is a great escape, offering beautifully executed food that appeals to all palates. Emphatically a "hotel-chain restaurant," Red Marlin features a cautious menu of light California fusion cuisine featuring fine unendangered

seafood and sustainably raised ingre dients. What makes it special is the flawless cooking and creative tweaks by Chef de Cuisine Danny Bannister. Íf you like your Kurobuta pork chop medium-rare, he knows the secret of perfection. And his blue crab cake is all crab, barely any filler. The flaw: The hotel company's remodeling plans severely skimped on signage, so the stand-alone restaurant is hard to locate (and so is its ramped wheelchair entrance). Get detailed directions when you call to reserve, as there's ample free parking at the restaurant's back door that can save you a long trek through the grounds. Good wines at all prices, full bar. — N.W.

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive. Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? This renowned sushi bar offers seafood of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight raps, and disciplined creativity. And beauty, of course, such as the ahi sashimi, a whole small Spanish mackerel bent into the shape of a swelling sail. These joys don't come easily. First, reserve. Then find the place, tucked into the corner of a minimal mini-mall on the east side of the street, marked with the large 7-Eleven sign (opposite Rubio's). Don't waste your time with the California roll ilk; instead, snoop on your neighbors' choices (particularly those of Japanese customers), watching for off-menu extravaganzas. A printed omakasa menu at the tables (the equivalent of a lavish chef's tasting dinner) of either sashimi or sushi will feed one person royally or two lightly for under \$30. Cooked dishes are dull except for seafood miso soups and chawan mushi (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play, so best bet is to go late in the week, when the master's most likely to be present and keeping an eye out. To be served at the counter by Ota-san himself, reserve one month ahead. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Moderate. - N.W.

#### BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Cien Años Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Tijuana, 664-634-3039. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nu above all, a vast variety of chili peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat minitacos, posole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mescal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Vegetarian on request. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. - N.W.

La Leña Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 664-686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy. fumy, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-vellow walled room and a full view of...countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like Star Wars creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill charro food for well-to-do charros. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut filete cabreria, which are flabby but tender. Most

arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican—their hamburger is darned tasty. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — E.B.

Señor Frog's Via Oriente 60 C6, L4, Zona Río, Tijuana, 664-682-4962. Normally this is a moderately priced eatery but Tequiza Tuesdays promise as much food and drink as you can handle for one cover charge (\$15, last time we checked in). Food includes a buffet with good fish tacos, birria (stew, usually beef), pork, chicharron, carne asada, ceviche, on and on. House beers and Mexican liquors, including tequila, are in the deal, too. Refill your plate and glass as often as you want, truly. Only caution: if a sombrero-totin' charro comes up offering tequila shots from his bandolier, you'll pay. Free food and drink 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays only. Other days, inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

#### CENTRAL

Athens Market 109 West F Street, Downtown, 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin. Yes, it's classy — white tablecloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of fakee, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like spanakopita (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Bambu Bistro 3882 Fourth Avenue. Hillcrest, 619-299-9727. How many American chefs do vou know who actually went to Asia and learned by working in traditional restaurant kitchens of Vietnam, Indonesia, India? Chef Alexandria did. The result is her Asian-fusion cuisine. The Bistro is huddled in the corner of a strip mall, but you can still eat under exotic umbrella lampshades (inside) or tropical palapas (outside). The food is fresh, original, and often tasty. Dishes to try include Chinese Chopstick Salad (shredded chicken, fried rice noodles, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds) Indo-Chinese burrito with steak (beef, rice noodles covered with a sesame and lime sauce), Drunken Noodles (chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon, or tofu), and Sea Salad (glass noodles, wild salmon, greens). Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least 20 breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black-olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot – inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily except Christmas, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — N. W.

**Chipotle** 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688. 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe: This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made on-premises. It's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meatjobbers). The fresh-grilled carne asada is splendid, the *carnitas* outstanding. And it's "have it your way" with a wealth of choices as to what you get burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas — and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot's open). Open 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Rock-bottom prices. —  $\hat{N.W.}$ 

Chow Noodle House 540 Univer-

sity Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-269-9209. If vou want to taste your way through Asia and you're looking for economy fare, this could be your one-stop destination — with no reservations needed. Renowned Thai restaurateur Alex Thao (Celadon, Rama) set his sights lower, wider, and cheaper here, serving noodle dishes and rice bowls of China, Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam in cool, airy, black-and-white surroundings. It sure ain't Chinatown Jake, but it's kind of fun and very filling. The best dishes (e.g., pot-stickers, tom yum soup) are equivalent to those at good restaurants specializing in these specific cuisines. But mostly they seem "gringofied" to appeal to lesstraveled American palates. Oddly, Thai dishes suffer most, from severe reductions in hot spice and heavy doses of sugar in many sauces, with few veggies to lighten their weight. (It's not Rama either, Jake.) Good desserts, smart wine and sake list. Inexpensive. Open daily, 11 to 11.— N.W.

Cilantro Live! 3807 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-325-1949. Founder Christina Guzman believes raw is beautiful. "The secret is in the enzymes," she says. Cook food and you kill them. "There is so much more life in [live, uncooked] food, you need eat less of it." Maybe just as well, because

these raw dishes don't come cheap. So, how to eat vegan, raw, and not gag? Start with the surprisingly strong-tasting Heavenly Taco. The tortillas (made out of dehydrated veggies) are filled with nut "meat" (almonds, walnuts) plus sun-dried tomato, chipotle, and avocado. Has a bit of molasses taste. Now try the Fortuna sunflower-pumpkin pâté wrap. You're on your way. Open daily, milday to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* 

East Village Tavern and Bowl 930 Market Street, Downtown, 619-677-2695. "Tavern" says it all. This is a big, rowdy but not brawly, street-open, multiscreen sports bar. Half drink, half food, half bowling alley. East Villagers are making it their local because the kitchen's open late, plus, on a date, rolling those balls helps break the ice. The food's surprisingly good. List topper: steak sliders. Imagine three New York strip steaklets, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. A perfect strike. Then there's the pretty ood Don't Mess With Texas burger, a Panino Cubano, and even chicken wings brined in salt, water, and herbs that have their own taste. Open daily 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends, breakfast from 9 a.m. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Edgewater Grill 861 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered - like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily finfish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to graze on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner, Entrées high-moderate to very expensive. - N.W.

Farm House Café 2121 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-269-9662. At this charming, cozy spot in a near-rural corner of the central city, chef-owner Olivier Bioteau serves rus tic but sophisticated farm-fresh French cuisine. His cooking is light, precise, refined, drawing the best from fine local and seasonal ingredients combined with an authentic Gallic sensibility. The dinner menu changes often, but nearly every dish is terrific, including exquisite house-made soups and charcuterie. Save room for dessert — especially the chef's own avant-garde chocolates. On a warm weekend, brunch on the shaded front patio is heavenly: The fluffy ricotta pancakes with orange butter nearly lift off the plate, the *pain perdu* is truly *French* toast, omelets and baked eggs are stellar, and the sausages (which can come

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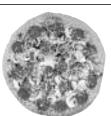
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Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway, Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, two vegan pastas, or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner daily 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Flavor Thai 4768 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3750. This opulent-feeling, great-value place (especially for lunch), is housed in an ex-Taco Bell restaurant, but you'd never know it. It has a small rose garden outside and ferns and plants inside. Nearly two dozen lunch specials include curries, soups, rice, and noodle dishes. Mock (or real) duck with green curry is great, as is the *massaman*, the potato curry. They set the spice heater-meter at low but respect heat requests. Check out the chef's specials - a couple of dollars more but usually interesting, like *ho mok* (shrimp, green-shell mussel, and calamari with veggies in red curry sauce). Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive — E.B.

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5478. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starv ing students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommended sizzle plates," the hot pots that

taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open . brunch through dinner Monday through Friday, Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — N.W.

Golden Dragon Asian Bistro 414 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The historic building has been freshly redecorated, keeping only the overhead sign that used to mark a onetime Chinese dive. Now the eclectic pan-Asian menu emphasizes Thai flavors — the owners and kitchen staff are Thai, including executive chef Miss Songsri (who put Celadon on the map), working in a more casual vein here. Don't miss Atomic Hog's Wings (small pork shanks) or the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named Jumping Jarvis. The beer and wine lists are international and affordable. Lunch and dinner, serving until 3 a.m. nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate. — N.W.

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive, University City, 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open lunch through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Jack and Giulio's Italian **Restaurant** 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad, with its thin-cut prosciutto and

salami, will get your juices flowing. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. - E.B

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding aushak (spring onion ravioli) and mantu (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and zamordd chalow, a spicy lamb-andspinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate.

Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. This restaurant has taken a giant step up from stan-dard Thai eateries. Most of the menu consists of the usual dishes, but each branch also offers a selection of chef's specialties. Some of these are more authentic; others are more creative than the norm. The chefs are from northern Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region - a certain zestiness, a love of strong citruses and fresh herbs that speaks of the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Well-chosen, affordable wine list, Asian and American beers, and cocktails based on soju (Asian lower-proof rice liquor), including a yummy rambutan cosmo. Noisy when crowded. Reservations recommended for Hillcrest on weekends. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Low moderate. - N.W.

Marie's Café 3016 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-0142. One of the last old-time diners in town. Marie and son Erik took over in 2002. It had already been operating for 50 years as Johnny's. They kept the tradition but created a sparkling kitchen and a reputation for generous servings. Try the three-egger breakfast omelet with Italian sausage, avocado, and olives. If Erik's smokin' up some ribs (you'll smell them half a block away), grab them. And forget fries. Go for the "side" salad, a huge dish of romaine, with tomatoes, red onions, cheese, croutons, and bleu cheese dressing. Go ahead. Mess yourself up. Open 24 hours Wednesday through Saturday; from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. Sunday and Monday; till 8 p.m. Tuesday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Mediterranean Café and Lounge 1352 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-515-2233. Don't come early. You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a sheesha — water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 5:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Înexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian special-ties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially spitini — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? In-





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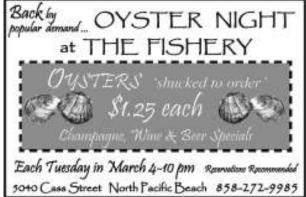
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Pho Hoa Hiep — Linda Vista 6947 Linda Vista Road, Linda Vista, 858-268-8406. This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1. Dac Biet Xe Lua, an extralarge bowl of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is French bread with beef juicy cube soup. They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue, Down town, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork — a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N. W.

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian rodizio: skewer after skewer of churrasco (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry

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beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of feijoada, the national dishcooked, meaty black beans (in a some what bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a caipirinha). No doggie bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount). -

Los Reves 2496 Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-231-0716. Smaller branch at 47th and Market. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is carnitas pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sai Gon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or fourgeneration Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: pho, the famous, filling soupmeal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. 33 Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sunrise Super Buffet 3860 Convoy Street #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-

# What the Chef Eats

#### AMY'S GRANDMOTHER'S GNOCCHI

BY AMY DIBIASE Executive Chef, Roseville

I have been cooking since a very young age. A lot of pasta and gnocchi. Soups and stews. I grew up in a very large Italian family, so there was always something going on with cooking. I was always surrounded by food, whether we were going to a party or to my grandmother's for lunch after church. But I didn't even really know what a chef was until I was in high school. We had to do a project on a possible occupation, and I chose to

do mine on being a chef.

It's what made me decide to go to culinary school.

I went to the California Culinary Academy and am classically French trained. But there are always hints of Italian aspects of the food I do. Right now, for the restaurant I am making arancini, which are risotto balls that are deep-fried.

When I'm not working, I don't cook very often. My boyfriend is a general manager at a restaurant, so we go out to eat a lot. Mostly at home,

we make breakfast because that is the only time we are home. Or we make Mexican. I am from Maine, so I wasn't even exposed to Mexican food until college. I like making carnitas.

At work, when we have a chance, we do some family-style meals with the staff. We make each other something to eat or whatever is leftover. We have specials every day - Sunday night is short-rib night, so if anything is left, all the cooks will stay after and make each other short



ribs. And everyone wants to work Monday night because we make burgers. For special occasions at the restaurant, I make my grandmother's gnocchi, which we cook together during the holidays. Your family's favorite sauce will work great with gnocchi. We prefer a spicy bolognese.

715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and mochi (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess *heaven*. Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-vou-can-drink, too - included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Sunday all-day lobster buffet. Inexpen sive. - E.B.

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Sushi Itto 441 Washington Street, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is Mexican sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (surimi), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain nigiri - the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though, Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F

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Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venture some, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious Southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbe-cue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (pisco sours, caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Saturday and Sunday three meals, weekdays lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

Trieu Chau 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "djak kvai coffay dok ko" - fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. —

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, reestablished in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cookout, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Week-days dinner only; open until 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.* 

Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue in Westgate Plaza, Downtown, 619-557-3698, This is where you take your respectable











# What the Chef Eats

## INGREDIENTS SERVES 6

1 large russet potato (about 1 pound)

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 egg

1 tsp salt

1 tsp pepper

1 tsp nutmeg

# HOW TO DO

Bake the potato until tender. Then, peel the skin off and cut into chunks,

which you can mash with a fork or puree in a food processor.

Make a well in the center of the potatoes and sprinkle the flour all over. Add the egg to the well. Season with salt, pepper, and nutmeg and add more or less than a teaspoon, according to taste.

In small amounts, drag the flour into the egg using your fingertips. Continue incorporating

until the potato/flour/egg mixture starts to form a

Place the dough on a flat surface, like a cutting board. Form the dough into several small rounds and roll each round into tight logs with a diameter of the size of a nickel. Using a dough cutter or butter knife, cut the logs into one-inch pieces.

Cook the gnocchi in salted boiling water.

Gnocchi are done when they float to the top of the pan. Drain and serve with sauce of choice. The gnocchi can be served later the same day or frozen and used at a later time, after a few seconds' reheating in boiling water or hot

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Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate Hotel and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. Among the menu items of-fered, the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass. shrimp, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

#### **NORTH INLAND**

El Bizcocho 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. The deluxe restaurant in this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with rel-ative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very

dressy. Great service, luxury-resort ambience. Dinner nightly, Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — N.W.

Firefly 251 North El Camino Real, Suite B, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. At this spacious wine bar and restaurant (sharing a small mall with well-known Savory), the wine list emphasizes California boutique wineries and lesser-known bottlings from around the world, and plentiful choices by the glass make it easy to experiment with unfamiliar wines. The menu starts with a half-dozen wine-bar snacks including a cheese plate and a charcu-terie plate. The most popular lunch item is a grand Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a tasty bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts are a strong suit here, including a creative crème brûlée featuring white chocolate and the fragrant bergamot of Earl Grey tea. For weekend brunches, Firefly does it up big with a long, seductive array of choices, in cluding a delicious Dungeness crab Benedict. The menu changes frequently, but this likeable spot feels like a sophisticated neighborhood restaurant where, if you're old enough to enjoy a taste of the grape, you can pretty much come as you are. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. - N. W.

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the

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Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from lo cal farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calo-– save room for the spectacular Bavarian, Full bar, fine wine list, Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. -

#### **NORTH COASTAL**

Beach Grass Café 159 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami's Cafe and Honey's), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and Beach Benedict with eggs and house made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the "maple" syrup and "butter" spread are both massmarket blends. Lunches and dinners feature multiethnic "coastal cuisine," with the best results in seafood dishes like Moroccan Crabcakes and the fishand-yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly ex-

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the bigpile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B.

O'Sullivan's Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue, Suite A, Carlsbad, 760-729 4072. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly small-townish saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firmtender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pan-cakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as wraps for corned beef and other dishes. Live music Tuesday through Sunday, 9 p.m. to midnight. A large, attractive, heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Pacifica del Mar 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/California-fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It's quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen's capacities, not to mention diners' tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The awardwinning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. Pacifica Dine-In offers call-in take-out for selected

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items. Lunch and dinner daily. Earlybird dinner discount. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive. -

Ruby's Diner 1 Oceanside Pier. Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3-mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a \$1 shuttle tram, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed '40s-diner chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red-leatherette-andchrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, Dewey-Warren presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. Good-sized servings, too try their omelets. Also in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stainedglass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, their daughters have continued the tradition, and everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with french fries. And "Iacal"? It means "shack." No lunch or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Zinc Café & Market 132 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and











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garden sculpture make this indoor outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (till 5 p.m. in summer). Inexpensive. — E.B.

#### **SOUTH BAY**

Clayton's Coffee Shop 979 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5425. This diner, one of the longest-Avenue, Coronado, 619-435running in San Diego, has really hit the refresh button with a new owner. The decor is still straight out of the 1940s but brighter. The place is always filled with locals in the morning. The food is all American: steak and eggs, veggie omelets, old-fashioned waffles, hot and cold sandwiches. Dinner specials include pork chops with dressing, gravy, and applesauce; homemade meat loaf with gravy; baby beef liver, and beerbattered fish-and-chips. Current owner Mary's homemade apple pies are a major hit. Open daily. InexpenCoronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155 For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are wonderful. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth" and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days. — *N.W.* 

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including adobo pork, pancit, and lumpia. Dinuguan, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and maja blanca (co-conut-corn combo) to the sapin sapin (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet saba banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner.

Jimmy's 1198 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with

good, old-fashioned, American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and french fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like home-made cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W.

Peohe's 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three sepa rate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs

to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia beurre blanc. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar Reservations advised Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday, Dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W.

#### **EAST COUNTY**

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouthwatering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham all with two sides and bread. Oh vesthey also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke Open Monday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ciao Bella Caffe Bar e Ris**torante** 5263 Baltimore Drive, La Mesa, 619-337-0238. Aging La Mesa es to bed at eight, but that's when the Argentinean Tango Masters come out and expect to eat, "way into the small hours." Ciao Bella's one of the city's go-to places for hungry dancers, which might explain why the food is so good. To look at this place, behind the Shell gas station, you might think "or-dinary Italian restaurant." Who could guess the passions within? If you don't dance or sing, at least you can eat, and eat well. Try the antipasti like the Pizzetta Rustica, a marvelous minipizza with black-olive pâté and Gor-

gonzola. Or the zuppa del sole (clam soup). Great house dishes include Penne Ciao Bella (salmon, shrimp, and spinach in a light creamy sauce), Cartoccio (baked spaghetti with mushrooms, shrimp, clams, salmon in garlic white sauce), and San Remo pizza (tomato sauce, cheese, steamed asparagus, and sunny-side-up eggs). 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Moderate. — *E.B.* 

Jimmy's 9635 Mission Gorge Road,

Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this familyfriendly restaurant with good, oldfashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast 'Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and french fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive - E.B.

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of stand-alone building you expect to see

in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all 19 of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American) to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-yourown: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location outside Santee from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions, Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits  $110\,$ Jamacha Road, El Cajon, 619-441-3355. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeve's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffée (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, of-fered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* 

Ramon's Smokehouse BBO 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under freshcut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive.



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# User Reviews — RESTAURANTS

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## Masala Spices of India, downtown

Masala is the best Indian restaurant in downtown San Diego. I have eaten there many times and just thinking about it makes me want to eat there again. The atmosphere is very modern, sleek and dark. The food is kind of pricey, but well worth it. They have a great selection of various meats or vegetarian dishes as well as the best chutneys and naan. It's great for a date or special event, and I can't wait to go back.

By **kris10x99** 2:44 p.m., Mar. 2

## **Sab-E-Lee,** Linda Vista

Uh-oh! The neighborhood secret is OUT now. If you do eat here, you MUST try the shrimp pad see  $\it ew$  and the yellow curry — Naomi MISSED OUT!

By **kathryn619** 11:07 a.m., Mar. 3

# **Sab-E-Lee,** Linda Vista

I just have to say, I am a big fan of Naomi. I read the reviews every week and have been to just about every restaurant around this city. That being said, I couldn't agree less about this restaurant. We arrived at 6:30 on Tuesday night and stood outside just over an hour. Don't get me wrong, I understand waiting for a place with four tables and great food, but this just wasn't worth it. We had to ask the waiter five times for wine glasses, and when he finally showed up with two brown plastic drinking glasses, mine had something green inside. I took it out with my finger and poured my wine. I wasn't about to wait any longer for a new glass. There were others there that night because of Naomi's review, and some were in far worse shape than we were. I won't bore you with details, I just wanted to issue a fair warning to any other people out there who, like me, will go to any restaurant that Naomi praises. You might want to think twice about this one.

By justpeachey 2:50 p.m., Mar. 6

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# Photographer of Ectoplasmic Auras

The octopus that attacked his ship wasn't your basic, surly 15-footer.

enry Louis Grin (1847–1921) was a jack of many trades: a footman for the famous actress Fanny Kemble, a Swiss banker's servant, an inventor, and a photographer who took

pictures of ectoplasmic auras for psychics. He never did any job for long, however. And no one knew how long he actually spent in the Australian outback where, he boasted, he went native and was

worshipped as a living god for almost 30 years.

Under the pseudonym Louis de Rougement, Grin wrote of his adventures for *Wide World Magazine* in ten installments. Vivid descriptions of shipwrecks, castaway solitude, and joy-rides on large sea turtles prompted comparisons with *Robinson Crusoe, The Arabian Nights*, and the *Odyssey*. Grin/de Rougement grew empyrean-wealthy overnight.

Problem was the descriptions were a mite too vivid. The octopus that attacked his ship wasn't your basic, surly 15-footer. It was *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*—sized and twice as mean. Grin claimed he could steer a sea turtle by poking its left or right eye: left eye, right turn, and off we go. He didn't just find enough pearls in the Coral

Sea to fill two mason jars, he found a black pearl. These are so rare that some cultures consider the finder not just lucky but blessed. Grin/de Rougement also found gold but refused to say where: the

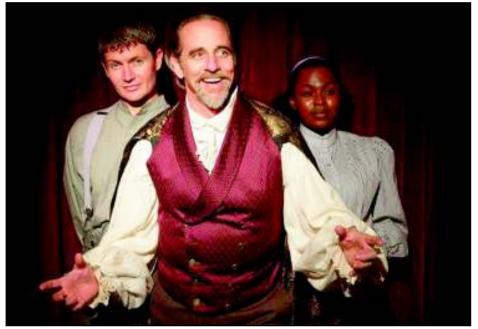
Australian government promised to keep it secret and prevent prospectors from gouging the outback.

The equivalent of Grin today would be someone who has seen

Bigfoot, the Loch Ness monster, the 26-mile-long UFO mother ship, the half-human/half-lion face on Mars, and the glass domes hovering above the moon. At some point, probably before or after the Loch Ness monster, imaginative overkill sets in, and today's narrator, like Grin, will have gone an adventure too far.

Grin/de Rougement got caught. Toto pulled back the curtain, and for the rest of his life he became renowned as "the greatest liar on Earth."

But come on! There's *got* to be more to heaven and earth than in Horatio's pedestrian philosophy. Our age hasn't seen the last of the wonders, has it? To think it has combines xenophobic arrogance with blind stupidity. Which is why stories, told around an Ice Age campfire, or blasted from silver



David McBean, Ron Campbell, and Yetide Babaki in Shipwrecked

Shipwrecked: An Entertainment, The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougement (As Told by Himself), by  $Donald\ Margulies$ 

North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987-D Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach Directed by Matthew Wiener; cast, Ron Campbell, Yetide Badaki, David McBean; scenic design, Marty Burnett; costumes, Michelle Hunt Souza; lighting, Matt Novotny; sound, Steven Cahill

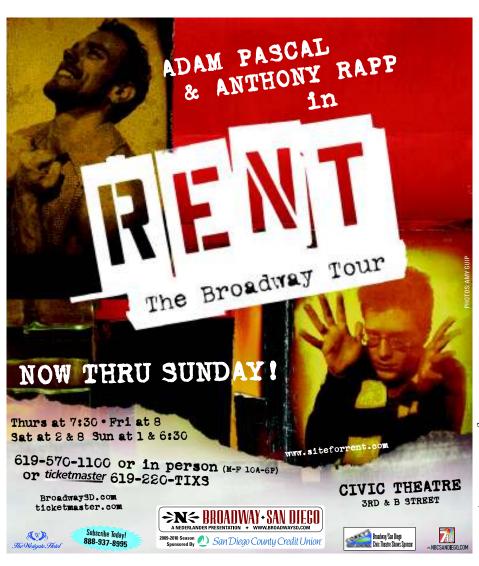
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screens, are the mind's dessert. They can capture and — better still — release the imagination, at least while the telling lasts.

Regarded in hindsight, Donald Margulies's *Shipwrecked* is wafer thin. It's a compilation of familiar

episodes from Jules Verne, Daniel Defoe, and Homer: now we get the whirlpool scene (à la Scylla and Charybdis), now My Man Friday (an aboriginal woman, in this instance, whom de Rougement befriends, then marries), etc. But as the narrative





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unfolds, it's almost impossible not to suspend disbelief and go along for the ride.

The play, and the North Coast Rep's fine production, put us back in a 19th-century music hall, where Grin narrates his tales on a bare platform-stage. Similar to the musical The Fantasticks, the three-person cast creates vivid effects with minimalist means: an asbestos safety drop becomes a sail in a storm; a baby blue blanket is a cloak, then roiling waves. Even the polished wooden planks on Marty Burnett's set have multiple duties, among them the shell of a sea turtle coursing de Rougement over the bounding main.

Matthew Wiener directed and, you could say, choreographed the production, since the cast often moves in collective sways, be it aboard a seasick-inducing ship or underwater, buffeted by a strong current. The actors' physicality extends to the soundscape. As in a radio show (and also NCRT's

recent production of The Dresser), performers create rain, thunder, and other effects with humble, "found" objects (credit to Bonnie Durben's armada of imaginative props). It's always a gutsy move to tell a story and, at the same time, expose the tricks of the telling.

Shipwrecked must be a cueto-cue nightmare: split-second shifts, costume changes, almost strobe-quick lighting leaps. But you'd never know it. The production and the performances are fluid. Yetide Badaki, a newcomer to San Diego, and David McBean, a local favorite, excel. At first, Badaki plays de Rougement's wife, and McBean, his trusty dog. In the last third of the 90-minute show, they up the ante, then go all in, playing at least ten different characters, each sharply defined and often (as in McBean's portrayal of Queen Victoria), hilarious.

Ron Campbell, another local favorite, creates two characters at once: de Rougement, the elastic, irrepressible raconteur; and Louis Grin, on trial and defending his story, at first, and later, the right to narrate tales of wonder. Though

garbed in Michelle Hunt Souza's apt, late-19th-century outfits, at times Campbell's gray goatee, high combed-back hair, and wide, mischievous eyes make him a dead ringer for Don Quixote, the maddest adventurer of them all. ■

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#### Assassins

For one evening only, Cygnet Theatre presents a reading of Stephen Sondheim's musical that "explores the underside of the American Dream." Sean Murray and Kim Strassburger codirected. CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. MONDAY. 7:30 P.M.

#### The History Boys

What's the point of education? To learn basic facts, the *W*'s of journalism? To allow the mind to roam? Or just to pass tests and make school superintendents look good? Alan Bennet's pedagogical tapestry raises these and other questions. It's 1983. The sixth form

students at Cutler's School for Boys dream of going to Oxford or Cambridge (aka "Oxbridge"). Acceptance not only means an automatic grant from the state (no longer the case), it also confers instant status on the candidate - and Cutler's ambitious headmaster. At issue: how best to prepare the boys for Oxbridge scholarship exams in history? Though no fixated Mrs. Grundy about them, Mrs. Lintott teaches the facts. Hector, a loose cannon (even sexually, since he gropes his students on his motorcycle), defines himself as the antidote to rote learning. He urges a personal engagement with ideas: don't settle, soar. Enter Irwin, a young teacher hired to counter Hector. Irwin's all about passing the exam, but in a showy way: take the other side of a question; flash with the facts. History Boys may sound dry and theoretical, but it, and Cygnet Theatre's staging, is anything but. In humorous and touching ways, Bennett traces the growth of eight boys who, along with defining an approach to exams, are in the process of becoming themselves. Cygnet's opening night had an uneven feel, especially dead spots, upstage right, and slowly evolving scenes (especially when compared to the frantic, and funny, wavs director Sean Murray invented for scene changes). But by

act 2, the cast settled in and it became clear why History Boys won a Tony Award and other honors. Tom Stephenson's a treat throughout as red-faced, quirky Hector. As Irwin, Brian Mackey's cool, at times smug, deliveries make the young prof appropriately "meretricious." Tom Zohar heads a strong ensemble cast as Posner, who sings, plays piano, opens up his heart, but never quite fits in with his mates. Shirley Pierson's costumes invoke order (dark brown sport coats and slacks) and chaos (shoes and schoolbags range from the elegant to the tawdry). Andrew Hull's minimalist set, expertly lit by Eric Lotze, includes a river of historical graffiti.

#### Worth a try.

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#### Killer Joe

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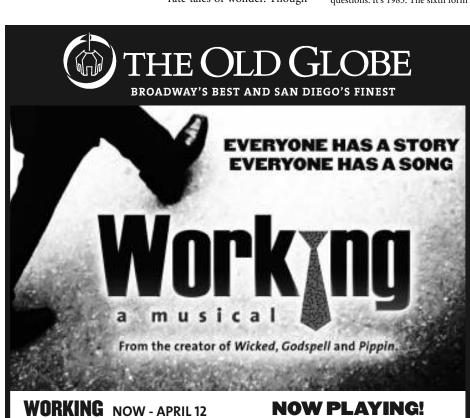
In Ansel Smith's moldy trailer on the outskirts of Dallas, there are no secrets, or boundaries. He and wife Sharla work for a living, but just enough to keep the grime-streaked fridge stocked with beer. Son Chris deals cocaine but owes \$6000 to his connection. How to raise the money? Easy: murder his mother for her life insurance. After all, he and his father agree, she's just a

"beat-up old nagging ugly alcoholic woman." Ansel has misgivings, though. "You're gonna kill somebody?" he asks Chris. "You can't even tell time!" They hire "Killer Joe" Cooper, a detective who moonlights as a hit man. Since the Smiths are broke and Joe wants a retainer, he takes 20-year-old virginal, sleepwalking Dottie Smith in trade. Killer Joe is Tracy Letts's first play (he wrote the 2008 Pulitzerwinner Autumn: Osage County). Savage, creepy funny, and riveting, Killer unfolds like Tobacco Road and Curse of the Starving Class, with a dash of Greater Tuna (reimagined by Charles Whitman) thrown in. Compass Theatre's production, even with some annoying tech problems, captures the play's rabid, rats-in-a-cage essence (also Letts's ironies: *Killer* may be the only American drama in the last 50 years that lauds the virtues of TV: as long as the tube beams, the Smiths are narcotized by the flickering light). Lisa Berger's direction never flinches at the violence, frontal nudity, or the characters' unmasked atavism. Don Pugh's Joe—slow, precise, fussy neat—is always an inch from exploding, and when he does, Michael McKeon's intricately detailed set gets a monster trashing. Amanda Cooley Davis, her hair like a mop, makes Dottie both an innocent and a

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ghoul, the one an outcome of the other, Ioe Baker, Judy Bauerlein-Mitchell, and Mike Sears also contribute. As does Rob Hurlbut's inventive sound design, not just the thunder and loud TV and radio, but every time that dog barks next door, trouble brews.

#### Worth a try.

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breaking today's rules of acting and going for broad portravals: 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 two-act 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.

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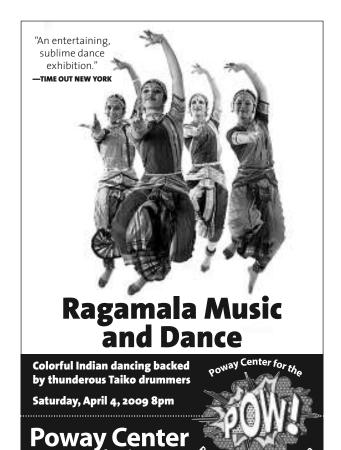
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# **Watch Out**

# Back tracks and tangents don't suit doomsday.

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

ow high can the escalation go? *Watchmen* is just another step on the stairs, one or two above *The Dark Knight*, nothing to get worked up about one way or the other.

Adapted from "the most celebrated graphic novel of all time" (the escalation commences, even if the kudo is roughly

akin to "the most celebrated reality-TV show" or "most celebrated MMA fighter"), it runs almost two hours and three-quarters, though "runs" really isn't the word. The violence intermittently, but not relentlessly, reaches levels of post-Romero horror-film gore. (Zack Snyder, the director, came to fame with his remake of Romero's Dawn of the Dead.) The population of superheroes, without an exact head count, seems to exceed that of the X-Men. And the fashionable "darkness" of the genre deepens all the way to a purgative holocaust of Biblical dimensions. For literal brinkmanship, the Doomsday Clock that monitors U.S.-Soviet relations starts out at five minutes to midnight. If Dr. Manhattan, a computer-generated eyeless bald naked blue man, can't solve the energy crisis before both hands strike twelve, nuclear annihilation is a certainty.

The date, if you're questioning the use of the obsolete "Soviet," is the mid-Eighties, but that can't let us breathe

any easier as we approach the apocalypse. We are in an alternative universe here, lavishly established via a behindthe-credits montage of revised history post-WWII, complete with a restaging of the JFK assassination and a fingering of the second shooter on the grassy knoll, all to the tune of Dylan's "The Times They Are a-Changin." They are not just a-changin', they have been achanged. Nixon is now in his fifth term in office (a bad imitation of him in a Halloween rubber nose), and the Cold War was never hotter. An elite class of costumed superheroes, in spite of their enlistment to help win the Vietnam War, has since been forced into retirement by Presidential edict, much as



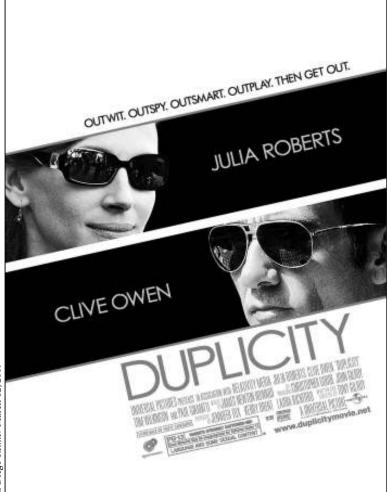
Watchmen

in *The Incredibles*, only deadly serious. One of these retirees, known as The Comedian and (if my eyes didn't deceive me) unmasked as the grassy-knoll shooter, is knocked off in a long-drawnout, slow-motion-happy pre-credits sequence, capped with the cliché (and slo-mo standard) of a catapult through a plate-glass window. A fellow retiree named Rorschach, wearing over his

face an unventilated stocking besmirched with animated shape-shifting inkblots, immediately smells a serial-murder plot against all superheroes and undertakes a private investigation, sharing his musings in a parody of hard-boiled first-person narration ("The night reeks of fornication and bad consciences") as well as in the raspiest and corniest tough-guy voice this side of Michael

Wincott (the voice, to be exact, of Jackie Earle Haley).

The unapologetic savagery of The Comedian (Jeffrey Dean Morgan), as revealed in flashback, and the inhuman detachment of Dr. Manhattan (Billy Crudup), for reasons also revealed in flashback, might have been relatively interesting among the general run of comic-book superheroes. But



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all these, and other, flashbacks - all these biographical backstories — have the chief effect of dissipating any tension in the countdown to doomsday. (And the initial manifestation of the bald naked blue man, result of a runof-the-mill laboratory mishap, has the effect of an unwanted laugh: "John," his grieving fiancée addresses the floating apparition in the lunchroom, "is that you?") The present-tense romance between the nerdy bespectacled Nite Owl II (Patrick Wilson) and the slinky Silk Spectre II (Malin Akerman), second-generation superheroes, has a similar effect of dissipation. It's quite a holiday from impending doom when the two of them climb into their mothballed costumes for old times' sake, fire up the bug-eyed flying machine, zero in on the occupants of a burning building to rescue, and then make naked passionate love to Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah." (Another unwanted laugh.) Nor does the independent murder investigation assert its relevance in a timely manner. It may not be, to devotees of the graphic novel or repeat viewers of the movie, that the multi-strand narrative weave is completely incomprehensible. But it assuredly is not completely clear not a clean narrative line, not a limpid exposition, not a steady countdown. As a piece of storytelling, it's a complete botch. Back tracks and tangents, though they have their uses, don't suit doomsday. And the climactic battle of indestructibles, a cliché no matter how extraordinarily talkative the combatants, adds instant boredom to the brewing boredom.

In a very different universe resides Cherry Blossoms, a modest, quiet, contemplative, bittersweet tale of the loss of a life partner and the living-on of the departed one (however briefly) in the surviving one. The partners are a cozy old Bavarian couple, a stick-inthe-mud husband chained to routine and resistant to change, and his selfrepressed Japanophile wife whose abandoned aspirations as a Butoh dancer are commemorated in a photo flipbook, and who now keeps from her husband the grim news that he is terminally ill, and prods him diplomatically to visit their unappreciative children. (Since one of the children lives in Tokyo, the resemblance to Ozu's Tokyo Story cannot be coincidental.) Director Doris Dörrie, who most recently made the documentary on the Zen chef, How to Cook Your Life, here carries further her interest in things Buddhist: the cherry blossoms of the title are said to be "the most beautiful symbol of impermanence," but the ephemeral mayfly, if not physically more beautiful, is more poetic.

And her attention to the peripheral life around her central characters — the mosaic of life, the connectedness of life, the man on the street, the cat, the insect — widens the view to a truly spiritual perspective. The digital film, I can only imagine, ought to retain its rich color in digital projection at the Ken Cinema. If a thing's not shot on film, better not to show it on film.

And here's a final reminder that the San Diego Latino Film Festival gets going today, Thursday the 12th, at the UltraStar Mission Valley. Neil Kendricks, the film curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art, has let me know that he has a short film, Beholder, in the Cine Mujer and Frontera Filmmakers programs. I noticed all by myself that local journalist (and former festival publicist) Laura Castaneda has a documentary feature on the San Diego wildfires of 2007, El Aliento de Diablo, or The Devil's Breath. And Kim Jorgensen, the founder and ex-president of Landmark Theatres, makes his directing debut with the fiction film *Emilio*. The more I look at the schedule, the more I feel up to my eyeballs.

David Elliott, mum on movies since his dismissal as critic at the *Union-Tribune* just over a year ago, is set to reconvene court on March 18 at a fledgling online journal beneath the banner of San Diego News Network. You may renew acquaintance at www.sdnn.com.

The Coen brothers' half-minute TV spot in opposition to the coal industry, viewable at www.thisisreality.org, is not essential viewing. Even for Coenbrother completists.

# MOVIE LISTINGS

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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)

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 black-and-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.

Cherry Blossoms — Reviewed this issue.

With Elmar Wepper, Hannelore Elsner, and Aya Irizuki; written and directed by Doris Dörrie.

★★★ (KEN, 3/13 THROUGH 19)

**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 eye to a variety of shapes and



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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 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

★★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 3/13; LA JOLLA VIL-

the exception. 2008.

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.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SOUARE 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. ★ (CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: HORTON PLAZA 14: MIS-

OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button — The central conceit, and little else, has been retained from an F. Scott Fitzgerald short story of the same name: a protagonist who ages in reverse. (The story of course was written and titled before the soundalike name of Benjamin Britten came to fame, and as long as they were changing everything else....) With a script by Eric Roth, and with an historical scope and a 'special" hero that often recall his script for Forrest Gump, the movie is at some pains to shore up the plausibility of the tale — a painful undertaking for sure - and to expunge the humor of it. On screen, nothing is more absurd about it than its length, two and three-quarters hours, plenty long enough to read the Fitzgerald story five or six times over. And its wistful theme of transience frankly gains very little from the reverse-aging phenomenon, nowhere near as much as you'd want to gain from so mindbending a device. The theme, moreover, gains nothing at all from the movie's feeling of interminability. Director David Fincher, determined to show his softer side, softer than Zodiac and Panic Room and Fight Club and so on, manages first and foremost to show his technical side. The movie is replete with proficiencies of pro duction (the periods are lavishly detailed, the brief tugboat battle with an enemy sub in WWII is dazzling, the duplex love nest is a splendid locale, etc.), and it serves as a virtual showcase for the art of makeup and/or art of digital touch-up, digital airbrush, digital prestidigitation, whatever went into the various aging effects on Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett. The seamless surgery by which the leading man's head has been grafted onto bodies of different sizes is used, in this instance, responsibly. But it raises unsettling possibilities for the evolutionary next leap in screen body doubles. What's to prevent another filmmaker from putting Brad Pitt's

head, in service of vanity, on Michael Phelps's body? Cate Blanchett's on Giselle Bündchen's? With Taraji P. Henson, Jason Flemyng, Jared Harris, Tilda Swinton, Julia Ormond. 2008.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

Defiance — Workmanlike account of the untold (or anyhow unfilmed) true story of a 20th-century Moses and his two brothers, who sheltered hundreds of Jews from the Nazis in the forests of Belorussia, such dark days that color itself evidently went into hiding, leaving behind only a greeny or occasionally orangey residue. Daniel Craig, a blond blue-eyed Jew like Paul Newman in Exodus ("He is a Jew?" wonders aloud a plain-spoken child), delivers heroic declarations on the order of "Our revenge is to live" and "We may be hunted like animals, but we will not become animals." Natural lovelies emerge undimmed from the rustic privations to pair up with the heroes. A schoolteacher and an intellectual carry on a running sideshow of comical bickering. And Liev Schreiber, the hottest-headed of the three brothers, not content just to dodge the Nazis but itching to engage them, defects to the Red Army. The big hooray moment when he returns to the fold in the nick of time can be seen coming from so far off that we're surprised only that it didn't arrive sooner. Somehow, even with violin solos by Joshua Bell to put you in mind of Schindler's List, the saga doesn't quite sweep you up and away. But it at least stirs interest in the real story. With Jamie Bell, Allan Corduner, Alexa Davalos, and Jodhi May; directed by Edward Zwick. 2008.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; 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. Mervl 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; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; RIVER VILLAGE 6;)

**Everlasting Moments** — Swedish filmmaker Jan Troell, absent from American screens for a quarter-century, and perhaps best remembered for the early-Seventies diptych of The Emigrants and The New Land, returns with another period piece, the period of pre-WWI, a period that appears to predate color, in an all-brown, almost sepia palette. The faithful Finnish wife of a violent drunken Swedish dockworker is a nice character, and her chaste relationship with a studio photographer who encourages and nurtures her "gift of seeing" is nice too. (Much more could have been done to illustrate the "gift.") Troell's heavy hand isn't altogether crushing. Maria Heiskanen, Mikael Persbrandt, Jesper Christensen.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/13)

Frozen River — Stoical prole sob story has some fresh ground to go over — the smuggling of illegal aliens through the slushy snow of the Mohawk Indian reservation on the Canadian border — and some stark scenery to go with it. Writer and director Courtney Hunt, whose plotting and pacing are sloggingly pedestrian, expends a lot of energy explaining how a law-abiding white woman could get caught up in that sideline: a gambling-addicted husband who skips out on Christmas week, a fifteen-yearold son eager to drop out of school and go to work, nothing to put under the tree for the five-year-old, a dead-end job at Yankee Dollar, bills due. Melissa Leo, aging in a characterful way, able to assume the lead role without a Charlize Theron reverse makeover, does a solid professional job, so much so as to highlight the amateurism around her. Misty Upham, Charlie McDermott, Michael O'Keefe. 2008. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Good** — Adaptation of C.P. Taylor's play about the flowering of Nazism, with Viggo Mortensen and Jason Isaacs, directed by Vicente Amorim.

(GASLAMP 15, FROM 3/13)

**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

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#### Two Lovers 2009

This stinkfest would have been suited for the Lifetime network instead of the big screen. If Gwyneth Paltrow and Joaquin Phoenix weren't in this film, then there is no way it makes it to theaters. Easily the most depressing and boring movie of the year so far. The opening scene starts out with Joaquin Phoenix jumping into the bay and trying to drown himself. That is how I felt after I walked out of the theater after seeing this thing. The story had no substance and there were numerous awkward situations and uneasy dialogue throughout. It's unfortunate that Joaquin Phoenix chose this movie to be last because he is capable of so much more.

SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20;

By **spooks69** 7:48 p.m., Mar. 8, 2009

#### The Express 2008

Now here is a sports movie/DVD that should have been more than what it is, which is a mediocre movie. The football/action sequences aren't as exciting as I expected they would be. Scenes by themselves are okay, but when they're all stitched together, it just seems like there is no synergy, so the overall effect is, to me, dull. Dennis Quaid's solid effort is not enough to pull it off; the supporting cast is uninspiring and unfortunately so is the actor playing Ernie Davis — I can't remember his real name, nor have I ever seen or heard of him since.

By **pilote** 7:04 a.m., Mar. 9, 2009

# New York Doll 2004

A documentary slice of early-'70s glam-rock history and what can happen to your life when you've had a taste of fame. Arthur Kane of the New York Dolls gets the record deal, the spotlights, the interviews, and not much else and watches as others reap the rewards of his pioneering group. We watch in pity and fascination as he descends to the depths and finds redemption in the Mormon Church and relives the glory days of the Dolls with one last hurrah in London. Makes you wonder how many lives have been destroyed by rock and roll. A must for any fan of the era.

By Max\_Frost 11:04 a.m., Mar. 9, 2009

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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, ★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15;

Ahney Her, Christopher Carley. 2008. LA JOLLA 12: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROME-NADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

He's Just Not That into You — As 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 fictitious 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.

★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Hotel for Dogs — Fanciful, tasteful children's film, from the Lois Duncan book, about two foster kids who secretly trans-

form a derelict hotel into a shelter for stray dogs (the homeless housing the homeless); and more than a shelter, a veritable amusement park. Nicely individualized dogs; tolerable kids; touches of real imagination in script and direction (Thor Freudenthahl in his feature debut); general geniality. With Emma Roberts, Jake T. Austin, Don Cheadle, Lisa Kudrow, Kevin Dillon. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; PALM PROME NADE 24: 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)



Last Chance Harvey — The septuage narian Dustin Hoffman secures a role he can really sink his teeth into, or sharpen them on: a jazz pianist manqué who makes do composing musical scores for TV commercials. (Funny-sad sight of him staring intently at the little screen to appraise his latest opus for OxiClean.) With his job on the line, he flies off to London for the week end wedding of his only daughter, has his rightful role in the ceremony usurped by the bride's debonair stepfather, misses his return flight home, gets fired long-distance, and stays on to unload his troubles at some length to a customer-relations employee at Heathrow: Emma Thompson, towering over the leading man by four inches, and showering him with her special brand of lifelike artificiality. The social mortifications of the early stages are amusingly observed (the solitary white jacket in a crowd of black, an unremovable security device still affixed to the cuff, etc.), but the extended dialogue — a Before Sunrise, if you like, for the sunset years — that deepens overnight into a Serious Relationship sounds distinctly unorganic, forced forward solely by the determination of British writer-director Joel Hopkins to engineer a never-too-late romance for a couple of underemployed old pros. It's all quite sweet, a little too-too Eileen Atkins, Kathy Baker, Liane Balaban, James Brolin. 2008.

The Last House on the Left — Remakeof Wes Craven's 1972 revenge thriller, with Garret Dillahunt, Monica Potter, and Tony Goldwyn, directed by Dennis Iliadis. (CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/13)

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 transforma-



tional 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.

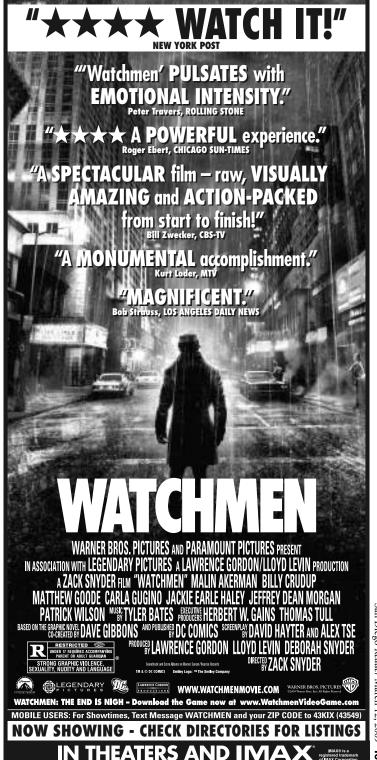
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; HILL-CREST CINEMAS)

Miss March — Sex comedy starring, and co-written and co-directed by, Zach Cregger and Trevor Moore. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/13)

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, unfalteringly and almost single-handedly carries the film: earthy and unglamorous, vet contrived and unconvincing for all that. With Jurgen Delnaet, Johan Heldenbergh, Anemone Valcke, 2008.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 3/12)

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



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the common schlub (Kevin James, highly trained in his own way), with a hot chick as a bonus. Better call it Dream Hard. With Iavma Mays, Keir O'Donnell, Raini Rodriguez, Shirley Knight, and Bobby Cannavale; directed by Steve Carr. 2009.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Push - Differently gifted paranormals, onthe 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-NADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14)

Race to Witch Mountain — Sciencefictional comedy adventure with Dwayne Johnson, AnnaSophia Robb, and Alexander Ludwig, directed by Andy Fickman. (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 20; OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/13)

Rachel Getting Married — A sort of Rainbow Coalition wedding weekend: the father of the Jewish bride had remarried a black, the bride too is marrying a black (it might be noted that Sidney Lumet, the father of first-time scriptwriter Jenny Lumet, had remarried a black himself), and the theme of the wedding is inexplicably Indian. Director Jonathan Demme, striving for an improvisational feel, stages the goings-on with an almost Danish dishevelment: a hand-held camera in the grasp of an arm-weary cameraman. Anne Hathaway, as the bride's just-out-of-rehab sister, a constant and tiresome threat of disruption ("She needs a lot of acknowledgment"), proves to be too actressy for the style; but Rosemarie DeWitt makes a fine impression as her well-behaved sister, and the conviviality of the gathering, with heavy representation from the cool cats of the music industry, is by and large believable and admirable. With Mather Zickel, Bill Irwin, Anna Deavere Smith, Tunde Adebimpe, and Debra Winger. 2008.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

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



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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, 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 clean

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; RIVER VIL-LAGE 6)

**Revolutionary Road** — Director Sam Mendes returns to the suburban stamping ground of his filmmaking debut, American Beauty, but at the very opening of that territory in the 1950s, at the inception, that is to say, of all the clichés of cookie-cutter conformity, Little Boxes, the Lonely Crowd, lives of quiet desperation, and so forth. As the central couple - the Wheelers, residing with strident irony at the titular address in Connecticut, the dead end of the American Dream — it must have seemed a bright idea to reunite the lovebirds of Titanic, as if to hint at the illusion-shattering grimness of the married life ahead of them had the iceberg not got in the way. But the birds have matured at different rates in the intervening eleven years. Whether in rage or frustration, cajolement or surrender. Kate Winslet (Mrs. Mendes off screen) appears much too strong for Leonardo DiCaprio, whose perennial boyishness clings to him, dogs him, drags him down, even in, or perhaps especially in, his face-caving moments of total emotional nakedness: "You're not worth the powder it would take to blow you up!" (Now, now, sonny.) You could wonder, to divide the faultfinding fairly, whether she's not too strong for her own role. The movie, taking its lead from the Richard Yates novel and then going beyond the novel in search of a present-day perspective, is trying to do something a bit different, and a bit difficult, in suggesting that the would-be free Wheelers are not as superior to, or separate from, their neighbors and

## **MOVIE SHOWTIMES**

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

## **CENTRAL**

## **CLAIREMONT**

## **Town Square 14**

4665 Clairemont Drive (877-789-6684)
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG); Coraline (PG); Defiance (R); Gran Torino (R); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); Hotel for Dogs (PG); The International (R); The Last House on the Left (R); Miss March (R); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Taken (PG-13); Watchmen (R)

## **DOWNTOWN**

## Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (877-789-6684) The Class (PG-13); The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13); Frozen River (R); Good (Not Rated); Gran Torino (R); The International (R); Last Chance Harvey (PG-13); Miss March (R); Push (PG-13); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Rachel Getting Married (R); The Secrets (R); Taken (PG-13); Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13)

## Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Coraline (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 7:15; Defiance (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:35) 6:45, 9:45; **Doubt** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience (G) Fri.-Sun. 5:15, 94:0; The Last House on the Left (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; **Madea Goes to Jail** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:05, 5:30) 7:55, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri. (12:50, 3:00, 5:20) 7:35, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:50,

3:00) 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; Revolutionary Road (R) Fri. (1:10, 4:10) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; **Street Fighter: The Legend of** Chun-Li (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:10, 5:25) 7:50, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:25, 7:50, 10:05; Watchmen (R) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:05, 4:35, 5:05, 5:35) 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00) 4:05, 4:35, 5:05 5:35, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00; **The Wrestler** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:40) 6:50, 9:20

## LA JOLLA

## La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG); The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13); Gran Torino (R): He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); The International (R); The Last House on the Left (R); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Revolutionary Road (R); Taken (PG-13); Watchmen (R); The Wrestler (R)

**La Jolla Village** 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Everlasting Moments (Not Rated) Fri. (1:10, 4:00) 6:50, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:00, 6:50 9:40; The Reader (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; Slum**dog Millionaire** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:30) 7:20, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **The Class** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

## **MIRA MESA**

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

## MISSION VALLEY

**Fashion Valley 18** 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG); Coraline (PG); The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13); Fired Up (PG-13); Gran Torino (R); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); The International (R): The Last House on

the Left (R); Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG); Push (PG-13); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Revolutionary Road (R); Taken (PG-13); Twilight (PG-13); Watchmen (R)

## Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Latino Film Festival now playing: www.sdlatinofilm.com for titles and show-times; **Watchmen** (R) (10:00 12:00 1:30 3:30)  $5{:}00\ 7{:}00\ 8{:}30\ 10{:}30;$  The Wrestler  $(R)\ (10{:}00$ 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:45; No 10:00 Sat. & Sun.; No 8:00 Thu.; Barbie Presents Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu

## Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) **Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:25, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:20; **Coraline** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 4:35, 9:20; **Friday the 13th** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; Gran Torino (R) Fri -Sun (10:55) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:35, 3:40, 6:45, 9:55; Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience (G) Fri.-Sun. 2:25, 7:10; **The Last House on the Left** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:15) 1:10, 2:00, 3:55, 4:45, 6:40, 7:30, 9:25, 10:15; **Madea Goes to Jail** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 12:25, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00, 10:35; Miss March (R) Fri -Sun (10:05) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45; **Paul Blart:** Mall Cop (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 2:15, 4:50, 7:05, 9:30; **Push** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:15, 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:40 Sun. 12:15, 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:30; Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri. (10:00, 10:45, 11:50) 12:45, 1:15, 2:30, 3:20, 3:50, 5:10, 6:15, 7:00, 7:50, 9:00, 9:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 11:50) 12:45, 1:45, 2:30,

3:20, 4:20, 5:10, 6:15, 7:00, 7:50, 9:00, 9:50 10:30; **Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; **Taken** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:35; **Watchmen** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 11:30) 12:30, 2:20, 3:10, 4:05, 6:05, 6:50, 7:35, 9:40, 10:25 Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 4:55, 8:25

## STATE UNIVERSITY

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Cherry Blossoms** (Not Rated) Fri. (4:40, 7:15, 9:50) Sat.-Sun. (2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50)

## UPTOWN

## **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Che (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 7:35; Milk (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:40) 6:35, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 3:40, 6:35, 9:30; **The Reader** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:55) 6:50, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 3:55, 6:50, 9:40; Slumdog Millionaire (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:05) 7:05, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:05, 7:05, 9:50; Two Lovers (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

## Museum of Photographic Arts

Call theater for program information

## Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Animalopolis (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 3:00; **Human Body** (NR) Sun. 6:00p.m.; Lewis & Clark & George (NR) Fri. 8:00p.m.; Van Gogh: Brush With Genius (NR) Fri. 4:00, 6:00 Sat. 11:00a.m. Sun. 11:00, 4:00; Wild California (NR) Fri. 7:00p.m.; Wild Ocean (NR) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00

## 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) **Confessions of a Shopaholic** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:15) 7:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:15, 7:55: Coraline (PG) Fri. (2:15, 4:40) 7:10 Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 4:40, 7:10; **Fired Up** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:10, 5:40) 8:15, 10:50 Sat.-Sun (12:50, 3:10) 5:40, 8:15, 10:50; Gran Torino (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40 Sat.-Su (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 8:00, 10:40; He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:05) 7:05, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:05, 10:05; Hotel **for Dogs** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:55, 5:30) Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:30; **Jonas Brothers: The 3-D** Concert Experience (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 9:35; The Last House on the Left (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:55, 5:35) 8:15, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:55) 5:35, 8:15, 10:50; Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:15 Sat. Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:15; **Miss March** (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 7:55, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:55, 10:25; **Paul Blart: Mall Cop** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:35) 8:05, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:35, 8:05, 10:25; **Push** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 8:10, 10:45; **Race to Witch Mountain** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 12:20, 2:30, 2:50, 5:00, 5:20) 7:30, 7:50, 10:00, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:20, 2:30, 2:50) 5:00, 5:20, 7:30, 7:50, 10:00, 10:20; **Slumdog Mil**lionaire (R) Fri. (1:10, 4:15) 7:10, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:15, 7:10, 10:10; **Street** Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:35p.m.; Taken (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:05, 5:25) 7:40, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:40, 10:00; **Watchmen** (R) Fri. (11:45, 12:05, 12:25, 1:20, 3:15, 3:35, 3:55, 4:55) 6:45, 7:05, 7:25, 8:30, 10:15, 10:35, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (11.45, 12.05, 12.25, 1.20, 3.15, 3.35, 3.55) 4.55, 6:45, 7:05, 7:25, 8:30, 10:15, 10:35, 10:55

## LA MESA

## **Grossmont Center 10**

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (877-789-6684)

He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); The Last House on the Left (R); Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13); Miss March (R); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Taken (PG-13); Watchmen (R)

## **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

## Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri. (12:45, 4:40) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 4:40. 7:10, 9:50; **Coraline** (PG) Fri. (2:35, 5:10) 7:40 Sat.-Sun. (2:35) 5:10, 7:40; Gran Torino (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:25) 7:05, 9:55; Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience (G) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 10:20; The Last House on the Left (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:10) 7:55, 10:35; Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:45, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:20) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:20, 7:35, 10:05; Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri. (12:10, 12:40, 2:40, 3:15, 5:05) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 12:40, 2:40, 3:15) 5:05, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **The Reader** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:05) 6:40, 9:35; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:20) 6:50, 9:40; **Taken** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 4:35) 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 4:35, 7:30, 10:10; Watchmen (R) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30) 4:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30

## **SANTEE**

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Bedtime Stories (PG) Fri.-Sat.; Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri.-Sat.; Taken (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.; **Watchmen** (R) Fri.-Sat.

## **SOUTH BAY**

## **CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Race to Witch Mountain (PG) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Last House on the Left (R) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Watchmen** (R) (12:00 12:30 1:30 3:30 4:00) 5:00 7:00 7:30 8:30 10:30: Jonas Brothers: 3D Concert Experience (G) (11:00 3:15) 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 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Friday the 13th** (R) (11:30 2:15) 4:30 7:15 9:45; **Coraline 3D** (PG) (1:00)

5:30; Taken (PG-13) (11:00 1:15 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:45; Barbie Presents Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### Otay Ranch 12

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG); Coraline (PG); Fired Up (PG-13); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); The Last House on the Left (R); Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Taken (PG-13); Watchmen (R)

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Coraline (PG); Fired Up (PG-13); Friday the 13th (R); Gran Torino (R); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); Hotel for Dogs (PG); Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience (G); The Last House on the Left (R); Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13); Miss March (R); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG); Push (PG-13); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (PG-13); Taken (PG-13); The Uninvited (PG-13); Watchmen

## Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information.

#### IMPERIAL BEACH

#### South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

### **NATIONAL CITY**

#### Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262)
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG); Coraline (PG); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); The Last House on the Left (R): Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13); Miss March (R); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG): Push (PG-13): Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Taken (PG-13); Watchmen (R)

## **NORTH INLAND**

## CARMEL MOUNTAIN

## Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (877-789-6684) Doubt (PG-13); Fired Up (PG-13); Hotel for Dogs (PG); Milk (R); Miss March (R); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); The Reader (R); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Taken (PG-13); Watchmen (R); The Wrestler (R)

**Mission Valley Hazard Center** 

7510 Hazard Ctr. Dr. • San Diego

**Del Mar Highlands** 

12905 El Camino Real • San Diego

13475 Poway Rd. • Poway

ay Creekside Plaza

## **ESCONDIDO**

## Escondido 16

Chula Vista

555 Broadway #2050 • Chula Vista

Mission Marketplace

431 College Blvd. • Oceanside

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information.

#### **FALLBROOK**

**River Village 6** 5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Race to Witch Mountain (PG) (11:30 2:00) 4:30 7:15 9:45; **Last House on the Left** (R) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:15 10:45; **Doubt** (R) (1:45) 7:30; **Watchmen** (R) (12:00 1:30 3:30) 5:00 7:00 8:30 10:30; The Reader (R) (11:00) 4:15 10:15; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) (11:15 2:15) 5:15 8:00 10:45; 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)



Race to Witch Mountain (PG)  $(10:00\ 11:30$ 12:30 2:00 3:00) 4:30 5:30 7:00 8:00 9:30 10:30; Last House on the Left (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Madea Goes to Jail** (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:15 9:45; **Watchmen** (R) (10:00 12:00 12:30 1:30 3:30 4:00) 5:00 7:00 7:30 8:30 10:30; Jonas Brothers: **3D Concert Experience** (G) (10:15 2:45) 7:45 10:00; **Cora**line 3D (PG) (12:15) 5:15; Taken (PG-13) (10:45 1:00 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:45; No 6:00 Thu.; Slumdog Millionaire (R) (10:30 1:15) 4:15 7:15 10:15; 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**

## Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 5:00) 10:25; **Coraline** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 7:30; Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:15); The Last

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#### **DESTIN CRETTON**

Filmmaker, Short Term 12, Winner of the Sundance Short Film Award 2009

If you haven't seen Labyrinth, you're missing out on a chance to experience 101 minutes of David Bowie flirting with a young Jennifer Connelly and performing in some overly revealing tights. Get the Anniversary Edition because the behind-the-scenes documentary is splendid.

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LABYRINTH: ANNIVERSARY EDITION (England/USA) 1986, Sonv Pictures

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Dirty Pretty Things

## **MICHELLE STEFFES**

Producer, Short Term 12. shortterm12.com

The DVD cover for The Orphanage is designed to make you think Guillermo del Toro directed this elegant vet terrifying Spanish film, but it was actually first-time feature director Juan Antonio Bayona. Beautifully acted and with a surprisingly emotional core, The Orphanage is for those who like a bit of heart in their horror.

Part mystery, part romance, part exploration of a social problem, Dirty Pretty Things will get under your skin if you let it. Written by the brilliant Steven Knight and with a terrific performance by Chiwetel Ejiofor, it makes looking past "the people you never see" harder to do.

THE ORPHANAGE (Spain) 2007, List price: \$14.98 **DIRTY PRETTY THINGS** (England) 2002, Miramax

Mister Lonely

#### **BRAD KESTER**

Assistant director, Short Term 12

Harmony Korine's Mister Lonely is about a Michael Jackson impersonator in Paris who moves into a castle with Marilyn Monroe and her commune of celebrity look-alikes. Delicately framed, funny, and with a rare sincerity. I can't stop thinking about a moment when Michael encourages a retirement center to live forever.

I remember waiting to see The Weather Man on April Fool's Day 2005, but then it didn't actually play for another six months. Somehow this one flew under the radar. Director Gore Verbinski (Pirates of the Caribbean) proves his savvv though, and Nicolas Cage reminds us he's a really good actor. Plus big bonuses: Michael Caine and Hope Davis.

## **MISTER LONELY**

(England/France/USA) 2007, IFC List price: \$24.95

**THE WEATHER MAN (USA)** 

2005, Paramount List price: \$12.98

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surroundings as they would like to imagine. and in nudging the spectators, at the same time, to recognize that they themselves are not as superior as they might suppose to the central couple, the Fifties, their neighbors today. The codified view of postwar suburbia has over the years undergone too much expansion and elaboration for the movie to escape a sense of cliché and sense of hyperbole. But the cliché and hyperbole are done to a turn. And the period and its archaisms ("I must scoot. Toodle-oo"), its formalities and manners (no one but a certified madman, an institutionalized mathematician on a day pass, dares speak the truth in mixed company), combine to produce a stylization that brings out the satire in the piece. Revolutionary Road beats American Beauty, not terribly hard to do, for both seriousness and funniness. Kathy Bates, Michael Shannon, David Harbour. 2008.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; E LA JOLLA 12)

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, exuberance and exhibitionism. Dev Patel, Freida Pinto, Irfan Khan. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10:

FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILL-CREST CINEMAS: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA VILLAGE: LA PALOMA, FROM 3/13; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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-

• (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 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 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 iilted suitor who has moved back home with his parents in Brighton Beach and toils by day in their drycleaning 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; Hillcrest Cinemas)

Vicky Cristina Barcelona — You can't claim that Woody Allen's rapid rate of production doesn't show. Even the title of this one sounds more like brainstorming for a title than like a final decision: three names off the chalkboard of keywords. Vicky and Cristina, two separate people, are dissimilar American friends, the first pragmatic and steady, the second capricious and restless, together visiting Barcelona for the summer. (Allen's British sojourn seems to be over, though he's not ready to come home.) The young women are picked up in tandem by a brooding Catalan artist with a legendarily tempestuous love life, flown off to Oviedo, seduced in sequence, separated by choice. Then the artist's ex-wife re-enters the scene after her attempted suicide, setting up a ménage. The film is almost more a sketch than a fully filled-in picture, a skeleton thin on flesh. (If Allen tends to hurry his ideas, it may be because he always has new ones

waiting to join the queue. More than he can get to in a lifetime.) The dialogue, much of it in the writer's laziest declarative vein I'm this, you're that, he or she's the otherhas not been polished anywhere near his brightest sparkle. And the dryasdust omniscient narrator spares him a heap of expository labor: "One evening Mark and Judy took them to the opening of a friend's art gallery." The half-baked aspect has its upside. In consequence of the cut corners and rushed development, a lot happens in only ninety minutes, and Allen can lay out on a broad canvas his vision of human discontentment and self-ignorance. He can lay it out as a pattern, not as an isolated instance. The complicating appearance of Penelope Cruz as the ex-wife, shrewdly put off till just past the halfway point, is a potent pickme-up in a flagging narrative, a powerfully physical, sensual, passionate presence that deliciously shows up the callow blankness of Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall. With Javier Bardem, Patricia Clarkson, Kevin Dunn, Chris Messina. 2008. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Watchmen — Reviewed this issue. With Malin Akerman, Patrick Wilson, Billy Crudup, Jackie Earle Haley, Matthew Goode, and Jeffrey Dean Morgan; directed by Zack Snyder.

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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; HOR-TON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7)

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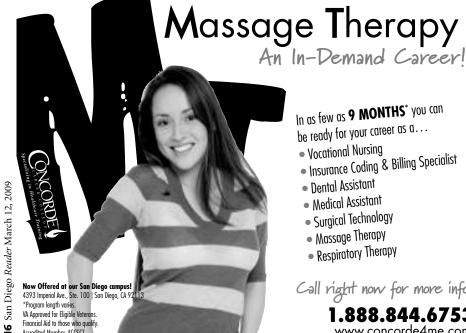
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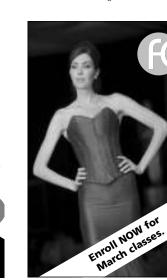
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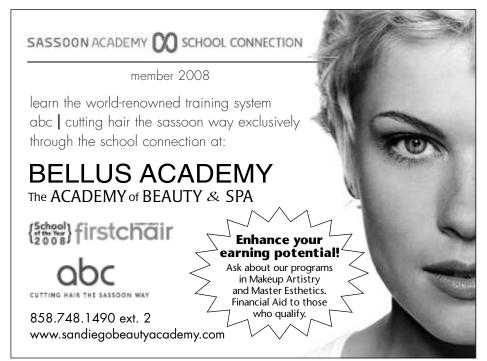
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Joey Bazzi | Age: 24 | Occupation: Cash Register Refresher | Lives in: Rancho San Diego

Meanbuggin' is when you start starin' at someone and you're lookin' at 'em bad. Another one is weeble. A weeble is, like, someone who's comin' up, but they're not officially made yet. Like, you introduce them like, "This is my weeble." They're like a protégé. And another one is wolf ticket. A wolf ticket is, like, when someone says they're going to do something and they don't do it. If someone's always promising to do something or bring something over and they never do it, that's a wolf ticket.

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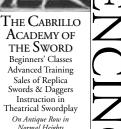
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- 1. Shells, e.g.
- 5. IV givers
- 8. Hastert's successor
- 14. Old gold coin
- 16. Some are mental
- 17. Sea east of Italy
- 18. Polite turndown
- 19. Comment about how insightful guys are?
- 21. Mrs., abroad
- 22. "Norma
- 23. Some '60s hits?

- 25. Comprehensive written work about almonds. cashews, pecans, etc.?
- 31. Quiver
- 33. "I \_\_\_\_\_ Symphony" (Supremes hit)
- 34. Nastase of tennis
- 35. What Fthel was told just before she was supposed to go on stage?
- 40. Make, as a CD copy
- 41. It has regular drawings
- 42. Have \_\_\_\_ to grind
- 44. Mike Piazza, during the early 2000s?
- 47. Part of TNT
- 48. Washington's \_\_\_\_ Stadium
- 50. "Chocolate" dog
- 52. Classic breakup line ... or a hint to this puzzle's theme
- 59. Beta carotene for one
- 60. San Franciscan, to a San Diegan
- 61. Least prominent
- 62. Furniture polish ingredient
- 63. Balance sheet list
- 64. Env. insertion
- 65. It may be upped

- President before Jefferson
- 2. Contemporary
- 3. "Nosferatu" director F.W.
- 4. Theater award since 1956
- 5. Mechanical
- 6. Pinot
- 7. Stokely Carmichael's org.
- 8. Feather, zoologically
- 9. Shows one's feelings

- 10. Unbelievable, as an excuse
- 11. Nebraska town featured in "Lonesome Dove"
- 12. Mukluk material
- 13. Suffix with organ 15 W.C
- 20. "Where manners?"
- 24. Emmy winner Ruby
- 26. Text-messaging word of appreciation
- 27. One with a six-yr. term
- 28. Tiny amount
- 29. Globe
- 30. "A Year in Provence" author Peter
- 32. Handmade sign in a stadium
- 35. They involve light lifting
- 36. Judases
- 37. Bon
- 38. Somalia neighbor: Abbr.
- 39. Letter carrier's beat: Abbr.
- 40. Stand at home?
- 43. Polar explorer Shackleton
- 44. NYSE or NASDAQ
- 45. '50s-'70s Dodgers manager Walter
- 46. "Anything your heart
- 49. Snow structures
- 51. "Texaco Star Theater" host Milton
- 53. "Peter Pan" pirate
- 54. Christmastime
- 55. Frank
- 56. "Jarhead" org.
- 57. Lance of L.A. law
- 58. Lake \_\_\_\_ (Blue Nile source)
- 59. "\_\_\_\_ little teapot ..."

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indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 9. "Adrian Zmed's character in Bachelor Party - Gentlemen, start your.. Cecile Alcaraz, Chula Vista, 9.

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 9. Peace, joy, and health to all. Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 9. "I'm only twelve and get no help on

"Goodbye, Battlestar Galactica:

this. You?" Jen Barnes, University Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 9. "Alligators All Around from Really

Rosie by Maurice Sendak," Jeff Battles, Serra Mesa, 9. "/ missed you so much, baby! Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 9, "No T-shirt, 1 mistake. life keeps bringing constant ache!

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 9. "Adore my O. Does Adam Zmed get a T-shirt?

Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont,

E.T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 9. "To Gary: The one Steve Jobs owns. Phillip Castle, Carlsbad, 9. "Happy 13th Sarah! A.T. Certik, Bonita, 9.

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 9. "DHH Program at Vista Square helps kids; it's needed!' Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 9. "The hippie was dressed to the ones. Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch,

9. "Random # generator working

again - someday I'll win a T-shirt.

Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 9. Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 9.

"Watch out SD - Sixbutch dan is Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley,

9. "Nine is fine William Edwards, Kensington,

Harry Engel, La Jolla, 9. "Liza never gives up."

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 9.

"What, me worry?

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 9. "Get out of your car and on your bike!"

Rand Feura, Santee, 9. Justin Finke, Sorrento Valley,

Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 9. Bill Griffin, Crest, 9. "Thank you, Puzzle Lady, for fixing my stand-

Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 9. "Guess what, shail is a real word

## **See Your Ranking Online!**

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Mary Hutchings, City Heights,

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 9. "Beware the Ides of March (et tu Bodo and Kiera).

Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 9. Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 9.

Kyle Matzke, Vista, 9. "I guess drought conditions just snuck up on

Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 9. Anna McCutcheon, Down-

town, 9. "Painters do it with broad strokes. www.paintwithdan.com' Ron Meyer, Santee, 9. "1 week before we go to the Marlboro Ranch

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 9. "Loitering encouraged...

Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 9. "I find

www.sdmrm.com

Jim Odell, Vista, 9. "Keepin' on

Julie Osburn, North Park, 9. Almost got 55A wrong. Who is Adam Zmed?

Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 9. Gil Patricio, San Diego, 9.

"Long tail cast on? John Pertle, Santee, 9. "Matthew 11:25-30: Mark 4:9: Luke 5:20; John 6:37; 10:28; 8:12."

Robert Phillips, Downtown, 9. "A aiant oak is just a nut who stood his ground. Matt Read, La Mesa, 9. "ADAM

Zmed? Hey! Ken and Alison are coming to town!" Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 9.

Doug Rodgers, Rancho Penasquitos, 9. Capn Skarz, Encinitas, 9. "Sem-

## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

indicates T-shirt winner

Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, **9.** "For the earth's sake go green. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 9. "Mr. Limbaugh, work on the tone of your speeches."

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 9. "No, Philip. Hypocrisy diminishes the quality of human life."

Tom Somich, Clairemont, 9. Eddie O. Spaghettio, Coronado, 9. "143U15! Guess who's in mortal sin this time? (Bingo!) CIUM21"

Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar. 9. "Won a T-shirt - visualization works! Should have visualized world peace!"

Pamela Swain, College Area, 9. "Another great puzzle."
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach,

**9.** "God understands all - except the US tax code!"

Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 9. "Angel Baby, my Angel Baby. Thanks!" Ric Witt, Clairemont, 9. "Want to balance the budget? Legalize drugs." Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside,

8. "Not looking forward to this

Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 8. "Thank vou Mo and Peet!"

Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 8.

Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 8. "Bruce baby were you gypped! Leslie Chase, Campo, 8.

"Orange you ready for a bike ride?" Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 8. "I'm scared of the MC"

Jon Connor, Oceanside, 8. "Bacon is good; pork chops are good.

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 8 "Hold your head up Richard. Hold your head up high!'

Vince Cuseo, Vista, 8. "I find your lack of faith disturbing."

Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 8. Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 8. "82 movie? Rachael Was Special: No Termination Date.

Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 8. "I'm in love with my Mary!" Robin Drubin, Vista, 8. Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 8.

"Happy Birthday, Vangie. We love vou. Mom!"

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 8. "/ love my Pooh! Props to Ano Snap

Marie Grace, College Area, 8. Joe Griffin, Crest, 8. "Way to wear 'em down, Dad."

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 8. "Cute haircut, Loretta.

Bryan Hartman, Golden Hill, 8. "Kudos and thanks to the crossword puzzle staff!"

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 8. "Adam? Is that Adrian's nickname?" Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 8. Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 8. "Love my bike."

Ron Hootman, Santee, 8. "Hoot 101: You had me going then I had a flash."

Edward C. Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 8. "Hiromi rocks Billy. Richard Hutchings, Santee, 8.

Benvicky Javier, San Diego, 8. "We love Justin, Giselle, Jonathan, Gerry Jr., Jordan, and Brianson!" Jim Koziol, UTC, 8, "How's

Peter Kronfeld, Normal Heights, 8. Michael Lodahl, Mission

Valley, 8. "Kev and Kimmer, Kongrats! We're so excited for you!

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 8. "A little harder than last week.

Lane and Gaby Litke, Chula Vista, 8.

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 8. "My sweet wife's cat and granddaughter are both pests."

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, **8.** "I love my 2 sons Tommy and Jake.

Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 8. "Tough one! Aren't I at 8 wins?

Irving Metzger, San Diego, 8. "Marciais spectacular.

Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 8. "Doc, wag kang maniwala kay Sisa Iniistir ka lana nun."

C.J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 8. "No contendah - blew a lettah! All about T-shirts now!"

Sarah Murphy, Ocean Beach, 8. Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 8. "Adrian! Rocky!

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 8. "/ don't want a pickle, just want my orange motorsickle.

Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 8. "No first time winners last week thanks for the T-shirt."

John Prince, Serra Mesa, 8. "I'm not quite so cold without that T-

Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Valley, 8. Chief Shiflett, San Diego, 8. "Defenders of PI are in town, hide

the Moxie and 211!" Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 8. "Doing the Reader puzzle - my

favorite 20 minutes every week. Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 8. "P-town 4 life"

Marjorie Stewart, Point Loma, 8. "Hi Marlene!" Gavle Studer, Mission Valley,

Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 8. "Take it easy!"

Jim Vaughan, Carlsbad, 8. Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 8. "Thanks for the T!"

Bob Werner, Bay Park, 8. Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 8. M. Zimmermann, Vista, 8.

"www.gopnot4me.blogspot.com Ken A., Ocean Beach, 7. "There's a torso tent sale at Wal-Mart "

Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 7. Bruce Bell, South Park, 7. "Hi S S and N'

Jay Berkowitz, La Jolla, 7. "Jorrie si the lovve of my life!" Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 7. Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 7.

Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 7. "Does Verne Lundquist know Adrian Zmed from Adam?"

Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 7. "Ski, I give up on you."

John L. Drehner, North Park, 7. "Don't smoke in dynamite room." John Fabry, San Diego, 7. "Live life well, my bunny!"

Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 7. "No, he thinks he's Jack Nicklaus.' Greg Harkless, San Diego, 7. "Donny, you're out of your element '

Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 7. "Kuai here I come!"

Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 7. "/ love New York. Billy Horton, Santee, 7. "Only 2

behind - catching up." Gerard Hoskins, Bonsall, 7. "Desire overcomes resistance Jerry Jones, Oceanside, 7.

"And all I got was this stupid T-shirt. Sara Khwaja, Poway, 7. "One lousy letter and I'm down to 3rd " Cornelia Lewis, Alpine, 7. "Life

in balance Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 7. B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 7. Craig Martin, Serra Mesa, 7.

"No more censorship!

Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 7. Willie McGee, San Diego, 7. "Dream of a T-shirt? No way Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 7.

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 7. "Playin' their little hearts out. Little League 2009."

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 7. "The medium is the message.

Tom Seaman, Alpine, 7. "54 Down is Adrian not Adam Zmed ' Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 7. "The guacamole bowl was off the hook."

Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 7. "Adam Zmed? Perhaps Adrian's twin stunt double?

Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 7. "Aqua Calliente rocks."

Rich Tschiegg, Scripps Ranch, 7. "Lives in mansion, lives in yurt rich man, poor man,"

Marie Turock, North Park, 7. "The oxen is slow, but the earth is

natient " Nathaniel Uy, East Village, 7. Kierkegaard Victoria, San

Diego, 7. "Hurrah for Robot Chicken and Manswers! Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 7. Westie, San Diego, 7.

Steve and Dawn, North Park, 6. "Good luck Tammy!" Tom and Jenn, Mira Mesa, 6. 6 months and counting.

Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 6. "Being retired is so cool. Hi Pepe.

Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 6. "Happy Anniversary to us. Jim Corbett, San Diego, 6. Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 6. "Three more months.

Rosalie Dow, Tierrasanta, 6. "/ love my new kitchen!"

George Elam, Vista, 6. "David's gone. Huge loss for San Diego. Miss him already.

Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 6, "As / recall it was a horror film."

Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 6. Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 6. "HAmlet Act II - What a peoce of work is a crossword "

Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 6. Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 6. "Who the hell is Adam 7med? His name is Adrian!"

James Mayfield, Bay Park, 6. "Free Mumia Abu-Jamal; victim of racism and politics."

Aleksa Mendive, Normal Heights, 6. Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 6. "Thanks for the T, now bring back

Ollie! Michael Panther, Point Loma, 6. "Michael Pickles Jr. says, Happy Birthday, Mike Cohn.

P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 6. "Encore"

Laura Patterson, Azalea Park, 6. "Thank you Camilla and Jose. I

love you auvs! Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch,

Eddie and Andrea Schroder. Carlsbad, 6. "We never went to the moon

Robin Suter, La Mesa, 6. "Go green, please recycle, save our planet!"

Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 6. Dave Washington, La Jolla, 6. "All who take the sword shall perish by the sword."

Michael Wright, Downtown, 6. Philip Blase, San Diego, 5. "What is there to do in Ethiopia?" J.D. Boucharde, North Park, 5.

Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 5. "Hey Ski, listen to Donna." Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 5. Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 5. "Give blood. Play hockey."

Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 5. Terry Golden, Clairemont, 5.

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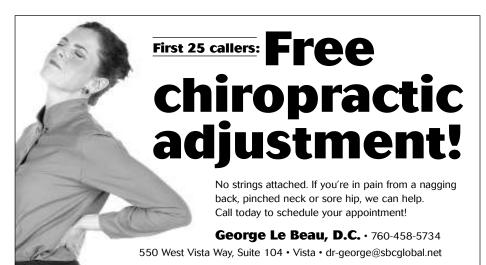
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indicates T-shirt winner

Joaquin Guerrero, San Marcos, 5. T.K. Halverstone, Mission Valley, 5. "Did it in the chair. Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 5.

Martha Klages, Encanto, 5. "Hi Larry, How am I doing? Bev Longdon, El Cajon, 5. "Eat

more meat: I need the job! Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 5. "Tartan Day April 6."

Alex Moran, San Diego, 5. "Integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we did."

Noah Najbert, Mira Mesa, 5. Cindy Quinto, Golden Hill, 5. "May I have a T-shirt now, please?" Carol Rabner, Escondido, 5. Connie Rittichier, Poway, 5. Adam Roberts, San Diego, 5. "Meow meow meow. Meow at the

Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 5. "/ predict the Dow bottoms at 3800 in early summer."

Henry Romero, San Diego, 5. "Back to D.C.next week."

Joanne Sanchez, Mira Mesa, 5. "It's a girl! Any thoughts on a

Rob Warren, Sabre Springs, 5. "I would like to thank all the little people.

Tom White, University City, 5. Michael Williams, Downtown, 5. "A kiss never tasted is forever

wasted ' Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista,

Jerry S. Anders, Scripps Ranch, 4. "This was easy even for Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 4. "House is sold."

Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 4. "Rural mail count for 100K."

Mike Deliman, Santee, 4. "Octo Mom for Dept. of Labor post! Joseph Gold, San Diego, 4. Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 4. "Don't give up your career in

rollerblading! Jim Hitchcock, Chula Vista,

W. Hodgson, Escondido, 4. "Follow your dreams - except ones where you're naked at work.

Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 4. N.C. Lyman, Poway, 4. "Sara and Carol sav. Eat at Ginza. Rancho Bernardo - yummy.

Jenny McReynolds, Linda Vista, 4. Phil Nichols, Escondido, 4.

"401K going away party!" Denis Rees, Alpine, 4. "Thank you, Reader Staff!' Dennis Roth, Santee, 4.

Chris Schmidli, San Diego, 4. "Happy St. Pat's!" Donna Swing, La Mesa, 4.

David A. Weim, Chula Vista, John Willis, National City, 4. "Is that the best you got, Mariana?"

Greg Arimura, San Diego, 3. "Waiting anxiously 4 Padres, pray for snow at Bear Mountain!" Jessica Bazo, Clairemont, 3.

"Do you want a sew-dah? Kaye Benton, San Diego, 3. Isabella Busch-Sorrenson. Ocean Beach, 3. "Isabella loves

Carlos Chamberlain, Bonita, 3. "God is awesome (I need a T-shirt) "

Robin Coulthard, Lakeside, 3. "Hapy B-day Pat, Linda, Monica Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista 3. "Happy Birthday

Mom/Vangie/Honey/Lola!"

Chris Hazewski, San Diego, 3. "Raven, you're the only one to

see me vacuum nude!" Gordon Kanteena, San Diego, 3. "Now that was a lot of fun!

Pat McMann, Solana Beach, 3. "Fluffhead opener, the boys are back!" Stephanie McNicol, Rolondo, 3. "Welcome to Hamsterdam...do

you speak beazengotz? Cindy Pancer, Pacific Beach, 3.

John C. Pipes, Lemon Grove, 3. "Bush lied people died. Obama lied economy died."

Rubber Chicken Research Team, Mission Hills, 3. "Suellen's immuno rocks!"

Don Romero, Ramona, 3. "Smoochy-smochy, Mei Ling!" D. Schick, Oceanside, 3. "Ratco

Michell Thitathan Downtown 3. "March to Verdi's beat. Riboletto at the opera!" Jack Tripp, San Diego, 3. "Hello

to Lulu. Randall Van Dyck, San Diego,

3. "We're in a vortex! Patrick Whalen, San Diego, 3. " Happy Belated Birthday Su. Thomas E. Woolf, La Jolla, 3.

John Alberto, Bonita, 2. Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 2. "Elliot - great debut in

your first play! - Dad" D. Asencio Jr., Ramona, 2. Marcus English, San Carlos, 2. 'Crosswords are like crack

Mariana Garcia, Chula Vista, 2. "I was working too hard to think of a comeback."

Giselle Gervy, San Diego, 2. "Stop crying about free T-shirts. I'll give you mine!"

Eric Gonzales, San Diego, 2. Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 2.

Robert McQuay, Linda Vista. 2. "Hi Bre! Hi Alyssa!"

Sheila Rodbell, Encinitas, 2. "Happy Birthday dear Aunt Lena." Jean B. Rolfes, San Diego, 2. "God bless the LISA

Big Lex Torres, San Marcos, 2. Holly Valentine, El Caion, 2.

"Float like a Baby Ruth, sting like a jellyfish."

Armando Vargas, San Ysidro, 2. "To the love of my life. Your boys love you."

Vanessa Wells, Grant Hill, 2. "www.sdhumane.org/goto/

nessandeppie" Doris Yu, San Diego, 2. "54

Kenneth D. Adams, Encanto. 1. "Keep LT, dump AJ. Oliver Alvanado, El Centro, 1.

"Imperial Valley Tata is back!" **Brian and Suzanne, Point** Loma, 1. "Laundry sucks!" Howie Asaki, Scottsdale, 1. "Go UCSD Track and Field! Shad Bee, South Park, 1. "It's

Wilev time! Julia Blair, San Diego, 1. "Finally back on the board!"

Mike Borgasano, Point Loma, 1. "This is for David. You will be missed Much love

Clara Brown, Julian, 1. "I love your crossword puzzle.

Gerard Bolla, San Diego, 1. Tommy Thick Fingers Corwin, Ocean Beach, 1. "Giving a toast

is like sitting on the beach.. Danny Day, Ocean Beach, 1. "Stay out of OB tweekers!"

Arturo de la Vega, La Mesa, 1. "Yo Adrian, I did it! Oops, I mean Adam."

**Davey Brown Sugar Deiters,** Ocean Beach, 1. "I don't have any change, bum. That other bum

Joe Del Nero, North Park, 1. Andrea Duncan, Valley Center, 1. "Irish draught sport horses rule!" Harvey Gorman, Linda Vista,

Karen Hearst, San Diego, 1. "Aiden, Gramma loves you (Dad and Brans, too).

Brianson Javier, San Diego, 1. "Ready or not, here I come world! S'up?\*

Steve Kassiotis, San Diego, 1. "What's up all OB bros and SD

Bob Korbett, San Diego, 1. "Comedy one-acts March Madness at Washington Street Arts Space.

Jared Livingston, Chula Vista, Bill Maass, Mission Hills, 1.

Eric Macy, Point Loma, 1. "Adam Zmed? Geoffery Martin, San Diego, 1.

"Paid for by the committee to reinvade Vietnam. Charles Metz, Poway, 1. "/t

took the shop to do it: Rich Monzon, La Mesa, 1. "/ finally did it!"

Danielle Mentzer, North Park, 1. "I'm hoping Verne was mis-

spelled not the rules bende Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 1. "Sunny wishes - hi to all!

Jim Newland, Escondido, 1.

"I've been trying for a long time to finish one of these.

Ricky Padilla, San Diego, 1.

'C'mon Aztecs, let's dance: R. Panaligan, San Diego, 1. "/ love y'all.

Finn Parker, San Diego, 1. Elissa Pinson, San Diego, 1.

"With a song in my heart. Jesse Porter, Encinitas, 1. "/ve made a huae mistake.

Eric Quesada, Point Loma, 1. "Watch out Greg H., here I come!" **Amber Rogowicz, Mission** Hills, 1. "Dedicated to Mr. McKier-

nan. Thx for the help honey Lillian Santander, San Diego,

1. "Lay me off, please. Geri Sappington, Clairemont,

1. "Slow down." Edvin Shahmoradian, Escondido,

1. "Maui or bust!" Johnny Spaz, Ocean Beach, 1.

"When it comes to baseball I have two favorite clubs... Stacey Street, North Park, 1.

"Starting off with a bang!" Maria Tarre, Solana Beach, 1. "A Charmed Life Childcare Mini the Goddess, Mission

Valley, 1. "They're real and they're Hal Van Aken, Mira Mesa, 1.

Take a kid fishing. Jane Yang, San Diego, 1. "Shout out to all the Novato folk!"

PRAYER. to the Blessed Virgin O, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O, star of the sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity, (make request) There are none that can withstand your power. O, Mary, conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (say 3 times). Holy Mother, I place this prayer in your hands (say 3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Grateful thanks. Praise to you. G.B.

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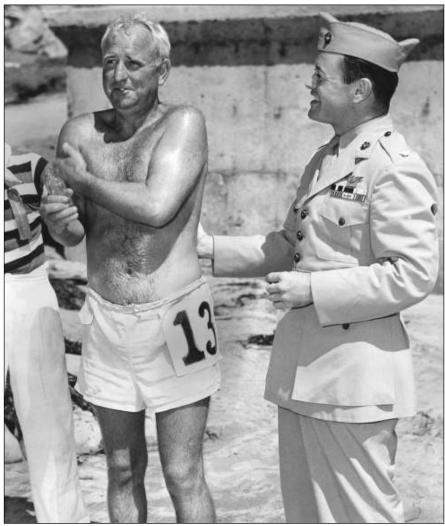
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Boyington became an author as well, producing an autobiography that became the basis for the '70s TV show Baa Baa Black Sheep. The program's intro read: "In World War II Marine Corps Major Greg 'Pappy' Boyington commanded a squadron of fighter pilots. They were a collection of misfits and screwballs who became the terrors of the South Pacific. They were known as the Black Sheep."

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## **Reader Pop Quiz**

#### This week's questions

- 1. What two objects does Derek Papa say he would rescue from a burning building?
- 2. Which film festival does Josh Board crash at the theaters in Horton Plaza?
- 3. One-man-band Ran Diego busked at one spot in town for three hours and didn't make a dime. What was that miserable place?
- 4. In what restaurant did Naomi Wise find this week's \$10 bargain bite?
- 5. Hip-hop pioneers De La Soul, in town on Friday the 13th, celebrate what anniversary as a musical act
- 6. The Metabolife Story: The Rape of Cinderella purportedly traces the history of the infamous marketer of diet pills but consistently misspells the name of assistant U.S. attorney Phil Halpern how?
- 7. What contraption do David and Barbarella give their friend Josue, all the while scrutinizing their motives for giving gifts at all?
- 8. Give the performer and song title of February's most downloaded song on SDReader.com.
- 9. What's the special ingredient in Riviera's chocolate cake?
- 10. Matthew Alice swears that the latest innovation in the world of pedicures is one that's performed by a pan containing hungry, nibbling

#### Last week's answers

- 1. Teen Rock. (p. 139)
- 2. The VegiTerranean. (p. 80)
- 3. "Thousands of dollars." (p. 7)
- 4. Cancer. (p. 76)
- 5. Squamous cell carcinoma. (p. 20)
- 6. To 45 B.C. (p.16)
- 7. Story of an American Escort. (p. 88)
- 8. "What Do You Do" by the Troys. (p. 68)
- 9. "Side." (p. 135)
- 10. A royal crown. (p. 92)

Last Week's Winners:

Jonathan Wardell, Millicent Kent, Elizabeth Morse, Clyde Christie, and Sean Heald

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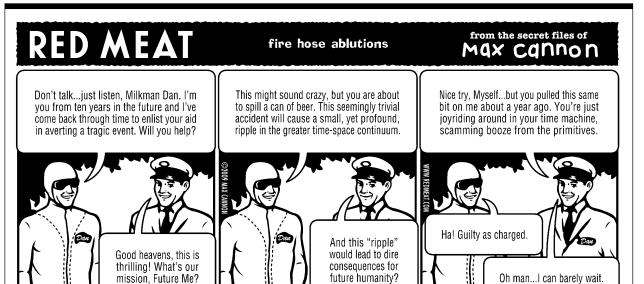
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## **Inexplicable**

· Police in New Britain, Conn., arrested Joel Rubin, 42, in January and charged him with using a stolen credit card. Unanswered was why Rubin also tried to use his own store discount card to get a lower price on the merchandise. It was Rubin's name on the discount card that tipped off police, and it was not immediately clear why

Rubin wanted to save a few bucks off a bill that would be sent to someone else.

 Secondary-Level Questions: (1) In December, Pauline McCook of Britain's Isle of Sheppey reported the theft from her front yard of her life-sized glass statue of mobster Al Capone. (2) In Plant City, Fla., in December, Robert Thompson and Taurus Morris were charged with armed burglary after taking a woman's eggbeater from her at knifepoint.

#### **Unclear on the Concept**

 In November, some African-American leaders in Danville, Ill., complained when eight black players were cut from the Danville High School basketball team at once, charging that the coach was engaging in "racial profiling" by, in the words of a black pastor, "[taking] a look at the way the young men wore their hair." The coach pointed out that though all the dismissed players are black, so are all eight retained players, and that two of the retained players wore the same style braids to which the pastor was referring.

- The December student rioting in Athens,

Greece (triggered by a police officer's shooting of an unarmed 15-year-old boy), was so intensive that the police department quickly ran through its arsenal of tear gas and was forced to use supplies that were 25 years old. One demonstrator told a Times of London reporter that it was unfair for police to use canisters that old because they contained dangerous chemicals that caused rioters to get "sick" and to "have trouble breathing." · On the South Boulder (Colo.) Creek Trail in January, as a woman was standing beside her bicycle, a cow wandered by and tipped her over (and then stepped on her legs before meandering off).

## **People with Issues**

"I take [my baby] to the park...maybe put it in its stroller or put it in its sling, or hold it in a blanket," the 49-year-old "mother" told ABC News reporters in January, lovingly describing her play-like infant. She is of the "reborn" community of women whose maternal instinct leads them to mother fake babies as they would real ones (which they choose not to have or cannot have). Reborn dolls are exquisitely manufactured, selling for \$500 and up, and require real baby clothes rather than doll suits. A psychiatrist told reporters that she would not be surprised to find that the "mother" of a reborn would "have the same chemical, hormonal reactions as if she was holding a real baby."

#### **Least Competent Person**

- Daniel Petric, 15 at the time, shot his parents in October 2007 (killing his mother) after they took away his Halo 3 video game. In January 2009, judge James Burge pronounced Petric guilty of murder, rejecting his lawyers' claim that Petric was insane at the time because he had confused "killing" cartoon avatars with killing humans. However, even though the legal test of insanity was not met, Judge Burge acknowledged that Petric "had no idea at the time he hatched this plot that if he killed his parents, they would be dead forever."

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-EVE KELLY

"I hate being the go-to guy at school," griped my husband Patrick. It seems he missed a meeting and got himself "volunteered" by some of his fellow teachers to run the activities at this year's spring carnival.

"It's a good thing you married the go-to gal," I soothed.

"Rock-climbing walls are a great way to introduce children to heights in a safe way," said Casey Cadwell of Rockrental.com in Alpine (866-254-6287). "They tend to stay popular because there's always a new crop of children coming up who have never climbed anything so tall. People like to test their skills, see if they can handle it."

Rockrental.com offers three rock-wall setups: a 25-footer, a 32-footer, and a 25-footer with attached trampolines. "The trampolines have harnessing poles over them; that allows the kids to do flips safely. They're being pulled up by

the poles and bungees and down by gravity, so they're almost getting the feeling of being weightless. The 25-foot wall is plenty exciting for 90 percent of the people out there. The 32-footer is very intimidating — that extra 8 feet takes a lot of physical energy. It's physically tough. A lot of kids can climb it only once."

Each wall features four different ascents, ranging in difficulty from beginner to advanced. "You can have up to four climbers at a time, though

> there is a weight limit of 250 pounds per climber. The climbers are harnessed to

> > an auto-belay system. If they fall, they're lowered down slowly. We've had zero injuries in nine years of operation. We inspect all the cables and carabiners on each job, and we send a trained employee with each wall. If need be, we can send additional staff or train volunteers."

A diesel truck hauls the wall to whatever relatively level location you designate. "We can do any private or public event — back-

yard birthday party to street fair. We do a lot of things with special-needs children — kids with autism different groups that want a safe, controlled environment for children. We can put the walls anywhere you have solid ground — dirt, grass, asphalt, or concrete. We raise the wall with hydraulics and

then put down extension arms to improve stability. There is no way these things can tip over."

However, there are still some rules and restrictions. "We harness participants away from the wall, so that nobody drops down and lands on them. We don't allow any flips on the wall, nor do we allow intoxicated climbers or bare feet. And if you're pregnant or have a physical disability that could be aggravated, we ask you not to climb."

Cadwell carries a \$2 million aggregate insurance policy, "...and that's enough for most people. But if a company requires extra insurance, we can provide that for an additional \$50 per name on the certificate."

Costs for the walls are as follows: 25-foot, \$225 per hour; 25-foot with trampolines, \$325 per hour; 32-foot, \$250 per hour. Prices cover rentals of two to three hours; if the walls are rented for longer periods, the price per hour decreases. There is also a delivery charge of \$1.25 per mile round trip from the company's El Cajon warehouse."Our busy season runs from the end of March all the way through October, but we can generally help people with a week or two of advance notice."

Though the walls had caught my fancy, Cadwell pointed out that the company also offered dunk tanks, inflatable slides, jumpies, "extreme air" jumpers,

and mechanical bulls.

"They're the most novel. Kids and adults really seem to enjoy watching and participating. You're not harnessed into those, but there's an inflatable mattress underneath if

you get thrown." (Mechanical

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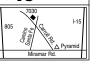
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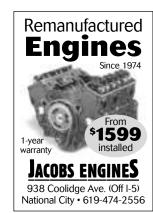


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## **Thirty Years Ago**

Tuesday, October 31, 1978

In speaking to people who have known John Vietor, I am told that he is "the Jell-O heir," "the founder of San Diego Magazine," "a world traveler who dines with royalty," "a registered Democrat when La Jolla was solidly Republican."

He has a drink with Ted Geisel (Dr. Seuss), and he sees Roger Revelle or Jonas Salk. But he does not mingle with UCSD professors (a party given for Vietor to enable him to meet people from academia "didn't work out").

- "MR. JELL-O WILL SEE YOU NOW," Eleanor Widmer, March 15, 1979

## **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

At age 19, less than a year out of high school in La Jolla, Mike Doyle had established a reputation as one of the most talented surfers in the world — first in California, then in Hawaii. He had started surfing

when he was 13, after spending weekends at the Manhattan Beach pier. He had watched the surfers from the beach many times, but it never made sense - were they sliding, falling, being pushed?

— "MAKING WAVES," Steve Sorensen, March 15, 1984

## **Twenty Years Ago**

"So I went off and started a band in 1966 called the Jesters that played places like the Hi Ho Club out here on Fletcher Parkway. You remember: it used to be the Roaring Twenties nightclub, then it was the Hi Ho Club, now it's a bunch of theaters. So we played there and at other teenage clubs and at high school dances, and eventually that band turned into the Dark Ages, and the Dark Ages became the house band at the Hi Ho Club. Lester Bangs used to come and sit in on harmonica."

— "BIRTH OF THE BEAT FARMERS," Roger Anderson, March 16, 1989

## Fifteen Years Ago

All the Stone Temple Pilots bashing that's been going on ever since their album Core hit the top ten is starting to get on my nerves. From Saturday *Night Live* to the *L.A. Times*, every time their name comes up, the following complaint is repeated, mantralike: STP are not real grunge, are fake grunge, are "prefabricated" grunge.

I agree — they aren't grunge, because they write catchy tunes (I realize this also disqualifies Nirvana, but that's another topic).

— "AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO'S NOTICED?" Dan Rudolph, March 10, 1994

#### Ten Years Ago

What we can be sure that Bompensiero thought about Jack's repeated attempts to kill Cohen was that Jack tried too many times. Bompensiero might have reflected on the day back in 1948 when he'd driven up to L.A. with Biaggio Bonventre to kill Cohen. In that first foray, not long after Mary Ann and Dutch ran off and got married, Bompensiero himself was shooter. Just when Bompensiero lined his shotgun up on Cohen, Cohen ducked into the rest room. The little bastard was a compulsive handwasher. Could never get himself clean. Bompensiero ended up killing Cohen's bodyguard Hooky Rothman.

Maybe this wasn't how Bompensiero's mind worked. Maybe it was. I know this: the attempt I make on your behalf and mine to enter into Bompensiero's mind is not working.

— "A FATEFUL CHECK AT THE U.S. GRANT," Judith Moore, March 11, 1999

## **Five Years Ago**

The genesis is in 1996. The Republican convention is coming to town. Mayor Susan Golding will be showcased for a U.S. Senate run. Her financial supporters will include Padres moneybags John Moores and Chargers chief Alex Spanos — both of whom are lining up massive cor-

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porate-welfare schemes.

City manager Iack McGrory decides to plunder the pension system. But first he must get permission from the pension board — most of whose members either represent city-worker labor unions or are city officials who will receive fat pensions.

— CITY LIGHTS: "CITY OF FOOLS," Don Bauder, March 11, 2004

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exploring affiliation

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Founded locally: fall 2008

Senior pastors: Will Carreras, Kevin Koberg,

Kyle Osland

Congregation size: 50

Staff size: 3

**Sunday school enrollment:** 5

Annual budget: still being determined

Weekly giving: n/a Singles program: no

Dress: mostly casual, some semiformal

**Diversity**: diverse

Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Website: http://iconchurchsd.com

Say Lula Salon occupies the ground floor of a resuscitated Art Deco box in the East Village; on Sunday mornings, Icon Church occupies Say Lula. It's a neat fit.

The space was crammed with eclectic art — it took a moment to realize that the three burgundy thrones on the turf-covered stage were actually hair-washing stations draped in fabric. Nobody sat in those chairs on Sunday; the musicians and speakers never even ascended

the stage, choosing instead to stay nearly within arm's reach of the congregation. But the symbolism still held, as congregant Dave explained: "There are three pastors here, and they're all equal" — taking turns with the preaching, praying, and ministerial work. "If there's just one, that guy ends up in isolation. A church can live or die based on that one person. Here, it's all level ground."

Dave wasn't, however, implying a wholesale retreat from traditional religious models. "They're trying to separate things that really are from God from the things that aren't. Communion, for example, is not a tradition that some church made up — that came from Jesus." Pastor Kevin Koberg's sermon praised the discipline of fasting. Pastor Will Carreras announced, "If you have not, as an adult, been baptized and said, 'Yes, I am becoming a disciple,' we want you to consider that."

Travel has given Dave some experience with the differences among churches, and he had this to offer about Icon:

"Not everybody wants this. It's not like you come in, put on a smile, enjoy the show, and then leave. It emphasizes that if you want growth on your personal walk, it's all about being part of a family. We want everyone to be here by personal invitation, to have that connection."

"It's not church like a business," added singer Scott Kemper. "It's more building disciples."

The pastors, all formerly associated with The Rock Church, had opted to go small-scale. (Sunday's service was missing 10 to 15 regulars, many of whom had opted for a group trip to Joshua Tree.) "We are part of a society that's based on a different story" from secular America, explained Koberg, "and that gives us different habits, which then form our character and allow us to see the world differently." (And again, that society was decidedly communal — Koberg noted the group pronouns in the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father...") "We're here to draw people into that society by

showing them the benefits of it, the blessing of it, and the help of it."

That society had the power to create a "system of abundance" that would help believers flourish like the Biblical lilies of the field. Congregant Emily attested, "When I started going here, I thought, Wow, these are people I would actually want to hang out with and foster a community. They really build the church around community, discipleship, and peacemaking."

"We don't have a position on Christians being in the military," offered Koberg during the sermon. "But we have to bring our whole life into the character of Jesus. We are told to love our enemies. Chris [a member of the church currently deployed with the Marines] told the military, 'I'll fly search-and-rescue helicopters. As a Christian, I'm good with that because I'm helping people. However, the minute you weaponize my helicopter, I'm out.' If Christians in the military said, 'With Jesus as my Lord, I'm commanded to love my enemy,

Kevin Koberg, Will Carreras, Kyle Osland

> **Icon Church East Village**

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congregational	$\bigstar \bigstar^1/_2$
band	**
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Architecture	$\pm^{1}/_{2}$
Friendliness	***
Poor to satisfactory	(none)

Good

Very good

Extraordinary

Excellent

and that means I can't kill him,' how much does that begin to change the structures of the world — at least from a witness standpoint?"

"Getting back to the red letters' is how they describe it," explained congregant Alicia, referring to Jesus' highlighted words in Scripture.

"Really understanding Jesus" character and how to implement it."

"We lay our lives down before You this morning," prayed Kemper in the midst of an emo-tinged praise set. "We just want to be more like You, God"

"In John, God always pictures us as light," said pastor Kyle Osland during the benediction. "I've been thinking, How am I light? We're light when we love our enemies, when we help our neighbors."

What happens when we die?

"We ask, what would happen if you lived forever?" said Carreras. "What kind of life would you want? What kind of person would you want to be? We believe that there is an eternity, and we feel that we've already stepped into it — as Christians, we will live forever. That's the gift that God has for us."

— Matthew Lickona

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