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High-dollar doctor Public relations people at UCSD got ahead of them-



William Mobl

selves last month in their haste to announce the arrival of a physician who was widely expected to become one of the university's highest-paid professors. On February 26, UCSD posted a news release on its website that said Stanford researcher **William C. Mobley** would

assume the helm of the medical school's neurosciences department on April 1. "It takes a unique person, one with expertise in patient care, research and leadership, to direct this department," the release quoted UCSD vice chancellor and med-school dean **David Brenner** as saying. "Bill Mobley is one of these rare people, and we expect him to play a key role both here at UC San Diego and within the area's neurosciences community."

A university insider says that Mobley, an expert in the neurobiology of Down syndrome and Alzheimer's disease, was expected to earn an annual salary of more than a million dollars, along with benefits such as a subsidized mortgage for a house in La Jolla or Rancho Santa Fe.

But fat payouts like that have become politically incorrect in the wake of the state's budget meltdown, and UC higher-ups are said to have intervened after the hiring was publicized and a reporter made subsequent inquiries. A regents' official in Oakland declined any



David Brenner

comment, referring all calls to the San Diego campus. After a Public Records Act request for details and amounts of Mobley's compensation package, the big-salary deal was suddenly not so done. "While there was a news release stating that Dr. Mobley will begin his position April 1, UCSD is still in the process of hiring Dr. Mobley and anticipate a new start date of June 1," according to an email last week from **Linda Maczko** of the university's public records office. "Until the recruitment process has been completed, the records you have requested are being withheld from disclosure."

Criminal cash Rumors are swirling about President **Barack Obama**'s possible appointment of ex–San Diego schools chief and former U.S. attorney **Alan Bersin** to head U.S. Customs and Border Protection, a major unit of the Homeland Security Department. But if it happens, the move may

cause Senate Republicans to cast a hostile spotlight on the contributions to the Obama campaign made by Bersin and members of his extended family.

Records show that on July 16 of last year, Bersin gave \$28,500 to the Democratic White House Victory Fund and the next day, \$2300 to the Obama Victory Fund. On October 8, he contributed \$6500 to the Committee for Change.

But it is money from relatives of Bersin's wife, **Lisa Foster**, a superior court judge, that may raise eyebrows. Her mother, wealthy Rancho Santa Fe widow **Pauline Foster**, gave \$2100 to Obama for America. And

Richard Silberman, father of Jeff Silberman, who is married to Lisa's sister Karen, gave a total of \$3300 to the Obama campaign in March and August. Now living in the San Francisco Bay Area, former Jack in the Box millionaire Silberman was once California's pre-



Pauline Fost

mier Democratic power broker and top advisor to then-governor **Jerry Brown**. Later he married Republican **Susan Golding** and financed her political career. That ended when he landed in federal prison after he was convicted in 1990 on money-laundering charges resulting from an FBI sting that featured a phony drug deal.

Old white-tie boys' network

Ex-Copley News Service Washington bureau chief **George Condon** is taking the fall for the failure of Washington, D.C.'s Gridiron Club to line up **Barack Obama** for its annual banquet. Obama is the first president since Grover Cleveland not to appear at the white-tie-and-tails dinner, and some speculate it's because the club's aging membership full of

print reporters has become increasingly irrelevant in the internet age. Condon told the Politico website that he repeatedly lobbied Obama news chief **Robert Gibbs** about persuading the president to do the gig, to no avail. "There was a lot of back and forth



Robert Gibb

between me and Robert. I would pop in and ask, and he was trying to find out." Since being laid off after Copley shuttered its bureau last year, Condon has been writing for CongressDaily, a website.

— Matt Potter

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Does New Center Make Any Sense?

By Don Bauder

All across the United States, and around the world, convention centers are vastly overbuilt. Supply exceeds demand.

So municipalities that own the centers resort to priceslashing. They often lose existing centers undergo expansion.

What is the source of this

ings industry: the Destination Marketing Association International and the International Association of Assembly Managers. On August 25, 2007, they put out a report that underscored the industry dilemma. "Supply of available exhibit and meeting space across the nation currently exceeds demand, resulting in a buyer's market," laments the report. This buyer's market "has exacerbated an already



money on their centers and have trouble servicing their debts. Nonetheless, new centers keep being built while disquieting information? None other than two trade associations representing the convention and meet-

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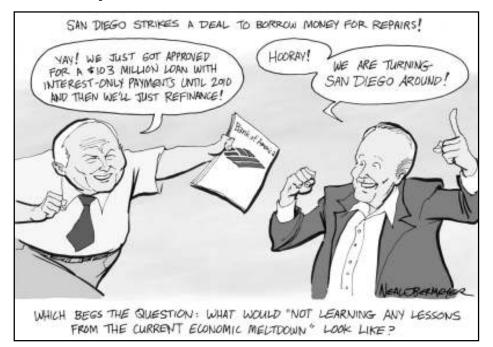
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competitive environment, resulting in the need to discount rental rates or increase services that can create a competitive advantage." As margins shrink, problems meeting debt service escalate, says the paper.

Carol Wallace, president and chief executive of the

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The Padres' Mystery Lineup

By Matt Potter

ho are the new would-be owners of the Padres, and are they fit to own the team? Recent documents unearthed from

city hall under the California Public Records Act suggest that City officials may not be doing enough to find out.

The public face of the Padres' new ownership is ex–sports agent and former Arizona Diamondbacks coowner Jeff Moorad. But Moorad has declined to say who else is buying the team with him.

The question of ownership is critical to San Diego taxpayers, who subsidize Petco Park to the tune of \$11 milPetco Park Joint Use and Management Agreement between the City and Padres, L.P., dated February 1, 2000, addresses that issue:

"The Padres have the right to transfer ownership of the Padres' franchise during the Term to the extent permitted by Major League Baseball, without the City's consent; provided, however, that in connection with such sale, the new franchise owner must (i) concurrently acquire all of the Padres rights and obliga-





Katherine Pothier



Bruce Henderso

ers as the previous owner, John Moores, had agreed to. If they don't, there's the very real possibility that they might walk away at any time, leaving the taxpayers high and dry.

But the new owners may not be asked to make that written commitment. In a letter dated February 17, Katherine K. Pothier, executive vice president of the Padres, asserts that "neither Section 13.3 nor Section 28.17 applies to the Transaction."

She goes on to say, "The Transaction involves the sale of partnership interests in the

At the bottom of her letter, Pothier provided a signature line for the City to attest that it has "Accepted and Approved" her interpretation of the contract. On the copy of the letter furnished by the City that line remains blank.

If Pothier's interpretation prevails, the City won't be able to find out anything about the financial wherewithal and business reputation of whoever is buying the team. Will the City take on the Padres and its new buyers in order to defend the integrity of its agreement with the team?

Apparently the jury is still

There is one more wrinkle. The city charter contains Section 225, which requires that anybody doing business with the City must make complete disclosure of the names and identities of those direct and indirect owners.

Tim Moore, City ballpark administrator, says the City hasn't yet decided whether it will invoke Section 225 and ask for that information.

"No transaction has taken place yet," Moore said in a telephone interview last week. "It [Section 225] may not be relevant to this transaction." City emails released under the Public Records Act show that Padres vice president Pothier has been lobbying hard against any disclosure under Section 225.

In a February 12 email to Moore and deputy city attorney Brock Ladewig, she wrote, "I reviewed Section 225 of the City Charter and do not think it applies. The right and the lease have already been granted to the Padres L.P. and is not being altered. No additional rights are being granted.

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STRINGERS

Secret Stash

By Sylvia Knust, 3/20/09 Rancho San Diego — East County's Damon Lane Park is 26 acres of scenic and varied landscape. The secretly



Damon Lane Par

stashed park recently received an overhaul.

District park manager David Martinez says, "In the last few years we've had pretty serious fires in the backcountry and so have been very proactive."

Which the local residents appreciate: last year, a bottle rocket ignited a two-and-a-half acre brush fire in the center of the park. The burned-out area is turning green once again. Of particular concern are the ladder fuels — those dead branches that can carry fire from the ground up into the canopy, upon which fire growth potential explodes.

"We've been removing the dead wood, the dead fuel. We've been removing some of the nonnative species as well, like arundo and tamarisk."

As a result of the clearing, trails are improved. Open trails dip along a trickling stream and flow into shaded eucalyptus groves; they taper through thick sagebrush and manzanita.

On Saturday, March 28, a favorite local science teacher and accomplished naturalist, Bruce Wollitz, will guide residents through the park. Visit *gmia.net* for more information.

Trick Play

By Dorian Hargrove, 3/22/09 City Heights — On March 19 at 6 p.m., Hoover High School's auditorium was filled. Students dressed in cardinal-red jumpsuits sat next to neatly dressed faculty and staff.

When Hoover High School principal Chuck Podhorsky grabbed the microphone, the crowd cheered. The crowd of a hundred-plus was there for a meeting about proposed improvements to Hoover High.

Those improvements include a new 20-classroom building, a "green" construction facility with a woodshop, a new football and softball field, light towers for night games, visitors' bleachers, and a concession/press-box building.

Sitting in the middle of the crowd was a group of concerned residents from the surrounding community who have opposed certain aspects of the project.

Mainly, the residents want some kind of guarantee regarding the number of nighttime events and a promise that the school won't rent out the field for non-school events.

"What was supposed to be an update ended up being more of a pep rally," said one



Hoover High marquee

resident the day after the event; they felt blindsided by the meeting's format.

During the meeting, parents, students, and teachers petitioned the school district to bring lights to Hoover High. Some speakers accused the residents of "opposing the progress of their children."

COMMENTS

- 1. Yes, it is very sad that someone at the school is really pushing hard to pit the residents against the students.
- The real concern most residents have is the impact the field lighting will have on the residents. That concern is real and due to the

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lion a year, as well as to baseball fans, who want to make sure the new owners have enough money to build a winning team.

The need for information has become more urgent as rumors have grown about whether Moorad and his unidentified partners have the financial wherewithal and business acumen to run a successful team over the long run.

But does the City even have the right to ask about such matters? Section 13.3 of the tions in, to and under the Franchise and this Agreement, and (ii) concurrently agree in writing, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the City, to assume all of the Padres' obligations under this Agreement for the remainder of the Term."

That seems simple and reasonable enough. The new owners, whoever they are, must furnish the City with a signed statement agreeing to shoulder the same financial obligations to San Diego taxpay-

Padres, which will continue to own, operate and manage the Franchise. There is not and will not be any new franchise owner or entity to assume obligations under the JUMA."

In other words, Pothier, a lawyer, makes a lawyerly argument that Padres L.P., a Delaware limited partnership that technically owns the Padres franchise, remains the owner of the team — even though the partnership's old owners are being exchanged for new owners, as yet to be identified.

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San Diego Convention Center Corporation, is a former president of the International Association of Assembly Managers, which copublished that paper noting the surfeit of convention center space and the resulting profit-and-debt squeeze.

The paper was published before the travel and tourism industry collapsed, points out Heywood Sanders, professor of public administration at the University of Texas at San Antonio and a recognized expert in the convention center business. In 2005, the Brookings Institution published a Sanders study that became a bomb-

shell. He pointed out that attendance at major trade shows was no higher then than in 1993. Nonetheless, localities were engaged in a "type of arms race," spending more and more to build and expand convention centers, despite the glut. This 2005 paper is in the process of being updated, says Sanders.

Now, in a recession that could possibly become a depression, the convention and meetings business is "manifestly down," says Sanders. U.S. numbers have declined sharply, and 62 percent of show organizers around the world experienced a business decline last year, with 70 percent predicting a drop through the first half of this year, accord-

ing to UFI (Union des Foires Internationales), the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry.

"The dynamic is exemplified by San Diego. The worse it gets, the greater demand to build more," says Sanders. As I interview him, he goes to Google and learns that the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce is touting a consultant study that calls for a bigger convention center. There are others: Cleveland is pushing a medical mart, San Antonio wants a bigger center. A number of cities are considering or proceeding with plans for publicly financed hotels next to convention centers: Portland (Oregon), Dallas, Fort Lauderdale, Tucson, Kansas City,

and Columbus (Ohio) are telling taxpayers that their convention centers will begin to thrive if there could just be a taxpayer-financed hotel next door. Columbus is claiming that a new hotel will lift convention center occupancy from 60 percent to 70 to 75 percent. San Diego has already subsidized a convention center hotel.

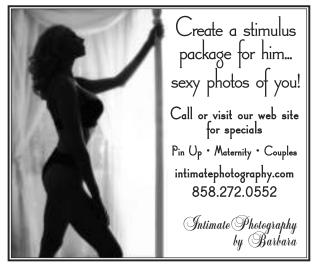
The race to build new convention centers, expand existing ones, and construct taxpayer-subsidized hotels "represents a remarkably narrow and uninformed view of larger market realities," says Sanders. "In almost every case, a city will commission a consultant study that argues in part, based on inadequate or misinterpreted data, that the national demand for convention center space is steadily increasing and that their city will be able to attract a larger number of events and get a larger economic impact" if it would expand available space. "The reality is that

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fact that there is already a track record of the school not assisting the residents with issues related to trash, traffic, noise, and drug use around the field by the groups that use the field during the evenings and weekends. With lights, that means not only will weekends be filled with field use, but so will the nights. More problems arise at night just look at the existing crime reports around the school.

By nativesd123 3:17 p.m., Mar 22, 2009

3. This was a very sad evening. It was a terrible lesson in civics and fair play for the young people who were involved in the meeting, as a list to sign up as a speaker was obviously passed around to students, parents, and teachers. Those of us from the surrounding community were not told that there was a sign-up sheet. Approximately one and one half hours into the meeting, someone walked around asking if any of us wanted to speak. By then, the majority of people had left the auditorium.

> By harrigan 8:33 p.m., Mar 22, 2009

4. This story illustrates the problem we've grown in our society. Because sports are perversely grafted onto the schools, it becomes "residents vs. students."

Everywhere in the world, these events provoke fights, drunkenness, and other antisocial behavior. Coaches teach how to "beat" the other team. It's all about testosterone and adrenaline, and has *nothing* to do with education.

By Fred_Williams 2:27 a.m., Mar 23, 2009

I.B. Neighbors More Than O.K.

By Peter C. Salisbury, 3/20/09 Imperial Beach — On Sunday, March 1, just before noon, contractors working at South Bay Union School District's VIP Village preschool discovered a fire in a classroom and immediately called 911.

"We lost materials and mementos," said school director David Sheppard, "but [firefighters] limited damage to just one classroom, came back to check on the structure throughout the day, and then came back the following Tuesday to talk to the students about fire safety....

"[T]he Imperial Beach Optimist Club...wrote checks to the two teachers — Daniela Varela and Mark Sotomayor — to help offset some of their personal losses. Vons on Saturn Boulevard donated stuffed animals."

Slasher Apprehended

By Mark Jay 3/19/09
Spring Valley — According to a police-radio scanner, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, a 15-year-old male was stabbed on Central Avenue and Troy Street. Sheriff's deputies arrived and found the victim sitting on the sidewalk. Deputies set up a perimeter and ordered nearby schools into lockdown mode.

The victim stated he was walking down the street when he was approached by two individuals and was stabbed by one of them. According to deputies, both suspects were Hispanic males with shaved heads in their late 20s. One of the suspects wore a gray shirt and brown pants, and the other had on a big brown jacket, no shirt, and brown pants.

Witnesses directed police to the suspects, who were at nearby Lamar County Park. When police approached, the suspects ran through the park and jumped over backyard fences to try and get away.

With the aid of an SDPD helicopter, National City police officers, and the California Highway Patrol, the suspect wearing the gray shirt and brown pants was arrested on the 3200 block of Central Avenue. Three witnesses identified him as the sole perpe-

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this rarely happens." And the same consultants keep getting hired over and over by competing cities.

A similar herd mentality has almost run the global economy into the ground. In recent years, economists and executives genuflected at the altar of a number of myths: that housing prices would always rise and people would always pay their mortgages; that gambling on derivatives distributed risk, rather than increased risk, ad nauseam.

San Diego is considering a 500,000-square-foot convention center expansion, along with a hotel that could bring the cost to \$1 billion. The expansion would double capacity. The convention center claims it is running at full capacity. Sanders and others, including me, doubt that. "Both the Convention & Visitors Bureau and the convention center tend to count bookings whether or not the people actually show up," says Sanders.

But even inflated numbers are sagging. ConVis reports that delegate attendance last year was down 3.3 percent. For January of this year, total San Diego hotel occupancy was down 13.7 percent, according to Smith Travel Research, which is not known for pumping up its numbers. Revenue per available room was down

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20.9 percent. That last figure was worse than Anaheim, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Orlando, according to Smith figures. In February, occupancy was down 11.5 percent, and the trend continued in the last week of that month.

In any downturn, commercial travel plummets earlier and faster than leisure travel. "In bad times, corporations immediately start to limit their travel, cancel conferences, cancel meetings, take a planned threeday meeting and make it a one-day meeting. The leisure traveler takes a little longer to react," says Jerry Morrison, La Jolla-based hotel specialist. Thus, the big downturn in San Diego is fundamentally from the commercial side, he says.

The weakness will persist through this year "and maybe into 2010," says Morrison. After that, economic growth will probably be anemic for several years. That will hurt commercial travel, including the convention and meetings business.

Typically for San Diego, the mayor has named a 17-person task force to report back on the feasibility of the expansion project. Even more typically for San Diego, almost all of those 17 task-force members are quintessential establishment boosters who have regularly supported corporate-welfare projects, or socialization of the risk and privatization of the gain. The task force includes both the new vice

chairman of the Convention Center Corporation and the outgoing chairwoman. It includes four executives from the hotelmotel industry, two from real estate, two associated with the Regional Economic Development Corporation, and one from the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, a group that represents only a handful of taxpayers — super-rich mendi-

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Since this project would not be up and running for about five years, Morrison, who is not an establishment cheerleader, thinks it is probably a good idea.

cants fishing for fat govern-

ment handouts.

But Heywood Sanders, who has an idea of how many new centers may be built and old centers expanded by 2014, says, "Can [San Diego] build an expanded convention center if they can find the dollars to pay for it? Sure. Does it make any sense? Are they going to get any persistent increase in new business? The answer is very clear: no. The bar for dealing with reality in San Diego has never been set very high."

Even Las Vegas is considering delaying its convention center expansion. But in San Diego, do you think for one minute that the establishment-packed task force will look at the question analytically, taking the market glut into account? Remember, they will be playing with other people's (taxpayers') money.





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Padres L.P. continues to hold the interest."

That drew a quick response from Ladewig. "Katie, I must respectfully disagree with your analysis. I believe new persons will be gaining some 'right, title or interest arising out of a contract' when the new partners are installed. If

the issue becomes a problem, we can look at this more closely." Reached by phone this week, Ladewig said he has had no further contact with Pothier.

Bruce Henderson, a former city councilman and longtime critic of the 1998 deal between the City and John Moores that created Petco Park and surrounding developments, says there is no question that Section 225 should

be applied to the latest transaction.

"Section 225 is a very important rule that government is supposed to be following. Right in its title it says that it is mandatory. And the purpose of 225 is very simple: council members, the mayor, city staff should know whose economic interests are before them in order to be certain there is no conflict of interest, and the public needs to know the same thing, so if there is a conflict of interest they can blow the whistle on it.

"That's why 225 was passed overwhelmingly by the voters in 1992. There was no real opposition to it. It was added as a charter amendment, not just a section of the municipal code but a mandatory provision of the charter."

San Diego's history of finance-related political scandals — including the Valerie Stallings case, in which the city councilwoman was forced to resign after receiving gifts from Padres owner Moores —

makes enforcement of Section 225 critical.

"If something is going to be acted on by the city council, staff should at the very outset find out whose economic interests are directly or indirectly affected," Henderson says. "That way as staff works on it and as the matter works its way up to city council, everyone knows whose economic interests are involved. If you get the disclosures right in the beginning it helps you avoid potential conflicts of interest."

Henderson adds that scrutiny of those seeking to take over the Padres is also needed to make sure that the franchise is free from any criminal taint. "There are lots of reasons why you need to know who you are doing transactions with. They could be convicted felons.

"If somebody comes in and says, 'I'd like to do a transaction with the City, but, by the way, I won't tell you who

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trator and didn't take the other suspect into custody.

According to medics, the victim was stabbed four times: once in his left lower back, twice on his right lower back. and once on the right buttock. The victim said it seemed like quick slashes. The victim was rushed to Mercy Hospital, and his wounds were nonlife-threatening.

One-Man Crime Wave

By Josh Grant, 3/20/09 Julian — On March 18 at almost 4 p.m., witnesses saw a red late-model sedan pull into the back parking lot of Jack's Grocery in Julian at a high rate of speed. A man was seen iumping out with a golf club and entering the store while screaming and yelling. Once inside, the man broke all the front windows of the store with the golf club. The store

clerk was able to make it out the front door unharmed.

A crowd gathered and people were heard asking the man to please stop. Children that witnessed the incident said they were upset because nobody tried to stop the man.

Besides the windows, merchandise was destroyed before the suspect fled in his vehicle south, out of town. Sheriff's deputies were close behind. Other witnesses reported that the man had ditched his car off an embankment and attempted to hide in the bushes. After a search that involved three helicopters, the suspect was caught and taken to jail.

Fight Over Foliage

By Dorian Hargrove, 3/19/09 Encinitas — During the past few years, community residents have protested cutting down any of their trees. There was public outcry when the

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I represent; you can just do the transaction in my name, although I'm not really the person who is responsible for all this, charter Section 225 in effect says, 'No, you can't do that.'

Henderson says that the argument made by Padres vice president Pothier that the baseball team would continue to be owned by Padres L.P. doesn't wash. "The essence of 225 is that you know who the economic interests are that you are dealing with. So if the owners of an entity are changing, you need to know that.

"Just the fact that the entity hasn't changed, if you think about it, doesn't really answer the question of who is the City doing business with.

"Is their money dirty, or do you have reason to believe it's dirty? Is it drug money? You don't want to do business with people who have drug money.

"But more than that, even if it's clean money, it's very important for you to know who's involved. Councilmembers need to know, are any of these people contributors to their campaigns. That way, if there is an appearance of impropriety, they can address it right up front.

"Secrecy is power. The fact is that Major League Baseball may very well over the years have developed a policy that they want to provide confidentiality so that people really don't know who owns baseball teams.

"They say it's just the Padres. If you allow them to get away with that, you never know that local powerbrokers who are influencing legislation at the local, state, and national level have interests that they are pursuing. That's what corporations and partnerships are often used for, to hide the real economic interests that are involved.

"Obviously those people with economic interests would like to keep things secret. They'd like to be able to stand in front of the council and

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North County Transit District uprooted 13 dying or diseased eucalyptus trees on Highway 101 in Leucadia last January. Eight months earlier, community members held candlelight vigils for two diseased, 115-year-old cypress trees chopped down in a nearby park.

Last February, the tree slaughter continued when 11 30-foot-tall saplings from Orpheus Park were axed because they were restricting neighbors' views. The decision drew widespread criticism. Andrew Watkins took up residence in one of the 30-foot-tall tipu trees for seven days, trying to prevent crews from removing it.

The issue has since blossomed into a thorny one during the last two Encinitas City Council meetings.

At the March 11 meeting, the community expressed their concerns.

"You made fun of [Watkins] in emails, in the press—you dissed him...but he was our hero," said one resident during the meeting.

One week after that meeting, on March 18, in an effort to reassure residents the city is dedicated to maintaining its status as a community of trees, the city council unanimously adopted the Urban Forest Management policy.

The policy recognizes "trees are an integral part of the city's infrastructure."

That Dog Will Manhunt

By Frank Marrazza, 3/19/09 South San Diego — On March 17 at 4:05 p.m., an SDPD helicopter circled the neighborhood at I-5 and Tocayo Avenue. Police announced over their P.A. system that they were in pursuit of a suspect described as a black male, 5'10" tall, approximately 140 lbs., wearing black shorts and a white shirt. Any sighting, they announced, should be made known to the police.

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At 4:55 p.m., after officers had scoured the area on foot and from the air, there was a sighting of the suspect about a half mile south on International Road, which ends in a field on the U.S./Mexico border.

At that point, the helicopter, patrol cars, and the U.S. Border Patrol all began to intensify the search in the border field and adjacent areas. They consistently broadcast the description of the suspect and urged residents to look in their yards and garages.

At 5:09 p.m., the Border Patrol, San Diego cruiser units, and officers following on foot converged at International Road and Dalisay Street. At 5:11 p.m., at the intersection of Deep Haven Lane and Pikake Street, a resident yelled, "There he goes — he's jumping the fences."

Almost simultaneously, helicopter personnel stated over the P.A. that the suspect was heavily tattooed and in his late teens. At 5:18 p.m., at the corner of International Road and Wardlow Street, the SDPD and Border Patrol let loose their dogs as the suspect was seen at the end of Wardlow, which runs parallel to the border.

A stray dog seen wandering the neighborhood during the activity got caught up in the action and followed the police dogs in the pursuit!

At 5:25 p.m. the suspect was apprehended on the 2600 block of Wardlow, a couple hundred yards from the border.

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say, 'I'm just a concerned citizen, I have no economic interest whatsoever, I just want good government.'

"In fact, that's the last thing they want, many of them. They want some special decision that will help them economically, and the public be damned. That happens all the time when you don't have full disclosure."

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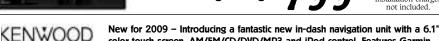
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CORRECTIONS

In last week's table of contents, the entry "Beginners' guide to Ethiopian food" should have read "Beginners' guide to Somali food."

In the March 5 Reader Puzzle, the clue for 54 down was "'T.J. Hooker' actor Adam." It should have read "'T.J. Hooker' actor Adrian."

Necks Red All Over

I thought the article on El Cajon was well written and from a rounded point of view ("El Cajon," Cover Story, March 12). It was interesting to note that the area reminded Iraqis of home, so now I can imagine what parts of Iraq must be like without having to go there!

The term "redneck" comes from the fact that the backs of farmers' necks become red from working out in the fields all day. Growing up in the state of Alabama (which is usually viewed as more backwoods, ignorant, and redneck than it really is by the rest of the country), I certainly can understand why some people from El Cajon may take offense at the term "redneck."

When I was a young girl in Alabama, I can remember people moving there from California who would be shocked that we actually had paved roads, wore shoes, and had buildings with central heat and airconditioning.

Redneck is a trait that isn't located in one specific area of the country — it seems to be a way of life. Some of the common characteristics of rednecks that

you can find just about anywhere in this country are jacked-up trucks; cars with useless, fake racing gear on them; low education; limited vocabulary; fear of "strangers"; ultraconservatism; and fear of change. I'm sure that if the term "redneck" could be socially defined, you would find them around the entire world.

However, I have lived in a dozen states and traveled through just about all of them and must say that nowhere else besides El Cajon and East County have I ever seen trucks with plastic testicles hanging off the back. Now, that's pretty darn redneck! So El Cajon, you might as well embrace the term and learn to accept it.

Kathryn Estes via email

Story Needs More Color

Regarding Bill Manson's El Cajon opus (Cover Story, March 12): How could someone debate a city's redneck "cred" without inspecting how this alleged mentality affects its African-American residents? Ask the local black folks what it's like to live here, how they were received when they moved to town, how their kids feel about it, and so on.

When I first moved to San Diego in 1979, El Cajon was considered a redneck magnet ("Get out of El Cajon by sundown," a coworker once cracked), but on a lower scale than Santee (I once lived there for several months and don't recall seeing another black person, other than the mailman) and certainly not Lakeside, which was Klan country.

Had Manson dug deep and indulged in real journalism instead of trying to write an essay and toss himself into the story every chance he got, he would have unearthed this: The American Community Survey estimate from 2005-2007 (found on *census.gov*) put the El Cajon African-American population at 7.1 percent. That means you're more likely to run into a black person in El Cajon than San Francisco. That percentage is up from the 5.4 from the 2000 census. Quite an amazing hike in a short time, especially since, let's face it: When most people think of El Cajon, blacks don't come to mind.

A better, more interesting angle to this story would have been El Cajon's changing face, not some self-promoting tale that was twice as long as it needed to be. The redneck or not aspect could have easily been woven into the story. Not only would it have been fun to read, but people would have actually learned something. Gee, what a concept.

Tony Cooper Downtown

On Life Support

This is in response to the story written by Sandra Keener, on downtown, entitled "Second Worse," from March 19, 2009. On the next page (46), when referring to an affordable housing project proposal, she asks, "What exactly is supportive housing?" Here is your answer.

Think about some of the types of people who live in affordable housing in the downtown area. Many of them are mentally/physically/developmentally disabled, struggle with substance abuse, have been on-and-off homeless, former foster kids or runaways who are now adults, etc. Most have no family nearby to help or are estranged from them, so they have little or nothing in the way of a support system. They may not have the simple skills that others take for granted; skills that are required in order to maintain their housing and the finances to pay for it.

Supportive housing helps to keep these individuals from losing their housing and ending up back on the streets again. This involves many things, such as life skills training, mental health counseling, employment skills, medical referrals, etc. The support staff goes out of their way to help these individuals any way they

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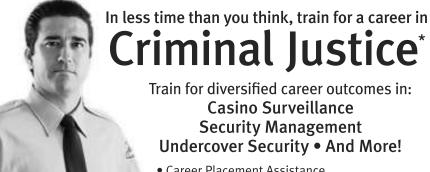
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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Two-Hand Draw



Iason Belmonte

ou've been waiting for it, and now it's finally come, the capstone of televised sports: Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open. This is professional bowling at its best and the last of four major tournaments on the 2008-2009 Professional Bowling Association (PBA) tour. The winner collects \$100,000 and a three-year exemption. Participants can be found at the Brunswick Zone Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick, New Jersey, starting Sunday.

Professional bowling has been on television since 1962. Broadcast entities, in chronological order, are: ABC, HBO, USA Network, NBC, ESPN, CBS, and ESPN. In the 1970s and early '80s, more people watched bowling on Saturday than any other sport, save college football. Bowling had better TV ratings than the Masters golf tournament or the NBA Finals.

Nowadays, the sport has fallen so low that its current television network, ESPN, paid nothing for broadcasting rights. And, PR-wise, LUMBER LIQUIDATORS is an unfortunate reminder that the PBA TOUR came within an ace of going bankrupt.

So, what's up in Bowling World?

Well, the money is still lousy. Chris Barnes, the reigning PBA Player of the Year, won the Go RVing Match Play Championship last week. Got a check for \$25,000, which is typical for a non-major tournament. Chump change... NASCAR gas money.

They play in oddball locations (although loved by all who live therein and most devoutly by the Box): Taylor, Michigan. Vernon Hills, Illinois. Wheat Ridge, Colorado. West Babylon, New York. Lake Wales, Florida. And PBA tournaments have strange names (although each name is cherished by this writer): Chris Paul Celebrity Invitational presented by brands of Ebonite International. The CLR Carmen Salvino Scorpion Championship. Denny's Dick Weber Open.

According to the U.S. Bowling Congress, league bowling has dropped 2 million bowlers since 1980. Why for?

Here are some possibilities. Bowling a 220 game used to be considered a very good night's work. Get a 220 average and you were king of the bowling alley. Now, 220 is an average score. Why for?

Bowling-ball technology and lane machines have, critics say, made bowling 220 so easy that no one has to learn how to actually bowl.

Some people — maybe you, maybe me blame it on Kegel, creator of the Sanction Machine, a fiendish device that applies oil onto bowling lanes. The beast has four pumps and the ability to lay down a predetermined amount of oil onto a lane. You could, and many have, put more oil on the inside of the lane and less oil on the outside. This pattern is called a top-hat pattern, and it will funnel a bowling ball directly to the pin sweet spot for a strike whether your throw was off or not.

Bowling balls mutated, each generation more powerful than the one before. In the 1980s, polyester and urethane ruled Bowling Ball World. Then Nu-Line churned out resin balls in the 1990s. The resin ball produced more fiction than earlier balls, which meant, particularly when matched with an oil pattern that funneled the ball home, more room for error, more

Now comes the particle ball. It's more porous than the resin ball, creates more friction, makes the ball hook more, gives the player more room to be off on his throw and still make a strike. Add a generous lane pattern of oil (Bowling World uses 20 times more oil than it did in 1980), and you have an exposition in scoring. Bowling 220 is humdrum.

Not a pretty picture. People abandoned the sport. Those who stayed played for bus fare and sold body organs in order to get on national TV.

What's needed is a Tiger Woods, and there might be one out there. His name is Jason Belmonte, a 25-year-old from Orange, a small burg located 125 miles west of Sydney, principality of Australia.

His parents owned a bowling alley and tyke Belmonte was pushing balls down the alley before he could crash a tricycle. Pushing bowling balls down the alley turned out to be the key. He never stopped. Belmonte has perfected the two-handed throw. Watch him throw a 300 here: *youtube.com/watch?v=jZQf5nrQumk*

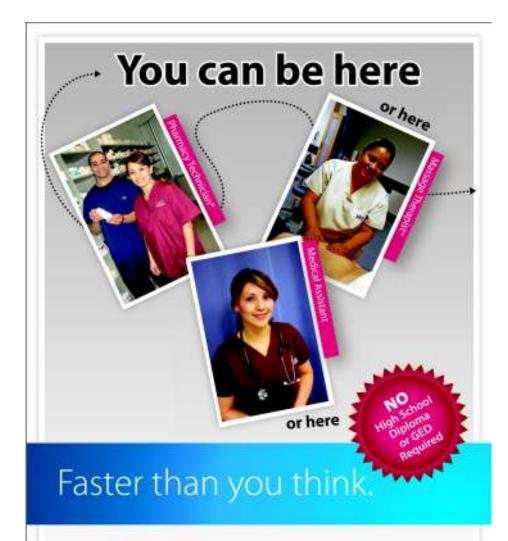
Most pro bowlers get 300 revolutions per minute when they throw. Belmonte gets 600. Belmonte places two fingers from his right hand in ball holes, throws the ball off his hip, and uses his left hand to spin the ball, which, upon impact, causes pins to jump and pop.

Belmonte has been playing on the European and Asian tours, although he has played in two PBA tournaments this season (finished 10th and 15th) by way of a Commissioner's Exemption.

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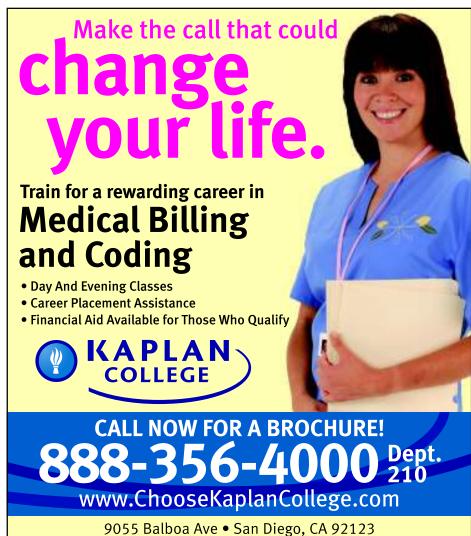
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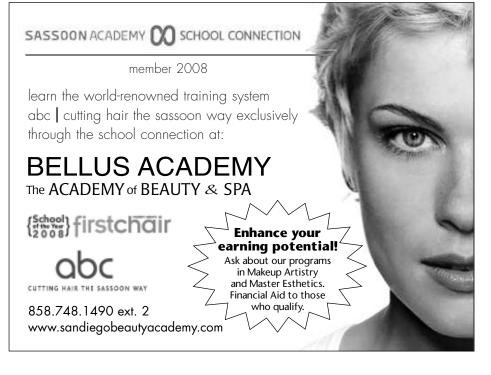
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Doug Bush, owner of Computers Etc. Training Center in Miramar (858-578-9476, computersetcsoftwaretrainingcenter.com), was there for me. "We offer a range of classes for beginners, people who have never even touched a keyboard. A lot of people who come are in their 40s and 50s they missed the computer revolution, and now they're catching up. But I also get people ranging from 80 right on down to 11 or 12.

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"A lot of people who come are in their 40s and 50s — they missed the computer revolution...."

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gave a rundown of my day, as I do every morning for David's benefit. As our social secretary, it's my duty to inform him of any obligations before he sets off going about his business. "I'm having breakfast with Jen, then I have a meeting in Little Italy — that should last a few hours, and after that...huh. I've got nothing else planned until we leave tonight to check out Fred's show at Jett Gallery."

"Oh, yeah?" David's dimples appeared, those mischievous pits. I raised a brow, an invitation for whatever quip was coming. "I've got an idea for something you could do," David said. The indentations in his cheeks deepened. "You could assemble the grill."

He said it to be funny, of course, to propose something absurd so I would scoff, so he could say, "Just kidding," so we both could laugh at the silliness of the suggestion. But before I could recite my lines, something in my mind misfired. I was just about to gasp — a the-

"Okay, let's do this. Please pass me that big plastic thingamajig with the curve in it."

atrical sound we both knew would trigger David's giggles — when it struck me that what he'd said wasn't so preposterous. I felt the surprise I saw on my man's face when I responded, "Sure, I could do that."

Stunned, but doing his best to pretend he wasn't, David's smile took on a

peculiar quality. "Cool," he

said.

The beast had been delivered the day before. One hundred pounds of box, dropped by handtruck onto the slate tiles in our vestibule, less than a foot away from the bottom of the 19-step staircase that leads to our rooftop terrace. I enlisted my friend Jen as an assistant. After a glass of wine to prepare us for what I imagined to be quite the undertaking, we were ready to go to work under David's watchful eye, for he didn't want to miss the show.

Despite my decent strength (I've carried David up those stairs), I allowed Jen and David to tote the box to the balcony. It was breezy up there, but the sun kept me warm as I helped unpack the box and spread out the components. According to the owner's guide, the 37 parts would go together in 21 steps.

"You know," I said, while examining the illustrated exploded view of the grill and flipping to the first-step page, "I think this is the first time I've ever assembled anything."

"How can that be?" David asked. Jen looked at me expectantly, waiting for the punch line. There wasn't one.

Assembly Accomplished

In my traditional nuclear family of two parents and four girls, the responsibility of putting shit together most often befell my father. Bicycles, dollhouses, dressers, art desks — you name it, Dad assembled it, narrating the process with muttered obscenities when the instructions were counterintuitive. On a few occasions, when the Navy whisked my father to Hawaii, Iceland, or Germany, Mom was left to pick up the pieces. It was the Barbie Dream House that was her undoing. When we were old enough to not take it the wrong way, Mom shared the misery that was the six hours it took her to construct the three-foot-tall toy mansion.

When I lived alone, it seemed there was always a friend around who was happy to do the grunt work for me. Stephanie put together my IKEA bed frame, and Zim installed my new showerhead. I mentally catalogued my old apartment, checking off one decorative or functional object after another, labeling each "no assembly required." Aside from the few necessary items friends assembled for me, I avoided the purchase of incomplete products for the same reason I never liked the Turf Supper Club, where the patrons cook their own food on a communal grill: I believe if I'm paying for it, it should arrive finished.

'Think," David said. "There must be something." But there wasn't, at least not that I could remember. I shook my head

and shrugged. "Wow," he said.

"Come on, you can't be that surprised," I said, smiling. "There were lots of things I'd never done before I met you." I left David to wonder how I'd gotten this far and turned to Jen. "Okay, let's do this. Please pass me that big plastic thingamajig with the curve in it."

It soon became clear that all I had to do was match a plastic or metal piece with its illustrated twin in the booklet. A moron could do this, I thought. Then, poking fun at myself in a way no other person could get away with, I smiled inwardly and thought, a moron IS doing

As I worked through the illiteratefriendly steps, studying the pictures on the page and literally putting two and two together, David eyed me. Earlier, he had said that because he's a guy, he has been tasked to assemble an incalculable number of items. I suggested it probably had more to do with his attending school for engineering, but I conceded the point. My handy girlfriends (Stephanie, Jen, and Janet) were more exceptions than rule. I thought of the men in my family -Simon building a hothouse in which to grow his chili peppers, Brad tiling the bathroom, Sean erecting the gazebo and his son Liam constructing complicated Lego contraptions, Roger drilling equidistant holes in the concrete around the pool for a fence; all the guys I know are drawn to building, so I could see why so many people seem to think a mechanical... ahem...erection gene is located in the





David was waiting for a reason to be amused. He almost got one when Jen and I scrambled to find a block of wood, one of the "tools" the booklet said we needed. But the picture of a wheel resting on the block beat David to the punch in explaining its function — we didn't really need a block of wood so much as something to protect the side of the wheel from getting scraped while we hammered on the other side.

With Jen's assistance, it took me less than an hour from the time we opened the box to having a fully functional "Weber Q 320." David looked more impressed than I wanted him to. "It wasn't difficult," I said. "The way you guys bitch about put-



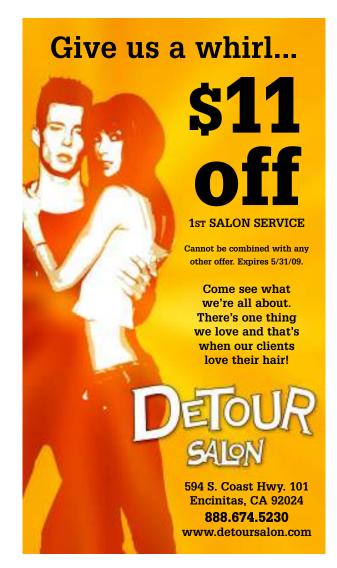
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ting stuff together, I thought it was going to be a lot harder. It was actually pleasurable, in that 'I conquered the task' sort of way." I nodded at my handiwork, feeling quite accomplished. Then, trouncing any attempt David might make to take advantage of my bravado, I said, "Don't expect me to cook on it." ■









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Cárdenas, the 31-year-old man/woman/dragon in question, sits in a chair three feet from the couch. He's facing me, but I can't see his eyes due to the stereoscopic headset he's wearing as part of a performance art project called *Becoming Dragon*. The headset limits Cárdenas's view — except for peripheral vision — to the online world of Second Life, where he's spent every waking moment of the past 11 days living as a dragon named Azdel Slade.

The room is in the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology building on the campus of the University of California, San Diego, where Cárdenas is a third-year graduate student in the master of fine arts program with a personal emphasis on performance and media. *Becoming Dragon* is part of Cárdenas's master of fine arts. For the performance, Cárdenas is spending more than 15 consecutive days living in Second Life. "My contract with myself was to be in Second Life for 365 hours [wearing the headset], except when I go to the bathroom."

In addition to the headset, Cárdenas wears motion-capture hardware on his

and get married as dragons."

body. Eight cameras mounted high on the walls around the 15-by-30-foot room capture his motion and translate it to the brightly colored dragon on the movie screen at one end of the room. The cameras, from my seat on the couch, which sits dead center in the room, look like big red eyes peering down at me. On-screen, the dragon stands in the middle of a Second Life room that has been constructed to look like the

room we're in. What's on-screen is what Cárdenas sees through the stereoscopic headset. In order to have some semblance of face-to-face interaction with me. Cárdenas has asked his 28-year-old assistant and fellow grad student, Elle Mehrmand, to set up a camera that transmits an image of me sitting on the couch into his headset. The result is disconcerting. I'm watching an image of myself sitting in a

room imbedded in a computer version of the same room. To make things more disconcerting, the image has a three- or foursecond time delay. And Cárdenas's voice is being filtered through a modulator, which has a slight delay. So I hear everything twice, once in his soft, yet deep, speaking voice — the hormones don't seem to have raised his voice yet — and a split second later in a guttural, higher-pitched computerized garble that sounds (to me) more like a sinister gnome than a dragon.

Coming in, I had expected to see someone more, well, drag queenish. Cárdenas doesn't give off that vibe at all. He's dressed in a black and gray leopard-print jacket over a black Tshirt and gray pants. Four-inch black piercings dangle from his ears. His arms are covered with tattoos that wouldn't look out of place on a biker or professional athlete. He wears his hair in an androgynous style and length. His posture, mannerisms, and speech are neither overtly feminine nor masculine. And that's the way Cárdenas sees himself, somewhere in between. Asked whether his dragon "avatar," as Second Life characters are known, is male or female, Cárdenas answers, "Neither. Both. Neither and both, just like in real life."

Asked if he identifies himself as gay, he says, "No, I identify as queer, which is a nice label outside of labels, which means that I don't identify as gay because that would mean I'm a man who likes men, or as a lesbian, which would mean that I'm a woman who likes women, but as queer: I am just attracted to who I'm attracted to. But generally, I do like femme people, usually genetic girls." cally putting the body online. I've been thinking about online public spaces such as YouTube, MySpace, or Second Life. I think of it as an online 'public space' since there are 15 million users. Also," Cárdenas chuckles, which

Gina. The story was about this couple sitting at home wondering why their neighbors were so uptight about their recent species-change surgery. And then, when I started to take hormones and think about myself, I started to think

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"Generally, I do like femme people, usually genetic girls."

Cárdenas has a hard time saying exactly when he got the idea to perform *Becoming Dragon*. "For the last three years," he says, "I've been doing work that deals with the body and technology, specifi-

through the voice modulator sounds like the laugh of an evil overlord in a Japanese cartoon, "I read this one-page short story in the back of a comic book called *T-Gina* about a transsexual woman named

about the question of species identity."

Though the idea of species change sounds absolutely loco to just about everybody, Cárdenas in his travels in Second Life has found a community of people

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who long to change their species from human to some kind of animal, real or imagined. "I've discovered as part of this performance that there are a lot of people who have sex and have relationships and get married as dragons and bunnies and other species. The most common thing is hybrid species. Right now, I'm a dragon. But there's also another avatar I use which is this thing called a Neko, which is a half-cat, half-human kind of person. Nekos that are half-human, half-animal are really common in Second Life. Something that's hap-

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pened in the last few days [during the performance] is I've met a bunch of people who call themselves OthThis couple that talked to me was a dragonman and a fox-woman. They both said, very seriously, that if they

"I'm trying to explore the potential for specieschange surgery."

erkin, and they have this whole community who feel really deeply, painfully, truly that they are some other species.

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could get species-change surgery, they would do it in a second."

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"Well, it struck me as surprising," Cárdenas lets out a long, rolling dragon chuckle that echoes off the walls of





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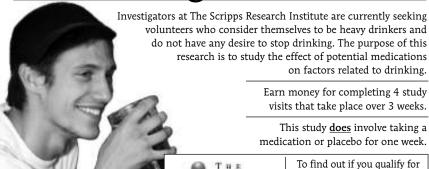
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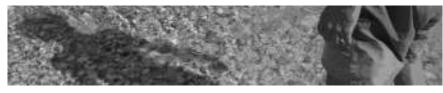
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the room, "but good. I was worried that maybe people go to Second Life to be dragons and whatnot because it's safe and easy, and you're just playing. But after a week of doing this, I've had many people come to me and say, 'No, this is very serious to me.' "

Cárdenas adds, "It doesn't really strike me as crazy. I know people who think about gender as an open kind of expression. That's what I'm trying to explore and develop in this project, is gender not just limited to male/female and not just in between male and female femmy boy or butch lesbian or something but gender as a texture of identity or a layer of identity, so each person could have their own

gender. So I know people who feel like their gender is bunny or they feel like their gender is monster."

My head is spin-

gender. "That's how they feel about their gender expression," Cárdenas explains. "They'd say that bunny, for example, is the idea

Cárdenas's hormone therapy is "covered by the University of **California health** insurance."

ning, and it's not just the delayed voice and video making it spin. I haven't gotten used to the idea of species change; now we're talking about species as

that best expresses or sums up what they think about their gender. And talking to the people who want species-change surgery, gender and species are

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very closely related to them."

Cárdenas was seven vears old, the fourth of four siblings, living in Miami, Florida, when his parents divorced. He lived with his mom and sister for eight more years, until his mother was diagnosed with schizophrenia. After that, he lived with his dad and stepmom for a couple of years, then with his sister for two years. Given that background, it would be easy to label him the product of an unstable upbringing. But that would be too easy. He was stable enough to acquire a degree in computer science from Florida International University. And as I talk with him, he rattles off quotes from a half dozen or so philosophers and authors, despite 11 days of poor sleep and the mind-numbing effects of wearing the stereoscopic goggles. And there's a cool-headed albeit radical quality to the goals he's trying to achieve with this project. "Yeah, sure," he says, "I'm trying to explore in terms of living in Second Life the potential for species-change surgery, and I've been researching the limits of biotech and how far we are away from specieschange surgery. I'm also definitely doing it as a political gesture," he says, "to make more space for transgendered people. It seems like if it were more accepted that people want to get species-change surgery, maybe I wouldn't get such funny looks for wanting to change genders."

Cárdenas adds, "I felt a little guilty for talking to the transspecies people because I don't really identify as a dragon. I picked dragons because, for one, they're not so easy to gender male and female. And most dragon literature, West-

ern and Eastern, features dragons having shape-changing ability. So that's something I really want to think about with this performance; how do we think and talk about people who are changing, people we don't have names or labels for, somebody in transition who is not male or female. And how does that change our ideas of politics. We have had years and years of movements, writing, and struggle based on particular identities. How do we update our thinking so that we're not talking about the women's movement or the black power movement but something else? And that's not to discredit those move-

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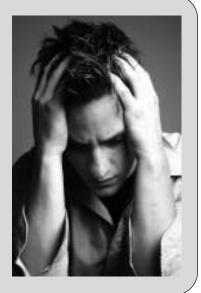
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ments at all or to say that those movements are unimportant, invalid, or anything. But ideas about identity are different now than they were 30 years ago. Feminism nowadays has to do with expanding this notion of who gets to be a woman. And it's not so much about biological women per se as it is about gender freedom."

Cárdenas's thoughts about his own identity and his transgendering efforts seem more nuanced than the stereotypical I'm-a-woman-in-a-man's-body thinking. Since August 2008, he's taken "estradiol, a form of estrogen, and spironolactone, a testosterone blocker." But, he says, "I definitely don't think I could take hormones, then get surgery, and become a real woman. I just don't think man and woman really exist."

The cost of Cárdenas's hormone therapy is "covered by the University of California health insurance. All gender services up to \$25,000 are covered. Which is funny, because if I did want surgery, now would be a good time to do it."

The University of California Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex Association website confirms that "As of 2007–2008, UC San Diego...programs cover trans health benefits up to \$25,000 per year."

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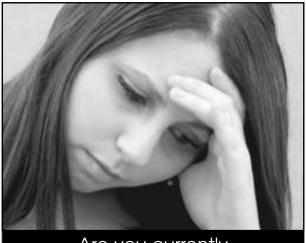
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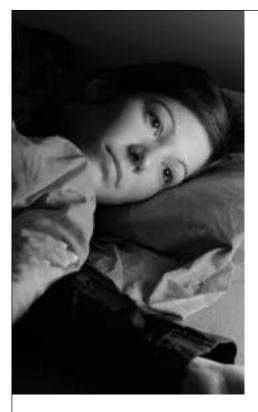


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- · In good health with no major medical conditions

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The cost of the Becoming Dragon project Cárdenas estimates to be "around \$40,000 to \$50,000." On top of that money are the hours spent on the project by volunteers such as Mehrmand and four other support staff who bring Cárdenas food and help with the equipment. Then there's space usage and equipment usage. The motion-capture system he's borrowing from the university "is a half-million-dollar system. So there's a cost associated with using that. The beginning first few months of this project was me writing grants." He got a \$2500 grant from the University of California Institute for Research in the Arts and a \$5000 grant from the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology. "The money I raised went to other equipment, videotapes, and things like that."

The University of California Institute for Research in the Arts is a grant-giving office that provides up to \$5000 to artists within the university system. The institute, says its website, "is committed to supporting risk-taking research that might not otherwise find funding from other University or extramural sources."

The California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology has

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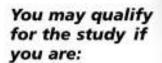
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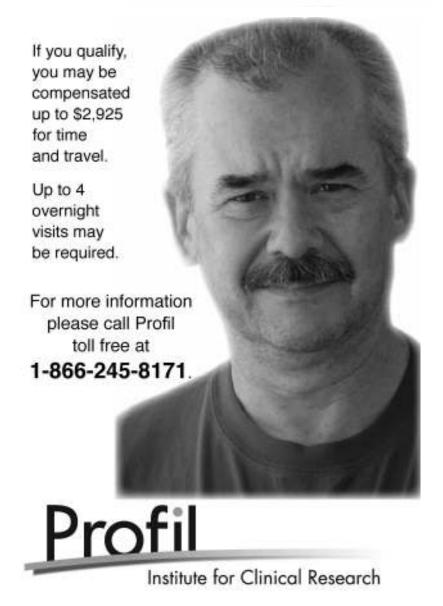
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- 18 60 years old and otherwise healthy
- A nonsmoker
- Treating your diabetes with or without oral anti-diabetic medication but without insulin.



buildings at the San Diego and Irvine campuses of the University of California. The buildings were erected with \$100 million of state money. The group's website is full of nebulous writing about shifting research paradigms and bridging the gaps between disciplines and between academia and industry. It amounts to a telecommunications and information technology research institute funded by a combination of state, federal, and industry money.

Cárdenas says "the bulk" of the funding for Becoming Dragon came from the Center for Research in Computing and the Arts, which, its website says, is "an Organized Research Unit of the University of California, San Diego whose mission is to facilitate the invention of new art forms that arise out of the developments of digital technologies."

Cárdenas adds, "CRCA estimates that they provided over \$20,000 worth of support including the space, the equipment including the motion capture system, and months of staff support time from numerous people. And that number was before an additional \$2500 they contributed toward buying computers."

Ars Virtua, a media and art center within Second Life, provided Cárdenas "a grant of usage of their virtual land. They granted me a parcel that is 4096 square meters."

Becoming Dragon is Cárdenas's final performance for his master of fine arts. He plans to push on for a Ph.D. in fine arts. For his Ph.D., he says he's thinking about doing some kind of performance art involving "body hacking."

"Body hacking," I ask, "as in hacking with a hatchet?"

Cárdenas roars with computer-modulated dragon laughter — a terrifying sound. "No, no, no, no, no, hacking as in hacking a computer."

More dragon laughter.

"I think about hacking with computers as another kind of exploration — finding novel ways of doing things with computers and technology. If you look at the *Hacker's Dictionary* definition of 'hack,' it's not breaking into computers, which is more 'cracking.' But

when people say, 'That's a good hack,' it means, that's a clever, novel way of doing that thing. The journalist Quinn Norton has written a lot about body hacking, which is people doing DIY [do it yourself] body modification. Usually, it's DIY body modification that is functional. Quinn Norton got an implant of a magnet in her finger, which basically gave her a sixth sense to detect if something was magnetic. That's one classic body-hacking example because it's functional and it's a modification."

Cárdenas isn't sure what form of body hacking he may perform on himself or what the end of his transsexuality will be. "I'm still a work in

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progress," he says. "Part of the idea of body hacking is that your body is the platform, which is also totally related to performance art. When I think of body hacks for myself, I think about how could I experiment on myself safely, or relatively safely," Dragon chuck-

les, "to move toward some of these things like fur or color changes or something like that. That's something that I'm thinking about for my Ph.D., or for future projects, at least: how does body hacking and widespread access to medical knowledge transform our potential

for being something else? Because, right now, the potential is totally limited by the medical institution and the psychiatric institution. For instance, if you just want to

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become a woman, you have to go through a year trial, you have to convince them that you're passing [as a woman] for the whole year." (Cárdenas chose 365 hours for *Becoming* Dragon to call into question this one-year requirement.) "But body hacking is interesting to me because medical knowledge and medical hardware are getting cheaper, the way the video cameras are getting cheaper. So it seems like soon we'll be in a much easier position to change ourselves. Ten years ago, the performance artist Orlan, who is my biggest inspiration, was doing performance by getting plastic surgery live onstage. She was getting body modifications to look more like famous pieces of art. Eventually, she got horns implanted in her forehead. Well, nowadays you can just go to a piercing place to get horns put on your forehead. It's not the most crazy thing." Before I leave Cárdenas to live out his

final four days as a dragon in Second Life, I ask, "Do you believe that there's a God who created you as you are?"

"Oh, no," the dragon answers, "that's as far from what I believe as possible."

Author's note: Micha Cárdenas asked that feminine pronouns be used in this story. With respect, the author declined. ■

– Ernie Grimm

Should Call Him Khem

I salvaged a *Lonely Planet Thai* language phrase book years ago, a souvenir of my father's long-ago Navy travels in



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Editor's note: This is the winner of February's \$100 third-place prize for our monthly neighborhood-essay contest.

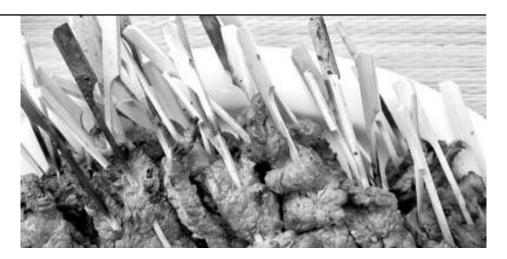
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Southeast Asia. Practical and illuminating, it highlights the primary concerns of visitors to that sultry locale — so it's no surprise that a great deal of textual space is dedicated to food, hospitals, and sex.

Dì-chan ben pà-yāht translates to "I have intestinal worms."

His name is Khem. He is a retired store owner from Nakhon Pathom. I am new to the building and look like a Japanese princess. He tells me this by way of introduction. I should call him Khem because his full name, he insists, is too difficult for anyone to pronounce, and he is tired of hearing it loused up. I consider this while he presents me with a plate of chicken and beef *satay*, perching it atop my bag of groceries. I am not Japanese. And I suppose it



hardly needs to be clarified that I am also definitely not a member of any country's ruling or defunct monarchy. At best I might be descended from a line of minor tropical jungle chieftains or damp, consumptive potato farmers.

I don't mention any of this to him. It would seem rude, contrary. I was new to the apartment complex, and the man had just given me a plate of skewered meat. Instead I thanked him and promised to return his plate the next day. The *satay* was followed over time with a noodle dish, coupons for Fresh & Easy, a small pot of pink azaleas, sticky rice, a single energy-efficient lightbulb, the admonish-

ment to get married and have children as soon as possible, then more *satay*. I haven't known Khem long, but in the months since meeting him I have learned two things about my new neighbor: he is a fine cook, and he may be a porn fiend.

Row mâi ben kon fâ-rang-sèt. We're not French. Kà-nom bang tam dôo-ay bâang kôw sãh-lee têe mâi dâi ow ram òrk. Whole-wheat bread. I can imagine this isn't asked for that often.

His wife, a Filipina, died years ago. They met in Bangkok, where she worked as a maid in some rich widow's house. They ran the store here together, and even after widowhood set in he stuck around

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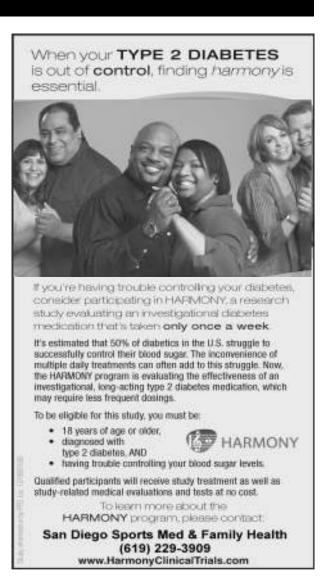
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realize: synth. Flopping. The ohyeahohyeah of old-fashioned, lowbudget cinematic boning. I have trouble looking him in the eve after these nights. Not because of the porn, or mostly not because of the porn, but the sheer loneliness. The quiet of his apartment each morning.

"Why don't you travel some?" I ask. "You could

get out of here for a while, maybe visit Thailand. Don't you miss it?"

"Ah, no." He waves his hand. "Too old, too old. I'm already here so long. This is my home now.'

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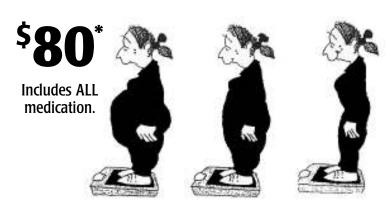
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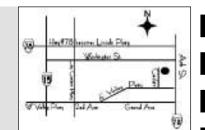


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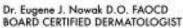
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"What's that book? You are always reading. You should be dating instead — find a nice boy who will read to you."

That book was Michael Pollan's In Defense of Food. I bought it at Costco while sample grazing and working out the math of a family pack of pot stickers for a single girl with few hobbies. I wondered if this was where the author pictured his work ending up. And before such an indifferent audience! Eat fewer processed foods, sure. More greens, no slick packaging. Meanwhile, we can buy cocktail shrimp by the truckload and chocolate by the crate.

"It's about food," I reply. "Our relationship to it, and how trends have affected the way we view the things we eat. It's kind of interesting."

And it was, insofar as finding that the founder of the Kellogg's breakfastcereal behemoth did so because of a rectally fixated paranoia is interesting and enlightening. That is to say, a searing masterwork. From what I remember, Kellogg believed that excessive consumption of meat created toxic chemical deposits in the small intestine that were responsible for compulsive masturbation. To combat this proteinborne perversion, he jockeyed for more carbs on the breakfast table and frequent yogurt enemas. His cereal empire survives in our supermarket aisles, but it's Kellogg's intuitive powers that most impress me. Empirical science of the modern age has since told us what he already knew: steak is really just a gateway meat to more depraved sexual acts.

I hate to think what Khem might be doing in the confines of his two

bedrooms if he were to eat more of his own incredible barbecue. If rather than cooking fish half the week he began to substitute carne asada or pork chops. And what about me? I only just figured out my ovulation cycle by my level of desire to get all up ons with Liam Neeson, which intensifies toward the middle of the month and subsides into a more manageable budding appreciation for Delta

blues music the rest of the time. I would assume that low self-esteem or a cough syrup addiction would be to blame, but maybe it will be a medium-done chateaubriand that eventually causes me to hulk

out into a raging slut one day. I have meat at almost every meal, and if Kellogg was right, I'm not sure there's enough Valtrex in the world for me to enjoy satay for breakfast anymore.

Khem pooh-poohs this and straightens out of his plastic lawn chair.

"Why do you have to care about that? What food is good to eat. If you like it, it's good. That's how to enjoy life." ■

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Tales of Real Men

The time is the late '60s and it is a typically quiet afternoon at the Coronado bar, the Tradewinds. Suddenly the tranquility is disturbed when a group of 20

to 25 young Navy midshipmen enter the bar to do some afternoon drinking.

They are away from home on a weekend cruise and are

feeling festive and carefree. In fact, some of

them are feeling so good they sit down with-

out bothering to remove their hats. They are quickly reminded

by the Tradewinds' usual patrons, some Navy SEALs, to

comply with Navy etiquette and remove their covers.

A few sharp words and baleful looks are exchanged but the midshipmen eventually comply with the request. After one drink the young men, feeling increasingly uncomfortable, get up

go to retrieve their hats, the one who had argued the most vociferously with the SEALs hesitates over the table on which his hat has been thrown. He stares intently into the cocktail lounge twilight. Closer inspection finally in the white satin

to leave. As they

reveals that cradled in the white satin lining of his precious hat is a large, fresh turd.

Without further ado the punches start flying. Chairs are heaved over-

They are hard; the baby fat is gone; the pinkness and puffiness

have disappeared.

head and bottles are broken. It isn't long before all the midshipmen find themselves lying in the parking lot, bloody and battered. They manage to pick themselves up and return to their ship, vowing never to visit the Tradewinds again. Nobody had told them it was a SEAL bar.

Those were the good old days in Coronado. The Vietnam War was in full swing and SEAL personnel were on a six-month-on/six-month-off rotation. When they returned to Coronado, the site of their training facility and headquarters, they were generally rambunctious.

At that time the Tradewinds, at Tenth Street and Orange Avenue in downtown Coronado, was their bar.



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There was always a keg of beer ready — just for the SEALs. If somebody got divorced or engaged, there was a keg. There were even a couple of kegs for people who had been killed in action. People not affiliated with the SEALs, or with their colleagues in the Navy's Underwater Demolition Team, didn't go into the Tradewinds. And the woman who ran the place didn't resist that pol-

icy. She even hired SEALs as bartenders.

After a few kegs had been drained, the fights would usually begin. The SEALs had been trained to fight and most of them were pretty good at it. Furthermore, almost all the SEALs in Coronado would be going back to the jungle again, so what did they really have to lose by getting into a bar fight?

Today the old Tradewinds

is called Mulvaney's and the ambiance is considerably more tame. If there are ever any UDT/SEALs inside, you would never know it. The end of the Vietnam War is, of course, a major reason why the SEALs are no longer considered the rowdy group that terrorized Coronado Island with loud parties and drunken brawls. Scuffles like the one with the midshipmen in the Tradewinds don't

really happen anymore. Which is not to say that today's SEALs are not as tough as those from the war years in the late '60s and early '70s. The current training classes, producing about 70 graduates today as opposed to about 120 then, might even be a little better now, a little more rigorous. The men are without question an elite band, chosen for their athletic ability and intelligence. And it is equally true that they still have an unsavory reputation, a notoriety perhaps retained from the bellicose Vietnam era. But the story of the Under-

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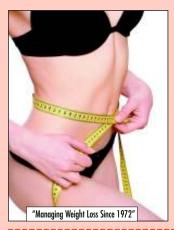
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The older of the two outfits, the Underwater Demolition Team, was founded in 1943. The need for underwater combat demolition experts had been established a year earlier on the Japanese-held island of Tarawa, where insufficient hydrographic intelligence had resulted in the drowning deaths of hundreds of Marines. Called the Navy Combat Demolition Unit, these predecessors of the Underwater Demolition Team were trained intensively. The theory at that time was that a man is capable of roughly ten times the physical output as is commonly thought. This premise still holds for UDT training.

UDT's brother unit, the SEALs (Sea, Air, Land), was commissioned by President Kennedy in 1962. Most of its personnel were former UDTs, and they received training from Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force schools as well as their own. Their basic mission has always been to conduct unconventional warfare, counter-guerrilla and clandestine operations in maritime areas and riverine environments. Basically, they were in Vietnam looking for a fight. When they went out on an operation, it was usually to destroy something or someone. Whenever there was a particularly difficult or dirty job to do, it was usually one of the small, seven- or eight-man SEAL or UDT units that was called upon to make sure it got done. Also, the UDT/SEALs were very successful in training the Vietnamese ARVN forces, gathering intelligence from the Viet Cong, and performing demolition work. By their own account, their most impressive statistic was their "kill ratio" - very onesided in favor of the SEALs.

There were fatalities, approximately thirty-seven in all, and an unheard of number of purple hearts (one SEAL worst of the exchange.

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Many military experts feel that the key to the success of the UDT/SEALs was and is their training, and few would argue about its reputation as one of the most arduous programs in the Armed Services. It's a long list to enumerate, but the first step for the prospective SEAL is to have all the obvious physical qualifications. He needs to have, like most military specialists, good eyesight, no color blindness,

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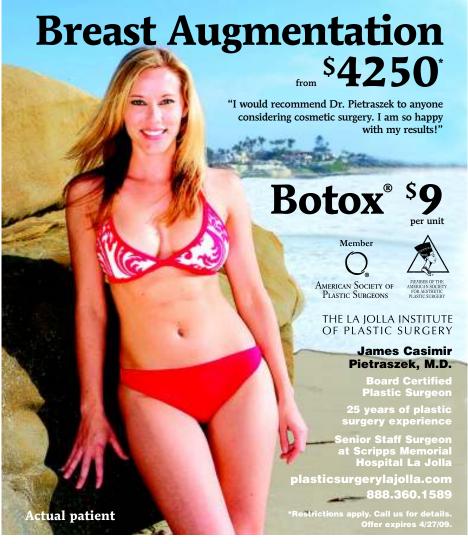
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The young man who is ultimately chosen to be a Navy SEAL (among roughly 40 percent of those who apply) has gone through a great deal, but he has really only just begun; three more phases of training await him. At one time not long ago only 33 percent made it through all phases, though

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These graduates are now part of the "team," the word used to describe all UDT/SEAL members. If that sounds fraternal and elitist, it is no accident. That is the way Navy wants it; the feeling of privilege is consciously fostered. But are the SEALs the suicidal lunatics, the steely, coldblooded killers, the nonstop

drinking, partying fanatics some accuse them of being? Ask any SEAL and he will say no — emphatically. Older SEALs will admit that during Vietnam there were indeed some raucous parties in Coronado and that a lot of SEALs hung out together in bars. But starting fights, pushing around innocent people, going on mad, murderous rampages? Most wonder where these stories started.

One of the older SEALs who remembers those days is Lt. Phil "Moki" Martin. A Hawaiian, born and raised on the island of Maui, Martin joined the Navy at 17. He had always been involved in water-related activities and going into the Underwater Demolition Team seemed the natural thing for him to do.

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than 25 occasions was involved in live-fire situations. He is one of the vintage Vietnam era UDT/SEALs. At 38 years of age he is one of the few old enough to look at the UDT/SEALs with some sense of historical perspective.

Today Martin has an office job, anathema to most SEALs. At the Amphibious School he is the "Special Warfare Logistics/Swimmer Delivery Vehicle, Diving Officer." But he still remembers the old days, the days when the SEALs developed their redoubtable notoriety. Yet what Martin remembers is invariably not as sensational as some of the stories that circulate among younger SEAL trainees in Coronado. He is tired of the tales which graphically describe rabid SEALs throwing a juke box through a bar window with three guys still hanging on it. He thinks that the stories should concentrate more on the fact that Navy SEALs are complicated, that they are not all medal-hungry, amoral maniacs.

Martin, of course, does not deny that there were fights, lots of fights. Or that he was involved in some of them. But he has since settled down a bit; he doesn't jump out of as many airplanes or take as many risks when he is scuba diving. And despite the fact that SEALs have the highest divorce rate in the Navy, he remains happily married. There was a time when he was younger, though, when the things he did were not risks so much as fully calculated acts with a high probability for success. Bar brawls were among them. If his memory serves him correctly, Martin cannot recall a SEAL ever losing a fight.

Probably the biggest fracas in which he was personally involved took place at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam. He was a member of a squad of seven SEALs who went into a bar for a drink or two on the eve of an operation into the jungle. No sooner had they walked into the club than a melodramatic hush fell over everyone, "kind of the way it happens in the movies," Martin said smiling.

The squad went to sit down, but before they were even in their chairs the Navy chief who ran the club asked them to leave. He was reasonably polite about it, but the time was only 10:15 and the bar wasn't due to close

until 11:00. The chief persevered, he pleaded, and the SEALs finally agreed to go. As they started to walk out the front door, the chief stopped them and asked them to leave through the back. To Martin this was

simply uncalled for.

While the chief was "pushing" Martin and the others out the rear door, Martin recalled, "a punch came flying out of the air somewhere behind me. Some say I threw it but I don't

know..." Fights quickly broke out all across the room; basically it was the seven SEALs against the 20 regular Navy men who had been in the bar. It was the SEALs who ended up walking out, though, leaving an assort-

ment of bodies scattered about. Martin remembers that not a soul was left standing. The SEALs left through the front door.

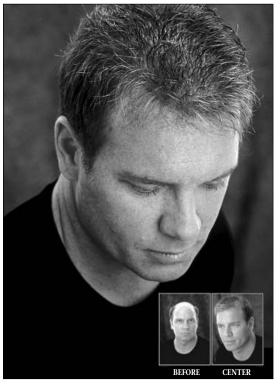
Martin also recollects some pretty good tussles in the old Tradewinds. "In those

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Vietnam days," Martin said, "you could stand in there about every night and watch some guy come in and try to start a fight with a UDT/SEAL member." Being a SEAL then was a little like being a gun-fighter in the old American West. You were a man with a reputation and every tough kid in town wanted a chance to knock you off. This (sometimes reckless) curiosity about the SEALs was actually late in coming. The first official civilian news release on the UDT/SEALs was not circulated until 1967. Before then, they were one of the Navy's best-kept secrets.

Next came a Reader's Digest article. The writer, Martin said, called the SEALs "rock-muscled, computerminded geniuses who could rappel out of a helicopter one hundred feet down to the ground and then handover-hand right back up the line to the helicopter." The success these near supermen were having in Vietnam was heavily applauded by the magazine. In Martin's opinion, it was articles like that which piqued people's interest. Tough sailors and civilians alike wanted to find out just how formidable these SEALs really were.

Martin can recall one fight in particular at the Tradewinds. It started when four regular Navy men swaggered into the club looking as if they meant trouble. Within minutes, one of the four stood up at the bar and announced at the top of his voice, "I think I'm tougher than any SEAL in here!" According to Martin, there must have been 30 to 40 "team" members in the bar at that time, but they all just glanced up and went back to their drinks and conversation. All, that is, except the youngest SEAL present, who directed some harsh words to the offending sailor.

Before anything could start, the two were pushed apart by a SEAL officer, who then offered to buy the sailor a drink. While he was paying for the liquor, one of the sailors turned to his friends and said in a rather loud voice that he'd "like to punch this big fucker right in the goddamn nose." This comment did not help to calm matters any, especially since the "big fucker" was actually a Navy heavyweight fighter and perfectly capable

of destroying all four sailors

with a single blow.

Sensing a possible massacre, another SEAL named Ed Reynolds intervened. He told the sailors, "Listen, this guy [the SEAL officer] can whip my ass, and I know I can whip all of yours. We

can step right outside the bar here and let's do it." It was only about three minutes later that Reynolds reentered the bar kneading his right hand. "Somebody better call an ambulance," he said calmly. An ambulance was summoned as Reynolds returned to his drink and the conversation he had left in midsentence.

Martin, in reciting the incident, was quick to point out that in this case, and all others of which he knew, the

SEAL did not start the fight. In fact, he insisted, most UDT/SEALs will walk away from a fight if they can. But they'll never, under any circumstances, back down.

Another SEAL of the old school who has seen a

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couple of barroom scuffles is Senior Chief Elvin "Doc" Johnson, currently a corpsman at Seal Team 1 in Coronado. One of the more renowned SEALs, whose exploits are passed on to young trainees in the true oral tradition, Johnson spent many an evening in the old Tradewinds himself. To look at Johnson is to wonder why anyone would be foolhardy enough to want to start a fight with him. It's not so much that he's big, which he is, but that he looks...mean. And according to SEALs who have seen him in action, his looks are not exactly deceiving.

Like Martin, Johnson claims that the SEALs were not responsible for the majority of fights in Coronado; he, too, saw more SEALs walk away from challenges than accept them. But he won't deny that the Tradewinds' atmosphere was often highly volatile. "That was pretty well a team bar,"

Johnson told me with a half smile. "Just anybody that wasn't in the team didn't go in there." He added that he never saw a fight between two SEALs in the bar and he claimed to have seen a fracas of any consequence only once.

As far as Martin's assertion that SEALs are challenged and provoked frequently, Johnson is in perfect agreement. "It happens," he said matter-of-factly. "It happens a lot if somebody knows that you're a SEAL." But as far as Johnson was concerned, most SEALs were not looking for fights, particularly those returning from Vietnam. "They came back to have a good time," he said. "You could get all the fighting you wanted over there."

Johnson, with genteel modesty, took exception to Martin's assessment that he, Johnson, was one of the toughest SEALs. In his opinion that accolade was best

applied to Michael Thornton, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor, and in Johnson's mind, the strongest man for his size he had ever seen. Johnson was a privileged witness to Thornton's participation in one of the most fabled fights in SEAL team history.

Johnson and Thornton had attended an arm wrestling party on Whidby Island in Washington State; one of the SEALs had beaten the widely heralded State champion. "These guys were civilians," Johnson recalled," and I thought they kind of drew us into the situation." There had been some betting, and as the evening progressed the losers became more and more irritable and belligerent. "Eventually," Johnson continued, "the guy called Thornton some names and hit him. In retaliation Thornton knocked him out, picked him up and stuck him in a dry wall, gave the guy a concussion, and broke

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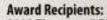
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his collarbone — then proceeded to go back and start drinking."

"Moki" Martin is not unfamiliar with Michael Thornton's adventures. He best remembers the Vietnam story, the well-known tale of how Thornton won his Congressional Medal of Honor. In Martin's opinion, what Thornton did more or less summarizes the UDT/SEAL attitude. "It was not so much just being bigger, but it showed a great deal of camaraderie between two individuals," he said.

As Martin tells the story, two Americans and some Vietnamese were sneaking back from an operation when they encountered fire and were overpowered. With some difficulty they finally managed to slip away. When at last they reached the beach where their boat was hidden, Thornton noticed that his American counterpart, Tom Norris, was missing. He questioned one of the Vietnamese, who told him that he thought Norris was dead. This wasn't good enough for Thornton, and he immediately went back into the jungle in search of Norris.

After crossing sand dunes and open fields, Thornton miraculously found Norris, gravely wounded in the head but alive. "I wish," Martin told me, "there would be some painter who could paint a picture of Thornton with this wounded man over his shoulder in a fireman's carry, and then using his weapon, firing his weapon, shooting his way out, running back over the sand dunes, down to the beach. It's everything you've seen Audie Murphy do in the movies. It's one of those rare heroic acts. If you polled a hundred SEALs and asked them if they'd do it, I think maybe only ten would say, 'yeah.' "

Vietnam was a matter of some personal heroics for "Doc" Johnson as well, and though he was not awarded the Medal of Honor, he did receive his share of Purple Hearts; he was wounded on three separate occasions between 1968 and 1971. The first injury occurred while he was searching underwater for a Viet Cong cave on a riverbank. He surfaced and was greeted by a VC solider who dropped a hand grenade on his head. Johnson tried to throw it back but the thing went off about three feet away. The result was shrap-

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nel imbedded in his skull, eve, and throat. That earned him a year of recuperation in Japan. But he went back to the war zone again and was wounded again — once by gunshot and another time again by shrapnel. Today he still bears physical scars from the war; the mental ones have not been as debilitating to him as they were to certain others. "I feel no personal guilt [about Vietnam]," Johnson told me, his mood darkening. "I feel that we've been slighted.... This shame and this guilt feeling from the American public is a bunch of horseshit. Oh, I don't feel guilty about anything I did. I don't perceive of myself as a woman- or baby-killer; I saw civilians die, but it was always in situations that were set up by the other side. If I was a Marine infantry corp and started taking fire from the other side of a rice paddy, then I'd return the fire. Nobody said anything about the VC putting women and kids out in front of them as shields."

Martin, too, feels that the American obsession with guilt is misplaced. "Because of the publicity about the Vietnam war and the movies it generated," he said, "I get the impression the Vietnam person is usually wild-eyed or crazy, and years later he'd have these recurring dreams or desires to do some of the things he did in Vietnam, or that he's a doper. With all my contacts around the community, I've vet to see someone like that. The common talk is that we need another war, but none of the other.

"We were trained to do a job," Martin continued unemotionally. "Maybe that sounds mechanized. Vietnam was shitty, but SEALs were coming back and volunteering to return. There were very few getting killed over there like with the Army regulars. But you don't have a community of 600 men, trained as UDT/SEAL operators, and not have three or four who go off the deep end. You find that in any organization. We had a couple we had to remove from

Vietnam — not because of anything that they'd done, but because they wanted to stay there!"

The Navy continues to train SEALs, combat-ready young men whose desire to test their skills is frustrated by the current lack of a live battlefield. As a result, the men who got a chance to fight in Vietnam are the objects of considerable admiration. "Doc" Johnson has observed that the SEALs who got their training right after the conflict ended are the ones who feel the most slighted. "They don't have that to add to their credibility when they say something to somebody, when there's a direct conflict between them and an officer, say. It's not a spoken thing — it's an unspoken thing."

"Moki" Martin also feels that many of the recent trainees resent never having seen action. "I just sense it," Martin says. "I haven't seen any real indication that some of these guys felt left out, but I've heard conversations like, 'I joined the Navy too late,' or 'Some of you guys were really lucky to get in those operations in Vietnam.' "

Perhaps not surprisingly, Martin frequently hears talk about the possibility of another war; El Salvador has been the object of some lively conjecture. "It's understandable," Martin says of the hopeful speculation, "because they were weaned on those experiences, those operations reports that they read. It's like the young Indian warrior on his 16th birthday who has to go out and prove his manhood. They give him a spear and a shield and his loincloth. But what if there's no mountain lion to kill? What if there's no enemy brave to go after? So he's just sitting there on the hillside."

Update: Martin retired from the Navy in 1983. He remains an active member of the Naval Special Warfare (NSW) community and in April 2008 received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with combat "V" for valor. ■

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Once again, Duncan Shepherd wastes everyone's time reviewing a movie based on a comic book or comic book characters (Movie Review, March 12). It is seriously doubtful that there is a single person with even the most transitory awareness of Shepherd's reviews who would think that for even one second he would give Watchmen anything other than a black dot. Shepherd is as predictable as he is dense.

Shepherd demonstrates open disdain for the medium of comics. When others call Watchmen the most celebrated graphic novel of all time, Shepherd snidely equates the comic medium with reality TV or MMA fighting. At least Shepherd is honest enough to admit his bias.

Again this begs the question: why bother having Shepherd review such films as Watchmen or The Dark Knight when he's going to automatically give them a black dot? Apparently Shepherd is some sort of fixture at the Reader, his longevity there somehow

lending his spew a gravitas far beyond its merit. Not only is Shepherd's taste in films elitist and narrow, but he indulges himself by wasting entire columns verbally maundering on about a favorite actor or some mentor who taught him how to be full of himself. On the other hand, such asides as Shepherd is given to could be said to be about as much use to the average moviegoer as his reviews are themselves.

As assuredly as the sun will rise in the morning and set at night, Shepherd will continue to pan movies based on comics. It is conceivable that some might even find comfort in this.

> David A. Lathrap Pacific Beach

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Posted by dbauder on March 18, 2:31 p.m.

Response to post #4: The U-T was going to make some layoffs in February and didn't do it. I think that will now be left to Black. One employee was quoted saying today in Editor & Publisher, "There hasn't been any leadership, we've had an absentee owner for a long time, now someone's going to come in and try some new things. I think that makes people cautiously optimistic.

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ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE

For 30 years, native San Diegan Dan Reagan has been belting out Latin and jazz on his trombone in New York and touring with J. Lo and Marc Anthony, among others. The prodigal trombonist returns home to debut his new group. See LIVE MUSIC, page 84.

Friday | 27

AN EVENING OF TANTRA THEATER

We're born, we die, and in between is the stuff of life — the comedy, drama, dance, and "sacred sex" — all of which will be tackled on an outdoor stage (yeah, you heard me, "all") by Tantra Theater Troupe. See **IN PERSON**, page 61.

SHORT-ATTENTION-**SPAN THEATER**

A perfect night out for the Nintendoraised generation. At North Park

Vaudeville and Candy, each of eight plays is portrayed in only ten minutes, and the adjacent room is packed with colorful edible treats. See **THEATER**, page 104.

Saturday | 28

BRING A DESIGNATED DRIVER!

Admission to this Belgian beer party at Pizza Port gets you eight tasting tickets and a commemorative glass. Your designated driver will keep you out of jail and remind you to grab that glass when you're finished comparing any of 60 flavors of beer.

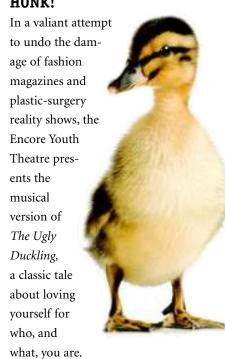
See **SPECIAL**, page 64.

CELEBRATING CÉSAR

Celebrate the man who inspired a state holiday in recognition of his life's work to benefit the rights of laborers. Sherman Heights honors César Chávez with a parade and festival. See **SPECIAL**, page 64.

Sunday | 29

HONK!





Monday | 30

FROM THE ELITE TO THE STREET

How did fashion — previously established by an elite group of Paris designers — wind up coming from the street? Guest curator for Mingei International Museum Joyce Corbett has an answer. See **LECTURES**, page 62.

Tuesday | 31

WORKING This musical,

written by Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Godspell), entwines the lives of 26 average working Americans, including a waitress, fireman, housewife, teacher, and supermarket checker. Songs by Schwartz, James Taylor, and Lin-Manuel Miranda.

See **THEATER**, page 103.

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See **FOR KIDS**, page 60.

Wednesday | 1

BETTER THAN NORMAL?

People don't like to think of themselves as "average." But can drugs approved for people with cognitive deficits be taken by average people to make them "better"? Panelists will explore the ethics of so-called "smart drugs" at

> Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. See **LECTURES**, page 62.



NO FOOLING — IT'S TAX TIME!

If you make less than \$100,000 a year and have difficulty navigating numbers on Turbo Tax, the AARP is here to help. Volunteers for the Tax Assistance Program will help you crunch the numbers for both federal and state. See SPECIAL, page 64.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

Choose Your Own Adventure

Bring your sense of adventure to help San Diego Symphony create a story with many twists and turns during family festival concert led by conductor Philip Mann. Program is based on popular children's book series. Reservations: 619-235-0804. Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m.; \$10-\$25. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street, (DOWNTOWN)

Orchestras Feeding America

San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory participate in first national food drive by America's symphony orchestras. SDYS volunteers will collect nonperishable food at open rehearsals outside of room 207 in Casa Del Prado, Food will be donated to local food bank Feeding America San Diego, 619-233-3232. Saturday, March 28, 8:30 a.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

LOWELL **EXPERIENCE,"**

Wednesday, April 1, California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

(SEE IN PERSON)



DANCE

"Dance n' Dine" The PGK Project presents La Diego Dance Theatre. Fee includes dinner with wine or beer. Reservations: 619-474-3222. Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m.; \$45. Café La Maze, 1441 Highland Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

"Hip-Hop Saved My Life" bkSOUL and Collective Purpose explore power of love, hip-hop, and dance/theater. Collaboration uses images, words, and music of movement to give viewers window into "the lived experience of oppression, rejection, rebellion, and transformation." Suggested minimum donation: \$15. 619-235-8466. Thursday, March 26, 8 p.m.; Friday, March 27, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 28, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 29, 7 p.m.; Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Dance Like the Stars! Eightweek beginning ballroom session includes basics of fox-trot. waltz, tango, cha-cha, and swing. No partner or experience required. Fee: \$120 for entire session. Registration: 619-2996387. Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, April 14, \$120. Metro Dance, 5304 Metro Street, Suite B. (LINDA VISTA)

Dance Time Salsa lessons and dancing every Friday night, with salsa dance lessons for all levels. Deejays provide music for open dancing (8:30 p.m.). Salsa teams take the stage at 10 p.m.; party continues until midnight. 858-581-1114. Fridays, 6 p.m.; \$10. Ages 18 and up. Schroeder's at Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey Street. (CLAIREMONT)

David Patrone \$10,000 Swing Dance Extravaganza David Patrone Productions, 2toGroove, Viejas Casino host "biggest single 'top cash prize' swing dance competition in the world." Eight couples compete for \$10,000 in final round of competition. Live music by Jump Jive Wail from Las Vegas (6-9 p.m.). Swing dance lessons with Jim and Margie, 5 p.m. 619-517-2719. Sunday, March 29, 5 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and up. Vieias Casino Dream-Catcher Show Room, 5000 Willows Road, (ALPINE)

Day of Dance 2009 Day promises dance workshops, classes in

styles including modern, jazz, Latin, swing, tap, hip-hop, yoga, ballet, more, in 5100 building (dance studio). Guest artists are Tim Stevenson and Paul Cloud. Wear soft-soled shoes, 760-757-2121, x6302, Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.; \$25-\$30. Ages 11 and up. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

English Country Dancing Chris Page calls for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, March 29, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Javelinas of Note This band makes the music, Martha Wild calls for contradance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m., dancing 8-11 p.m. Bring food to share during optional potluck supper (6:30 p.m.). Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.; \$8. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn

Learn Greek and Balkan Dances Master folk dance teacher Lee Otterholt teaches traditional dances learned during his many trips to Greece, the Balkans. 858-278-4619. Friday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.; free. Dancing Unlimited, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Lindy Swing Workshop Hall of Fame dancers Jeremy Otth and Laura Keat lead workshop during jam community swing dance. Learn smooth Lindy, dips and tricks, aerials. Beginning, intermediate, advanced level classes before dance (additional fee). Dance free with lesson, 619-291-3775, Friday, March 27, 8 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Social Dance Party DJ plays swing, Latin, ballroom, swing, and nightclub for singles and



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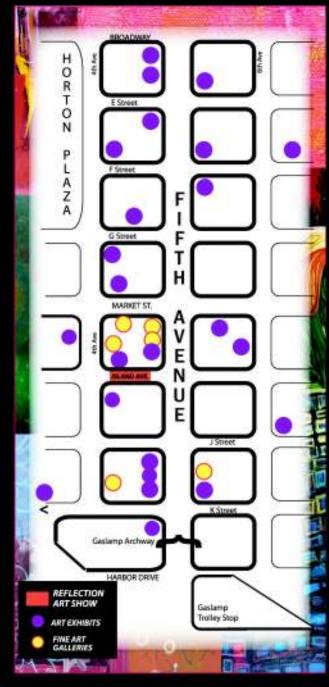
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esting high above the city of Escondido, Valley Center is well on its way to becoming a rural suburb. As houses and country estates pop up on spacious lots, the area is bit by bit losing its agricultural identity. Yet, citrus and avocado orchards still drape the rocky hillsides, and plenty of oak-dotted pastures — replete with horses, sheep, and cattle — can be found on the flatlands. Valley Center remains nearly as good a place to tour on a bicycle as it was many years ago — at least that's true for rides early on Sunday mornings, when traffic volumes are low.

This suggested ride, a looping 15 miles through the southern fringes of Valley Center, will give you ample opportunity to practice



Early spring in Woods Valley

climbing in low gear as well as enjoy the beauty of a nearly hidden reservoir -Lake Wohlford. On the oakshaded country roads hereabouts, you'll feel as if you're a long way from the 200.000plus souls in the Escondido valley below.

A convenient place to start is on Valley Parkway at Las Brisas Drive (a minor residential street) in northeastern Escondido. This intersection is about 0.3 mile north of Bear Valley Parkway and 0.1 mile south of Washington Avenue. Ample curbside parking is available.

Cycle north on Valley Parkway for nearly a mile, and turn right on Lake Wohlford Road. Almost immediately, you begin a 750-foot-elevation climb on steep and winding payement with little or no shoulder. Professional racers participating in last

month's final stage of the AMGEN Tour of California bicycle race labored up this hill — one of many challenges on the 97-mile, Rancho Bernardo to Palomar Mountain to Escondido route. You, however, can take your sweet time on the ascent. Most of the effort of the entire ride takes place on this two-mile uphill stretch.

Near roadside mile marker 2 and a crossing of Escondido Creek, Lake Wohlford Road begins to flatten out. Just ahead, you catch your first glimpse of the lake. In the following two miles, the gliding is easy as you curve gently along the north shore, passing the Lake Wohlford Cafe and the scattered cabins of a resort community. Ahead. on the right, you may hear the sound of water rushing through the Escondido Canal.

It shunts water southward from the San Luis Rey River to feed Lake Wohlford, which lies on a separate watershed (Escondido Creek).

After a total of 6.7 miles, you enter the flatter landscape of Woods Valley. Turn left onto Woods Valley Road. On this fine rural road. you pedal easily through pasturelands, wild grasslands, and shade-giving canopies of live oaks. Palomar Mountain comes into view on your right, while steep Bear Ridge lies to the left. On the right after only a mile lies the entrance to Bates Nut Farm, where tourists go to buy nuts and nut-related confections.

Woods Valley Road ends at Valley Center Road. Turn left to complete the loop on this newly expanded. divided highway, complete with 4- to 8-foot bike lanes

VALLEY CENTER BIKE RIDE

Climb from Escondido to Valley Center — the scenic way.

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on both shoulders. After a 0.7-mile climb, you roll over a summit and start a fast,

freewheeling, three-mile descent back toward Escondido.

couples of all ages. Waltz lesson: 8 p.m. Open dancing: 8-10:30 p.m. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, March 28, 8 p.m.; free. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

West African Dance Workshop

Nikola Clay leads high-energy workout accompanied by live drumming. Suggested donation: \$15. 760-942-9927. Saturday, March 28, 5:30 p.m.; Yoga Tropics, 830 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

FILM

"Evenings on Earth" Film series showcases Fed Up and Pollen Nation at 6:30 p.m. Call to reserve spot at optional dinner (5:30 p.m.), 760-757-3659. Tuesday,

March 31, 5:30 p.m.; free. Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center, 4050 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

"Nostalgia: Double Feature Cinema" See Slam at 7 p.m. and City of God at 9 p.m. "Order from local mom and pop restaurants and we'll call it in and pick it up for you." Free popcorn, coffee, tea, snacks, Donation, 877-640-7469. Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Marquee, 835 25th Street.

Gilda Rita Hayworth burns up the screen in her signature role as a femme fatale in Charles Vidor's 1946 film noir classic. SDSU professor Bill Nericcio introduces film, participates in post-screening question-and-answer session with MCASD film curator Neil Kendricks. 858-454-3541. Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Igor Outdoor, kid-friendly movie night on the green. Bring blankets, chairs. Food, beverages for sale, benefiting High Tech Middle School Washington D.C. trip for eighth graders. 858-566-1951. Saturday, March 28, 6 p.m.; free. East Clairemont Recreation Park, 3491 Mt. Acadia Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Maxed Out Activist San Diego film series continues with film focusing on "aspects of the present economic crisis." 619-528-8383. Saturday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

My Brother Is an Only Child International Film Series showcases Daniele Luchetti's 2007 film, examining "family, connections,

and brotherly love." Catch film in room 204; film repeats at 7 p.m. on Oceanside campus. In Italian with English subtitles, 760-757-2121 x7737 or x7806. Friday, March 27, 1 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Our Hospitality Enjoy this 1923 Buster Keaton gem, as well as Cops (1922), when Theatre Organ Society of San Diego hosts silent movie night with musician Dennis James manning the four-manual/24-rank Wurlitzer theater pipe organ. Free for those under 16 accompanied by adult. 619-561-9136 or 760-746-7469. Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m.; free. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3902 Kenwood Drive. (SPRING VALLEY)

The Grocer's Son Eric Guiraado's 2007 "bucolic fable of a vanishing world" screens in French with English subtitles for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800, Monday, March 30, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Go Wild! Patagonia's Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival promises "14 intriguing films that highlight environmental concerns and provide solutions," including Red Gold, Caguamas del Pacifico, ¿en las Manos de Quién? 619-574-6643. Thursday, March 26, 6 p.m.; \$20-\$35. Gaslamp 15, 701 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

More of My Brother Is an Only Child International Film Series showcases Daniele Luchetti's 2007 film, examining "family, connections, and brotherly love." Screening offered in Little Theatre (room 3601). In Italian with English subtitles. 760-757-2121 x7737 or x7806. Friday, March 27, 7 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

FOOD & DRINK

There's the Rub (Recipe) Chef Benard Guillas demonstrates ham rub recipes for Easter; ingredients offered for sale at post-event "Market Dav." Proceeds benefit Mama's Kitchen. Reservations: 888-424-3663. Saturday, March 28, noon; \$10. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina.

FOR KIDS

"Discover Mingei! Treasure **Hunt"** Family program promises exhibition-related treasure hunt with clues encouraging participants to explore museum's exhibitions. Prizes awarded for completing treasure hunt. Admission: \$5

for families, \$3 for individuals, 619-

239-0003. Sunday, March 29, noon;

\$3-\$5. Mingei International Mu-

seum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK) Abie's Irish Rose Classic Youth Theatre presents this play with "classic vaudeville ethnic humor taken to a new level to reflect second- and third-generation concerns and aspirations of Irish and Jewish America." 760-730-9447. Friday, March 27, 6 p.m.; Saturday, March 28, 6 p.m.; Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m.; free. Olivenhain Meet-

ing House, 423 Rancho Santa Fe

Road. (ENCINITAS)

Animals, Animals, Animals Big Joe Productions tells tales with shadow puppets, string, and hand puppets. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; and 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 619-544-9203. Thursday, March 26; Friday, March 27; Saturday, March 28; Sunday, March 29: \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Dear Edwina Follow adventures of Edwina Spoonapple, advice-giver extraordinaire, as she directs neighborhood kids in "production number after hilarious production number in her 'Advice-a-Palooza' extravaganza" in performances by La Jolla San Diego Junior Theatre. For all ages. 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; through Sunday, April 5, \$10-\$15. Firehouse



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If I Ran the Zoo KinderNight program for children three to six years old (with an adult), promising animal presentation, craft, story, snack. This month, enjoy Dr. Seuss's wonderful If I Ran the Zoo, learn inside story about how zoo takes care of animals. The \$11 program fee does not include admission to zoo. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. Friday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.; \$11. Ages 3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BAL-

The Phantom Tollbooth Enjoy musical by Kennedy Center's Theatre for Young Audiences on Tour, based on book by Norton Juster, featuring "Demons of Ignorance," the princesses Rhyme and Reason, cities named Dictionopolis and Digitopolis. 858-748-0505. Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$39. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Family Open Studios Art making workshop in conjunction with "Cardinal Points/Puntos Cardinales: A Survey of Contemporary Latino and Latin American Art from the Sprint Nextel Art Collection." Participant create works of art to take home. All materials provided. 760-602-2021. Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m.; free. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Kids in the Kitchen Take in hands-on cooking demonstrations with local chefs, fitness stations, learning stations on variety of healthy topics such as reading nutrition labels, healthy snack choices, importance of drinking water, more. For families with children under 15. 858-740-4283. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; free. Toby Wells YMCA, 5105 Overland Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

Oh Halibut! What happens to wildlife when shelter, food, water, oxygen levels change in the wild? "Find out in this fun simulation of everyone's favorite flounder" during program for kids (7-12). 619-575-3613. Thursday, March 26, 3:30 p.m.; free. Ages 7 and up. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Teen Poetry Workshop Learn to write and perform your poetry or improve your skills during workshop led by Kim Noriega. Snacks provided. 619-463-9819. Thursday, March 26, 4:30 p.m.; free. Ages 12 and up. Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. (LEMON GROVE)

IN PERSON

"An Evening of Tantra Theater"

Comedy, drama, and dance to entertain and enlighten by Tantra Theater Troupe. Group is "not afraid to wrestle with birth, death, and sacred sex on stage." Event outdoors; dress warmly, bring blankets. 858-272-2254. Friday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.; \$15. Ages 18 and up. Emerald Temple, 1140 Emerald Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Jewish Music with Revivalist Joy" San Diego Jewish Music Festival continues with concert by American Jewish composer, singer, recording artist Debbie Friedman, credited "with creating a whole new genre of contemporary, accessible Jewish music." 858-362-1348. Saturday, March 28, 8:15 p.m.; \$24-\$30. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Train of Thought" Spokenword poetry, hip-hop, acoustic expression, stand-up comedy all welcome during open-mike showcase. Guest feature every week. Suggested donation: \$5.877-640-7469. Tuesday, March 31, 8 p.m.; Marquee, 835 25th Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

The Help Debut novelist Kathryn Stockett is joined by actress Octavia Spencer for reading/performance from her new book. Spencer was inspiration for "Minnie" character in *The Help.* 858-454-0347. Thursday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Author Talk Tom Zoellner signs, discusses *Uranium: War, Energy, and the Rock That Shaped the World.* 858-755-3735. Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m.; free. The Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

Comics That Kill Stand-up comedy with Kitty Martini, Molly Harper, David Rosenburg, Jon Allen and Mark Schreiber, hosted by Jason Bang, 619-255-8635. Monday, March 30, 9 p.m.; \$5. Ages 21 and up. Riley's Music Lounge, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Feminist Author Talk Kahal Am hosts discussion buffet with author Paula Doress-Worters, who will discuss her book Mistress of Herself: Speeches and Letters of Ernestine L. Rose, Early Women's Rights Leader. Rose, a Polish Jewish immigrant, linked women's rights, abolition of slavery, and religious free thought. Buffet lunch follows. RSVP: 858-549-3088. Sunday, March 29, 10:30 a.m.; \$5. Woman's Club of Carlsbad, 3320 Monroe Street. (CARL SBAD)

Izzy Spellman Returns! Lisa Lutz visits to sign, discuss her book *Revenge of the Spellmans*. 858-268-4747. Friday, March 27, 7 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Ocean Beach Comedy Headliner Steven Kendrick, Bob Hansen, others perform for San Diego Food Bank benefit show. Open-mike comedy at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. 619-222-6822. Friday, March 27, 6 p.m.; \$5. Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Oceanside Jazz Festival Festival hosted by Frequency (the Mira-Costa College vocal jazz ensemble), joined by guest artists m-pact, Reggie Hamilton, Carmen Grillo, and Lee Thornburg. Festival includes vocal clinics, performances by 21 vocal jazz groups from high schools and colleges, two concerts by Frequency, MiraCosta Jazz Ensemble, guest artists. 760-795-6815. Friday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.; \$10-\$15. MiraCosta College Theatre, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Poetry Reading USD poet Jericho Brown reads from his new book *Please*, and New York poet James Allen Hall reads from his new book *Now You're the Enemy.* 858-456-1800. Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m.; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Children's Choir In concert. Offering. 619-656-2525. Sunday, March 29, 4 p.m.; First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista, 1200 East H Street. (CHULA VISTA)

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)

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Comedian Chipper Lowell — described as "adept at unusual stunts, bizarre magic, dangerous juggling, razor-sharp ad-libs," stand-up comedy — takes stage for Free First Wednesday Series. 800-988-4253.





Human Problems,
Spiritual Solutions



World-renowned lecturer, Eberhard Lasch, CSB, is a regular guest on the radio show *Tu Salud (Your Health)*, broadcast from Mexico City. His spiritual approach, based on his Christian Science healing practice, has helped listeners who want to explore alternatives to conventional medical care.

Free Spanish lecture: Sat., April 18, 3 pm 514 2nd Street • Encinitas

Free English lecture: Sun., April 19, 4 pm Encinitas Community & Senior Center 1140 Oakhurst Park Drive • Encinitas ın Diego Reader March 26, 21

Sarah Shun-lien Bynum's first novel, Madeleine Is Sleeping, was nominated for a National Book Award. Her second, Ms. Hempel Chronicles, was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award.

<u>Tell me about the writing</u> of *Ms. Hempel Chronicles*.

"It began as just a single story that I wrote in the fall of 1998. But then the character kept popping up in my head. I would write another story—sometimes months or even years later—and think I had said everything that needed to be said. But then something else would want to be made

known. My writing practice tends to be very erratic — I always encourage my students to develop a daily writing practice, and I've never succeeded in doing it myself. The thing that's great about the story form is that it's something you can write over, say, a sum-

mer break — a relatively brief but concentrated period of time. When I write. it's on a computer, and I usu-

What's That You're Writing?

NAME: SARAH SHUN-LIEN BYNUM | AGE: 37 | OCCUPATION: AUTHOR, DIRECTOR OF UCSD'S MFA IN WRITING PROGRAM | NEIGHBORHOOD: LARCHMONT VILLAGE | WHERE INTERVIEWED: IN HER CAR, ON THE WAY TO UCSD

Ms. Hempel Chronicles

ally have to clean the entire house first — maybe take a shower before I'm finally ready to sit down."

What's it about?

"It's about a young, inexperienced middle-school teacher in her mid-20s. The stories cover several years, so we see her go through

her 20s. She's working with children who are navigating

their passage from childhood to adolescence, and she herself is trying to figure out what it means to be a grown-up."

What inspired it?

"A number of things — in part, absolutely, my own life. I'm probably one of the very rare people who looks back fondly on her own middle-school years in Boston. I love that time of transformation, when you start building your own identity very deliberately. And I also

taught middle school for many years in Brooklyn. I owe a great deal to the students and teachers with whom I worked. They provided much of my favorite material in the book."

What book has been most life-changing for you?

"Jane Eyre completely killed me when I read it in eighth grade — it's one of my favorite middle-school memories. I was totally gripped by the story, and I felt such a connection to

Jane and was swept up by the figure of Mr. Rochester. And I think, in part because they had a picture of Charlotte Brontë on the cover, that it was the first time I began to think about the writer, the person out of whose imagination the story arose. I've read the book at many different points in my life — it's interesting because Jane Eyre is also a teacher, and the book describes her both as a child and as a young woman. I never thought of the connection between Jane Eyre and Ms. Hempel Chronicles, but it's funny to think that they cover somewhat similar territory.

What can a novel convey that other media cannot?

"I think one of the great things about a novel is that it requires that you spend time with it — at the very $\,$

least, many hours if not many days or weeks. I think getting immersed in that kind of prolonged imaginative experience is powerful. There's a sense of the novel traveling with you through your life. Also, fiction allows us to spend a long time inside another person's head, to fully enter someone else's consciousness. I think those are two specific gifts that a novel offers."

Do you see any connection or contrast between *Ms. Hempel Chronicles* and your earlier work, *Madeleine Is Sleeping*?

"Ms. Hempel is written sort of in a classic realist mode, and Madeleine Is Sleeping comes out of a more fantastical tradition, with a more unconventional form. But I actually feel a little self-conscious because I think both books have all the same tics and obsessions — the same preoccupation with transitional moments between childhood and adulthood, the same sort of sexual preoccupation. They seem very similar in that sense."

For more stories by this author, go to sdreader.com.

Wednesday, April 1, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

LECTURES

"2009 — A Year of Decision"

"Jacob Goldberg Annual Series' gets underway with look at "The Hamas Dilemma: Palestinian-Israeli Relations in the Aftermath of the Gaza War" on March 30. Unravel "The Northern Puzzle: Between Confrontation with Hizballah and Prospects of a Syrian-Israeli Peace" on March 31. Series concludes with "The Nuclear Challenge: Iran Crossing the Pointof-No-Return" on April 1.858-362-1348. Monday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.; \$9-\$12. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Bye Bye Grass! Part One"

Gardening expert Nan Sterman divulges methods for "extermination options" for removing lawn, ways to physically remove grass. Reservations: 619-660-0614. Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.; \$45-\$50. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West.

"Corporation Collections, Latin American Art, and the Global Art Market: Current Trends and Issues" Natasha Bonilla Martinez speaks for Latin American Arts Committee of the San Diego Museum of Art. Martinez has 25 years of museum experience specializing in Latin American art and photography. Lecture presented in conjunction with "Cardinal Points/Puntos Cardinales: A Survey of Contemporary Latino and Latin American Art from the Sprint Nextel Art Collection" exhibition. 760-602-2021. Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"Craft in America" Local artists share their work during video, lecture, discussion event hosted by Poway Arts and Crafts Guild. 858-513-2900. Saturday, March 28, noon; free. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

"Everyman's Vegetarian" Learn to prepare vegetarian chili with chunky vegetables and peanuts, potato latkes with pear-cherry chutney, and fettuccini Alfredo with mushrooms and fresh herbs with opera-singing chef Elizabeth Podsiadlo. Tastings and recipes for each dish. 619-255-0203. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; \$25-\$33. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Generational Clashes in the Workplace" Grossmont College Career Center hosts adult reentry workshops in Career Center room 627. Topics: communication issues and socioeconomic factors between different age groups, examples of interacting or clashing in the workplace. Reservations: 619-

644-7614. Tuesday, March 31, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 1, 11 a.m.; free. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

"Getting Organized: Myth versus Reality" Professional organizer Taffy Cannon examines ways being better organized can save time, money, aggravation in tight economic times. Learn "Ten Fast and Easy Ways to Get More Organized." 760-602-2012. Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m.; free. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Introducing the Arts of Polynesia: Past and Present" Teri L. Sowell, director of exhibitions and collections at Oceanside Museum of Art, plans presentation on SDMA's exhibition "Oceanic Art." Talk follows demonstration of the art of decorating bark cloth by Siapo artist Tupito Gadalla. 619-232-7931. Monday, March 30, 5 p.m.; \$25-\$30. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

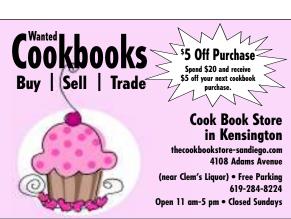
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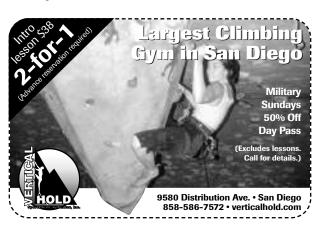
Abdel-Nour of SDSU, and Uri Ben-Eliezer from Haifa University speak for Hansen/Hostler Distinguished Lecture Series. Talks examining key international issues facing President Obama take place in Hardy Tower room 140. 619-594-6244. Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Mid-20th Century Fashion: From the Elite to the Street" How and why did fashion become the property of the "street," rather than decreed by an elite group of designers from Paris? Find out when Joyce Corbett, guest curator at Mingei International Museum, speaks for Decorative Arts Lecture Series. Continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m.; lecture at 10 a.m. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Monday, March 30, 9:30 a.m.; \$17-\$27. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Paint and Fuse!" Artist Elizabeth Busch leads fabric painting and design techniques workshop. Learn "how ideas evolve, letting go of preconceived ideas and simply letting it happen." Workshop continues Thursday, April 2. Materials fee: \$10. Registration, supply list: 619-546-4872. Wednesday, April 1, 9 a.m.; \$200. Visions Art Quilt Gallery, NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 100. (POINT LOMA)

"San Diego Now — Port of Entry: Otay Mesa East" More than a decade has passed since a border crossing opened between California and Baja California. Panel discussion with U.S. Representative Bob Filner, San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce executive director Jason Wells, and others, focusing on history of international border, issues associated with proposed new border crossing at Otay Mesa East. 619-232-6203 x129. Friday, March 27, 5:30 p.m.; free. Mu-







A hands-on sushi class with the author of Sushi For Dummies, Miniko Moreno.

April 6: Fresh Floral Design One-of-a-kind hands-on fresh floral design workshop with Master Designer Rene van Rems. Learn how to design an abundant arrangement.

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seum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Stem Cell Science: The Pace to Cures" California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM), the state stem cell agency, holds town forum on ways CIRM is investing Proposition 71 funds to improve human health, advances in stem cell science from some of the most distinguished researchers in the field. Three CIRM-funded speakers will focus briefly on a particular topic, followed by questionand-answer period. RSVP: 415-396-9100. Tuesday, March 31, 6:15 p.m.; free. Ages 16 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Age of Romanticism, Realism, and Impressionism"

Victoria Martino continues lecture series she began with her late husband, art historian Konrad Oberhuber. During five-part series, Martino will present slides, play the violin. This week, learn of "The Generation of Beethoven." Series fee: \$60 for members. \$85 for nonmembers. 858-454-5872. Tuesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.; \$14-\$19. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Toss the Turf: Less Water, Less Grass, More Fun!" Vickie Driver presents short course in turf removal. Tips for evaluating soil, tuning up irrigation system, ideas for "a beautiful low-water land-scape in lieu of lawn." Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West.

"Where Did I Come From and How Did I Get Here?" Genealogy author, lecturer Kory Meyerink speaks for spring seminar hosted by North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Topics include "Principles and Pitfalls of Immigration Research," "Getting There from Here," "Getting There When There's Nothing Here." Recommended reservations: 760-599-9958. Saturday,

March 28, 9 a.m.; \$25-\$30. Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

A-Tisket A-Tasket Time to create "Fabric Baskets for Spring" with local fiber artist Nadine Spier. Colorful, coiled baskets are said to be "easy to make and are a clever way to use up scraps of fabric, old clothes, or yarn." Bring scissors, sack lunch. Materials fee: \$15. Required reservations: 760-436–3036 x206. Sunday, March 29, 10 a.m.; \$40-\$45. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Ouail Gardens Drive, (ENDINITAS)

Better Than Normal? "Smart Drugs: How Smart Are They?" Scientists have developed drugs to help people with cognitive deficits, so it's not a great leap to imagine those same pills being used to help people be "better than normal." Panelists George Koob, Veronica Galvan, Joan McRobbie, Mark Trotter, Michael Kalichman discuss role of smart drugs in our society today for "Exploring Ethics" program. Requested reservations: 858-822-2647. Wednesday, April 1, 5:30 p.m.; free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Compost Happens Learn how composting can save money, conserve water, help save environment during composting workshop by Master Composters. Registration 760-436-7986 x222. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; free. San Pasqual Academy, 17701 San Pasqual Valley Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Opera Previews North! Musicologist Ron Shaheen offers look at *Rigoletto* by Giuseppe Verdi. Tickets distributed at 9:15 a.m., lecture at 10 a.m. 760-434-2904. Saturday, March 28, 9:15 a.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Prophetic Update! Syndicated radio talk show host, television commentator Paul McGuire divulges "how the current financial crisis is leading to a global economic system and a cashless society." Expect to hear "how people can prepare for the growing finan-

cial crisis." Signings of McGuire's book *The Day the Dollar Died* follow. 760-603-9777. Sunday, March 29, 10 a.m.; free. Calvary Chapel — Carlsbad, 6355 Corte del Abeto. (CARLSBAD)

Puppet Pioneer Christer Dahl of Puppet Theatre TITTUT in Stockholm, Sweden, plans lecture and demonstration (in English) sharing "his passion for performing for young children," demonstrates his method of working with puppets. 858-271-1573. Sunday, March 29, 5 p.m.; free. Hall of Nations, Presidents Way at Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

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, April 1, 10 a.m.; \$15. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Solar for Homeowners Workshop focuses on how to read your electric bill (bring a bill), how to estimate amount of PV needed to peak shave or eliminate your bill, more. Required registration: 858-244-1177. Thursday, March 26, 10 a.m.; free. California Center for Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

Tracking Talk Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve meet for presentation from San Diego Tracking Team describing how to recognize animal tracks. Also, Hellhole ranger Dave Holt talks about new trails in preserve. 760-749-5320. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; free. Valley Center Library, 29200 Cole Grade Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

What Is Music? What does it mean? Jacquelyne Silver — pianist, stage personality, artistic innovator, educator — plans performance/lecture focusing on "The Incomparable Mystique of Music." Silver performs works of great composers, explaining how and why their music weaves such spells. 858-454-5872. Sunday, March 29, 2

p.m.; \$30-\$35. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

OUTDOORS

Orchid Trees, now at their flamboyant best in front yards and public spaces throughout the city, are showing off their large, orchidlike flowers in shades of pink, purple, and maroon. Orchid trees thrive in areas with a mild winter climate, hence their popularity in Hawaii, Southern California, and Arizona.

The Sticky-Sweet Odor of citrus blossoms is wafting on the spring breezes this year, as it has in every year since the 1870s, when the county's first commercially planted orange and lemon groves began to produce fruit. From early plantings in areas like National City and Lemon Grove, citrus groves spread east and north as urbanization encroached. Today, a car or bicycle trip through Rancho Santa Fe, Pauma Valley, and the outskirts of Escondido, Vista, and Fallbrook induces a pleasant reminiscence of San Diego County's agricultural past.

The Thin-Grinned Waxing Crescent Moon returns to the evening sky this week on Friday, March 27. Look low in the west at dusk. Subsequent days will see a thicker crescent moon higher and higher in the western sky when darkness falls.

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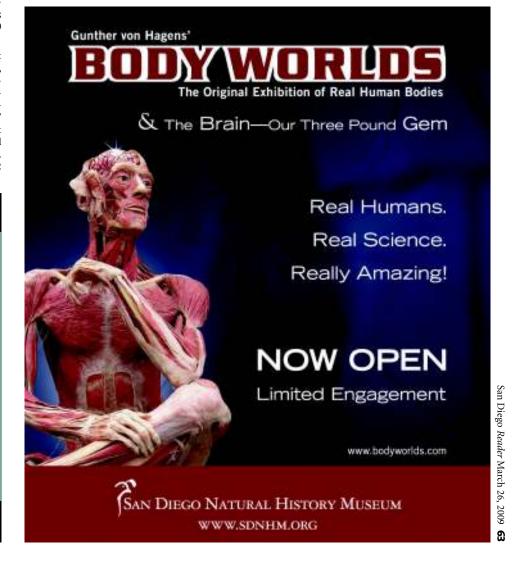
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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Where's Venus These Days?

In late March, Venus makes the transition between "evening star" and "morning star," an event known as inferior conjunction with the sun. During this particular conjunction, Venus passes several degrees north of the sun, an occurrence that repeats every eight years. On Thursday, March 26, sharp-eyed observers (or anyone using binoculars) may notice Venus very low in west just after sunset, and again notice Venus very low in the east preceding sunrise. By early April, Venus will have attained a very favorable "morning star" position. It will remain easily visible in the east at dawn for another seven months.

"Having Fun on the Trails" Explore flora, fauna, scenery of Daley Ranch with naturalist/biologist Carol Stanford during three-plusmile walk over Boulder Loop trail. 760-839-4680. Sunday, March 29, 9 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Air Is Filled with Song! Migratory songbirds are hanging around, and mating season has begun. Learn five simple techniques for identifying birds during 90-minute "Birding Basics" class. Also learn to use a field guide, so bring one if you have one. Reservations please: 619-668-3278 Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Audubon Society Bird Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water

to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

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

Birding in Santee Join Palomar Audubon Society birders during outing at Santee Lakes led by Jeff Ebright. Meet group in parking lot between lakes 4 and 5. Entry fee for cars: \$4. 858-484-3932. Saturday, March 28, 8:30 a.m.; Santee Lakes, 9040 Carlton Oaks Drive. (SANTEE)

Catch the Buzz Use your senses to capture sights, sounds, smell of spring while enjoying trail-guideled walk around San Diego River area lake and historic dam. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 28, 830 a.m.; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Damon Lane Park Revealed Science teacher and accomplished naturalist Bruce Wollitz will guide residents through the park, sharing his knowledge of native and migrating birds and native and invasive plants. Bring binoculars and magnifying glasses. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; free. Damon Lane Park, 11502 Calle Albara. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Desert Garden Tour Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll



DEAR EDWINA

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through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Experience a Grunion Run Grunion run program hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum (which doesn't take place at museum). Presentation on grunion, then "opportunity to witness grunion eggs hatch before your eyes." Presentation by Pepperdine University marine biologist and grunion expert Karen Martin. Reservations, directions: 858-534-7336. Saturday. March 28, 10:30 p.m.; \$12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (IA JOLLA)

Explore Silverwood Sanctuary Audubon Society offers guided walks on Sundays, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. 619-682-7200. Sundays, 9 a.m.; free. Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

For the Birds Interested in learning about local birds? Volunteers needed to protect a threatened bird species at Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge and Silver Strand State Beach. Volunteers monitor beach activities impacting survival of tiny western Snowy plover chicks, educate beach visitors about various bird species that rely on this increasingly rare beach and sand dune babitat.

"Plover Patrol Volunteer Training" on offer. Plover Patrol volunteers attend free training course consisting of classes on March 28 and April 4. Volunteers should be comfortable walking on sand, staying at beach for two hours at a time. Reservations: 619-575-3613 x330. Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.; free. Ages 18 and up. Tijuana Estuary

Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IM-PERIAL BEACH)

Habitat Restoration Project Volunteers invited to help plant native plants to create coastal succu-

tive plants to create coastal succulent scrub habitat for endangered coastal cactus wren. Bring water, sun protection, gloves if you have them. Meet in northeast corner of Black Mountain Ranch Community Park. 858-342-8856. Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.; free. Black Mountain Community Park, 12115-A Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

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 27, 7 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Remembering Downtown Sam Walkabout hosts 32nd anniversary series walk in memory of the late, great Downtown Sam, who led many interesting outings for group. Visit some of Sam's favorite haunts, hear a few stories about this quirky man. Stay with group for free mini-concert by Virtual Strangers at Lyceum Theater (noon). Join group outside Balboa Theater. Bring lunch. 619-231-7463. Monday, March 30, 10:30 a.m.; free. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

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 28, 9 a.m.; free. Black Mountain Community Park, 12115-A Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Rocks and Rattlers Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderately strenuous 4.5-mile hike and discusses local geology and how to recognize potentially danger reptiles. Bring water, wear hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Waterwise Plant Tours Learn water conservation tips during docent-led guided tours offered on last Saturday of each month. See cactus and desert gardens, along with plants from Mediterranean basin, Cape South Africa, Australia, Chile, California natives. Included in garden admission. 760-436–3036 x206. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; free. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Why Are the Hills Purple? Don't miss explosion of blooms and color going off now; learn about "native beauties and their water-wise ways" during interpretive nature walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 28, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, March 29, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, April 1, 9:30 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL

"Beer U: Stouts" Celebrate upcoming release of 2009's Stone Imperial Russian Stout when "resident big-mouthed beer evangelist" Ken Wright presents look at development of stout as distinct style of ale. Origins, brewing methods, different styles of this draught from around the world sampled, discussed. Reservations: 760-471-4999. Tuesday, March 31, 7 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Everything's Relative" How are we all connected? Connect with other art lovers during "A List" event with viewing of "Parientes de Ocasíon" photography exhibition, music by "tricultural acoustic pop phenom" Carlos Olmeda. 858-454-5872. Thursday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and up. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Homegrown Show" Take in student exhibition, demonstrations by local artists. 619-461-4440. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; free. Fusionglass Company, 8872 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

"Magnificent Chinese Boxes of the Past" Opening reception for collection of finely crafted boxes from Qing dynasty. These utilitarian treasures were uniquely crafted for a specific use: to carry a workingman's lunch, a lady's makeup, a scholar's calligraphy tools, or any number of treasures great or small. Exhibit features boxes crafted from carved wood, lacquer, bamboo, leather. 619-338-9888. Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m.; free, Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Spring Constellations and the Hubble Repair Mission" Enjoy "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after show. 619-238-1233. Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m.; \$9-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,

"Symbols of God's Love" St. Mark's annual religious art festival exhibition continues on Saturdays through April 11. Art juror was Hiroshi Miyazaki, poetry juror was Brandon Cesmat. 858 273-1480. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; free. Saint Mark's United Methodist Church, 3502 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

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Funny in Farsi Firoozeh Dumas's memoir about growing up Iranian American in Southern California was selected for fifth Carlsbad Reads Together program. Join other readers to discuss the book without the author (who will visit Carlsbad on April 23). 760-602-2026. Wednesday, April 1, 2 p.m.; free. Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Kainan Na! The House of Philippines hosts television personality "Chef Larry" Banares presenting educational workshop, cooking demonstration on foods of Philippine Islands. Samples offered. 619-804-8424. Saturday, March 28, noon; free. Hall of Nations, Presidents Way at Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Ask-a-Lawyer Lawyer Referral and Information Services and San Diego County Bar Association celebrate Law Week 2009 (in center parking lot). Approximately 40 attorneys will answer questions regarding family law, employment law, civil litigation, bankruptcy, real estate, foreclosures, immigration, personal injury. 619-321-4155. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; free. Ages 18 and up. Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (IA MESA)

Books to Good Homes Book sale with half-off prices. 619-466-5270. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; free. Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. (LEMON GROVE)

Bring a Designated Driver!
Belgian Beer Party promises more than 60 Belgian and Belgian-style ales available for sampling during two sessions. Tickets include commemorative glass and eight tasting tickets; additional tickets: \$1.760-720-7007. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.; \$40. Pizza Port—Carlsbad, 571 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Celebrating César César Chávez Day parade promises school bands, marching units, vehicle clubs, floats, and more, headed by grand marshal Gracia Pick. Festival follows. 619-207-4592. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; free. Sherman Heights Community Center, 2258 Island Avenue. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

Doggie Café Take your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, March 27, 6 p.m.; \$10. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Fred Hall's Fishing Tackle and Boat Show Show promises boats, all manner of fishing gear, vendors' booths, and seminars. Free for those under 15. 805-389-3339. Thursday, March 26, 1 p.m.; Friday, March 27, 1 p.m.; Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; Sunday, March 29, 10 a.m.; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Gaslamp Art Showcase Event features variety of artists in juried showcase; view many art exhibits, shows, tours throughout Gaslamp Quarter on Island Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Avenues. Participants include Michael J. Wolf Gallery, Shorelines Gallery, Siamak Art Gallery, CJ Gallery, Brokers Building, Exclusive Collections Gallery, more. 619-233-5227. Sunday, March 29, noon; free. Gaslamp Quarter. (DOWNTOWN)

Get (Wood) Working! Woodworking demonstrations for all levels — learn about refinishing, wood turning, joinery, furniture building. 858-268-1005. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.; through Thursday, December 31, free. Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, 8199 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Get to Know Rolando The 13th Rolando Street Fair promises over 120 vendors of arts, crafts, food, climbing wall, activities for children and adults, music by Steph Johnson, Lee Coulter, Billy Midnight, Len Rainey and the Midnight Players, Rockola. 619-582-1360. Sunday, March 29, 10 a.m.; free. Rolando Street Fair, Rolando Boulevard at El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

Grav Whale Season Surfaces!

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

Harbor Excursion, 1050 North

Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Hate Wasting Water? Water conservation tips offered by experts during tours slated for last Saturday each month. Participants learn of international plants that are easy to grow, from areas such as the Mediterranean basin, Cape South Africa, Australia, Chile, and California natives. Learn to plant, grow, cultivate with "easy how-to" guidelines and instruction. Included in regular admission. 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; \$10. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

House of Lebanon Lawn program with folk dances performed in regional native costumes. A local Lebanese artist will perform traditional song, music, and poetry depicting Lebanese heritage and culture at International Cotages. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m.; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Is Laissez-Faire Capitalism Dead? Present your ideas when P&R Discussion Group meets. 619-370-1027. Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m.; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Japanese Art, Culture, Tradition Come Alive! Taka Sumi-e Society's annual art exhibition in Casa del Prado room 101. Sumi-e, the art of Japanese brush painting, will be demonstrated. Original works on display; fashion show of wearable art; tea ceremony demonstrations; Japanese music and dance performed. 619-255-2501. Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m.; Sunday, March 29, 11 a.m.; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)





Knitting Made Easy Do you knit? Join "a very relaxed group of people" meeting every Saturday to knit and chat. 858-573-1396. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.; free. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Laughter Yoga Learn how to bring more laughter to your life and community. Typical class led by Michael Coleman consists of a series of "simple, fun, gentle laughter exercises combined with deep breathing." 619-588-3718. Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m.; free. Ages 12 and up. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CA-JON)

May the Best Hand Win World Series of Poker circuit hits the area. 760-751-3100. Friday, March 27, noon, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Friday, March 28, noon; Sunday, March 29, noon; 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.; Monday, March 30, noon; Tuesday, March 31, noon and 1 p.m.; Wednesday, April 1, 1 p.m.; Harrah's Rincón, 777 Harrah's Rincón Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

No Fooling — It's Tax Time! Federal and state tax preparation assistance offered by AARP Tax Assistance Program volunteers; services available to those with annual income level of \$100,000 or less. Required reservations: 619-531-3900. Wednesday, April 1, 9 a.m.; free. San Diego County Public Law

Library, 1105 Front Street. (DOWN-TOWN)

Open Studios and Art Exhibit Showcase promises art by artists working in wide range of media. 619-497-0912 or 858-205-7558. Sunday, March 29, noon; free. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Park Science Day Meet scientists conducting research on flora, fauna, geology of park's threatened Mediterranean and fragile rocky intertidal habitat during San Diego Science Festival activities. Presentations begin on the hour, with topics including "Changes in Cabrillo National Monument's Tidepools, Results from Our Long-Term Tidepool-Monitoring Program," "Snakes and Herpetofauna Studies Around San Diego County," "Geologic and Earthquake History of Point Loma," 'Kelp Forests," more. 619-557-5450. Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Cabrillo National Monument, 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive. (POINT LOMA)

Passion for Books? Learn about San Diego's independent book community and neighborhood bookstores during "meet and mingle" with members of San Diego Booksellers Association and others who share passion for books. 619-462-3387. Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m.; free. Maxwell's House of Books, 8285 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Peace Abroad Peace Corps information session, with information on experience of serving as a Peace Corps volunteer, work assignments, application process, eligibility requirements, geographic placement, benefits. 310-356-1106. Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m.; free. Borders Books and Music — Mission Valley, 1072 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Ramona Music Fest Live music by Sara Petite, Earl Flores, Full Circle Band, Friends in a Chord, as well as classic cars on display, children's activities. 760-788-8148 or 760-788-2889. Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m.; free. Dos Picos County Park, 17953 Dos Picos Park Road.

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

Sight and Sound Preview night with performances by the Burning of Rome, Gregory Page, jugglers, and deejays. Proceeds benefit Autism Research Institute. Complimentary beverage with paid admission before 8:30 p.m. 619-846-7180. Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m.; \$5. Ages 21 and up. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

The Smell of OMA The fragrance OMA will be launched during opening reception for "Institu-







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tional Wellbeing: An Olfactory Plan for Oceanside Museum of Art," a site-specific installation created by conceptual artist Brian Goeltzenleuchter exploring perception of fragrance as an art medium for interior environments. The OMA fragrance accompanies exhibition as both a scent presented in installation and as retail product. 760-435-3720. Saturday, March 28, 5 p.m.; free. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Think Poetry Discuss selected poems by John Donne when San Diego Great Books group meets. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Toast to Frankie Laine Share annual birthday celebration for Laine with "memorable stories, video clips, music, great food.' RSVP: 760-943-9911. Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m.; \$20-\$25. Little Italy Spaghetteria, 1953 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Urban Trees 5 Public art exhibit of 31 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorne Street) continues through July. Artists were supplied with a 12-foot tall pole placed in a concrete planter to serve as tree's

base; artists alter the pole by attaching materials to create their sculptures, 619-686-6200. Thursdays; Fridays; Saturdays; Sundays; Mondays; Tuesdays; Wednesdays; through Friday, July 31, free, Embarcadero, Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Benefit on the Bay The 22nd annual charity bay race and regatta promises sailing yachts competing on challenging ten-mile course around San Diego Bay. Race entry fee: \$60. Benefits San Diego Hospice and Institute for Palliative Medicine. 619-222-0438. Sunday, March 29, noon; Southwestern Yacht Club, 2702 Qualtrough Street. (POINT LOMA)

Consider Kayaking Southwest Kayak Symposium with classes for all levels and ages of kayakers, demonstrations, kayak manufacturers and instructors. Entry fee: \$10, good for both days. Additional fees for classes, clinics. Reservations: 619-523-9577. Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.; Sunday, March 29, 9 a.m.; \$10. Campland on the Bay, 2211 Pacific Beach Drive. (PA-CIFIC BEACH)

Devil Dog Duathlon The first 5k follows mostly flat route looping through 43 Area; 30k bike course takes you out and back through Camp Pendleton (not a closed course); last leg is another 5k through 43 Area, Registration at 7 a.m., mass start at 8:30 a.m., in

Las Pulgas Area/43 Area. 760-725-6836. Saturday, March 28, 7 a.m.; free. Camp Pendleton, Harbor Drive at I-5. (OCEANSIDE)

Extra Hills! San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists plan 70mile ride to Ramona, following route up Scripps and down Highland Valley. 619-473-8513. Sunday, March 29, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Giddyup! Spring Classic Quarter Horse Show. 714-444-2918. Thursday, March 26, 8 a.m.; Friday, March 27, 8 a.m.; Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m.; Sunday, March 29, 8 a.m.; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real, (DEL MAR)

Introduction to Road Cycling REI Outdoor School hosts day of cycling on strand in Coronado with techniques and tips on offer for getting the most out of your biking experience. Designed for beginners, and those getting back into cycling. Bikes provided, or bring your own. Registration: 619-591-4924. Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.; \$55. Ages 14 and up. REI Chula Vista, 2015 Birch Road, Suite 150. (CHULA VISTA)

Old Town to O'side Look for Knickerbiker bicyclists in parking lot of Old Town Trolley Station for 40-mile outing north to Oceanside. Once there, riders will find a place for lunch, then hop on Coaster for ride back to start (bring money). 619-240-6659. Saturday, March 28, 8:45 a.m.; Old Town Transit Center, 4005 Taylor Street. (OLD TOWN)

"JEWISH MUSIC WITH REVIVALIST JOY"

Debbie Friedman, Saturday, March 28, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center.

(SEE IN PERSON)



Paws in the Park Annual dog walk benefiting Escondido Humane Society. Bring your canine pal to walk either 1.5-mile or 2.5mile routes, enjoy festival/expo, contests. Registration at 8 a.m.; walk at 9 a.m. Donation. 760-888-2235. Sunday, March 29, 8 a.m.; Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Race for Autism Event with 5k race (8 a.m.) and one-mile family run/walk (8:45 a.m.) starts and finishes at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. Registration opens: 7 a.m. 858-679-8800. Saturday, March 28, 7 a.m.; \$20-\$30. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Wav. (BALBOA PARK)

Run for the Arts Fundraiser for Lakeside Union School District arts education. Organizers plan "part jogathon/2-mile race, fun run/walk, arts festival, and student art/performance showcase," 619-390-2608, Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.; Lindo Lake, 9841 Vine Street.

San Diego Walk for Darfur Fundraising walk to benefit women and children of Darfur region of Sudan, with proceeds sent

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to American Jewish World Service (providing humanitarian aid since 2004). Event for all ages, fitness levels; run, jog, or walk approximately two or four miles. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; walk steps off at 9 a.m. 858-535-1111 x3801. Sunday, March 29, 9 a.m.; \$15-\$25. De Anza Cove, 3000 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 29, noon; free. Ages 15 and up. stickball games, West Ash Street at State Street, (LITTLE ITALY)

Year-Round Waterskiing Convair Waterski Club provides ski boats for waterskiing. Group meets at south end of Crown Point Beach, 858-863-4755, Sundays, 8 a.m.: \$8-\$15. Crown Point, 3700 Crown Point Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers



built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. 9050 Memory Lane, 619-469-1480, (SPRING VALLEY)

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

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Iolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobbegong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

California Surf Museum Along with a timeline of surfboards, featured opening exhibit at new location is "Sidewalk Surfers," offering historic look at roots of skateboarding. The skateboard evolved as a method of enjoying feeling of surfing while waves were flat or inaccessible. Display focuses on surfboard shapers and professional riders and their skateboard models over the years, 312 Pier View Way, 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Campo Depot State Highway 94 & Forrest Gate Road, 760-767-5311. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

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

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

Coronado Museum of History and Art "Ozily Yours: L. Frank Baum in Coronado" focuses on the life of L. Frank Baum in Coronado and his writings (which include the Oz books). Learn about "this Renaissance gentleman, his creativity, and his generosity." Exhibit with photographs, books, and memorabilia closes Tuesday, September 15.







Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. 1100 Orange Avenue, 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

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

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

Station), 858-693-1723. (MIRA MESA)

Heritage Museum An interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park. 14134 Midland Road, 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum More than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China."



From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

Japanese Friendship Garden Pan American Road, 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

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

La Mesa Depot Museum Located in a restored 1894 wooden

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

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

Museum of Making Music What is slide? Why is it so hard to play? "The Magic and Mystery of Slide Guitar" — continuing through March — captures "essence and emotion evoked by slide guitar and slide technique." Display includes nearly 70 rare and historic instruments, from early 1920s to present.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Guided tours every Saturday, 2:30 p.m. 5790 Armada Drive, 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

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

Olaf Wieghorst Museum Displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghorst and features exhibits of other artists' American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20x20-foot reproduction of Wieghorst's painting *Navajos at Castle Creek*, and original restored home Wieghorst lived in for many years starting in 1945. 131 Rea Avenue, 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

Ramona Pioneer Historical

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

San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, cap-

tain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 910 North Harbor Drive, 619-544-9600.

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

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

San Diego Natural History Museum "Gunther von Hagens' Body Worlds 2 and The Brain -Our Three-Pound Gem: The Original Exhibition of Real Human Bodies" showcases "the original, precedent-setting public anatomical exhibitions of real human bodies, by physician, anatomist, and inventor of Plastination, Dr. Gunther von Hagens." Exhibition offers visitors in-depth view of the intricately designed human body, comparative anatomy showing wellness and disease, and mysterious world of the brain. Closes Sunday, October 4.

"The Osa: Where the Ocean Meets the Rainforest" features photography by Roy Toft, who has been exploring, photographing fauna of Osa Peninsula for 20 years. Peninsula juts into Pacific Ocean, is located in southwest corner of Costa Rica, boasting lush rainforests, complex system of freshwater and marine systems. Also on view through Sunday, June 21, in the Ordover Gallery are wildlife images by Frans Lanting, Abe Ordover, Galen Rowell, Art Wolfe.

Also on view: "Fossil Mysteries," a permanent exhibition. From dinosaurs to mastodons, discover the rich fossil history of our region. Current "giant-screen films" arie Human Body: Pushing The Limits—Brain Power, Planet Earth: Pole to Pole, and Ocean Oasis. 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Baroque Bonanza" Enjoy "lush sounds of an illustrious era" when Camarada presents celebration of baroque period, playing selections by Telemann, J.S. Bach, Vivaldi, other masters of genre. Ensemble includes Beth Ross-Buckley (flute), Mary Barranger (harpsichord), Susan Barrett (oboe), Erin Breene (cello), David Buckley (violin). 619-231-3702. \$15-\$25. Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue), 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 27; 6 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (BANKER'S HILL)

"A Celebration of International Women's Day" Hutchins Consort plans concert featuring music of several revered women composers, in program dedicated to American luthier Carleen Hutchins, woman who designed and built the octet of instruments that they perform on. Program includes selections by McNalley, Clara Wieck Schumann, Francesca Caccini, Karen Elaine, Consuela Velazquez, others. Visual artist Nori Green will unveil her new portrait of Carleen Hutchins, along with several of her paintings and other works. 760-632-0554. \$15-\$25. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 27. (LA JOLLA)

"Medieval Music for Lent"The Oregon ensemble In Mulieribus presents program sub-

titled "Chant, Conductus, Mass, and Motet" for Angelus: Sacred Early Music in Founders Chapel series. Concert takes place in Founders Chapel of Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. \$8-\$12. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Friday, March 27. (LINDA VISTA)

Virtuosity and Poetic Poise British pianist Imogen Cooper performs for La Jolla Music Society's Frieman Family Piano Series. Program showcases Bach's "Partita No. 2 in C Minor," "Six Little Pieces" by Schoenberg, Schubert's "Moments musicaux," and "Sonata in G Major." 858-459-3728. \$25-\$75. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), 8 p.m., Friday, March 27. (LA JOLLA)

Orchestras Feeding America San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory participate in first national food drive by America's symphony orchestras. SDYS volunteers will collect nonperishable food at open rehearsals outside of room 207 in Casa Del Prado. Food will be donated to local food bank Feeding America San Diego. 619-233-3232. Casa del Prado (El Prado), 8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 28. BAL BOA PARK)

Tragic Melodrama! San Diego Opera season continues with Giuseppe Verdi's Rigoletto, transporting audience members to Italian Renaissance with traditional staging. Cast includes Slovakian soprano L'ubica Vargicová, Albanian tenor Giuseppe Gipal, Georgian baritone Lado Ataneli, Armenian bass Arutjun Kotchinian, many others. Conductor is Edoardo Müller, director is Lotfi Mansouri. Performed in Italian with English translations above the stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. \$28-\$175. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, March 28; 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 31. (DOWNTOWN)

Choose Your Own Adventure Bring your sense of adventure to help San Diego Symphony create a story with many twists and turns during family festival concert led by conductor Philip Mann. Program is based on popular children's book series. Reservations: 619-235-0804. \$10-\$25. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 2 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (DOWNTOWN) Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (BALBOA PARK)

"Ecco la primavera! (Spring Is Here!)" Local Renaissance-music group Courtly Noyse, with John Cassaboom, Laury Flora, Penny Hawkins, Vickie Jenkins, Jay Sacks, and Sandra Stram, plans family concert with musicians in period costumes performing vocal, instrumental Renaissance music related to theme of springtime. Listen for entertaining songs about a cricket ("El Grillo") and birds ("Le Chant des Oyseaux"), a madrigal sung by a cuckoo, an owl, a cat, a dog, and a cow ("Contraponto bestiale alla mente"). Composers to be performed include Josquin des Prez, Francesco Landini, Anthony Holborne, Christopher Tye, Clement Jannequin, others. 619-236-5810. Free. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Northlands" Grossmont College Symphony Orchestra and Grossmont Master Chorale perform Stravinsky's "Violin Concerto in D Major," a neoclassical violin concert in four movements composed in 1931; and "Symphony No. 1 in E Minor" by Sibelius, written in 1898. Guest artist: violinist Felix Olschofka. 619-644-7254. Free. East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street), 3 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (EL CAJON)

"The Power and Passion of Beethoven" Jeffrey Siegel plans "Keyboard Conversation" with notes from "Fur Elise," the humorous "Rage Over a Lost Penny," "Moonlight" sonata, and "Sonata Opus 110," written after deafness had engulfed Beethoven. Siegel shares remarks to make music more accessible and listening experience more focused and meaningful. 800-988-4253. \$27-\$30. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 4 p.m., Sunday, March

"Russlan and Ludmilla" Overture Enjoy this selection by Glinka, as well as Bizet's "L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2" and selections by Donnelly, Gilmore, and Lavry, when Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra performs with soprano

Victoria Robertson. 619-697-6001. \$10-\$15. Tifereth Israel Synagogue (6660 Cowles Mountain Boulevard), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 31. (SAN CARLOS)

Tuesday Twilight Concert Pacific Camerata vocal ensemble presents a cappella program of Lenten music including "Lamentations of Jeremiah" by Talls, as well as seasonal works by William Byrd, Hernando Franco, Alonso Lobo, others. 619-527-4457. \$10-\$15. Saint George's Serbian Orthodox Church (3025 Denver Street), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 31. (CLAIREMONT)

ART LISTINGS

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GALLERIES

"Evolutional Whimsy: New Drawings by Clayton Llewellyn" Opening reception for exhibition of more than 30 drawings BY this artist and community college art teacher, "whose unusual subjects and experimental techniques are changing the way drawings and drawing media are perceived in the region." Closes Sunday, June 7. 858-581-9934. Free. Pacific Beach Library (4275 Cass Street), 1 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Grossmont Art Alumni Invitational 2009" Closing reception for exhibition of work by 23 alumni artists, both emerging and established. 619-644-7299. Free. Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive), 7 p.m., Thursday, March 26. (GROSSMONT COLLEGE)

Rock and Roll Artist Receptions for Grace Slick, exhibiting her collection of original paintings and limited editions. Hall of Famer Slick was lead singer for Jefferson Airplane. 858-551-7071. Free. Wentworth Gallery (1025 Prospect Street), 6 p.m., Saturday, March 28; 1 p.m., Sunday, March 29. (LA JOLLA)

ART MUSEUMS

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

Mingei International Museum "Masters of Mid-Century Califor-

nia Modernism - Evelyn and Jerome Ackerman," opening Sunday, March 29, and continuing through Sunday, October 18, presents overview of duo's 50-year collaborative partnership, focusing on their work in decorative art and design. These Los Angeles-based artists shared their interest in, and devotion to, principles of modern design — as defined by Bauhaus philosophy of integrating fine art and craftsmanship with industrial practices to produce quality products. Their body of work is remarkable for its diversity of styles, techniques, materials.

"India Adorned" features selections from museum's Stephen Huyler Collection. Exhibit "reveals the colorful diversity of Indian creative expression, presenting an evocative collection of works that are used in the daily routine of a typical Indian family — objects of worship, personal and domestic adornment, utility, and recreation." Closes Sunday, September 6.

"Shibui — The Subtle Beauty of Japanese Craft" features metal, textiles, wood, and ceramics from museum's collection of Japanese folk art, craft, design. Highlights include kimono and textiles by Keisuke Serizawa, more. Continues through Sunday, June 28. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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, 2010. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)



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More Acoustic Coffee

The fifth incarnation of Java Joe's, a music venue known as a launching pad for the careers of Jason Mraz, Jewel, and Steve Poltz, will open downtown in early April. Located in a former day spa at 726 Ninth Avenue, the 60-

The first Java Joe's, located in Poway, opened in 1992. It only seated 50 patrons, and Flammini's enterprise soon outgrew the room. In 1994 he relocated to Ocean Beach's Newport Avenue, increasing capacity to 149.

In 2000 he moved around

the inside track

seat room is a joint venture between general partners, namesake Joe Flammini and sound engineer Jon Edwards. The pair met when Edwards relocated to San Diego from Detroit in 1994 and Flammini hired him as a sound man.

The venue will be open seven days a week with a nocover policy, except for special events. Unlike the last two versions of Java Joe's, this location will be alcohol-free, focus on acoustic music, and be open to all ages. Flammini plans to keep the staff small. "Part of the appeal was the size of the place," he said. "Being involved with friends, we could work most of the hours ourselves to keep down employee costs." Edwards's wife, promoter Cathryn Beeks, will be involved in booking the venue.



JAVA JOE FLAMMINI'S BACK IN THE BIZ

the O.B. corner to Bacon Street, adding liquor and a dinner menu. Though the new venue was only two blocks away from its previous location, it never recaptured the former's glory and closed in 2002. The following year, Java Joe's moved to the Rolando area, taking over the former location of Kelly's Pub. This also proved shortlived, with Flammini closing the 142-capacity venue in

Edwards notes that the idea of not using the Java Joe's name was briefly considered: "In the beginning, that was brought up, but we decided to use his name for the notoriety and the history it has within the music community."

Though many established restaurants and music venues are experiencing tough times, Flammini is confident that, this time, Java Joe's has found a permanent home. "God, I hope so," he laughs. "The problem with the previous venues is that I tried to expand into too many different areas. This room takes me right back to where I started, a small little coffeehouse with acoustic music."

— Bart Mendoza

Sad Times The members of the Black Heart Procession were in the middle of recording their sixth full-length when representatives from their label, respected indie innovator Touch and Go Records, told them that after 27 years of releasing some of underground rock's most influential artists (including a decade's worth of Black Heart material), they were closing down the label's distribution wing and scaling back operations.

In a February 19 press release, Corey Rusk, the pres-



LABEL-LESS BLACK HEART ON THE LOOKOUT

ident for the Chicago-based label (which has issued releases for bands such as Calexico, Girls Against Boys, TV on the Radio, and Pinback), blamed the reorganization on economic hardship.

A few weeks later, on March 9, Pall Jenkins, guitarist-vocalist for the Black Heart Procession and Three Mile Pilot — also on Touch and Go's roster — posted a blog entry on the band's MySpace page informing fans of the news.

"Hey this is Pall," reads the online bulletin, "anyone want or know anyone who wants to release the new Black Heart record — just let us know — we need a good company — Touch And Go is no longer releasing new records — so all the bands have to find new homes — sad times."

A week later, in a March 16 email, Jenkins says all options are open, whether that's finding a new label to release the upcoming album, which should be ready by this coming October, or possibly starting their own label.

"Most labels are downsizing, so it's hard to say what we will do. We haven't really been searching around for a label, so we will most likely just see what comes our way as well as reach out and see what could happen."

The change in the music industry might serve a bigger purpose, added Jenkins. "Times are strange in music, as far as business and labels and the industry, but creatively it feels like a great time to really make something that has its own identity."

— Dorian Hargrove

The Smell of Heavy

Metal Nightclubs in San Marcos offering live music have had an uneven history. The Longshot closed in September 2006, mainly over ABC violations. The Boulevard, opened in 2004, also had its liquor license suspended for a time and then closed last year.

The Jumping Turtle now

focuses on heavy-metal shows, while the Cow Shed Bar and Grill, across the street from the Turtle, has been hosting occasional hiphop and country events. "The shows have gotten much easier to promote [and have had] a much bigger turnout," says Joe Troutman, who books the Jumping Turtle. "The police have been supportive, as long as we're following the rules. As far as the most difficult aspect, well, I guess we're getting a little overwhelmed with shows. This month, I'm doing 13 national touring packages. It does make me a little nervous to fill the



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obligations."

Troutman, who also booked the defunct Longshot, says San Marcos has a geographical advantage over urban San Diego. "It's very accessible to people from Riverside, Orange

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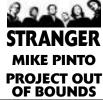


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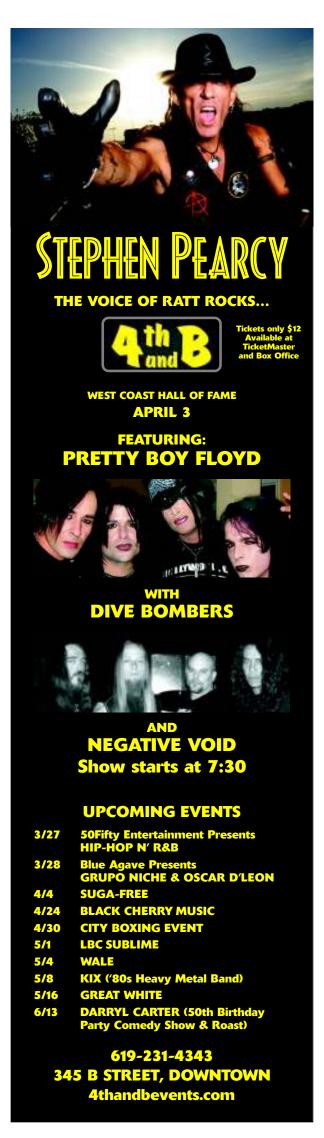




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Being a metal club also comes with disadvantages. "Watain, from Sweden, is a black-metal band that carries several decaying cow and goat heads, which they keep with their gear. They're really big on having a nauseating show.... Their equipment during load-in reeked. I felt like I could see a green cloud covering the inside of the club, and my bartender, Lori, was green in the face all day. Right before they went on stage, they covered themselves in real blood."

"The smell was so strong, even for them, that they ran off stage to vomit in the bushes." Forbidden and Cage play the Jumping Turtle on Friday, March 27.

- Jay Allen Sanford

Road Reports Around 20 San Diego bands performed as part of the annual South By Southwest festival in and around Austin, Texas.

Writer band members gigged their way to SXSW in a Honda Element equipped

with a trailer, an electric water kettle, and a hundred packs of Cup O' Noodles. "Last night, we played in Las Vegas at the Double Down Saloon," blogged guitarist Jayme Ralph on MySpace. "Interesting, to say the least; the city and the people seem a bit surreal."

The next night in Albuquerque, "Someone in Writer inadvertently dry humped a cactus," according to guitarist David Hastings MacAdam. "No booze, no bands after midnight in Albuquerque on Sundays. This, ironically, in a state that has no motorcycle helmet law."

In Las Cruces, "We pulled







ALLEN SANFORD

usually is prompted by a lot of screaming and clamping."

Drew Andrews and Spectral Cities shared their own road-to-SXSW stories. "I

But, hey, it's still the Wild West, right?...

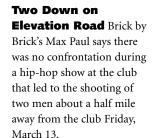
Overheard in San Diego: North Park

tastic in Flagstaff, AZ: Long Live Logos, Crash Encore, Transfer, and us. We played [and] stayed at the Hotel Monte Vista. The after-party was a wild mix. I vaguely remember a noise complaint

"Last night was Diego-

around 4 a.m. and a hotel manager yelling at me, thinking I was the tour manager. I offered him a beer and quickly stumbled away to my

room. That's how we do." – Jay Allen Sanford



"There was no incident that took place inside the

club. There was no fight in the club that proceeded outside. As far as we know, there was nothing going on. That's why it was a shock to everyone. There wasn't a big crowd at all. It was just a small crowd. It wasn't a busy night and then that happened," he

According to a police report issued the day after the shooting, the two victims were outside Brick by Brick when they got into an altercation with two other men. "Words were exchanged and one suspect opened fired with a handgun, shooting both victims. The suspects then fled the scene, possibly in a Cadillac Escalade," the report reads.

While the report, which is issued to local media outlets, implies the shooting happened outside the club, the shooting location is listed as 1310 Elevation Road, which

is about a half mile away from Brick by Brick.

The show, organized by BKi/Fam First Entertainment and Faultline Entertainment, featured live performances by the Illatary, Doughnation, Notch P, Chaos tha Community Serva, and A-Mess, along with a rap contest with the winner going home with \$150.

Phone and email messages left with Faultline Entertainment were unre-

"The bad publicity has already crushed us. There's really not much else I can say about [the incident]. I know as much as you know, as much as the news has told me," Paul says.

Larry Harmon

William Crain, Dave Good, Larry Harmon, Ken Leighton, Bart Mendoza Jay Allen Sanford, David Stampone



AUSTIN-BOUND BANDS CHECK IN (WRITER)

up to New Mexico State's radio station, KRUX, and did a guerrilla in-studio performance/interview," says MacAdam. "Today's drive was only 45 minutes to El Paso, and we didn't even have to stop for an Andy [Ralph] pee break, a new record, which

dig Albuquerque," posts Andrews at sddialedin.com, "full of weird seedy bars, young kids littering the main drag all night, trolling for adventures. Last time I was there, the nightlife turned into an actual gunfight mini riot, cops securing the streets.

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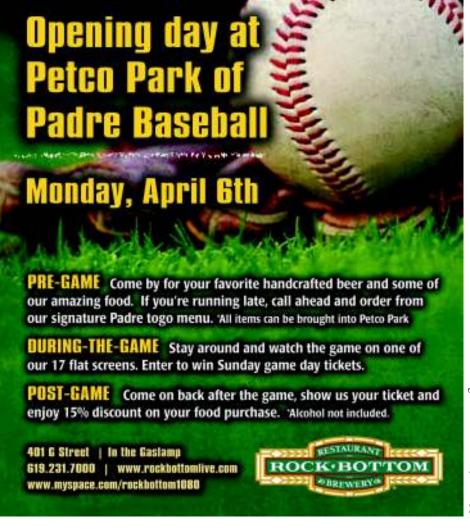
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Thursday 26

Post-rock stonies **Pelican** alight at Casbah tonight with sonically similar Wolves in the Throne Room (Olympia) and the Tombs (Brooklyn). Pelican is an L.A.-based quartet originally out of Chicago that has welded the Windy City's penchant for experimental instrumentals to L.A.'s metal mien. Pelican recently signed to Southern Lords Records [SunnO))), Boris, Om, so you get the aesthetic], which will release the group's new EP this summer. In the mean, suggest you spin last year's Hydra Head hit City of Echoes. This one's gonna be LOUD, y'all, so plug 'em up.... Uptown: Tucson punk minimalist Nobunny hops into Ken Club with like-minded locals the **Glossines**. Nobunny's got shtick — fuzzy mask and ears, carrot mic, tends to hop around pantsless — but he's also got bigtoothed tunes à la Ramones and Reatard. In fact, the fuzzy one named his debut Love Visions, taking the piss outta Jay R's breakthrough Blood Visions... Otherside: Bar Pink books local acousti-punks BoomSnake with SanFran neo-folkies Two Sheds

Friday 27

"You're Not Moving the Way You're Supposed To." If you're a fan of punk, post-punk, art-punk, garage — and if you follow the Crawler with any



THE HOMOSEXUALS AT SODA BAR

regularity, Generation X-Lax, you prol'ly are — prick up your ears. U.K. cult the **Homosexuals** are coming to town. Formed in '77, the trio was sharing the stage at London clubs with the Damned, the Jam, and Wire playing avant post-punk while the rebellious rock was still a healthy teen railing against "the

man" and boredom. It was probably the boredom that pushed the Homos into uncharted waters with a songcraft that was just this side of experimental, just that side of (Johnny forbid) artsy. Their studio output was limited — a boon for collectors — but recent compendiums do the group just. Get your hands on 1984's *The Homosexuals' Record* for a taste, or '04 box set *Astral Glamour* for the whole story. Bravo, Soda Bar, for the coup and handsdown club date this week, with **Kill Me**

Tomorrow, **Boo and Boo Too**, and the **Anasazis**. There's probably other stuff going on Friday night if you're not into it.

Saturday 28

Earthmen and Strangers pay a visit to Ken Club. Our favorite Tempe Zonies should be crossing the state line steadily this year after their FDH debut drops. No telling when, right now. Ryan Rousseau and co.'s punk'd indie-pop also made 'em faves to tour with Reatard and the Black Lips bunch of late. And go to Rousseau's art show Sunday out at Tower Bar, check out the new tower. Looks suhweet. Sunnyside sets the stage at the Ken.... Ruby Room'll rock it **Dirty Sweet** Saturday night. The local barroom rockers took a spin through SXSW last week. Check the Space takes from ... of Monarchs and Beggars for a taste. Astra and the Howls up first.... Cello-rocker Melora Creager brings her Brooklyn trio Rasputina to Casbah behind Oh Perilous World. They'll play an early show with Ruby Throat before Cash'd Out brings back the Man in Black. The Rumblers open the late show.... L.A. indie kids Western States Motel check in at Bar Pink. If you liked and miss Kingsbury Manx, you'll appreciate the Motel's joint. Give new EP Painted Birds Flying in the Orange Mirror Sun a spin. Drowning Men cough up an early set.... Elsewheres: Ché stages Bumbklaat, Death Crisis, Abject, and Amongst Wolves...while No One and the Nobodies, Mississippi Man, Old Palominos, and Mothers Sons spill it at Soda Bar.

Sunday 29

Calgary quartet the **Women** had a hella year behind their Pitchfork-approved eponymous debut. From the mix, critics gleaned VU, Zombies, and, my favorite, "sunny Beach Boys pop dragged into a



dark alley and gleefully mutilated." It's a recommendable record. Indie artist, and the guy who engineered the record for the Women, **Chad VanGaalen**, is on the bill. He's out to tout his new SubPop crit-hit *Soft Airplane*. French anti-folk duo **Herman Dune** headlines this quirky Casbah bill.... The **Robin Henkel Band** and the **Tighten Ups** bring rock-n-blues stomps to Bar Pink Sunday night... **J.J. Cale** and **Pieta Brown** sold out Belly Up, but if you're up that way, collegiate noise rockers the **Lanterns** light up Ché Café with **Junius**

Monday 30

and the Hundred Days.

Gainesville group **Less Than Jake** hits the beach at Canes Monday night. This third-wave ska tour includes old-skool ragga punks the **Expendables** and **Flatliners**.

Tuesday 31

Casbah puts on **White Denim** Tuesday night. Mmmm. WD was voted Best New Band at last year's Austin Music Awards, which, as ya know, says a ton about the garage-soul trio. The blogworld hype machine could have done these dudes in after the excitement over their self-released records, but major debut *Exposion* is a psych-rock riot. Get to *myspace.com/bopenglish* and check the vid for "Shake Shake Shake." Awesome. **Apes of Wrath** and **Nautical Disaster** go first.... Down

the road, Naw'lins jazzman **Branford Marsalis** checks in at Anthology for two nights. The post-bop sax man is the whole enchilada: session cat, bandleader, composer, and player. The man's a jazz icon from a family of icons. You got four shows over two nights to catch it... Also, Bar Pink books Seattle indie breakouts **Friday Mile** and **Golden Red**.

Wednesday .

Whatever.

It's Not Me, It's You. Storied songstress **Lily Allen** will be in town at House of Blues

Wednesday night. The English indie darling got a Grammy nod for her debut Alright, Still, which remains the pop star's highwater mark, hit-wise. Flip to Will Crain's Of Note for more on her. And, it's super strange to type this, but, Natalie Portman's Shaved Head opens the show.... Udderwise: Wirepony, Ex-Friends, and A.M. Vibe play a localsonly bill at Belly Up...hairy thrash-rockers Valient Thorr will conquer Casbah... Beauty Bar books SanDago's most dangerous duo Ninja Love with Heavy Glow

and **Golden Animals**...and, saving the best for last, **S.M.** and LILY ALLEN AT HOUSE OF BLUES **Spiral Stairs** will play

an impromptu reunion-like acoustic set at April Fools. Not funny?

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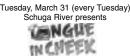
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One Rapper's Reality

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

"I look at celebrities as equals; they're just on a larger playing field."

call my genre of music 'reality rap,'" says hip-hop impresario Kayo. "It describes the things that I went through. It's reality because I used to write the songs to

myself — to motivate myself, to overcome my worst situations. That's why I say in songs like 'True Story': 'I'm tired of walk-

ing, I wanna ride in a Caddy.' I wrote that in 2005. Well, I drive a 'Lac now, so the self-motivation worked, didn't it?"

He's been using the name Kayo since 1998, his freshman year in high school. "I knew by then that I wanted to do everything there is to do in the [music] business. It was originally K.O., like knockout, because I was knocking out rhymes — knocking out my opponents and people who tried to keep me down — and because to score a knockout is to win the fight."

Kayo started his record label On Fyre Entertainment in 2003 and founded his production company, BeatsByKayo, in 2005. His first EP, Konfessions of a Kriminal, was self-produced and self-marketed, as was his 2008 album One Hundred Percent Hustle. Kayo has recently been performing around town with fellow hip-hop artists Young Mass and Play B in a trio known as the Three Rappers.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Suga Free, Messy Marv mix. "I dig Suga Free's mentality and Messy's delivery."

2. Young Jeezy, $\it The Inspiration$. "I play it before I

hop out and go hustle every night."
3. Cherry Chuck Gang mix. "Gotta support the homies and the Southeast S.D. movement."

4. Young Jeezy, *The Recession*. "He's keeping it 100 percent on this CD and making music for the times"

5. Mitchy Slick, *Urban Survival Syndrome*. "Hands down, one of my favorite CDs of all time. Yeah dat!"

6. "An R&B mix for when I let a female take a ride in the Cadillac."

MUST-HAVE DVDs?

"Bad Boys one and two. How can you not love Will Smith and Martin Lawrence together, telling jokes and blowin' shit up?"

MOST VISITED WEBSITE?

"siccness.net. It's an online community for urban underground hip-hop."

BRUSHES WITH FAME?

"Too many. I don't get starstruck. I look at celebri-

ties as equals; they're just on a bigger playing field, but they did everything I'm doing now to get there. I did try to sell my CD to OG Bobby Johnson on Hollywood Boulevard once, though."

THREE FAVORITE HANGOUTS?

- 1. "The beach, because of the sound, the smell, and the peace."
- 2. "Downtown, because it's always so busy."
- 3. "Fam Mart, because I hustle there, and I always meet someone interesting and get to catch up with old friends. So if you think I'm Hollywood and don't wanna kick it, come holla at me there. The old one. I grind there whenever I'm in town."

KANYE OR 50 CENT?

"I value 50 Cent's business mind. I read his book *From Pieces to Weight*, which earned him a higher level of respect from me. I like Kanye, though. He should write a book. That might put him in first place."

DRINK OF CHOICE?

"My daughter's mother got me hooked on cranberry juice. So when I'm clubbing it's cran and vodka or cran and Patrón, depending on what I plan on doing that night."

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

"Money motivates me."

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THE POWER OF INVISIBILITY?

"Get rich."



Kayo

WHAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DO WITHOUT?

"God. Because you can't do anything without Him, and if you keep it real with Him, He'll bless you."

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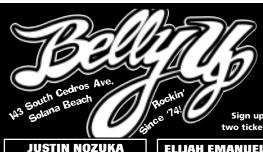
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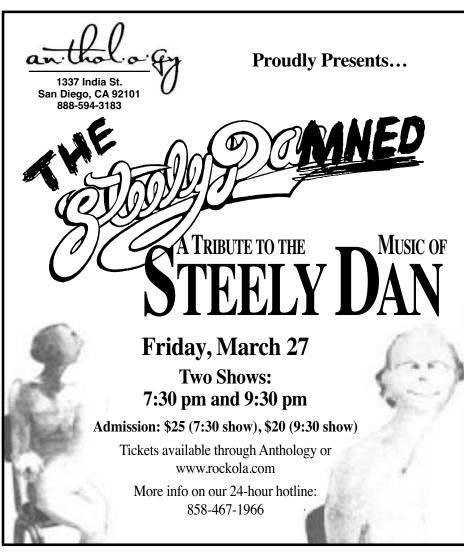
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Anthology: 1337 India Street,

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Sunday, 10 p.m. — The Robin Henkel Band, Blues/soul/jazz.

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Saturday, 4 p.m. — The Tailchasers. Country.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — Atomic Punks. A tribute to Van Halen. With Steel Rod.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The Exfriends and AM Vibe. With Wirepony. Folk/rock.

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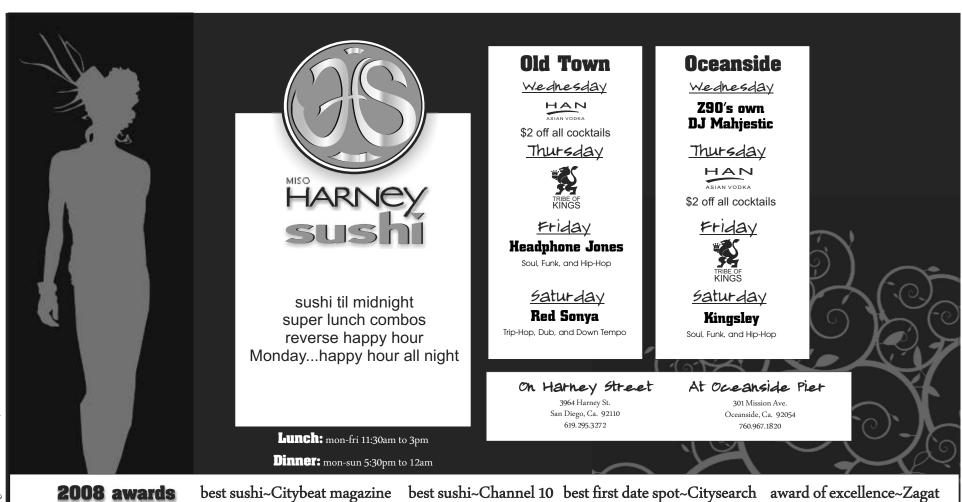
Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Heat Rok. With Chasing Claymores, Stimulus Package, Silent Lune, Dedicated Minds, and Lew Paper Fury. Alternative/hip-hop/rap. \$10. Sunday, 9 p.m. — Truth Noxx and 2 Smooth. With Narcotic, Play B, SISO, KB, Noire Ent., Five Star, and Bleed & Breath. Hip-hop/rap.

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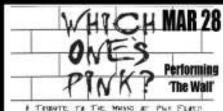
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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The New Yorker recently ran a brief profile of **Lily Allen**, mostly covering the same old ground (daughter of semifamous parents grows up to be singer-songwriter specializing in blunt but effective tales of everygirl sexual misadventure/gains fame through online oversharing and a hit record/is now surrounded by the flashbulbs of paparazzi everywhere she goes). At the end of the article, Allen is onstage in New York the night her second album, It's Not Me, It's You, is released, and the audience is singing along with her new songs. She expresses surprise that they already know the words and suggests that they

have been illegally downloading the album. She's then quoted as saying, "That's okay, I don't make any money from recordings anyway."

Allen's comment was not unusual — after all, most musicians make their money from touring and merchandising, if they make any money at all. But when you remember that a few weeks ago Allen told the New York Times that she didn't think music was her true calling, you have to wonder what's going on

Allen has made a career of not really caring. In her first hit, "Smile," she smiles when an ex is in pain. In her latest hit, "The Fear," she sings ironically about a starlet's quest for luxury and fame, as if Allen herself is indifferent to them. A big part of Allen's appeal is that her songwriting and singing are conversational; she seems to be just telling an

LILY ALLEN

amusing story to a friend. But at some level, a songwriter has to take her songwriting seriously, or else why should her listeners care? It can be hard to tell if Allen does.

LILY ALLEN: House of Blues, Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$22.50 and \$27.50.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — Blue Frog.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Another Day in Paradise. Featuring Dan Reagan, Gunnar Biggs, Mike Holguin, and Allan Phillips. Funk/Latin/jazz. \$10-\$15.

Friday, 8 p.m. — Paul Seaforth. With Mark Massey and Ryan Rost. Jazz. \$10-\$15.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — An Evening of Jazz Guitar. Featuring Mundell Lowe, Jaime Valle, and Bob Boss. Jazz. \$15.

Monday, 7 p.m. — "Salt and Pepper." Presented by Palomar College. Jazz. \$10. Wednesday, 7 p.m. — The Jazz Ensemble. Jazz. \$10.

Dos Picos County Park: 17953 Dos Picos Park Road, Ramona.

Saturday, 2 p.m. — Ramona Music Fest. Featuring Sara Petite, Earl Flores, Full Circle Band, and Friends in a Chord. Includes auctions, raffles, car show, food, and more. \$6-\$20.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-

222-8131.

Friday, 10 p.m. — Dead as Dillinger. Alternative/rock. \$8.

Dublin Square: 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818. *Saturday*, 9:30 p.m. — TrunkMonkey. Covers/pop/modern rock. \$5.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The Clay Colton Band. Acoustic/ standards/rock.

El Cajon Harley-Davidson:

621 El Cajon Blvd, El Cajon, 619-

444-1123.

Saturday — Cash'd Out and Full Monty. Performing at El Cajon Harley-Davidson's Grand Reopening. Country-rock.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.

Monday, 7:30 p.m. — Sing It Loud. With the Morning Light, the Friday Night Boys, Artist vs. Poet, and the Summer Set. Pop. \$8.

Hard Rock Café: 801 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-615-ROCK.



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Thursday, March 26 • 8 pm • Blues

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Friday, March 27 • 9 pm • Disco/Dance

Rising Star



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Monday, March 30 • 7 pm Blues

Burnsville Band

Tuesday, March 31 • 7 pm

Jesse Davis

Wednesday, April 1 • Blues/Soul

John Nemeth CD Release Party

Upcoming Shows

Wednesday, April 15

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Sunday, May 3

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Friday, 10 p.m. — The Bacon Brothers. Rock. \$25-\$100.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-2660. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Skelpin.

Saturday, 7 p.m. — Joe Wood & the Lonely Ones. Roadhouse blues. Sunday, 4 p.m. — Old Timey Session.

— The Tail Draggers. Mondays -Bluegrass

Tuesday — Deblois.

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Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill-La Mesa: 5500 Grossmont Center Drive #277, La Mesa. Friday, 9 p.m. — California Celts. Celtic

Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Ideas. Free.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. Fridays, 9 p.m. — West of Memphis. On the Voodoo Stage. Blues/country/rock, Free. Friday, 6:30 p.m. — Brett Dennen. With Angus & Julia Stone. Folk/rock/pop. \$15. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Which One's Pink? A tribute to Pink Floyd. Ages 21 and up. Sunday, 7 p.m. — 30H!3. With

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Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. - Chris Duarte, Rock/blues. Wednesday - John Nemeth

Roots/acoustic/blues. Ages 21 and

Java Jones: 631 Ninth Avenue. Downtown.

Friday, 7 p.m. — The Folking Revolution. Local musician showcase. Acoustic. Free.

Jimmy Love's: 672 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-0123. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. — The Soul Revue. Jazz, dance, and top 40.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.

Thursday — Deverb. With 23 Rainy Days, Inspired Flight, and Mr. Mustard. Rock.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Forbidden. With Cage, Bomb and Scary, Battlefront. Metal. Saturday - Etched in Red With

Citizen Rising, Thieves & Liars, Severed Roots, and Almost Is Nothing. Metal.

Sunday — One Hot Minute, With Long Live Logos, the Howls, a Shattered Hope, and the Color of Glass. Pop/rock.

Mondays — Reggae Infusion Irie Time. Various reggae bands per-

Wednesday — Graceland. A tribute to Elvis.

The Kensington Club: 4079

Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848. Thursday, 9 p.m. — No Bunny. With the Glossines and the Clean Cut DJs. Indie/rock. Friday, 9 p.m. — Circa Now. With

Lualta. Alternative/rock/pop. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Sunnyside. With Earthmen and Strangers. The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-

- 3 EZ Pieces. Rock. Thursday -Friday - Serious Guise. Covers/pop/rock. Saturdays, 2 p.m. — The Ghostriders. Country. Saturday - Serious Guise. Covers/pop/rock. Sundays, 4 p.m. — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/rock. Mondays, Tuesdays — Doug Allen. Front man of the Mar Dels. Wednesday - Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors Down-home Americana blues rock.

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

Indie.

The Living Room Coffeehouse - Point Loma: 1018 Rosecrans Street, Point Loma, 858-222-6852.





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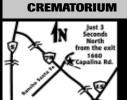
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FRI. MAR. 27

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Happy Hour w/Alan \$5 Dom. Pitchers 4-9 pm

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Saturdays, 8 p.m. — Jay Dancing Bear. Acoustic.

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Main Tap Tavern: 518 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-749-6333.

Friday — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/ rockabilly.

Mangia Italiano on Third: 248 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-623-3553.

Friday, 7 p.m. — Caballero's Latin Jazz Jam. Hosted by Bill Caballero. Jazz.

The Marquee: 835 25th Street, Golden Hill. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — Kenny Eng. With

Friday, 8 p.m. — Kenny Eng. Wit Anna Troy, Lindsay White, and Vanja James. Acoustic/ alternative/rock.

McCabe's Beach Club: 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646.

Fridays, 4:30 p.m. — The California Rangers. Country. Free. Saturday, 5 p.m. — Fleetwood Max. A Fleetwood Mac tribute. Free.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill:

1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. Friday, 9 p.m. — Mystique. Jazz/funk/R&B. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Bordertown

Mesa College: 7250 Mesa College Drive, Kearny Mesa. *Wednesday*, 1 p.m. — Masayo and Robert. Jazz/world.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m. — Flashback. Rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Metal Brigade. With Priest Heavy. Metal/rock.

Nancy's Pub: 4246 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-

Sundays, 5:30 p.m. — The Steemin Heep Blues Band. Free. Ages 21 and up.

Nature's Express: 2949 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-550-1818.

Saturdays, 1 p.m. — Joe Rathburn. Folk.

North Bar Sports and

Spirits: 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8228. *Thursdays*, 6 p.m. — Mike Gardner. Rock. Free.

North Park: University Avenue (between 30th and 32nd Streets), North Park.

Saturday, 1 p.m. — San Diego IndieFest. Featuring Guava Belly, Marie Haddad, Austin Jennings, MC Flow, Citizen Band, Eben Brooks, and many more. Rock/funk/jazz.

O'Connells Pub and

Nightclub: 1310 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.

Friday and Saturday — Emergenza Music Festival. Featuring Fat Man's Misery, the Chase, the RNRs, Mayhem and Miracles, Nicole Torres, Rag Doll City, Bad Karma, and Intransitaudio. Blues/rock. Sunday — Bobby Fantasy. With Evervess. Pop/psychedelic. Monday, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Pro-invitational blues jam. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The Bill Cardinal Show. With Christian James. Country/swing/punk.

Old Town State Historic Park: 4002 Wallace Street, Old

Town.

Saturday, 2 p.m. — San Diego City

Guard Band. Marches/covers/ standards. Free.

Wednesdays, 2 p.m. — The City

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Wednesdays, 2 p.m. — The City Guard Band. Performances will be held in the plaza; selections range from Sousa marches to concert pieces. Free.

Old Town Temecula Community Theater: 42051 Main Street, Temecula, 866-653-

Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Battle of the Bands. Featuring the Shake Ups, So Hot Right Now, and more. Pop/rock. \$15.

Onyx/Thin: 852 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-235-ONYX. *Tuesday* — Jazz jam session. With Gilbert Castellanos and DJ Sachamo. Free.

Osetra Watergrill: 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800. Thursdays, 8 p.m. — Live Jazz. In the E5 Lounge. Free. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Los Reyes



BY DAVE GOOD

Branford Marsalis is a year older than his trumpet-playing brother Wynton, who critics first noticed during his tenure with Art Blakey. Later, Wynton toured with Sting, won Grammy awards, and upped the hip factor of network television as music director of the Tonight Show band. But after Wynton locked up the gig as art director of jazz at Lincoln Center and his fame escalated into the stratosphere. I began to think of Branford as the undervalued Marsalis. He being a strong-winded funk and jazz tenor sax stylist, I wondered if it was a trumpet thing. Everybody adored Louis Armstrong and remembers Miles Davis, but it was John Coltrane who reinvented jazz with his saxophones.

Pop jazz turned the sax into a sex toy. Not so with straight-ahead jazz saxists like Marsalis, who remains old school. More an intellectual exercise in instrumental rhetoric, his style has been likened to oratory. You hear big thinking in Marsalis's performance, not the beseeching quest for pop stardom so often heard in the bedroom tones of the smooth-iazz sax dudes. Like the best of the traditionalists before him, Branford takes a solo from the depths to the roof and beyond, and always within the context of his group.

Branford has kept the same ensemble for a decade.

His group's latest, *Metamorphosen*, alternately brims with the dramatic lightning bursts of a Leonard Bernstein Broadway score and a deeper, colder current that envelops and pulls a listener down into Marsalis's space, a place that I surmise is decorated in greens and blues. It's okay to make Marsalis/Coltrane comparisons; Marsalis was nominated for a Grammy award for his tenor-sax work on "A Love Supreme" from the Coltrane-tribute DVD *A Love Supreme (Live in Amsterdam)*. It's



as if it's 1965 all over again. In interviews, Marsalis even invokes the Holy Grail of modern jazz when he says that he's looking for the next new thing. The next new thing...it's what Miles, Ornette — all those guys — lived for.

BRANFORD MARSALIS: Anthology, Tuesday, March 31, and Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 619-595-0300. \$29 and \$35.

del Ritmo. Flamenco and Latin music in the E5 Lounge. Free.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-7278.

Friday, 8 p.m. — The Even Keel. Album-release party with DJ Collagey and MC Juda. Hip-hop/rap.

Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens, 619-286-7873. *Friday, Saturday* — Night Shift. Rock.

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

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

Patrick's II: 428 F Street.

Downtown, 619-233-3077.

Thursday, 9 p.m. — Blue Four.
Blues/soul.

Friday, 9 p.m. — 145th Street
Deluxe Blues Band. Blues/funk.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — Shari Puorto
and the Rhythm Addicts.

Blues/rock.

Sunday, 9 p.m. — The Burnsville Band. Blues/rock. Monday, 9 p.m. — Shelle Blue. Rhythm and blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m. — Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/soul/rock.

Band. Blues/soul/rock.

Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Missy
Andersen. Blues/soul/funk.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey

Dive Bar: 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-757-2827. *Thursday* — Red Octopus. Psychedelic/rock. Free. Ages 21 and up.

Friday, 9 p.m. — Jungle Juice the Band. Rock. Free. Ages 21 and up. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Black Seven. Rock.

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030. *Thursdays* — Stepping Feet. A Dave

Matthews Band tribute.

Friday, 10 p.m. — TrunkMonkey.
Covers/pop/modern rock.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-7008. Friday, 8 p.m. — Danielle Tucker and the City Limits Band. With Candice Graham. Country/rock/blues. Saturday. 8 p.m. — David

Saturday, 8 p.m. — David Maldonado. Acoustic/flamenco.

Rancho Bernardo High School: 13010 Paseo Lucido, Rancho Bernardo. Sunday, 4 p.m. — Masayo and Robert. Jazz/world.

Rancho Bernardo Inn: 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500. Fridays, 5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 6 p.m. — Jerry Melnick & Tom Bishop. El Bizcocho Restaurant. Jazz/variety.

Rock Bottom Brewery, Downtown: 401 G Street,

Downtown, 619-231-7000. Friday, 8 p.m. — Island Irie. With DJ 3BGK. Reggae/soul/roots. Saturday, 10 p.m. — Split Finger. With Club Crush. Reggae/rock.

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

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant: 517 North Coast

Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001.

Thursday, 7 p.m. — Peter Sprague.

Thursday, 7 p.m. — Peter Sprague. Acoustic.

The Royal Dive: 2949 San Luis Rey Road, Oceanside, 760-722-1911.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — Pushin Rope. Country/punk/bluegrass.

San Carlos United Methodist Church: 6554

Cowles Mountain Boulevard, San Carlos.

Saturday, 4 p.m. — Windenwood.

Saturday, 4 p.m. — Windenwood. With the Mood Swings. Covers/jazz/pop.

Santa Ysabel Resort &

Casino: 25575 Highway 79, Santa Ysabel, 760-787-0909. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Paradigm. Covers/jazz/rock. Free.





Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Drive, Downtown.

Sunday, 1 p.m. — The Cat-illacs.

Sherwood Auditorium at **Museum of Contemporary** Art San Diego: 700 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-3541.

Saturday, 7 p.m. — Hapa. Folk/Hawaiian/indie. \$37-\$42.

The Sky Box Sports Grill: 4805 Clairemont Drive,

Clairemont, 858-274-7269. Friday, 9 p.m. — Drive By Jones. Bluegrass/funk/rock. \$5.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-255-7224.

Thursday, 9 p.m. — Shake and Pop Night. Featuring the Shake Ups, P.J. Otaku, Secret Apollo, and the Amazing Albert. Rock/pop. Friday, 9 p.m. — Kill Me Tomorrow. With Boo and Boo Too, Homosexuals, and Anasazis.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Midway District, 619-226-7662.

Friday, 6:30 p.m. — Alesana. With Drop Dead Gorgeous, Fear Before, I Set My Friends on Fire, and Fall From Grace. Emo/rock. \$12. Saturday, 7 p.m. — Sonny. With Endless Hallway, Dan Sena, White Apple Tree, and guests. Alternative/rock. \$10.

South Park Bar & Grill: 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696-0096.

Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz

Fridays, 7 p.m. — The John Kopecky Trio. Jazz. Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. — Open Blues Jam. With Will Jackson.

Sundays, 6 p.m. — Original Music Modern Jazz Series. Every Sunday, with Doug Walker, Tim Nunnink, Nick Tocco, and Nathan Hubbard.

Stage Saloon: 762 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-992-7862. Fridays — Trainwreck.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. Thursday, 9:30 p.m. — John January & the Mags. Alternative/ blues/rock. Friday, 9 p.m. — John Miller Meld. Alternative/pop/rock. \$3. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Agave. Jazz/Latin/rock.

Tio Leo's — Linda Vista: 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-

Friday - The Road Dogs. Blues. \$8.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar **Europa:** 873 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-4200. Mondays, 7 p.m. — Zapf Dingbats. Blues/soul/jazz. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. — La Reyes. Flamenco. Free.

The Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House: 835 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-4855.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Nadja Nara. Folk/rock. **Valley View Casino:** 16300

Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Siren's Crush. Covers/pop/rock.

Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400. Friday, 8 p.m. — Luke Bryan. Country. \$12-\$15.









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Thursday, 7 p.m. — Robin Henkel. Blues/funk/jazz.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822. Thursday, 9 p.m. — Diego's Umbrella. Tejano/reggae/surf. Friday, 9 p.m. — Moonalice. With Superunloader. Rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Particle. With Al Howard and the Delta Nove Horns, Electronic/funk,

UPCOMING SHOWS

4th&B: 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.

April 3 — Stephen Pearcy. April 25 — The Bulletboys.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.

April 4 — The Pheromones.

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4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.

April 3 — Hawaiian Slack-Key Masters.

April 4 - Muriel Anderson.

April 11 — Rory Block. April 16 — Ramblin' Jack Elliott.

April 24 — David Wilcox.

May 2 — Trippin' the Sixties. May 10 — Byron Berline & Bluegrass Etc.

May 16 — The Grascals.

May 22 — Ian Tyson. May 23 — Roy Zimmerman.

Anthology: 1337 India Street,

Little Italy, 619-595-0300. April 2 — Ryan Shaw.

April 3 — Steve Tyrell. April 3 — The Heroes.

April 3, April 4 — Steve Tyrell.

— The Anthology House Band.

April 8 — Kristin Korb.

Åpril 10, April 11 — Leon Redbone. April 14 — The Anthology House

Band

April 15 — NovaMenco. April 16 - Brian Auger.

April 17 — Tom Scott.

April 17 — Soul Hop.

April 18 — Steve Poltz.

April 22 — Charles McPherson. April 23 — Earl Thomas & the

Blues Ambassadors.

April 24, *April 25* — Michael Franks.

April 28 — Tierney Sutton.

April 29 — Ian McLagan. May 1 — Vienna Teng.

May 5, May 6 — Arturo Sandoval.

May 9 — Carrie Rodriguez.

May 15 - Diane Schuur. May 20 — Charles McPherson.

May 28 — Graham Parker.

June 19 — Candye Kane.

June 20 - Hiromi

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla,

May 4 — The Bishop's School Jazz Ensemble.

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

April 2 — Red Handed.

April 3 — Arm the Angels.

April 4 — John Brown's Body.

April 5 — Nathan James.

April 6 — Beausoliel.

April 7 — Junior Reid.

April 8 — Dar Williams and Melissa Ferrick.

April 9 — The Dark Star Orchestra.

April 10 — 40 Oz. to Freedom. April 12 — Gary Louris and Marc

April 14 — Jenny Lewis. April 16 — Kenny Wayne

Shepherd.

April 17 — Calexico. April 18 — The Cured.

April 19 — The 9th Annual

Seedless 4/20 Party.

April 20 — Lvkke Li. April 21 — UB40.

April 22 — Don Carlos.

April 23 — Hot Tuna.

April 24 — Lez Zeppelin. April 27 — Railroad Earth.

April 30 — Rufus Wainwright.

May 9 — Bob Schneider.

May 10 — The Avett Brothers.

May 15 — Mogwai.

May 22 — The Virgins.

May 23 — Morrissey's 50th Unhappy Birthday Celebration.

— M83.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.

April 2 - Sea Swallow

April 8 — Kylar Stonestreet

April 9 — Deliverance Machine.

April 10 — RadioStar.

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Label: Above Ground Records

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and Amazon.com for \$4.95. Songs: 1) The Idea 2) Long Gone 3) Mars 5000 4) Fortunate

Son 5) Faded Love Band: Tony Avitia (vocals, guitar), Alex Bigelow (guitar),

Brandon Turner (guitar), Warren Henderson (bass), Scruff McGruff

(drums) Website: reverbnation.com/avitia

This album suffers from schizophrenia; it doesn't know its own personal-

ity. From one song to the

April 23 — Lessons from Zeke.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand

Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.

April 9 - Sounds of Surrender.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos

April 3 — The Head Cat.

Downtown, 619-233-5979.

April 2 — Orquesta Primo.

April 30 — Dope.

Truko.

April 7 -

Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.

Café Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue,

April 5 — Charlie Chavez y su Afro

- Mambo Salvaje.

April 8 — Walter II and Orquesta

Rumbaney.

April 9 — Trece de la Suerte.

April 12 — Angel Lebron y Su

Sabor Latino.

April 14 — The Castenos Band.

April 15 — Orquesta Primo.

April 16 — Orquesta LGC.

April 19 — Orquesta Guayo.

April 21 — Mambo Salvaje.

April 23 — BombaChante.

April 29 — Orquesta 8.8.

April 22 — Orquesta Guarare.

April 30 - Gene Perry v Afro

April 29 — John Miller.

next, you couldn't tell it was the same band playing. "The Idea" drives with heavy rhythm in a power-rock fash-

May 7 — Orquesta Salsa Caliente.

May 24 — Orquesta Salsa Caliente.

May 28 — Walter II and Orquesta

May 31 — Orquesta Borinquen.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk.

April 3 - Tristan Palma and Mike

Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

April 2 — The Dirty Heads.

May 6 - Son y Clave.

Salsa.

Palmer.

May 12 — Mambo Salvaje.

May 21 — BombaChante.

May 26 — Mambo Salvaje.

May 27 — Orquesta 8.8.

May 20 — Orquesta Hablando

ion. On "Long Gone," the band pretends to be a Sublime cover band that plays its own songs. "Mars 5000" is a hip-hop track complete with scratch deejaying and Avitia rapping.

Their cover of "Fortunate Son" (originally by Creedence Clearwater Revival) symbolizes the entire collection. The band plays competently, even enthusiastically. It's a pleasure to hear. They've taken something that exists, changed it enough to sign their name to it, but it's wholly unoriginal. While "Fortunate Son" is the only cover on the album, that's pretty much how the band plays: solidly but lacking



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Each song represents an academic sample of its (varied) genre, and like many things studied and perfected, it's torpid.

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April 4 — The Taboo Band.

April 17 — Sashamon. April 18 — Andre Nickatina.

April 22 - Immortal Technique

April 23 — Ooklah the Moc. April 24 — Diplo.

April 25 — Cash'd Out.

May 1 — Little Iohn.

May 2 — Katchafire. May 16 - Grouch & Eligh.

May 23 — SOJA.
May 24 — Dazed and Confused.

Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.

April 19 - Kendra Shank

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

April 3 — Anya Marina.

April 10 — Blind Pilot. April 16 — The Black Lips.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B Street, Downtown, 619-235-0804. April 7 — Leonard Cohen

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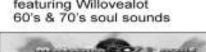
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House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. April 3 — Plain White T's.

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April 9 — The Disco Biscuits. April 10 — Don Felder.

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April 17 — The Derek Trucks

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April 25 — Panteón Rococó. April 26 — Ximena Sarinana.

April 30 — Eek-A-Mouse.

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May 14 — Doves.

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May 20 — Fischerspooner.

May 21 — Ben Folds.

May 22 — The Manchester Orchestra.

May 22 — Cowboy Mouth.

May 28 — Lady Sovereign.

May 31 — Mayhem.

June 4 — Gavin Rossdale. June 10 — Testament.

June 12 — Billy Ray Cyrus. July 22 - Richard Cheese & Lounge Against the Machine.

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June 6 - Joe Cocker July 9 — Heart.

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April 16 — The Applebrown Jazz Ensemble.

April 19 — The Robin Henkel Band

April 22 — Chris Robley & the Fear of Heights.

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April 7 — Princeton. April 15 - Friendly Fires.

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April 4 — Jordan Reimer.

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April 4 — Outta Line

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April 18 — Flv. May 13 — Jane Bunnett and Spirits of Havana.

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May 9 — John Miller.

April 5 — Tan Sister Radio. April 8 — Jimmy Dean and

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April 17 — Bernie Pearl.

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April 2 — The Road Dogs.

April 3 — First Blues Fridays.

April 4 — Big Papa & the TCB. April 5 — The Buzzbombs.

April 6 — Len Rainey's Midnight Players.

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April 2 - Nick 7. Poway Center for the Performing Arts: 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.

April 11 — Vybration. Qualcomm Hall: 5775 Morehouse Drive, Mira Mesa, 858-

May 2 — The Fab Four.

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April 4 — Pushing Rope.

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April 29 — Death Cab for Cutie. May 20 — Flight of the Conchords.

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May 31 — Fleetwood Mac. August 29 - Ricardo Ariona.

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April 25 — Protest the Hero.

May 22 — Jack's Mannequin.

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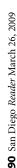
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by Josh Board

got a call about crashing a wedding in Spring Valley a few weeks ago. I had a lot going on that day, but when I found out it was for a guy named Sam, whose party I had crashed years ago, I made sure I made it to the reception.

I was thinking how convenient it was that I wouldn't have to go to the ceremony in La Jolla or find a wedding gift. But on my drive there, I remembered that Sam had insisted on me taking a watermelon as I left his party. And a few times after that, if he called me, he'd say, "It's the guy that gave you the watermelon."

So, I got a gift bag and filled it with a bottle of watermelon-flavored vodka, a few ceramic watermelons, and lots of watermelon candies.

The reception was at Sam's house, and the living room was packed with family and friends. Sam's brother was talking in front of a video camera about how happy he was for Sam. I started heckling him. I remembered that he sings opera professionally and is trying to make it in stand-up comedy. I didn't think heckling him in the wedding video would be inappropriate. He laughed, pointed the camera at me, and made me say





Left: Jennifer and Lloyd (middle); Right: The bride and groom — Sam and Grace

something. I told a few weddingrelated jokes that probably worked.

I asked about his comedy, and he told me about a few of the routines he was working on. One was funny. The other I didn't get but thought it would be rude to say so. He told me he was giving up on his opera career. For some reason, the name of an opera singer popped into my mind. She had done an

"You're going to leave now? You're going to eat and run?"

album with Freddie Mercury of Queen. I asked, "What do you think of Montserrat Caballé?" He laughed and said, "We all call her 'Monster Fat.'" I replied, "Uh, aren't most opera singers fat?" He said, "I think so. I think when you're heavier, it closes the throat and gives you more pressure and sometimes sounds better."

As Sam and I were talking in the backyard, I noticed some Latinos having problems by the sliding glass door. I asked what was going on and Sam laughed. He said, "Oh, those are the caterers. They're going to make street tacos, but they can't fit that thing through those doors. They might have to set up and cook them in the front yard."

After about 15 minutes, they got all their equipment into the backyard, and there was a long line for tacos. I ate a couple, talked with a few other guests, and then split. Just outside the front door, I heard Sam saying to a couple, "Oh, man, you're going to leave now? You're going to eat and run?" I was

glad he didn't see me sneak away.

I went to an event in La Mesa. I was there an hour, and after a few glasses of wine, I was craving some sweets.

I saw a party going on at the nearby VFW hall, and I told myself if it was still going on when I left, I'd crash it.

I heard a band playing and saw people in the parking lot, so I headed in.

There was lasagna and other food on one counter, but I was in search of desserts. I saw a table with two huge cakes — one was a wedding cake. I asked the woman cutting the cake who the party was for. She said, "My sister Jennifer. It's her 25th wedding anniversary."

She handed me a piece of cake, and as I started devouring it, she asked who I was. I told her and asked if she could point out her sister

With cake in hand, I approached Jennifer and told her I write about parties. She screamed, "You're the Crasher! No way! Really? You're the Crasher from the Reader?" I told her I was, and she quickly started showing me around. I felt guilty that she was talking to me as many of the guests were leaving.

The band went into the Beatles' "Something," and I noticed the name on the bass drum read "Alice and the Coopers." I was told this was the same band that had played at their wedding.

I asked some people how the couple met, and people were giving me all kinds of crazy stories. One guy said that Lloyd (the husband) lived with them, and they were just praying to get him out of their house.

Another person told me they used to hang out at a liquor store after work

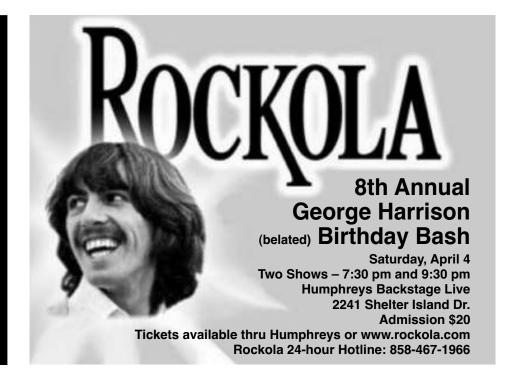
I looked at a bunch of wedding photos that had been set out. One couple looked miserable. I asked Jennifer who they were, and she introduced me to them.

The guy was now bald. I said, "You and that woman don't look very happy in that photo." He smiled and said, "Yeah, we were probably fighting about something. Who knows?" I asked how long their relationship lasted, and he said, "We're still together. We've been married 34 years now."

One of Jennifer's sisters told me she was a bridesmaid at the wedding. She said, "I told my sister that she should take me and my other sister, and with her wedding photo, put our current husbands' faces over our first husbands' that are in the shot."

I noticed a number of people smoking in the photos, something you wouldn't see at a wedding





today.

When the band went into a Stevie Ray Vaughan song, it became difficult to hear conversations. One woman was telling me that a bunch of the guests had grown up together and gone to Santana High. I mentioned the kid that shot up the school a few years back, and one of the women knew many of the people involved. She talked about how the lockdown happened when the gunfire started.

She told me an inter-

esting story about the incident, but by then the band was playing "You Really Got Me" (the Van Halen version) and it had become even harder to hear. The few babies I saw didn't seem to mind the loud music.

I looked over near the bar, and a guy was playing air guitar. Mix alcohol with Eddie Van Halen and there's usually some air quitar.

I had a buzz from the wine at the reception, but I tried to write something somewhat witty in their

quest book.

Before I left, I said bye to Jennifer and told her, "I really just crashed this party because I wanted a piece of cake. I'm glad it was so much fun, even though you guys were winding down." She said, "Oh, you like cake. I'm going to give you some to take home." I told her that wasn't necessary, as I had already eaten two pieces.

A few teenagers approached me and began asking me questions. I

found out that each of the three sisters had three kids. After talking to some of them briefly, I turned around to head out.

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Ota, Too

It's just beautiful — elegant and spare. Blue lights illuminate the lower half of Hane's windows all around — useful, since I'm not sure the restaurant is otherwise identified at the door. Inside, the streetside walls are a lovely dark carnation-rose color, while behind the two sushi bars they're white. The floor is shiny dark hardwood. The bars are black marble, the chairs and tables are black, and all around the periphery plushy banquettes in subtly patterned floral fabric (your rich aunt's sofa) are illuminated by small, silvery, hanging light fixtures. Behind the bar closest to the door, the inevitable flat-panel TV is muted. (Why do sushi bars need TVs?) But there are large floral arrangements to look at, including on the counters behind the sushi chefs.

Would you believe that this is a branch of the legendary Sushi Ota, the no-frills P.B. strip-mall high temple of sushidom?

There are two other sushi bars within a block, Mukashi at the south end and Azuki a block and a half farther south, across Fifth Avenue. I've heard from a reliable source that Yukita Ota, being a gentleman, paid courtesy calls on those restaurants to gently warn them of the competition they'd be facing once Hane opened (of course he knows that he's the biggest cheese), and perhaps to apologize, or something. But, yes, it's here at last — Ota's come to town!

Ota-san himself is still in P.B. some nights, but the food at the new location is nearly identical, if vastly more accessible to *gaijin*, due to the difference in the new restaurant's construction and even personnel. Face it, Sushi Ota is something of an ordeal: cramped, ugly, crowded, noisy, hard to find (*Vogue*'s Jeffrey Steingarten got totally lost looking for it a few years ago), with not a lot of English spoken — and it's so hard to get a reservation for the bar that even Samurai Jim's martial arts *sensei*, who knows Ota personally, had to settle for table service when we ate there last year. To eat at Ota's own



station, you must reserve a couple of months ahead: Vacationing sushi cultists from Japan book their bar-seats before they've bought their plane tickets.

And now that the word is out, expect a crush here, too. Saint Steve and I were able to slip in spontaneously for an early-evening Wednesday sushi-orgy and sat right down at the bar. But

ten days later, when I phoned on a Saturday to ask about "hours open," the joint was audibly jam-packed and jumpin'.

Once seated, we quickly discovered that all the chefs at Hane (which is pronounced hah-NAY) speak English reasonably well (and the one *gaijin* at the counter, TJ, speaks Japanese fluently). There's a lot of joking camaraderie among them that extends to the customers. Ota is hard, Hane is easy.

At the bar, you can watch artists creating edible, evanescent art. (You look, admire, then send it right down your digestive system.) Clearly these chefs have undergone the lengthy, strenuous

Japanese sushi apprenticeship. (The only comparably rigorous process in the world is the French chef-apprenticeship system.) The fish aren't displayed under the counter here but are kept

chilled and individually wrapped. Watch the chefs' discipline, their knife skills, their meticulous cleanliness (rewrapping the fish and then swabbing off the surface between species). After this, you may wince when you watch your less stringent, spike-haired, hang-loose-dude neighborhood-sushi chef at work.

We started out intending to order a standard sashimi combo plate, but when we saw a chef farther down the bar setting up an *omakase*

Hane

★★★★½ (Excellent to Exceptional)

2760 Fifth Avenue (corner of Olive), Banker's Hill, 619-260-1411.

HOURS: Tuesday–Sunday, 5:00–10:00 p.m. **PRICES:** From a few bucks for simple nigiri up to \$25 for large, creative "party rolls." Figure about \$50 per person (including beer and lower-priced sake), plus tip and tax, for simple sushi and sashimi, more if you want fancy rolls, lobster, or top-shelf sake.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Pristinely fresh sushi, sashimi, some Japanese soups, appetizers, and entrées. Well-edited lists of sakes, beers, wines.

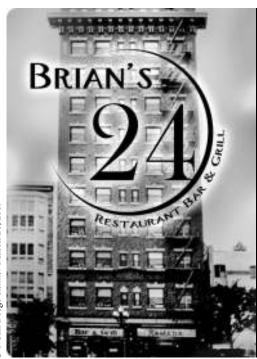
PICK HITS: Uni, fatty toro, sweet shrimp, any other species you love, omakase sashimi platter. NEED TO KNOW: New branch of legendary Sushi Ota, much more comfortable but smaller. Reserve, or go as early in the evening and early in the week as possible. Worth eating at the sushi bar to interact with chefs and to watch their exquisite technique and cleanliness. Sushibar seats at perfect height (no physical or acrophobia issues); wheelchair-accessible tables. Loud when busy — probably constantly, from now on.

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sashimi, it looked a lot more fun, so we chose that instead. (The price was the same.) There was fatty *toro* (tuna belly), as silky and marbled as Wagyu beef. And top-quality, ultra-fresh *uni*, tucked into an empty citrus shell, along with crisp slices of slim Japanese cucumber and *mirugai*, giant clam, its somewhat chewy texture and buttery flavor contrasting with the pillowy, allocean sea urchin. The sweet raw shrimp (*ama ebi*) were the sweetest, and raw mackerel offered a clean taste and rich texture. The mackerel head





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and skeleton are arranged (as at Ota) into a boatlike shape with the skeleton as the sail. When you're done, the chefs remove the mackerel boat and shrimp heads and cook them. Shrimp heads can be fried or grilled; we tried grilled and decided fried works better grilling leaves a harder texture, with fewer edible parts. The deep-fried mackerel head and bones are crisp and delicious as potato chips. Steve bit into the skeleton. "Bacon!" he exclaimed doggily, teasing, "Fish bacon!"

We also tried the regular sushi sampler. Couples be warned: the plate offers only one of each item, except for a few tiny nigiri (one pair filled with tuna in the center, the other with Japanese mountain potato, vamaimo), so vou just have to negotiate who gets what bite of uni, salmon roe, mirugai, hamachi, eel, snapper, squid, mackerel, and more. All pristine, with classic Ota-style rice, which is utterly neutral, less sweet than at other purveyors.

There were a couple of minor disappointments. "Honeymoon Oyster" (uni, oyster, masago caviar, and quail egg) is supposed to be glugged down all at once, but here the pair were twice the normal size (I should complain?) and, more problematically, nested in craggy oyster shells that looked as if they'd cut your lips. Eating them piece-bypiece with chopsticks isn't quite the same. Then, too, I remember an excellent version at Ota of one of my favorite dishes, chawan mushi, a delicate egg custard studded with goodies, including gingko nuts (part of the standard recipe).

No gingko nuts in this version (just numerous types of mushrooms), and the custard was thicker, less trembly than I remembered — all in all, the difference between a very nice dish and a thrill. The menu also includes a number of Japanese and fusion appetizers and a few entrées, which I'll try another time — perhaps.

The sake list isn't as long (or as top-end scary) as at Ota, but I was very pleased with a dry nigori "fizzy water" I hadn't tried before. It seemed better suited to sashimi than the sweeter Takara (from Emeryville), the sushi-bar standard. This one costs a bit more (\$15), but either the bottle was larger than Takara's or the drier brew drank more slowly - one bottle (unshared but for a single sip) easily made it through the meal. Unfortunately, I didn't write down its name, and Ota doesn't offer a website to recheck this stuff, but it's the only \$15 nigori on the list.

Well, the secret's out now. Hane is Ota Two, or Ota, too. Better make a res from now on. And if you don't and it's too crowded — well, Azuki (across the street, south a block and a half) isn't as awesome, but it's decent and fun — more fusion-y, more party-rolling — and you'll have a good time there as well, even if it isn't Ota.

Bargain Bite: Happy hour at Puerto La Boca

I like to make fun of the term "happy hour," but at the end of a mad, bad, frustrating day, I hit happy hour at Puerto La Boca with Saint Steve, and we both actually get much happier. Fulfilling food, good,

serious wine and beer, fabu-

Bottom line: good house wine, \$3 a glass; call beer, \$3.50; and 30 percent off all appetizers (normally \$3–\$12) from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. weeknights in the bar. For under \$30 (including two drinks each) plus tip, two of us grazed and tippled until we could do so no more, and if that isn't happiness, I'll eat my hat and call it *uni*.

Happy hour is in the bar only, but you can sit at a table there, as we did, knowing we'd be filling the table with food. Steve ordered a Sierra Nevada, I went with the house white — Bodegas Orfila chardonnay from Buenos Aires (not our local Orfila), a classy but unpretentious choice that delighted me more with every sip. Fresh, crisp, non-oaky, balanced between dry and fruity, it's a terrific food wine.

Puerto La Boca is Argentine, a culinary nation that puts much of its creative inspiration into the "teatime" tapas served as appetizers here. "Teatime" in Argentina is 5:00 p.m.; dinnertime is 11:00 p.m. — and fat effing chance you'll find a restaurant open any earlier. So, we're not talking the queen's dainty cucumber sandwiches but rich, interesting dishes to stave off starvation after the workday. If you're not Argentine, you'll probably call it "dinner."

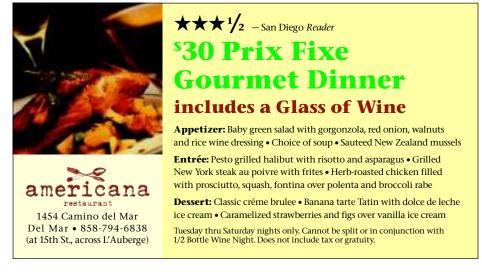
The table-goodies include warm baguette slices, cold, spiced butter flecked with chives and some sort of red pepper (don't ask, it was too cold to taste), plus pitted black Greek-style olives and a ramekin of super chimichurri—Argentina's na-











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tional salsa of minced parsley, vinegar, oil, seasonings, a load of garlic, and a hint of heat — to spread on bread or meat.

Appetizers include three

types of sausage, all delicious: chorizo (the lean, tight-knit Spanish version, not the looser, fattier Mexican rendition); the more elaborate and expensive chistorra (with garlic, wine, and parsley in the mix); and my favorite, morcilla (blood sausage). All blood sausage starts with pig blood and bread crumbs, stuffed into a substantial casing that gets pleasingly crackly when grilled. Its interior texture is soft and nearly creamy. Irish breakfast "black pudding" is the basic version; French and Italian sausagemakers add more interesting spices (and Italians may add raisins and/or pine nuts). The Argentine version includes soft chewy bits of diced pork-fat. I've been madly craving this since I first tasted it on the dark and windy South Atlantic Coast in a mixed grill that proved my best meal all across Patagonia. Steve, a bloodsausage virgin, fell in love with it in two bites. Splish it with that sharp *chimichurri* to cut

luscious links.

Empanadas are Argentina's most famous contribution to world cuisine — savory pastry pockets with a wide variety of fillings (spinach, ham, cheese, and chicken, as well as our choices). At happy hour, they cost just \$2.07. The beef filling is complex, with shredded

the fat, and you're in hog

heaven. Happy-hour price:

\$2.45 for one of these big, fat,

stewed beef, onions, and chopped hard-cooked eggs. (Alas, Greek olives and raisins have left the mixture since I last ate here. It's not the same without them.) Steve was delighted by the corn filling. "Remember at Riviera, how the creamed corn was canned, with no taste? This really tastes like corn." I took a bite and said, "And like butter and cream, too."

We weren't crazy for the tough pulpo (marinated octopus) in a golden sauce of parsley, garlic, potatoes, and paprika. Better choices might include mejillones provenzal (sautéed mussels with garlic and white wine) or rabas mixtas (fried calamari, shrimp and veggies). I've eaten seafood here, and it's usually well treated. Other tapas options include sweetbreads sautéed in sherry, sautéed mushrooms with garlic and herbs, and provoleta, grilled provolone cheese with olive oil and oregano, the best grilledcheese non-sandwich you ever ate. Top "happy" price: \$8.80 (for mussels), and portions are generous.

If you're seriously famished, you need to know about matambre (at happy hour, \$7.56). The name means "kill hunger," and that it does. It's a galantine of pounded-thin beef wrapped around carrots, spinach, parsley, and hardcooked eggs, cooked, and then served chilled and thinly sliced. The colorful vegetable inlay makes a vivid eyeful, and La Boca adds a scattering of pickled Italian giardiniera vegetables to liven up the flavors. It comes with a mound of delistyle potato salad (called rusa, "Russian salad"), same as any

yanqui version. If the galantine seems a tad bland, apply chimichurri liberally. Puerto La Boca's matambre emphatically outshines the version I ate in Patagonia (land of guanacos and flamingos and sheep, sheep, sheep) — but then, I never got to hit the fleshpots of Buenos Aires up north, where the food has to be a lot better.

The happy hour is great, but I'm also hoping that when you're feeling semi-flush and want a treat, you'll go for a whole dinner. (You may have guessed: I love this restaurant.) You don't have to eat a high-priced steak (although they're grass-fed, healthful, and awesome, and the mixed grill — parrillada mixta — is carnie heaven). Argentina is at least as Italian in population and cuisine as it is Spanish. The restaurant owner's grandfather emigrated from Italy, and Puerto La Boca is named for the "Little Italy" portside district of Buenos Aires where his ship landed. The luscious pastas and pizzas are bargains at \$15-\$20, including a killer spinach and two-cheese cannelloni, and (swoon) fourcheese fettuccine. So, yes, thrifty eaters and lacto-vegetarians can all indulge to the max here, and they, too, can call their cardiologists just before expiring with blissful smiles and traces of melted mozzarella on their lips. When life is just too damned awful, an interlude of good food and wine can bring a truly happy hour or two.

Puerto La Boca, 2060 India Street (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900, puertolaboca.com. ■





Veggimaginary

"I'm going to walk the dog," meaning, "off to the pub."

a Dolce Vita," reads the sign above the counter where I'm sitting. Well, my vita's in no way dolce right now. Whose is? But this place I had to try. Even though I knew

I was in chi-chi territory coming in. After all, the shop next door has a sale on sunglasses...for dogs. Seriously. This is at the bottom end of Fifth, the Convention Center end, where eateries line up to capture conventioneers like bears at a salmon run.



But, as they say, there's one born every day. Or in my case, reborn every day, 'cause eating in the Gaslamp always *looks* so glorious. And here, on the corner of Fifth and K, I spotted this coffee-winey place that looked, well, clubby and warm inside. Plus it had this sign mentioning "Happy Hour."

Good enough. So here I am, sitting at the granite counter. Another sign above me says "In Vino Veritas." Hmm... Let's check if I can afford vino, let alone food. Verily, sandwiches rule. Breakfast, which goes till 11:00 each morning, has choices such as a ham, egg, and cheese sandwich for \$8.95 or a grilled-cheese sandwich for \$6.95. And I guess when you think about it, \$6.95 ain't outrageous - not hereabouts, anyway. And, okay, a three-egg omelet for \$12.95 sounds positively Hilton (we're in the Hilton building) till you see that the "French Authority" omelet comes with grilled chicken breast, scallions, and Brie cheese inside. Right now, it's academic. Light's fading. We're heading for 6:00 in the post meridian.

I check the lunch sandwiches. And, yes, they serve them till closing (at 10 p.m.). They'll set you back a Hamilton. Must say, I like the look of the "Veggimaginary," with Gruyère

cheese, mushrooms, onions, tomato, lettuce, and alfalfa (\$9.95), or the prosciutto panini with Havarti cheese (\$9.95). And then they have three or four "wine appetizers," such as a cheese plate, a salad, an olive plate, salmon with cream cheese

and sliced olives, or prosciutto-wrapped mozzarella, going for \$5.95 each, as long as you buy a glass of wine. Except the wines cost anywhere from \$5 to \$14 per glass.

Getting desperate here. I turn to the back page. "Happy Hour," it reads, "2:00-6:00 p.m. daily." Okay, the food's not all-u-can-eat buffetstyle, but I appreciate the gesture. Four items: nachos, \$4.50; cheese quesadilla, \$4.50; buffalo wings, \$4.50; and a cheese plate, \$6.95. Then and this might be the cincher — the happyhour beers, on tap for \$3 each, are really good ones. Arrogant Bastard's a great San Diego beer, if you like armies of hops marauding around your mouth, and so is Ballast Point's Yellowtail Pale Ale, and also their Calico Amber. They have Newcastle Brown Ale, a goodly northern English taster that natives call "the dog" (as in "I'm going to walk the dog," meaning "I'm off to the pub), plus a couple of others I'm sure do the job. Blue Moon from Colorado, a white Belgian ale, and, okay, Coors Light. Point is, they're trying to give you an

interesting bang for your three

The server, Lance, comes up. "Something to drink? Eat, maybe?"

Well, seeing as it's happy hour, I go for the nachos and a glass of that Arrogant Bastard. ("Fuzzy yellow beer is for wussies," it says on its label.) I have to say, not only is the dark ale hoppin', but the nachos are rockin'. That is, they come on a classy square white china plate, loaded with chips, cheese, sliced green jalapeños, tomatoes, and daisy chains of sliced black olives.

Yum. I sit on my stool at the marble counter, holding my Bastard, munching, glugging, checking out the maroon floor, orange chairs, peachy wall colors, and dark, glinting wine bottles stacked in diamond-shaped shelves. It's nice. 'Specially since I've only paid out \$6 for the whole experience.

Around me, conventioneers talk decimated 401(k)s. They're down to their last BMW. I see they're drinking coffee. I order one too (\$2). "All our coffees are organic," Lance says. "And all our paper cups are recycled." Good. Turns out he opens up at 6:00 every morning. Hey, maybe we are talking



Jeff

real-world café, after all.

Next day, I stop by and have some onion soup, on special for lunch at \$6.95. It's scattered with rosemary. Even though the bread doesn't have melted cheese on top, as advertised, it's pretty good value for the money, and tasty. Dunno, seem to be taking to the place. Maybe the Gaslamp's getting its first genuine neighborhood corner bistro. For regulars down here, that could make life sweet.

The Place: Toscana Cafe and Wine Bar, 238 Fifth Avenue (at K Street), Gaslamp Quarter, 619-231-5788 **Type of Food:** American

Prices: Grilled-cheese breakfast sandwich, \$6.95; ham, eggs, and cheese sandwich, \$8.95; "French Authority" three-egg omelet, with grilled chicken breast, scallions, Brie, \$12.95; "Veggimaginary" lunch sandwich (Gruyère cheese, mushrooms, onions, tomato, lettuce, alfalfa), \$9.95; prosciutto panini with Havarti, \$9.95; Chinese salad (with mandarin oranges, almonds, noodles, sesame-ginger dressing), \$10.95; happy-hour specials (2:00–6:00 p.m. daily) include nachos, \$4.50; cheese quesadilla, \$4.50; buffalo wings, \$4.50; happy-hour draft beers include Arrogant Bastard and Yellowtail Pale Ale

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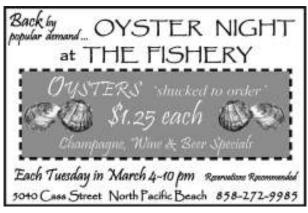
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Adobe el Restaurante 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-550-1000. Adobe offers California-Mediterranean creative seasonal dishes with locally farmed vegetables — try the fine, venturesome chipotle lobster bisque, tender roasted salmon, delightful dessert sampler. The resort is amidst a host of science and technology institutes and UCSD, and its kitchen sometimes must serve too many masters — dedicated diners, hotel guests (including tots), conferencing technocrats, plus the usual parties and banquets. Hence, some of the

food is a touch detuned to suit cautious and/or inattentive eaters. California wines exclusively, enough by the glass, most bottles over \$40. Full bar. No cell phones in dining room. Long trek from validated self-parking to restaurant; mobility impaired should call for directions to valet parking or to arrange lift by shuttle-tram from lot. Lacto-wegetarians easily accommodated to order. Resort casual, a bit dressy on weekends. Three meals daily (including Sunday brunch, when rugrats eat free). Moderately expensive. — N.W.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill 1271 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0077 "Bull" and "Bear," as in stock market moods. It's not surprising lots of soigné financial types gather here around sunset, but the food comes at proletarian prices. Of course the names kowtow to mighty Wall Street: the Broker Breakfast Burrito (eggs, bacon), Venture Capital Veggie Burrito, Bull Burger, Dow Jones Dog, Francheesie Dog, Best bang for the buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Bottom line: it's a chew with a view. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily (bar open till 2 a.m.). Inexpensive. — É.B.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy Short Board pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy paella (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest service in town;

a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours' validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront — N W

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725, In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at the French Gourmet tout de suite. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne beurre blanc sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery, break-fast, and lunch daily; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus over 150 items daily. Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayon-naise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (unagi-zushi). It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive — E R

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, redpainted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a bird's-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast

and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

La Jolla Rancherita 7404 La Jolla

Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-5877. Most of the year this modest eatery serves a standard border-Mexican menu (antojito combos, a few typical entrées) running toward the mild side but with a wider. more interesting assortment of fresh salads than most of its ilk. (Hey, it's La Jolla!) But when local spiny lobsters are in season (typically from late October to about February), here's one place that gets them live and does them right - and you don't have to put up with a frat party or tourist scene. The good-size, juicy critters (at least a pound each) are halved and gently grilled (not abused by the usual lardy deep fry), and come with two melted butter dips, tart coleslaw, and comforting mashed potatoes. The lobsters aren't on the written menu but are treated as specials. Call before you go to make sure they're on hand that day. Full bar. Moderate. — N.W.

The Mission Café and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky sur-

roundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations highly recommended at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing, the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — N.W.

Sadaf — La Jolla 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or albalou polo (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

The Shores Restaurant 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. At this family friendly resort on the oceanfront at La Jolla Shores, the hotel restaurant serves simple steak and seafood entrées, classic steakhouse appetizers, and sides. Friday evenings there's a seafood buffet. Although the legendary Bernard (the Marine Room) Guillas is officially in charge as executive chef, the food bears no sign of his involvement: It is thoroughly ordinary. Wines are mainly familiar top-shelf supermarket bottling, with few by the glass (reasonable corkage). Full bar. Validated parking (three hours) in underground garage. Resort-casual dress. Reasonably quiet. Three meals daily. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive "early bird" three-course dinners for \$20, two courses for \$15. — N.W.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix

La Casa del Mole Aquiles Serdán #543, Tijuana, 664-682-9074, Colonia Libertad is where Tijuana's love affair with mole is said to have begun, around 1991. Herminia Amador dreamed of bringing the flavors of her native state of Puebla to Tijuana. That meant one thing: mole poblano, Mexico's major sauce statement. She opened this flower-filled restaurant, and then a second and a third. And all because Tijuanans love mole poblano, a complex, sweet, dark sauce combination of maybe 20 different spices, chiles, nuts, and chocolate. Sit down here, and your big question is: What's going under your mole? Thigh or breast of chicken? Pork? Perhaps enchiladas? Your call. Prices are so reasonable you can try several variations. Whichever, when you bite in for the first time, you're dialing direct back to the earliest days of the conquistadors in Aztec, Mexico. Start with mole poblano, learn its wine-like complexities, then move on to other moles, such as











ranchero and verde. Open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Happy Face Restaurant In Plaza Tijuana (near Yellow Cab parking area), Tijuana. The place is set in front of a bandstand-size gazebo with a big open kitchen. From the acid rock blasting out. you'll think you're back in San Diego (only 100 yards away). There are good, generous Mexican dishes here. Breakfast (all day) includes chilaquiles with chips doused in cheese, a thin steak, frijoles, rice, chips, salsa, coffee, and a house salad. This is a deal. Evenings you have a ringside seat watching turistas heading for fun and locals coming home. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

La Petite Café Avenida Constitución #720-Q, Tijuana, 664-688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, chicharrón (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course carne asada, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Vegetarian upon request. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. -

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez. Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-vou-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salón Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with gringo, gringo-Mex, real Mexican (menudo), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from omelet or carving station. Next plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups

of decent coffee. Vegetarian upon request. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and Master-Card accepted. — N.W.

CENTRAL

Aladdin's Mediterranean Restaurant — Hillcrest 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tab-bouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moder-

Anthony's Fishette 1360 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-5103. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder - New England or Fisherman - is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old-fashioned fish-and-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: "hand-battered treasures" like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. Breakfast served during summer only. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Asia Café 4710 Market Street, Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you is Laotian. Laotian dishes include the famous larb-kai (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: bamee (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger

(ground beef salad with vegetables), and lard nar (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street, Old Town, 619 295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland; spicy ceviche and subtle seco de cordero (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru; earthy Guatemalan chilemal (cilantro-laden pork stew); aromatic beef curry from Trinidad; and a sensuous vatapa (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many

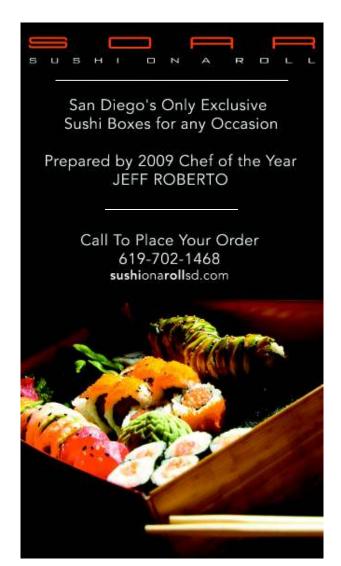
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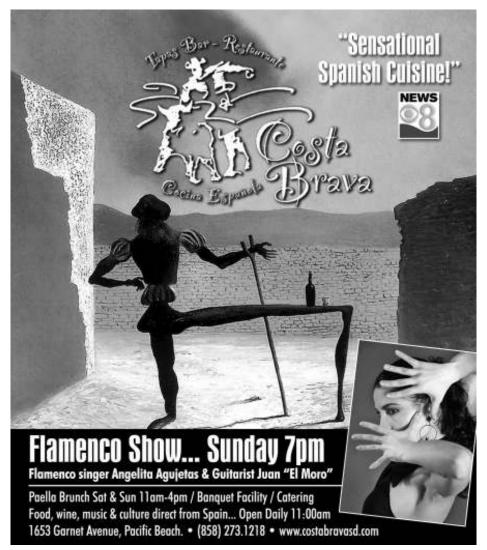


lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. - N.W.

Café Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, University City, 858-450-3355.









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ber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi-bar chefs aren't very friendly and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (toro) and flying fish roe (tobiko) are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe (masago), which may be a minor disappointment. However, the uni (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (tamago), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shiitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the char su duck salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; duck wontons with coriander pesto and ponzu sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive.— B.D.

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cui**sine** 750 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but

the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (aushak). leek or meat turnovers (bulanee), and battered vegetables (pakawra). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (kadu). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers, Small patio, Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate.— N.W.

Croce's 802 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote—are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla-bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching, or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — B.D.

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, College Area, 619-265-0218. At arguably the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego (it's not Katz's, but it's here, and the service is nicer), you'll find a full range of European-Jewish specialties from wonderful oups to nuts, including deli meats and fabulous smoked fish, house-baked breads and pastries, traditional Jewish-American dinner entrées (including a lively Rumanian skirt steak and an ethnic sampler platter), plus 110 different overstuffed sandwiches - among them the very popular corned beef. To start the day, there are American and Jewish breakfasts, including a fabled matzo brei. The knishes, latkes, and chopped liver are all fine. A few acceptable, affordable wines by the bottle (only plonk by the glass), plus fountain drinks, sodas, some domestic and imported beers. Loads for lacto-vegetarians, less for vegans. (This cuisine is big on sour cream.) Open daily except major holidays, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate, with kiddie plates available at all meals. — N.W.

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 South 43rd Street, Southcrest, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine's a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No problem. Su had survived the Korean War *and* Vietnam before she came here. Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars - judges, ministers, teachers among them — and they don't want change. So Elaine's remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfast-all-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, bacon, mushroom "hunter" omelet. Lunch: the pork-chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch six days; closed Tuesdays. — E.B.

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Drive. Downtown, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn Restaurant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free parking. Open daily, dinner only. Very expensive. -

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant

1157 Columbia Street, Downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss headed his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered bricky drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his Hump Day meat loaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — E.B.

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fishscapes with wasabi dip. The fish is fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, The Ultimate Boat (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of nabeyaki udon (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

The Kebab Shop 630 Ninth Avenue, Downtown, 619-525-0055. Food is one area where the Middle East is definitely taking over the world. Turkish-style döner kebabs are already on every street corner in Europe, and they're heading our way. Why? It's fast, flavorful, fresh food. The kebab's "meat" is usually lamb, chicken, or falafel, wrapped in a flat-bread. The menu here specializes in all kinds of kebabs, including Moroccan shrimp, beef kofte (spiced ground meat with grilled vegetables), and the house special, Iskender, honoring Alexander the Great (lamb on bread with tomato sauce and yogurt). Try also minted zucchini, curried eggs, and Algerian eggplant. The ultimate compliment? Lots of Turkish San Diegans eat here. Monday through

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street Suite A, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Ko rea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional mandoo (beef) dumplings, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like gul bosam (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N.

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their sajj. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called sajj) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush (sweet daddy eggplant dip) and fool madamas (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef shawerma wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Mission 1250 I Street, Downtown, 619-232-7662. "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the waitstaff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrump-tious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast-beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, postindustrial, coffeehouse feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Neighborhood 777 G Street, Downtown, 619-446-0002. Chefs from the Gaslamp drop in after work here for hits of simple comfort-cooking in a proletarian-chic no-frills atmosphere. The hip gastropub's menu centers on half-pound burgers made of premium beef with serious sauces and garnishes (and no ketchup, ever!). Starters and sides include honest steak tartare, tasty sweet potato fries with bleu cheese curls, creative deviled eggs, mac'n'cheese and big, interest-ing salads. (No kiddie menu, but the bill of fare is G-rated.) To drink? Local microbrews and an interesting, affordable choice of international wines. Service is sweet and food comes fast - but be prepared for serious noise, compounded of loud rock and louder talk. Open daily 4

p.m. - midnight. Inexpensive to very low moderate. — N.W.

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for conven-ience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa, Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or bento, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweetbread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. - M.N.

Ortega's Bistro 141 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-ofthe-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deepfried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily. lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). -

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the pico de gallo (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, gra-nola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, University City, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, lumpia Kahana, or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly, Very expensive. — N.W.

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climbing boots on. This place sits on the shoulder of the El Cortez hill, a sleek cave peeping out from under the historic hotel with an umbrella-strewn front terrace that's great for people watching. Its Italian roots show from the excellent coffee and the menu. Many items come straight from the streets of Milano, such as the breakfast croissant with prosciutto ham, smoked mozzarella cheese, and fruit or salad; or the Rustico Panino (with prosciutto, goat cheese, olive pâté); or bresaola (cured sliced beef); or the Siciliana salad (spinach, tuna, boiled eggs, capers, mozzarella). Other dishes include their homemade eggplant parmigiano and lasagna. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Tioli's Crazy Burger 4201 30th Street, North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made "Texas" beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Urban Solace 3823 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-6464. Your solace at this bustling neighborhood eatery is pleasing American comfort food with a faint Southern accent. Among the choices are house-made biscuits, moist and tasty sweet potato fries, or a big burger made of Brandt Natural Beef "cooked your way" (and that can be rare — reasonably safe with this well-raised beef). Sunday brunches, with a live bluegrass band, offer a flawless portobello Benedict, fine butter-pecan French toast, and creamy smooth grits. But some servers are neither from Mars or Venus but Uranus, apparently, and at busy times (always) they need a strict traffic cop to remind them to record your order and bring your food and beverages to Earth. No reservations, call aheads accepted. Wine and a fine beer list (no hard liquor, despite brunch menu's mention of mojitos). Moderate.

— N.W.

Vagabond 2310 30th Street, South Park, 619-255-1035. Seasonal world food filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic moules-frites or the deep-flavored Peruvian seco de carne meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually standing room only, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N. W.

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W.

NORTH INLAND

Chez Nous Gourmet Deli-Café 9821 Carroll Canyon Road, Suite E, in Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-66-4766. This Scripps Ranch social gathering place, in a discreet center of

gray timber shops and offices, was started by a couple — originally technocrats from San Diego city schools — who took early retirement. They do sandwiches, but what sandwiches! Their roast beef with ginger-garlic and Dijon, or their spicy chicken melt, or the leg of lamb they roast each day to make a juicy lamb sandwich with garlic and rosemary — all original. They also do roasted eggplant on a roll, and a Special Salad stacked with interesting berries, fruit, chicken, and nuts. Open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elabo rate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burg-ers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. Reservations on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest en-try from Mission is at SDG&E driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicapped access; sturdy high chairs; lowsalt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive, Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock, True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Mid-western mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exte rior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

India Princess — San Marcos 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-744-7599. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and freshtasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken tikka masala navratan korma (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or keema muttar (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincely sum (dinner is more expensive). Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — E.B.

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. — and there is a real Jimbo started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these or ganic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat-grass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes gravy, and steamed vegetables. — E.B.

Spices Thai Café — **Del Mar** 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Carmel Valley, 858259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

NORTH COASTAL

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some Continental warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-suc-cessful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serve until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 10 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. - N.W.

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumininfused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know

it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy chile rellenos, a crab enchilada, carne asada with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. —S.M.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with seitan (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch - some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: The Billy is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). The Cindy is two pieces of French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is the Pablo. It's standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch six days, closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*







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Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, L.A. and branches located wherever the money is Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish pâté and enchanting chawan mushi (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfort-



able, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Friday through Sunday nights. Dinner daily; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — *N.W.*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California - 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls - with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of some thing extra — e.g., not just free edamame to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, kaiseki (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of 4 to 14, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or

pan items expensive. — N.W.

Swami's Café 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean

lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *tep*- burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

SOUTH BAY

The Barbecue Pit 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still-cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the post office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double-cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior,

you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The osso buco is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambience early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 10:30 p.m. Expensive.

— N.W.

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue,

Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals - and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and ger veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W.

Zorba's Greek Buffet 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the zembekikos, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his/her mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the spanakopita (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), dolmas (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

EAST COUNTY

Kountry Kitchen Ramona 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a butter milk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crispshelled 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 —

Olde Homestead Fudge Co. 590 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of house-made fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the Date Shake — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. (Closed summer months.) Inexpensive. — N.W.

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of standalone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all 19 of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American) to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location outside Santee from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open when the weather is favorable, and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good chile verde (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of chilaquiles. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Closed in the summer; other seasons, open for lunch and dinner (with a break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.





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Iron Wok, San Ysidro

Its a sik ass place to go out, and the outside bar there is great!! By **jessi1212** 12:05 p.m., Mar. 19

Hexagone, Hillcrest

A friend chose this restaurant for her lunchtime birthday celebration. The only other people there were Father Joe Carroll (who I didn't expect to see in a fancy restaurant with white tablecloths), and David Casey Jr, the attorney picked to screen federal judges for President Obama (who I did). My shrimp with pasta, for \$13, was fabulous! My friend got fish, after they were out of the first request, quiche lorraine. (I noticed she scraped the vegetables to the side of the plate.) There was lots of delicious bread and a complimentary crème brûlée to celebrate the birthday. By **CanyonLady** 4:19 p.m., Mar. 20

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge, downtown

Mister Tiki is such a fun place for a group! They have pitchers of mai tai's and huge drinks with long straws for four. The atmosphere is like an underwater Hawaiian party. The dim sum sampler appetizer was great, with goat cheese wontons, chicken potstickers, and short-rib gyoza. Everyone loved them and their entrées. There are some typical chinese dishes like fried rice and kung pao chicken, but they make them well. They also have sushi rolls or cooked fish entrées. Overall, they are very accomodating for a large party and the food was great, although a little pricey. By **kris10x99** 7:20 p.m., Mar. 21

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Daily Humiliations

"To survive the day is triumph enough for the walking wounded among the great many of us."

he times they have a-change-ed. *Working,*Studs Terkel's remarkable collection of interviews, was published in 1974. Subtitled
"People Talk About What They Do All Day and

How They Feel About What They Do," the book's an oral report on the American worker. In particular, Terkel says in the introduction, it's about "daily humiliations. To survive the day is

triumph enough for the walking wounded among the great many of us." In the book, workers give vent to dreams and dehumanization. When Stephen Schwartz/Nina Faso's musical based on the book premiered in 1978, however, people who could afford Broadway tickets didn't want to hear about people who couldn't, those who felt "caged" or machine-like. The show closed in less than a month.

Schwartz is currently remaking the original at the Old Globe Theatre. He's added new material, but what was once the white- and blue-collar blues comes off as a soft-sell, occasionally whiney show, the latter because the times have changed. Conditions in many workplaces are just as miserable as they were 31 years ago. But as businesses go under — and CEOs waft on aureate parachutes — just having a job has a differ-

ent meaning these days. Schwartz should have considered a sequel: I Wish I Was (or Thank Heaven I'm Still) Working.

Terkel was in touch with what Carl Sandburg

called "the shoulders of America." He spent three years listening to workers' "ambiguity of attitude toward The Job." His subjects felt free to open up about conditions in the workplace without fear of

reprisals. The remade musical feels more in touch with Broadway than real-world nine-to-fivers. Unadorned, confessional voices in the book become production numbers. The emphasis is less on what they have to say than on innocuous entertainment. It's as if they're performing for their bosses.

To remake *Working* in San Diego invites inevitable, but instructive, comparisons. In 1981, the Rep resurrected the musical from the ashes with a breakthrough production for both. Director Sam Woodhouse and a local cast caught the spirit — the pride *and* the anger — in Terkel's book. They created humble, character-driven vignettes (I can still see Biff Wiff's fireman and hear him sing "Brother Trucker," smiling as he threatened to utter a similar sounding, nasty phrase; and hear Julie Anne Simeone reply, when



James Taylor, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Micki Grant, Mary Rodgers, Craig Carnelia, Susan Birkenhead, Matt Landers,

Working by Stephen Schwartz and Nina Faso, based on the book by Studs Terkel
Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park
Directed by Gordon Greenberg; cast: Adam Monley, Nehal Joshi, Wayne Duvall, Marie-France Arcilla,
Danielle Lee Greaves, Donna Lynne Champlin; scenic design, Beowulf Boritt; costumes, Mattie Ullrich; lighting,
Jeff Croiter; sound, Tony Smolenski IV; choreographer, Josh Rhodes; musical director, Mark Hartman
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8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-234-5623.

told she's "just" a waitress, "Don't you think you deserve to be served by me?"). *Working* ran for six months and preserved the Rep through a long, dark night of lost CITA-grant funding.

The original interviews had an audience of one, and Terkel encouraged his subjects to be forthcoming. The Rep had a one-on-one feel as well. The remade *Working* cast is backed by a white elephant of a set, infused with fussy Brechtian V-effects, and the director has encouraged his subjects to be endearing.

Compared to the Rep's minimalism, the Old





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Globe version's ornate. It's not only about working, it's also about the job of making theater. The upstage set's a giant tic-tac-toe affair: nine boxes, in rows of three, joined by steel girders (the guy behind me said, "It's the *Hollywood Squares!*"). Even when not in use and masked by drops, the set dwarfs the performers.

For the preshow, the boxes serve as dressing rooms. The cast and the band warm up, do parts of routines (in the lowest stage-right box, three women rehearse dance steps and laugh with more spirit than any during the 90-minute show). A stage manager calls out lighting cues, "down to half," etc., and we watch the mechanics of the craft.

Director Gordon Greenberg has several costume changes take place onstage as well. People will remember one of them long after they've forgotten the songs. Danielle Lee Greaves metamorphoses from a housewife to a short-shorts streetwalker in seconds. Overall, however, the behind-thescenes, meta-theatrical choices would be interesting, if new, but have become so timeworn they're clichés that pull focus from the material.

The night I caught the show, several members of the audience stood and applauded. And some members of the versatile cast deserved the ovation. Marie-France Arcilla's "Millworker," about doing the same routine every 40 seconds, caught the grind of the job ("my body is a tool"), though the other actors, blandly miming the movements, could put their backs into them more. Danielle Lee Greaves's "Just a Housewife" and "Cleanin' Woman" enrich the evening. Newer bits, however, like Charlie Blossom (a potential serial killer whom Nehal Joshi made so bizarrely nonthreatening he evoked laughter) misfire.

The remake needs remaking: pare away the packaging, roll up its sleeves, and be unafraid to get its hands dirty. Right now, *Working* isn't. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Acts of Faith

Grace Paley said writers have two ears: "that literary ear, and it's a good old ear," and the one that "hears the language of home, of your street, and your own people." A master of short fiction, Paley relied on the latter in stories with recurring characters, narrated by a woman named Faith, which explored her roots, immediate surroundings, and persistent questions that intruded like party crashers. Paley never wrote a novel, but the often-fragmented stories come together in "Faith in a Tree": she climbs one for a broader perspective on the "man-wide world." Paley swore she isn't Faith (who is a "composite," though Faith's activism and feminism reflect Paley's). Kathleen B. Jones's play is based on ten of the stories. These move from the late 1960s through the mid-1970s. The scenes mirror Paley's technique. What works wonders on the page, how ever, becomes mere snippets on the stage. Scenes flash by, as do characters and themes touched on and then dropped. We get a sense of

Faith (and how she "composites" stories from the stuff of daily life) but not much of one, because the play's emphasis on form blurs the content. The Laterthanever production tries for ambitious cinematic effects: slides on separate rear screens, tall scrims, rotating platforms (turned by hand, slowly, before your eyes), jump-cut lighting. But the execution of these effects, and the pacing in general, is so time-consuming that they backfire. The large cast speaks mostly on an unassertive vocal level, taking potential drama from a scene. Kathy Diamant does a fine turn as Hegelshtein, an interloper in a mobile wheelchair. And Linda Libby, a recent Craig Noel Awardwinner, gives Faith more dimensions than exist in the script. TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 29.

All This and Moonlight

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents Charles R. Johnson's romantic comedy about "love, complete with severe side effects." Charlie Riendeau directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATUR-DAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 11.

Betrayal

PowPAC stages Harold Pinter's drama that traces the arc of a relationship in reverse, from breakup to first stirrings. Sherrie Colbourn directed.

POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THEATER, 13250 POWAY ROAD, POWAY. 858-679-8085. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MARCH 29.

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 Cam-

bridge (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 ways 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.

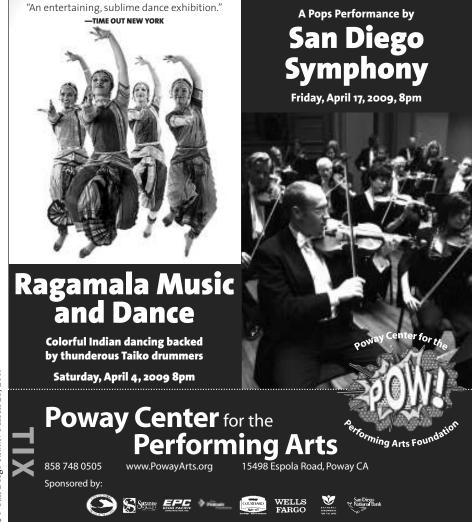
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Killer Joe

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 some body?" he asks Chris. "You can't even tell time!" They hire "Killer Ioe" 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 Pulitzer-winner 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-acage 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 ghoul, the one an outcome of the other. Joe 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.

COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 5.





A Midsummer Night's Dream

OnStage Playhouse presents Shakespeare's romantic comedy about star-crossed, criss-crossed, and uncrossed" lovers. Daniel Zisko directed

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV ENUE, CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 4.

Opus

The Old Globe Theatre presents Michael Hollinger's drama about a string quartet, preparing for a performance at the White House. Then the violinist disappears. Kyle Donnelly directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 PM TUESDAYS 7 PM WEDNES-DAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 26.

The Platt Brothers

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SUNSET TEMPLE, 3911 KANSAS STREET, NORTH PARK, SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 25.

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Who knew? Who knew that a doorslamming farce, first produced in 1937, would resonate with such relevance today? Seven years into the Great Depression, after Sam Harris dropped the project in Philadelphia, George Abbott became producer and director of a fledgling comedy. He turned it into a Broadway hit, then sold it to the Marx Brothers for the highest price ever. The situation's what theaters across the country face today: a producer on a shoestring has a hot script but no money. Backers are backing out, and he owes the White Way Hotel a small fortune for housing his 22person cast. The show must go on — but how? Amid a giant moose head, a big bunch of bananas, a stuffed owl, doctors (both true and quack), harried hotel - and doubly harried theater — folk, and maybe the world's most on-the-spot creative producer (a tribute to Abbott, who was just as inventive off-stage as on), the show not only goes on, the villain...well, see for yourself what happens to him. Robert Smyth

and his Lamb's Players cast have obvious fun breaking today's rules of acting and going for broad portrayals; the broader the better, in fact. Jon Lorenz's mellifluous-voiced producer flat refuses to accept defeat, as does John Rosen's Gregory Wagner, red-faced hotel honcho; the two are a frenetic pair, around whom the cast runs a two-act stee plechase 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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The Threepenny Opera

The Brecht Police will probably snipe at the San Diego Rep's Threepenny: how it fails to achieve this or that aspect of his "epic theater." And parts are open to potshots. But the Sam Woodhouse-directed show not only recreates Brecht's notion of a primitive opera that turns the grandiose into a "dirty joke," it's one of the Rep's finest efforts in quite some time. "Art isn't nice," said Brecht. He not only wanted to expose theatrical trickery, he wanted "the top stratum of the bourgeoisie to laugh at its own absurdity" because, he believed, "to laugh is to criticize," and their laughter would raise the question: "Criminals are bourgeois; are the bourgeois criminals?" The Rep follows Brecht's guidelines. No sane clown would dare apply the cast's gray-andbrown-streaked makeup (from Revlon's "ghoul collection"?), and the romance has a "strange-making" feel. as if perched on quicksand. As Mack, slick-haired Jeffrey Meek wears a red pin-striped suit (designer Jennifer Brawn Giddings) and has the vocal chops-plus. He could play Mack

more menacing, though (especially since the character's based, in part, on Jack the Ripper). Leigh Scarritt (making fearless, freaky choices), Amy Ashworth Biedel, and Amanda Kramer excel as Celia Peacham, Lucy Brown, and Polly Peacham, Threepenny's allegedly a beggar's opera. But Kurt Weill's music, his first major score, blurs all distinctions between the basement and the stars. Brecht wanted the music bled of emotion. Though it's a no-no, the singers belt song after song with an infectious, performative verve. Music director Mark Danisovszky's seven-piece band and Javier Velasco's inventive choreography de-Broadway the numbers. They critique the strategies and tricks of commercial theater the way Threepenny critiques capital-

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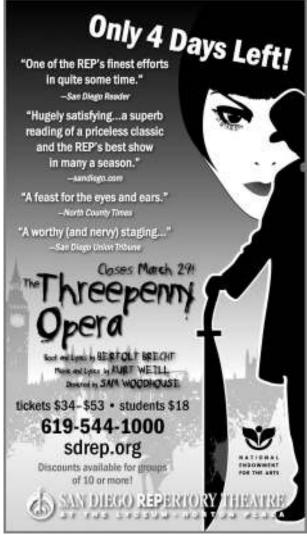
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Better Than the Rest

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DUNCAN SHEPHERD

rom where I sat, the San Diego
Latino Film Festival peaked
early. (Probably the whole year
did.) The first film I saw, on opening night,
was my most anticipated film, Carlos
Saura's Fados. It turns out I under-

anticipated it. My immediate response at the outset was something along the lines of *here we go again*. A spacious

and spare studio, translucent partitions, process screens, backdrops, mirrors, colored lights, silhouettes, the full arsenal of stage tricks. What he did for the art of flamenco and tango in films called *Flamenco* and *Tango*, he was now going to do for that soulful Portuguese folk song, dating back to the first quarter of the 19th Century, the fado. And good enough. Let's go. But long before the end of it my response had evolved into something very, very, very, very, very rare for me at a new

movie, something evoked by neither *Flamenco* nor *Tango*, something as plain and simple as *I've got to get the DVD*.

The seed had been planted as early as the first vocal number, after a couple

of introductory instrumentals by a percussion ensemble and then a string duet. A catchy upbeat tune, it was, by

a svelte and elegant chanteuse with skull-clinging short white hair, exercising a magnetic attraction on a bright-eyed male dance partner. As soon as the song ended, I wanted to replay it. Quintessential DVD response. The singer would come out for an encore much later on, and I would learn in the closing credits that this mixed-race Mozambican goes by the single name of Mariza. I would have to learn elsewhere that she is one of the key keepers of the fado flame, inherited from the late, great



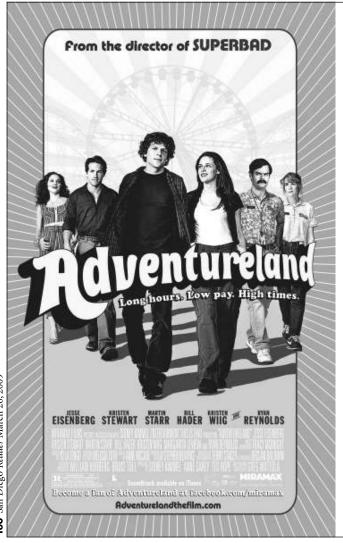
Fados

Amália Rodrigues, who in *Fados* can be seen fleetingly, spectrally, in black-and-white archive footage. Saura is characteristically uninformative as to the names and identities, let alone reputations, of the performers. These, a little research will show, come from, besides Mozambique, as far afield as Cape Verde (the single-named Lura), Brazil (Chico Buarque, Toni Garrido,

Caetano Veloso), and Mexico (Lila Downs, whose triumphant song of romantic rivalry, acted out by three sinuous dancers, I likewise wanted to replay immediately). Plainly, this is not pure, or puristic, fado, but cross-pollinated fado, even including a hip-hop interpretation, which might guiltlessly be skipped over on DVD. The title, take note, is plural, where *Flamenco* and

Tango were not. Speaking as one whose expertise in the field is limited to once having been taken to a fado bar in Lisbon and once having been given a fado album, I can attest that the degree of musical purity in the film does not matter. It is what it is. The music is music.

The greater emphasis on song than on dance perhaps converts it, in a sense, into the most traditional movie musi-



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cal of Saura's multiple contributions to the genre. Yet it remains unclassifiable. The festival programmers filed it as a documentary, but I don't know. Is The Hollywood Revue of 1929 or Paramount on Parade a documentary? Is Invitation to the Dance or Black Tights a documentary? Fados documents nothing other than itself. It is not a concert film. It does not take you through rehearsals. It offers nary a glimpse behind the scenes. It interviews no one. It supplies no narration and only the briefest printed text at the start and the tersest chapter headings throughout. It is arguably a kind of musical variety show, without a wisp of backstage plot, each separate number specially designed for the screen and organized around a unifying theme, to define fado, stretch the definition, chart the development, trace the influence, scope out parallels, pay tribute, and, in the grand and glorious finale, relocate it in the urban bar where it flourished, put it trustily into the mouth of the next generation (namely the single-named Carminho, adorably still wearing braces on her teeth). "Variety" also would be very much the word for the endlessly inventive presentation, the mixing-and-matching of the above-mentioned tricks, always with Saura's selective eye, steady hand, solid footing. Whether he chooses at any instant to focus on faces, fingers, feet, or full bodies, his choices inspire absolute faith. Forget pure fado; this is pure cinema, luminous, molded, cohesive, flowing, rhythmic, mesmeric. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven.

Next night, Carlos Reygadas's Silent Light was not so easy to warm up to. As a matter of fact, the domestic drama of marital infidelity set in the strict, German-speaking Mennonite community of Chihuahua, Mexico, exudes an almost Scandinavian chill, specifically a Dreyer-esque severity and selfdiscipline (to say nothing of his Lutheran rectitude and sense of personal responsibility), characterized by, among other things, front-and-centered compositions, long takes, a clock-ticking tempo. The pace is not merely measured; it is measured at inordinate length, two hours and twenty minutes of heavyhanging time. The outward stoicism of the farm folk, though, seems to conceal a well of passion: the father of the family, left behind at the breakfast table, crumples into insuppressible sobs, rather as if Grant Wood's Gothic American had melted into a Francis Bacon. Ah, the mystery of the human heart a mystery strongly underscored by the indistinguishable physiques and personalities of the wife and the other woman. What, apart from an Agnes Moorehead hatchet nose, does the

desired Marianne have that the rejected Esther does not?

Reygadas, retaining all the rigor of his Battle in Heaven and adding a healthy dose of tact and taste, exhibits an artist's eye, an unglazed eye, an unglutted eye, such that faces, clothes, decors, landscapes, what-have-you, are seen afresh, fully registered. A prolonged smooch in perfect profile could well make you question whether you have ever before seen people on screen really smoothing. Thomas Edison's legendary The Kiss can't have had a more startling effect on the innocent onlookers of 1896. Then, too, Reygadas springs just enough surprises, not simply to enrich the main motif of human-heart mystery, but to pull you through the longueurs. You never quite know what awaits: the ecstatic release, for instance, of a round-and-round

360-degree pan when the stolid farmer, buoyed by a pop song on the radio and by the thought of soon seeing his inamorata, drives his truck in tethered circles. And surely the last thing you'd expect to see on the entertainment center installed inside a van in a café parking lot in rural Mexico would be an unsubtitled video of Jacques Brel in concert. Occasional sun glare spotting the camera lens, as though we're suddenly in cinematic vogue circa 1969, could be counted as a flaw in such a flinty façade. And it might be judged ill-advised to attempt, in a film already evocative of Carl Dreyer, to pull off the very same turn-back-the-clock miracle as in Ordet. But these are cavils. The prevailing coldness is not a cavil. It's a positive invigoration.

After those, the rest, or at any rate the rest that I saw, were just a bunch

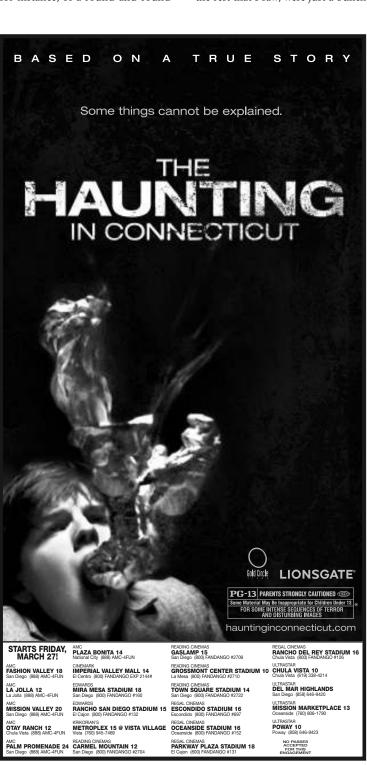
of films. That sounds a tad harsh for a bunch of films that provided a vacation from the bunch of films at the commonplace multiplex, that took me far away, that saved me the time and trouble of air travel. I'm grateful to all of them, but to two above all. *Fados* and *Silent Light* spoiled me.

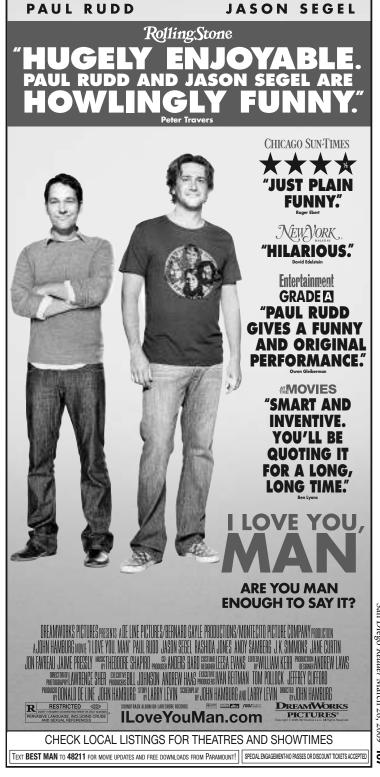
MOVIE LISTINGS

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As It Is in Heaven — A world-class Swedish symphony conductor (Michael Nyqvist, a big, strong Richard Burton-y pocked face) moves back to his native village with a bad heart, whips the church choir into competitive shape, upsets the local bluenoses, shelters abused women, wins the heart of the budding Jezebel, draws out the village idiot, leads the group to Austria for a "Let the People Sing" contest. Corny, overly dramatic, histrionic, and probably crowd-pleasing. With Frida Hallgren, Helen Sjöholm, Ingela Olsson, and Lennart Jähkel; directed by Kay Pollak. 2004.

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





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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, Iulia Ormond, 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 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 the exception. 2008.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15)

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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

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 any-

one 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. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Crossing Over — Unctuous liberalism and clumsy manipulation on the broad subject of illegal aliens: Mexican, Australian, Iranian, Korean, Nigerian, the whole rainbow, in multiple plotlines with a Crashlike incidence of coincidence. (The physical beauty of the female aliens helps, of course, to fuel liberality.) Embarrassment eclipses enlightenment. Harrison Ford, Cliff Curtis, Ray Liotta, Ashley Judd, Alice Eve, Alice Braga, Summer Bishil; written and directed by Wayne Kramer. 2009.

• (GASLAMP 15)

The Curious Case of Benjamin But-

ton — 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 production (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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 joyial 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

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Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (877-789-6684)

Duplicity (PG-13); The Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13); Hotel for Dogs (PG); I Love You, Man (R); Knowing (PG-13) Monsters vs. Aliens (PG): Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Taken (PG-13); 12 Rounds (PG-13); Watch-

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (877-789-6684) As It Is in Heaven (Not Rated); The Class (PG-13); Crossing Over (R); The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13); Doubt (PG-13); Good (Not Rated); Gran Torino (R); The Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13); I Love You, Man (R); The International (R); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); The Secrets (R); Taken (PG-13)

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

Coraline (PG) Fri. (9:50, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10) Sat.-Sun. (9:50, 12:30, 2:50) 5:10; **Desbocados** (R) Fri. (10:10, 12:15, 2:30, 4:50) 7:05, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 12:15, 2:30) 4:50, 7:05, 9:15; **Duplicity** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 10:30, 1:00, 5 1:30, 4:15, 4:45) /:12, /.... Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30) 4:15, 4:45, /:12, 7:45, 10:05, 10:30; **He's Just Not That Into** 9 **You** (PG-13) Fri. Sun. 7:35, 10:25; **Knowing** PG-13) Fri. (9:45, 10:15, 12:45, 1:15, 4:05, 10:10, 7:30, 9:50, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (9:45, 12:10, 9:50, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (9:45, 12:10, 9:50, 9:50, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (9:45, 12:10, 9:50, 9:50, 10:15, 12:45, 1:15) 4:05, 4:35, 7:10, 7:30, 9:50, 10:15; **The Last House on the Left** (R) Fri. (9:55, 12:25, 2:55, 5:25) 7:55, 10:25 Sat.-Sun.

Goes to Jail (PG-13) Fri. (10:25, 12:50, 3:15, 5:40) 8:05, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:30; Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri. (9:40, 10:20, 12:00, 12:40, 2:20, 3:00, 4:40, 5:20) 7:00, 7:40, 9:20, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (9:40, 10:20, 12:00, 12:40, 2:20, 3:00) 4:40, 5:20, 7:00, 7:40, 9:20, 10:00; Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri. (10:00, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40 Sat. Sun. (10:00, 12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; 12 Rounds (PG-13) Fri. (9:35, 12:05, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:10 Sat -Sun (9:35, 12:05, 2:30) 5:05. 7:40, 10:10; **Watchmen** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 2:15) 6:30, 9:55: The Wrestler (R) Fri. (9:30, 12:10, 2:35) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Duplicity; Gran Torino; The Haunting in Connecticut; He's Just Not That Into You; I Love You, Man; Knowing; Monsters vs. Aliens; Race to Witch Mountain; Taken; 12 Rounds; Watchmen

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) **Everlasting Moments** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:45, 5:00) 8:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 5:00, 8:00; **The** Great Buck Howard (PG) Fri. (2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Slumdog Millionaire (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:15) 8:15 Sat.-Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 8:15; **Sunshine Cleaning** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

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); Duplicity (PG-13): Gran Torino (R): The Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13): I Love You, Man (R) Knowing (PG-13); The Last House on the Left (R); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Taken (PG-13); 12 Rounds (PG-13); Watchmen (R)

Mission Valley 7 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:45 8:00 10:30; 12 Rounds (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; I Love You, Man (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; No 10:15 Sun.; Duplicity (PG-13) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:15 10:00; **Knowing** (PG-13) (10:45 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:15; Will be gin at 10:00 am on Thu. only; **Doubt** (PG-13) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; No 12:15 Wed.; No 5:15 & 7:45 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) Duplicity (PG-13): Gran Torino (R): The Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13); He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13); I Love You. $\textbf{Man}\ (R); \textbf{Knowing}\ (PG\text{-}13); \textbf{The Last House}$ on the Left (R): Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Push (PG-13); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Taken (PG-13); 12 Rounds (PG-13); Watch-

STATE UNIVERSITY

1061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Gomorrah** (Not Rated) Fri. (5:30, 8:30) Sat.-Sun. (2:30, 5:30, 8:30)

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

Che (R) Fri. (2:15, 5:00) Sat. (2:15) 5:00; Slumdog Millionaire (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45 Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sunshine Cleaning (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:00) 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15 Sat. (1:15) 4:00, 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15; **12** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 5:15) 8:30 Sat. (2:00) 5:15, 8:30; **Two Lovers** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sat. (1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

Coraline (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10; **Duplicity** (PG-13) Fri. (10:10, 10:30, 1:10, 1:30, 4:10, 4:30) 7:10, 7:30, 10:10, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 10:30, 1:10, 1:30) 4:10, 4:30, 7:10, 7:30, 10:10, 10:35; **Fired Up** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:25p.m.; **The Haunting in** Connecticut (PG-13) Fri. (9:45, 10:05, 12:10, 12:30, 2:35, 2:55, 4:55, 5:15) 7:30, 7:50, 9:55, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (9:45, 10:05, 12:10, 12:30, 2:35, 2:55) 4:55, 5:15, 7:30, 7:50, 9:55, 10:15; **I Love** You. Man (R) Fri (9:45, 10:05, 12:15, 12:35 2:45, 3:10, 5:20, 5:40) 7:55, 8:15, 10:30, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (9:45, 10:05, 12:15, 12:35, 2:45, 3:10) 5:20, 5:40, 7:55, 8:15, 10:30, 10:50; **Knowing** (PG-13) Fri. (9:55, 10:15, 12:50, 1:20, 3:55, 4:15) 6:50, 7:35, 9:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (9:55, 10:15, 12:50, 1:20, 3:55) 4:15, 6:50, 7:35, 9:45, 10:30; The Last House on the Left (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:45, 10:20; Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri. (10:00, 10:20, 10:40, 12:20, 12:40, 1:00, 2:40, 3:00, 3:20, 5:00, 5:20, 5:40) 7:20, 7:40,

8:00, 9:40, 10:00, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 10:20, 10:40, 12:20, 12:40, 1:00, 2:40, 3:00, 3:20) 5:00, 5:20, 5:40, 7:20, 7:40, 8:00, 9:40, 10:00, 10:20; Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri. (9:40, 12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (9:40, 12:00, 2:20) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20; Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:05 Sat (12:00, 2:20) 4:40, 7:05; Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **Taken** (PG-13) Fri. (10:25, 12:45, 3:05, 5:25) 7:50, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; **12 Rounds** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:45, 5:30) 8:05, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:30, 8:05, 10:40; Watchmen (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:35) 7:00, 10:25

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (877-789-6684) Duplicity (PG-13); The Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13); I Love You, Man (R); Knowing (PG-13); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Taken (PG-13); Watchmen (R)

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Hotel for Dogs (PG); Knowing (PG-13); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Race to Witch Mountain (PG)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:45 8:00 10:30; Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) (12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; 12 Rounds (PG-13) (11:45 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Haunt**ing in Connecticut (PG-13) (11:15 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; I Love You, Man (R) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Duplicity** (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:15; **Knowing** (PG-13) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:45 10:45; Race to Witch Mountain (PG) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:30 10:00; Last House on the Left (R) (11:30 1:45) 4:15 7:15 9:45; No 7:15 Thu.; **Watchmen** (R) (12:00 3:45) 7:00 10:30; **Barbie Presents Thumbelina** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Otay Ranch 12

Castlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)
Duplicity (PG-13); The Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13); I Love You, Man (R);
Knowing (PG-13); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); 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) $\textbf{Desbocados}\ (R); \textbf{Duplicity}\ (PG\text{-}13); \textbf{The}$ Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13); Hotel for Dogs (PG); I Love You, Man (R); Knowing (PG-13); The Last House on the Left (R); Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (PG-13); Taken (PG-13); 12 Rounds (PG-13); The Uninvited (PG-13); Watchmen (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

do Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262) Duplicity (PG-13); The Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13): I Love You, Man (R):

Knowing (PG-13); The Last House on the Left (R); Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG): Race to Witch Mountain (PG): Taken (PG-13); **12 Rounds** (PG-13); **Watchmen** (R)

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (877-789-6684) The Class (PG-13); Doubt (PG-13); Duplicity (PG-13); The Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13); I Love You, Man (R); Knowing (PG-13); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG); Race to Witch Mountain (PG); Slumdog Millionaire (R); Taken (PG-13); Watchmen (R); The Wrestler (R)

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri. (10:00, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; **Monsters vs. Aliens: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 9:35, 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25, 11:50

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:45 8:00 10:30; Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) (12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; 12 Rounds (PG-13) (11:45 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Duplicity (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:00 Knowing (PG-13) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:45 10:45; Race to Witch Mountain (PG) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:30 9:45; Barbie Presents Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu No 11 am-3:00 pm shows Tues.-Thu.

Mission Marketplace

431 College Blvd. • Oceanside

Poway 10 13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) (10:00 11:00

ay Creekside Plaza

13475 Poway Rd. • Poway

12:15 1:15 2:30 3:30) 4:45 5:45 7:00 8:00 9:30 10:30; **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG) (10:30 12:45 3:00) 5:15 7:30 10:00; **12 Rounds** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:15 10:45; **Haunting** in **Connecticut** (PG-13) (11:15 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **I Love You, Man** (R) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **Duplicity** (PG-13) (10:15 1:00) 4:15 7:15 10:15; Will begin at 10:00 am on Thu. only; **Knowing** (PG-13) (10:45 1:30) 4:30 7:15 10:00: Race to Witch Mountain (PG) (10:15 1:00 3:45) 6:00 8:30 10:45; Watchmen (R) (10:30) 4:30 10:30; No 10:30 am Sat. & Sun.; Taken (2:00) 8:15; Barbie Presents Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat -Sun, only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

Duplicity (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 11:20, 1:35, 2:05, 4:20, 4:50) 7:05, 7:45, 9:50, 10:30; **The Haunting in Connecticut** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 12:15, 1:05, 2:40, 3:20, 5:05, 5:40) 7:25, 8:00, 9:45, 10:25; **I Love You, Man** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:30, 2:20, 3:00, 4:50, 5:30) 7:30, 8:05, 10:00, 10:35; **Knowing** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 11:30, 1:35, 2:15, 4:25, 5:00) 7:20, 7:55, 10:00, 10:35; **The Last House on the Left** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:20; **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (9:30, 11:00, 11:45, 1:30, 2:15, 4:00, 4:45) 6:30, 7:15, 9:00, 9:45; Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 12:15, 2:10, 2:50, 4:35, 5:15) 7:00, 9:25; **Taken** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:35, 10:05; **12 Rounds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15; Watchmen (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:45) 7:10, 10:25

NORTH COASTAL

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) (10:00 11:00 12:15 1:15 2:30 3:30) 4:45 5:45 7:00 8:00 9:30 10:30; **12 Rounds** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13) (11:15 1:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **I Love You, Man** (R) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **Knowing** (PG-13) (10:00 1:00) 4:15 7:15 10:15; **Race to Witch Mountain** (PG) (10:15 12:30 3:00) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Watchmen** (R) (10:30) 4:30 10:30; No 10:30 am Sat. & Sun.; Taken (PG-13) (2:00) 8:15; Barbie Presents Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun.

No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



The Great Buck Howard (PG) (10:30 3:15) 8:15 10:45; **Sunshine Cleaning** (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Duplicity** (PG-13) (10:45 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:15; **Two Lovers** (PG-13) (12:45) 5:45; **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) (10:15 1:15) 4:15 7:00 10:00; No 1:15 Thu. No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Slumdog Millionaire (R); The Wrestler (R)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)



Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **12 Rounds** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45) 3:15 5:45 8:15 10:45: I Love You. Man (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; No 10:00 Sat. & Sun.; Duplicity (PG-13) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:15 10:15; Knowing (PG-13) (10:45 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:15; Race to Witch Mountain (PG) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:00; Barbie Presents Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard as (760-806-1790)



Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:45 8:00 10:30: Monsters vs. Aliens 7:00 9:00 9:30: 12 Rounds (PG-13) (12:00 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Haunting in Connecti**cut (PG-13) (11:15 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; I Love You, Man (R) (11:15 2:00) 4:30 7:15 9:45; **Duplicity** (PG-13) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:30; Will also play at 10:00 am on Wed. only; Knowing (PG-13) (11:00 11:45 1:45 2:30) 4:30 5:15 7:30 8:00 10:15 10:45; No 11:45 Sun. & Wed.: Race to Witch Mountain (PG) (11:30 12:30 2:15 3:00) 4:45 5:30 7:30 8:15 10:00 10:30; No 7:30 Thu.; Last House on the Left (R) (12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Watchmen (R) (12:15 3:45) 7:00 10:15; Barbie Presents Thumbelina (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Oceanside 16

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401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Brothers at War (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; Duplicity (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:45) 7:10, 10:15; Gran Torino (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:10) 6:45, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:10, 6:45, 9:30; The Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 12:45, 1:15, 3:10, 3:40, 5:25) 6:00, 7:45, 8:15, 10:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 12:45, 1:15, 3:10, 3:40) 5:25, 6:00, 7:45, 8:15, 10:05, 10:35; **I Love You, Man** (R) Fri. (12:10, 1:00, 2:40, 4:00, 5:05) 6:55, 7:40, 9:25, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 1:00, 2:40) 4:00, 5:05, 6:55, 7:40, 9:25, 10:10; **Knowing** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 1:25, 3:50, 4:20) 6:50, 7:25, 9:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 1:25, 3:50) 4:20, 6:50, 7:25, 9:45, 10:20; **The Last House on the Left** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG) Fri. (9:40, 10:20, 12:00, 12:40, 2:20, 3:00, 4:40, 5:15) 7:00, 7:30, 9:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (9:40, 10:20, 12:00, 12:40, 2:20, 3:00) 4.40, 5.15, 7.00, 7.30, 9.15, 10.00; Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:55, 7:15 9:40; **Taken** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35 10:10; **12 Rounds** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 12:25, 2:55, 5:30) 8:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 12:25, 2:55) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; **Watchmen** (R) Fri. (1:30, 5:00) 8:30 Sat -Sun (1:30) 5:00, 8:30



Flower Hill

2630 Via de la Valle • Del Mai

Calendar

and tactical guideline, illuminates nothing so much as the players. Meryl Streep, overacting awesomely, is not only a holy terror as a nun but as a thespian, booby-trapping every scene with unforeseeable little diversions, inventions, stratagems, embellishments. Philip Seymour Hoffman and Amy Adams, no slouches themselves, appear to enjoy their one scene alone together in the courtyard, no one to steal it from them, no one to show them up or slap them down. With Viola Davis and Joseph Foster. 2008. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15, FROM 3/27; MISSION VALLEY 7)

Duplicity — Entertaining enough game of industrial espionage, kicked off, behind the credits, with a slapstick soundless slo-mo fight on the tarmac between the ungainly Paul Giamatti and Tom Wilkinson. The repeated doubling-back in time proves to be more exasperating than clever, but writer-director Tony Gilroy, going light after *Michael Clayton*, hasn't abandoned his conscience. And he has written some breezy dialogue, despite the major windbreak of Julia Roberts. On the other side, Clive Owen nicely holds up his end. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SOUARE 14)

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. 2008.

Gilda — Not as good a movie as Mamoulian's Blood and Sand or Parrish's Fire Down Below (nice pun), this sinful South American melodrama nonetheless offers the definitive image of Rita Hayworth as mantrap. Intoxicating tropical-kitsch decor; moody photography by Rudolph Maté. With Glenn Ford; directed by Charles Vidor. 1946.

 \bigstar \bigstar (MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, LA JOLLA, 3/26, 7 P.M.)

Gomorrah — Worm's-eye view of the Neopolitan underworld: obscure relationships and operations; occasional slaughter; broad expanses of banality. The unfamiliar actors and the *vérité* camera create a plausible impression that it's all really happening, whether or not you can make much sense of it. Based on the nonfiction best-seller by Roberto Saviano; directed by Matteo Garrone. 2008.

★ (KEN)

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)

Gran Torino — Clint Eastwood, director, serves Clint Eastwood, actor, a nice fat one, a softball lobbed right down the middle of the plate and effortlessly belted over the fence: a sort of Grumpy Old Man version of Dirty Harry, a scowler and a growler (looking and sounding uncannily like a dog in defense of a T-bone), a new widower who has seen his Detroit neighborhood taken over by Hmong immigrants ("HUMmong," in his two-syllable pronunciation), a hard-ass retiree defined by a pair of prized possessions, the M-1 rifle that commemorates his service in the Korean War and the '72 Gran Torino that commemorates his life's work on the Ford assembly line. The character's blatant bigotry toward his Asian neighbors, whereby he runs through every applicable epithet in a thesaurus of slang (past "fishhead" and "gook" all the way to "zipperhead") is somewhat problematic. Eastwood's endearing presence in the role automatically takes the edge off the racism in a way that just wouldn't happen if the role were occupied by, say, Gene Hackman, Rip Torn. And taking the edge off the racism is not altogether a good idea, regardless how many laughs you get out of it. What ultimately redeems him and his film is not the conventional, formulaic, softhearted and simple-minded warming of relations with the two weakly acted Hmong teenagers next door, and not the tighter focus of wrath on the Asian street gang that's terrorizing the neighborhood, and not even the expediently plotted climactic act of karmic restitution (which in honesty had slim chance to work out as planned). No, none of that. What redeems him and his film, lending it, for all its entertainment value, a sense of gravity and personal conviction, is simply its place in line in his ongoing penance for the offhand violence, the incalculable casualties, of his earlier career: its place behind Unforgiven, A Perfect World,

Mystic River, etc. Once was not enough. It

was not just lip service, like an obligatory number of Hail Mary's after a long-post-poned trip to confession. It was, so it would appear, a genuine conversion, a revelation. This stands as the further proof of it, and further refinement of it. With Bee Vang, Ahney Her, Christopher Carley. 2008.

**** (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Great Buck Howard — Affectionate and amiable portrait of a fading mentalist (a blissfully hammy John Malkovich) modelled on The Amazing Kreskin, whose fortunes have been on the downslide since Johnny Carson left *The Tonight Show*. Colin Hanks, as a law-school dropout hired to be the new road manager, is our innocent eyes and ears; and his real-life father, Tom Hanks, deigns to put in a couple of appearances as his reel-life father. The tackiness of the title character and his stage act to some extent infects the entire enterprise. With Emily Blunt, Ricky Jay, Steve Zahn, and Griffin Dunne; written and directed by Sean McGinly. 2009.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 3/27; LA JOLLA VIL-LAGE)

The Haunting in Connecticut — Occult thriller with Virginia Madsen, Martin Donovan, Kyle Gallner, and Elias Koteas, directed by Peter Cornwell.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SOUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/27)

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. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14;

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14 LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

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.

★★ (PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

I Love You, Man — Buddy comedy with Paul Rudd and Jason Segal, directed by John Hamburg.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18;

GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 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.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Knowing — A schoolgirl's sealed submission to a time capsule fifty years ago seems to have predicted every major calamity up to the present and beyond. A couple of authentically nightmarish disasters and a couple of creepy moments with a group of silent stalkers known as the Whisper People provide small compensation for the dragged-out overwrought climax (the slow movement of Beethoven's Seventh once again gets dragged out, too) and the lingering plot questions. With Nicolas Cage, Chandler Canterbury, Rose Byrne, and Lara Robinson; directed by Alex Proyas. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; PLAZA CAMINO REAL: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MAR-COS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Monsters vs. Aliens — Computer-animated sci-fi comedy with the voices of Reese Witherspoon, Seth Rogen, Hugh Laurie, Kiefer Sutherland.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/27)

Paul Blart: Mall Cop — A hypoglycemic overweight eight-time reject from the Jersey State Troopers, trying to make the most of a job as security guard, can't handle a speeding old duffer in a wheelchair or a bellicose fat lady at Victoria's Secret, yet he rises to the challenge of a highly trained team of professional armed robbers. *Die Hard* for the common schlub (Kevin James, highly trained in his own way), with a hot chick as

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Che 2009

Che's speech to the UN that imperialism makes bloodthirsty killers of men is as apt today for Americans as it was then. The execution of Batiste's murderers after fair trials insured that the CIA wouldn't be able to engineer Eisenhower's Guatemalastyle coup (which Che witnessed firsthand) in Cuba. Later developments in Latin America proved him correct and today we see El Salvador finally freed from Chiquita Banana–Bush domination. The presence of the M13 gangs in America are blow back from Reagan's policies in the 1980s so enjoy them! They're here because we went there.

By **lenny** 7:42 p.m., Mar. 18, 2009

Watchmen 2009

I knew even before I picked up this week's issue that Duncan Shepherd gave it the big black dot. Why? Because he probably decided that before he even saw the film. He has stated his antipathy for comic book—based movies. What bothered me is that he decided to dismiss the graphic novel (actually, the story was serialized over 12 issues before being collected into a graphic novel) as inconsequential. It is pretty obvious he hasn't read it but still feels worthy to cast aspersions on a story still fondly remembered some 25 years after its publication. If simply being told in comic book format means it is of no literary consequence (akin to reality TV or the MMA), then how high does having a free weekly paper as a literary medium rank? Will a snarky hack be remembered some 25 years hence, much less revered?

By WillE 11:14 a.m., Mar. 20, 2009

Gomorrah 2008

Gomorrah was not what was expected and many in the audience were looking for a more interesting movie. The house at the Ken was quite full this opening weekend, as I go there once in a while to catch a movie that catches my eye. However, save your money on this one, folks — a big disapointment, unless you speak Italian, even then I was bored almost to tears. At what seemed to be 2 ½ hours long, it got tough just watching the same boring scenes. You've seen it before: thugs in control of an area filled with drugs and factions fighting and killing anyone who gets in their way. Who cares. I even bought a popcorn on this one which didn't help. No stars on this one or 5 dogs (take your pick).

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By **richinsd** 5:52 a.m., Mar 22, 2009

a bonus. Better call it Dream Hard. With Jayma Mays, Keir O'Donnell, Raini Rodriguez, Shirley Knight, and Bobby Cannavale; directed by Steve Carr. 2009.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Race to Witch Mountain — Disney revisits the titular summit, thirty years later, but not to pick up the paranormal adoles cents in middle age. (Kim Richards and Ike Eisenmann, the original kids of Escape from... and Return to..., can be spotted in bit parts.) The action is ineptly directed by Andy Fickman, and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson explores his comic range as a Vegas cabbie, a very short journey. With Anna-Sophia Robb, Alexander Ludwig, Carla Gugino, Ciarán Hinds, Tom Everett Scott. 2009.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10: RIVER VILLAGE 6: SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Slumdog Millionaire — Feverish davdream, 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; FLOWER HILL 4; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Sunshine Cleaning — Thin slice of American nutloaf, the main ingredients of which are two Albuquerque sisters partnered in the business of "Crime Scene Cleanup." (A pre-credits shotgun suicide demonstrates the need.) Amy Adams, a single mom in an adulterous affair with an old boyfriend, is a roller-coaster actress overtly sharing every little rise and fall of feeling, while Emily Blunt, as her irresponsible junior, maintains a shivery tension, not exactly

steadier but at any rate not as wide-ranging. And Alan Arkin, as their crackpot entrepreneurial father, is evidently on board for luck: seeing as how he was in the "indie" hit Little Miss Sunshine, maybe there's boxoffice mojo in the combination of Arkin and Sunshine. Clifton Collins, Jr., is easily the most appealing as the one-armed model-airplane hobbyist behind the counter of the cleaning-supplies store. Jason Spevack, Steve Zahn, Mary Lynn Rajskub, Eric Christian Olsen; directed by Christine Jeffs, 2009.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 3/27; HILLCREST CIN-EMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 Rabourdin. 2009.

- (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)
- 12 Russian revision of Twelve Angry Men, slightly "opened up" to no benefit (the makeshift jury room is a gymnasium), still stagy, wordy, overacted, mired in lengthy monologues, spun out in excess of two and a half hours. With Sergey Makovetsky, Sergey Garmash, Sergey Gazarov, Valentin Gaft, Alexey Petrenko, Yuri Stoyanov Mikhail Efremov, and Nikita Mikhalkov; directed by Mikhalkov. 2008.
- (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/27)

12 Rounds — Renny Harlin's action film starring professional wrestler John Cena. (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASH ION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MIS-SION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10: RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14;

Two Lovers — The movie itself was rather overwhelmed by the advance announcement that its star, Joaquin Phoenix, was hereupon retiring from acting to pursue a career in hip-hop. It is a movie easily overwhelmed, an intimate little indie directed and co-written by James Gray (The Yards, We Own the Night, both with the selfsame Phoenix), about a suicidal jilted suitor who has moved back home with his parents in Brighton Beach and toils by day in their

dry-cleaning store. In aid of his recovery, they try to set him up with a business associate's nice, sweet, kind daughter (the Hilary Swank-y Vinessa Shaw), whose professed favorite movie is The Sound of Music. "That is a good movie," he allows. "Underrated." But he, for his part, only has eyes for Trouble: the "completely fucked-up" drug-abusing girl next door (Gwyneth Paltrow), or more exactly girl upstairs and across the courtyard, who is deep in an affair with a married man. The simple story, a tony takeoff on Dostoevski's often-filmed White Nights. doesn't have far to go and takes a long, slow time to get there. Phoenix's striking discomfort in the leading role — the adolescent awkwardness in his body, the Herculean effort of speaking clearly and audibly — inevitably raises the question of whether his discomfort is the character's or the actor's. Either way, it works in the role, but the question is a distraction. With Isabella Rossellini, Moni Moshonov, Elias Koteas, 2009.

★ (Flower Hill 4; Hillcrest Cinemas)

Watchmen — Continued escalation in the superhero genre, one or two stair-steps above The Dark Knight. 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 (as of 1985 in an alternative universe) starts out at five minutes to midnight. But a profusion of flashbacks — a profusion of biographical backstories — has the effect of dissipating any tension in the countdown to doomsday. A present-tense romance between a couple of second-generation superheroes has a similar effect. And a converging murder investigation fails to assert its relevance in a timely manner. 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. Malin Akerman, Patrick Wilson, Billy Crudup, Jackie Earle Haley, Matthew Goode, Jeffrey Dean Morgan. 2009.

• (Carmel Mountain: Chula Vista 10: Del Mar Highlands 8; Fashion Valley 18; Grossmont Center; Horton Plaza 14; La Jolla 12; Mission Marketplace 13; Mission Valley 20; Otav Ranch 12; Palm Promenade 24; Plaza Bonita 14; Poway 10; Town Square 14)

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; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA

PALOMA, FROM 3/27)





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- 1. Massachsetts governor Patrick
- 6. Carefree song syllables
- 11. Comic routine
- 14. Ex of the Donald
- 15. Gaza group
- 16. Musician Brian
- 17. Nuisance
- 19. Psychedelic drug
- 20. NBC hit starting in '75
- 21. "Don't worry about me"
- 22. Flash drive filler

- 23. Nose-in-the-air type
- 24. Holdup
- 25. Tony-nominated play whose title is taken from a Langston Hughes poem
- 30. "Family _____"
- 31. "____ that's your game"
- 32. Co. that merged into Verizon
- 34. Trauma ctrs.
- 35. Harmonize ... or a hint to this puzzle's theme
- 38. "That hurt!" shouts
- 39. "What a moron I am!"
- 40. Word on the Irish presidential seal
- 41. Mother goddess in Egyptian mythology
- 42. Classic Gene Kelly film
- 47. Color qualities
- 48. They've got a lot of pull
- 49. Gymnast Korbut
- 50. Painters Matisse and Rousseau
- 53. Be less than 100%
- 56. Sgt. or cpl.
- 57. 1943 Ethel Waters film
- 59. Sigma follower
- 60. Spot
- 61. Davis who eulogized Malcolm X
- 62. Toronto's prov.
- 63. To date
- 64. Hogwarts supplies

- 1. Market fluctuations
- 2. "Almighty" role for Steve
- 3. Colorado ski resort
- 4. Newswoman Curry

- 5. Where "amo, amas, amat" is learned
- 6. Org. with a most wanted list
- 7. Hindu roval
- 8. Revival tent shout
- 9. Dainty material
- 10. Request
- 11. 1931 Dracula portrayer
- 12. Lottery come-on
- 13. Now
- 18. Dr. providers
- 22. ____ Moines, lowa
- 23. Lamentable
- 24. "The Cosby Show" actor Richmond
- 25. Graffitist's purchase
- 26. Leaving in a hurry
- 27. Large chamber group
- 28. Sem. degree
- 29. Chinese philosopher Chu
- 30. Put coins in
- 33. Snaky shape
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Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 11. "Oops, Cindy busted me. My bad! Go Jen Barnes, University Heights,

11. "My tummy hurts. Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 11. "One was Johnny who lived by him-

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Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 11. Charlotte Brown, Clairemont.

Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 11. E.T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 11. Phillip Castle, Carlsbad, 11. A.T. Certik, Bonita, 11. Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 11. "Katrina wants to do crosswords (maybe in a few years...)"

Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 11. Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 11. "One big ass mistake, America William Edwards, Kensington, 11. Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 11. "Starbuck is an angel? More like a

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 11. "Keep pedaling. You'll get there Rand Feura, Santee, 11. Justin Finke, Sorrento Valley, 11.

Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 11. "Cotton Fever CD release party Sat-

urday night at Two Roses.

Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 11. Kyle Matzke, Vista, 11. "Democrats or Republicans - the lies and cor-

Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 11. "/ VANt to be alone - Greta Garbo' Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, exterior, just \$1900."

Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 11. "AlGreed

Ron Meyer, Santee, 11. "Back from the Marlboro Ranch. It was a blass Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 11.

"Gorgeous models everywhere. Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 11. "Impressive... most impressive Julie Osburn, North Park, 11.

"I've had company all week - how fun

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Jim Odell, Vista, 11. "unvan-

Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 11. "11 Gil Patricio, San Diego, 11.

"Happy Birthday Thalia John Pertle, Santee, 11. "Galatians 2:16; Romans 3:28; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 16:31."

Robert Phillips, Downtown, 11. Matt Read, La Mesa, 11, "Car. have fun in the Big Apple! Eat at

Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 11. "Welcome, Aunt Erna. Thanks for coming to visit. WLY. DKSR "

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo,

Doug Rodgers, Rancho Penasquitos, 11. Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 11. "Happy Birthday P-Pkins Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 11. "Happy Tom Somich, Clairemont, 11.

Eddie O. Spaghettio, Coronado, **11.** "143U15! I'll fill the void of space between your... CIUM21"

Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 11. "The surest way to prevent success is to outlaw failure. Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 11.

'How is your bracket doing? Go Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 11. "How

about one of those randomly awarded T-shirts?" Ric Witt, Clairemont, 11. "Ride, boldly ride shade replied of you seek

El Dorado. Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 10. "I finished the baby

Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 10. "Happiness is a warm puppy.

Martha Awdziewicz,

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indicates T-shirt winner

Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont. 10. Leslie Chase, Campo, 10. "Gotta have an orange dream to have an orange future!

Jon Connor, Oceanside, 10. "Sorry, did I break you concentration?" Craig Curtis, Escondido, 10. "CSUSM Central Plant Supergenius!"

Vince Cuseo, Vista, 10. "Nobody leaves this place without singing the blues.

Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 10. Pat DePew. San Diego. 10. "Spring has finally arrived. Hooray!" Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 10. "Writer? It's my duty to be true, the reader's to be just.

Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 10. "Happy 34th to my dud, Kyung Seo. Where we going to celebrate?

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 10. "Thank you, Pooh, for keeping me all Marie Grace, College Area, 10.

"We miss you, Cesar! Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 10. "God bless America.

Bryan Hartman, Golden Hill, 10. "More libations, my liege? - Vegas wife from the Simpsons.

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 10. Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 10. Ron Hootman, Santee, 10, "Hoot 101: Patience is the brother of persist-

Mary Hutchings, City Heights. 10. "Nice T. Thanks."

George Jackson, Oceanside, 10. Jim Koziol, UTC, 10. "Let's go blue!" Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 10. "/t ain't that pretty at all."

Lane and Gaby Litke, Chula

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 10. "Thanks Arnold and legislature for the biggest tax increase."

Jim Vaughan, Carlsbad, 10. Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 10.

"P-town 4 life."

"Hi Paula. I love yo

10. "Is it time for a T-shirt?"

C.J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 10.

"T time perhaps? Wonderful or just

Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 10.

Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 10.

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 10.

"San Diego offers Orange Opera,

Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission

Dave Small, San Carlos, 10.

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 10.

Because umbrellas can't walk."

"Why do people carry umbrellas?

Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 10.

"Thanks, Puzzle Master

"Heartland Lions We Serve.

dreams to Dyna Low Riders.

Valley, 10.

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 10. Bob Werner, Bay Park, 10. Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 10. Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 10. M. Zimmermann, Vista, 10.

Irving Metzger, San Diego, 10. "www.gopnot4me.blogspot.com" "Marvelous Marcial" Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 9. Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, "Happy 21st Kevin."

> Jay Berkowitz, La Jolla, 9. "Happy Birthday Jorrie!"

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 9. "Uncle Joey would like some of the stimulus package!"

Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 9. "Ski, Wally says wash your car.1

John L. Drehner, North Park, 9. "He was so dumb he lated hooky on the weekend."

Robin Drubin, Vista, 9, "Boom boom, boom, boom. Done I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 9. "Goat cheese anyone? Anyone? The Daily

Greg Harkless, San Diego, 9. "/ love lamp.

Julie Hocking, Normal Heights, 9, "Go crazy!" Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 9. "/ Jerry Jones, Oceanside, 9. "This had better be one helluva shirt!" Sara Khwaia, Poway, 9. "Con-

grats Ben - new UC Irvine grad." Thisby Krakatoa, San Diego, 9. "Happy Birthday Magen!" James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 9. Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 9. "Game ball, Michaela, Jake, and

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 9. Tom Seaman, Alpine, 9. Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 9. "Happy 12th Birthday Daniel. Love

Mom, Dad, Nick, Katie, Meg. Rich Tschiegg, Scripps Ranch, 9. "Write dumb stuff aet a shirt - thanks

Kierkegaard Victoria, San Diego, 9. Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 9. Westie, San Diego, 9. "Mmm!

Dulce de leche. Steve and Dawn, North Park, 8. "Where be your gibes now!

Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 8. "Maria and Jayar - I'm happy for

you. Love you. Peace."

Jim Corbett, San Diego, 8. George Elam, Vista, 8. "Who made the airport more important

than city services?" Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 8. "Where are my movie tickets?

Cornelia Lewis, Alpine, 8.

'Camp Balanza: life in balance.' Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 8. B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 8. Craig Martin, Serra Mesa. 8. "Stand down. K-Head!!

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 8. "La Mesa Village Antique Street Faire 3/29, 9-5.

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 8. "Where you at? Wanna party? P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 8.

Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 8. "Japanese lesson #1: Kinomi no

men = berry face."

Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 8. Robin Suter, La Mesa, 8.

"Struggled with this one - fingers crossed'

Marie Turock, North Park, 8.

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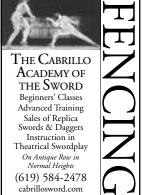
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Michael Wright, Downtown, 8. "M.W. loves A.M." Tom and Jenn, Mira Mesa, 7.

'Florida here we come! Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 7. "Bibamus pro salute patriae.

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 7. "Congrats to my son Dustin. He's won his first shirt."

Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 7. Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 7. "Chollas yard is the city zoo."

William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 7. "Thanks to Peggy and Joe for your hospitality."

Rosalie Dow, Tierrasanta, 7. "It's mv birthday and I'd really LOVE a T-

Lizzy Henry, Encinitas, 7. "One sandwich short of a good picnic! Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 7. "Samsonite! I was way off."

Bev Longdon, El Cajon, 7.

"Happy Birthday Taylor. 3/26/09."

James Mayfield, Bay Park, 7. "Go Louisville, 2009 NCAA champs! Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 7. "Tartan Day April 4, Balboa Park G.R. Morse, San Diego, 7. "Evita

Carol Rabner, Escondido, 7. Connie Rittichier, Poway, 7. Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 7, "Are anyone's friends astounded yet?" Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 7. Tom White, University City, 7.

Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 6. "House is sold " Marilyn Contreras, El Caion, 6. S. Depka, Vista, 6. "There's always

Andre Desilets, Downtown, 6. Ben Doverdahl, San Diego, 6. "All fours chore"

Joseph Dzaiic, Clairemont, 6. "/ got them all right last time, but no mention "

Joaquin Guerrero, San Marcos, 6. "Obama's momma grew a huge narcissus "

Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 6. "Couldn't think of anything to write, so didn't write anythina.

Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 6. Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 6. "/ don't like to Google. Stop it."

N.C. Lyman, Poway, 6. "Sara good luck at the Academy. Way to

Alex Moran, San Diego, 6. "Well done is better than well said. - BF" Denis Rees, Alpine, 6. Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 6. "Another day, another

trillion dollar tarp." Isabella Busch-Sorrenson, Ocean Beach, 5. "Daddy, I've got a iob for vou!"

Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 5. "OTS, byatch!"

Joseph Gold, San Diego, 5. Linda Millsberg, Santee, 5. Don Romero, Ramona, 5. "You are the love of my life, sweet Mei Ling! Ken Sirois, El Caion, 5.

Karen Steepy, Bonita, 5. Donna Swing, La Mesa, 5. Jack Tripp, San Diego, 5. "Bubbles: sparkling, pretty, and crazy."

Dustin Beabout, Temecula, 4.

Stephanie McNicol, Rolondo, 4. "Gonnae no dae that? iust gonnae no!"

Donald Millsberg, Santee, 4. Cindy Pancer, Pacific Beach, 4. "Thank you for the shirt."

Armando Vargas, San Ysidro, 4. "Thanks M. Faria! Luv vou. Claudia

Brian and Suzanne, Point Loma, 3. "Anvone know a good maid? Ralph Fear, San Diego, 3. "Me

Steve Gunsolly, Normal Heights, 3. "67 Across: I got it but I don't get it."

E.M. Hutchings, Santee, 3. Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 3. "Impeach Obama."

Danielle Mentzer, North Park, 3. "Love your neighbors, don't take away their rights."

Stacey Street, North Park, 3. "Just adVANcing to 3. What's AEN?" Vanessa Wells, Grant Hill, 3, "www sdhumane.org/goto/nessandeppie Julia Blair, San Diego, 2. "Come

on Reader T-shirt! Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 2. "Hello C R I ea!"

Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 2. "Try, try again."

Philip Paradissis, Del Mar, 2. "Yes we can!"

Amber Rogowicz, Mission Hills, 2. "For dad. Decided to pick up

where you left off." P.J. Patel and Steve Thomas,

Mission Valley, 1. "Pet sitting, dog walking, iamboreepetcare.com Chris Baker, Huntington Beach,

1. "I love San Diego.

Bill Brewer, San Diego, 1. "Look Ma! No 'puter, no web Kerry Cook, Bay Park, 1. Kathleen Durning, Lakeside, 1. "Can I win a T-shirt on my first

Nicole Kennelly, La Mesa, 1. Bill Kenney, Fredonia, 1. "Sunny So. Cal.?"

Sven Luhct, La Jolla, 1. Patrick Pellerin, Ocean Beach, 1. "Welcome back ot OB Makenna!"

Debbie Rosier, Coronado, 1. "Finally! Thanks Pat!"

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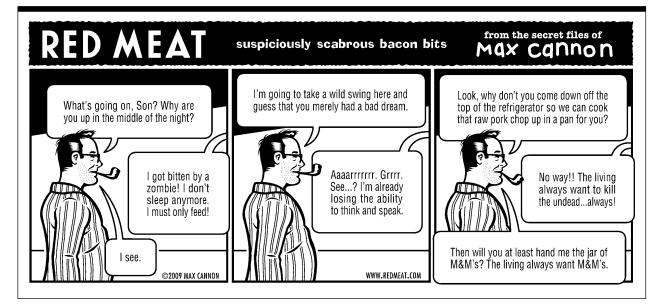
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Bob Wallace Self-Employed El Cajon

went to see Brian Wilson in Ams I went to see Dilan vincon more terdam. Something happened involving the tickets I had, and the woman working there ended up giving us VIP seats in the second row. Most recently, in downtown San Diego, somebody put money in my parking meter. I've gotten tick ets before for that when I worked downtown. I knew the time had expired and I got down there and saw that I had a lot more time left.



Yvonne Andres Global Education Program Encinitas

¬raveling in Atlanta, we had gone to see a show. We got there late, after rushing to catch a plane. There was a lady that was the attendant, and she let us in for free. It was right after the show had started at this museum. She could've charged us full price or just refused to let us in since it had started. We thought that was very nice.



Katerina Makris

Author

Vista

On a Greek island, my elderly aunt and uncle developed advanced dementia. They survived only through the kindness of friends and neighbors. That same summer a wildfire burned out a small animal shelter there. Aunt, uncle, and four puppies ended up on a flight home with me. To change my aunt's and uncle's diapers in the plane's tiny restroom, I had to leave the door open, which mortified my still-modest aunt. A passenger stood with her back to us to block the view. It was simple but always makes me teary remembering it.



Jessica Schillace Daycare

Downtown

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Romeo Enrile

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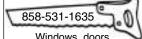
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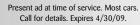
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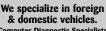
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This week's questions

- 1. Name the Swedish "black metal" group recently at the Jumping Turtle whose stage gear, complete with rotting cow and goat heads, stank so bad that even the musicians had to run offstage and vomit.
- 2. Local rapper Kayo has recently been performing around town with fellow hip-hop artists Young Mass
- 3. The mechanically inept Barbarella managed to amaze herself recently by assembling what?
- 4. When it opened on Broadway in 1978, how long did Stephen Schwartz's Working last?
- _, metaphorically speaking, turned the sax into a sex toy, according to Dave Good.
- 6. This week, Ed Bedford discovers the Toscana Cafe and Wine Bar, conveniently located right next to a shop that sells for dogs.
- 7. On March 27, what 1977-vintage Britpunk group does Barnaby Monk recommend for your dining
- 8. The legendary Java Joe's coffeehouse is set to make its return to San Diego in April, this time at what downtown address?
- 9. What Argentinean restaurant provides Naomi Wise the "bargain bite" o' the week?
- 10. According to Crasher Josh Board, "Mix ___ with ___ and there's usually some air guitar."

Last week's answers

- 1. Twenty percent. (p. 12)
- 2. Iran. (p. 66)
- 3. Jack the Ripper. (p. 103)
- 4. Create "little creature characters" out of it. (p. 74)
- 6. Sly Stone. (p. 70)
- 7. Chapel of Happiness. (p. 7)
- 8. Swastika. (p. 78)
- 9. 1857. (p. 18)
- 10. 87.7 FM. (p. 66)

Last Week's Winners:

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Government in Action

 After 50 years' separation following their adoptions by separate families, identical twins Rosabelle Glasby of Australia and Dorothy Loader of Malaysia were reunited in September 2008 after a years-long search by Glasby, who applied to bring Loader to Australia under the country's family migration policy. However, in January, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship ruled that, under the law, Loader is not related to Glasby (in that the adoption wipes out birth status).

- Two Maryland officials (reportedly new on the job) made an error in addition in 2007 (in estimating counties' property values) that was revealed in January 2009 to have cost state offices \$31 million in overpayments, according to a Washington Post

In a December test of the laxness of New York City's property-ownership office, a New York Daily News reporter walked out of the city's recorder of deeds with title to the \$2 billion Empire State Building. His fake purchase document, with a fake notary public stamp and a fake "witness" signature (of "Fay Wray," star of the original King Kong), took 90 minutes to convert to an official deed.

Police Report

— The campus police chief of Colorado State University, Dexter Yarbrough, also teaches a criminology class, during which he gives a flavor of real police work (since he's a former Chicago cop). According to audio recordings of his lectures reported in January by campus newspaper The Collegian, Yarbrough acknowledged that police sometimes have to "lie" and "cut corners" and "beat [the] ass" of a suspect if they "deserve" it. Sometimes, a confidential informant gets paid off with police-seized drugs, but only after being warned, '[H]ey, if you get caught with this, you know, don't say my name."

- Police in Holland Township, N.J., removed three kids from the home of Heath and Deborah Campbell in January at the behest of the state Division of Youth and Family Services. The kids are 3year-old Adolf Hitler Campbell and his 1-year-old sisters, Honszlynn Hinler Jeannie Campbell and JoyceLynn Aryan Nation Campbell. The family was also in the news in December when their local ShopRite supermarket bakery refused to make a birthday cake with little Adolf's name on it.

News That Sounds Like a Joke

- (1) Michael Reed, 50, was charged with attempted robbery of Eddie's Fried Chicken in Fort Worth, Texas, in December. He was armed only with a tree branch and was quickly neutralized by a 56-year-old employee, who grabbed a broom and started to duel with Reed until the latter dropped his branch and fled. He was arrested nearby. (2) The Happy Egg Company (Lincoln, England) altered the packaging in January for its six-egg cartons to include the prominent warning, "Allergy Advice: Contains Egg."

People Different From Us

(1) The Northwest Florida Daily News reported the arrest of a woman for trespassing in December in Mary Esther, Fla., after she was reluctant to leave a neighbor's porch. According to the newspaper, she eventually "left... in anger, knocking over a dryer...in the front yard." (2) Robert Blue, 53, was arrested in Las Vegas in January and charged with chaining his 15-year-old daughter to her bed at night to keep her from eating. Blue told police that the girl weighs 165 pounds, but that he wanted her at 145, which he said is her ideal fighting weight for mixed martial arts.

Least Competent Criminals

 A masked man escaped in December after trying unsuccessfully to rob the Washman carwash in Portland, Ore. In the middle of the job, the man's gun literally broke apart and fell to the ground. The employee grabbed the wand of a pressure washer (2000 pounds per square inch) and hosed the robber, sending him fleeing.

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- CLASSIFIEDS, March 29, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The same Whopper that you can buy for \$1.43, sales tax included, at the National City Burger King outlet on Highland Avenue will cost you \$1.54 at the Burger King on Mission Bay Drive and \$1.63 at the one in El Cajon on North Johnson Avenue. A Jumbo Jack that can be bought for \$1.64 at the Point Loma Jack In The Box drive-through on Rosecrans Street costs \$1.80 at the Pacific Beach outlet on Garnet Avenue.

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- CITY LIGHTS: "FOR A HAMBURGER TODAY," Thomas K. Arnold, March 29, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

[John Steinbeck IV] and his wife Nancy, a psychotherapist, and their two children moved to La Jolla 18 months ago. (John explained: "We were doing movies. We wanted to be close to Hollywood but not in L.A.") They live in a simply decorated twostory house overlooking the ocean and Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

We sipped our coffee. So, what had it been like to be the child of one of the United States' most famous writers? "I didn't know John Steinbeck was my father until the nextdoor doorman said to me when I was about five, 'Do you know your father is John Steinbeck?'

"Steinbeck —" John paused, explained that he spoke of his father alternately as "Steinbeck" and "my

father" — "Steinbeck is a beloved writer. People love him. I'm not sure that's all completely deserved, being his son."

- "JOHN STEINBECK WAS MY FATHER." Iudith Moore, March 30, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

My mother wanted a freezer so she'd always have plenty of meat on hand, an idea my father considered an extravagance. Loggerheads was the word she used to describe their discussions about it. I was ten years old. too young to know exactly what she meant, but the word, along with her tone of voice, suggested a blunt, wooden collision. Every morning at breakfast my mother wheedled -"In the long run, Ed, it'll save us money. I can buy good cuts of beef in bulk."

- "MEMORIES GNAW," Bernard Cooper, March 24, 1994

Ten Years Ago

"I'm sorry, sir, I can't give any information." Speaking from his Coronado Cays home, Miguel Crespo sounds tired and shaken. His wife, Georgina, was kidnapped over a month ago.

Georgina Romero de Crespo is the 37-year-old heiress to the wealthy Tijuana-based Serrano family. Her grandfather was Colonel Carlos I. Serrano, sometime senator and a well-known landowner in the Tijuana area from the 1940s to the early '70s.

- "KIDNAPPED!" Bill Manson, March 25, 1999

Five Years Ago

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, fresh from his snowboarding getaway in ritzy Ketchum, Idaho, is heading for the warmer clime of La Jolla Farms. This coming Tuesday he's set to have a fundraising luncheon in the home of supermarket magnate Ron Burkle, contributor to ex-governor Gray Davis and former president Bill Clinton. Listed among the "honorary hosts" are Assemblyman Juan Vargas,



San Diego *Reader,* March 24, 1994

San Diego city councilwoman Toni Atkins, and Davis ex-chief of staff Lynne Schenk. "Chairs" include ex-UC president Richard Atkinson and wife Rita, Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs, and lawyer Wade Sanders, who's lately been getting plenty of new mileage out of his old war stories about skippering a swift boat in Vietnam, as did Kerry.

- CITY LIGHTS: "KERRY'S CREST," Matt Potter, March 25, 2004

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