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### **CITYLIGHTS**

### **UNDER THE RADAR**

Lucre's realm Now that Alan Bersin has been appointed "border czar" of the Obama



administration's Homeland Security Department, the race to replace him as chairman of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority is on. Insiders say Republican mayor Jerry Sanders picked Bersin, a Democrat, for the airport spot in November

2006, largely because of his

Alan Bersin

political largesse. Bersin, who married into a moneyed family, has long maintained his power base by spreading the wealth around to local politicos, including maximum contributions of \$320 each to the 2008 campaigns of City Attorney Jan Goldsmith and Mayor Jerry Sanders and to the failed city attorney bid of then-city councilman Scott Peters. Bersin's father Arthur, recently deceased at 91, also contributed heavily to the mayor and council, as did a family development partnership, which gave \$22,500 to San Diegans for City Hall Reform, a Sanders-run political committee, in the months immediately preceding Bersin's board appointment.

At the time of Bersin's appointment, the airport job came with a tidy \$150,000 salary, which was later stripped away by the state legislature after a public outcry. But even without the money, the position is accompanied by plenty of perks, including free meals and junkets as well as the power to influence lucrative development plans for the airport and its surroundings. So insiders are counting on the mayor ---who is said to harbor the desire to run for statewide office - to award the plum to a lawyer

or developer capable of generating campaign cash. Some say Sanders may choose Democrat Steve Peace, the ex-state senator who now works for Padres owner John Moores and is a member of the mayor's Ad Hoc Airport Regional Policy Committee,

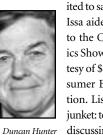


which has pushed a contro-

versial \$12 billion airport makeover. Peace has close ties to Sempra Energy and other heavy financial hitters who could readily fill Sanders's campaign coffers.

Million-dollar staffs While the economy tanked last year, salaries of staffers working for San Diego's congressional delegation were on the rise. The GOP's Duncan Hunter, who retired in 2008 and was succeeded by his son, paid his workers a total of \$1,058,046, according to figures compiled by the nonprofit website LegiStorm. In 2007, the Hunter staff total was \$1,037,779. Democrat Bob Filner's aides made a total of \$974,145 for 2008, compared with \$933,571 the year before, while his colleague Susan Davis paid out \$1,078,261 versus \$1,043,006 in 2007. Republican Brian Bilbray's staff got a total of \$925,145, compared with just \$823,291 in 2007. His fellow Republican Darrell Issa's workers got \$995,540 compared to the previous year's \$944,030.

Of course, staff remuneration was not lim-



ited to salaries. This January, Issa aide Jason Scism went to the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, courtesy of \$1612 from the Consumer Electronics Association. Listed purpose of the junket: to "tour the show area discussing new technologies

and the impact of policy on

technology." Last August Scism went to an Aspen, Colorado, conference on "telecommunications and intellectual property policy" with \$2097 from the Progress and Freedom Foundation, backed by the likes of Microsoft, Cox Enterprises, and Verizon.

Fat cats On April 13, San Diego-based Sempra Energy gave \$25,000 to the campaign in favor of Props 1A through E, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's five measures on the May

ballot. Prop 1A would hike state sales and income taxes by an estimated \$16 billion. The same day, Chargers owner

Alex Spanos, the Happy Days postage stamp Stockton-based

builder who is seeking a taxpayer-subsidized stadium somewhere in San Diego County, contributed \$100,000 to the pro-tax cause, according to state filings.... Seven lawyers with the downtown firm of Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins gave a total of \$9250 to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee on February 28.... Happy Days, the 164-foot pleasure yacht belonging to David Copley, soon to be exowner of the Union-Tribune, has left the Mediterranean and turned up in the Puget Sound shipvard of Delta Marine, near Seattle, where it was launched in 2006, spawning rumors about whether the vessel is up for sale or just in dry dock for another luxury refit. The ship is registered in the Marshall Islands, which in October 2007 issued a 41-cent postage stamp in its

- Matt Potter

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honor.

### **A Green Threat to Our Groves**

By Alastair Bland

Nould it appear in California, there might De no stopping it: citrus greening, or huanglongbing. The fearsome citrus-killing bacterium, first seen in China

in the early 1900s, has spread steadily across the continents. It recently hit Brazil several years. Now farmers and government scientists in California are scrambling as they prepare for — and







and is now wreaking devastation on the orchards of Florida, where some magnates worry that the \$9 billion industry could become commercially defunct within

hopefully deflect — a similar invasion.

The local alarm comes with good reason. Huanglongbing travels via an insect vector — the otherwise rel-

atively harmless Asian citrus psyllid, or Diaphorina citri — and last June, this little insect appeared in Tijuana. Three months later continued on page 8

#### **Neal Obermeyer**



### <u>STRINGERS</u>

**Games Gangs Play** By Dayn Richardson, 4/17/09 Clairemont — A search by gang investigators of the San Diego Police Department began on Tuesday for a male teenager who shot and wounded a 20-year-old man at a Clairemont recreation center.

The victim was standing with friends near the basketball courts at the North Clairemont Community Park on Bannock Avenue around 9:10 p.m. Monday night when they were approached by another group of males, said San Diego police Sgt. Bob Dare. At least one of the men in the group issued a challenge and the victim started to walk away, but one of the men pulled out a weapon and shot the victim in the back, Dare said.

The gang members then got into a small white car when someone in the park threw a soda can at

#### the vehicle. The gunman then fired several more shots, none of which hit anyone. The suspected shooter was described as a male Latino 16 to 20 years old with a shaved head and tattoos. He was wearing a Padres shirt and blue jeans. The victim was brought to a hospital and is expected to have a full recovery. Comments

1. Gang-bangers are nothing but domestic terrorists, and ought to be treated as such. In fact, we need to start using the death penalty way more often than we do in this

#### country.

By bluenwhitegokart 6:54 p.m., Apr 19, 2009 2. "The suspected shooter was described as a male Latino 16 to 20 years old with a shaved head and tattoos. He was wearing a Padres shirt and blue jeans." Yeah, that narrows it

down...he should be in custody in no time.

By magicsfive 9:27 p.m., Apr 19

3. In the article they didn't say anything about the shooter being a gang member or that this shooting happening in a area where gang activity is high. So why the title games gangs play? Oh wait i know why because they said the shooter was a latino male with a shaved head and tattoos. I guess every latino with a shaved head and tattoos is a gang member. You people are a bunch of stupid azz racist dorks!!!!!

> By SpliffAdamz 9:59 a.m., Apr 20





4. It stands good to reason that a 16-20 year old Latino male with tattoos and a shaved head who is in a group of people who shoot at an innocent and/or unarmed person then drive off is a gang member. Even if he isn't a gang member he should be treated as if he were. I do not like white gangs either. The Bird Rock Bandits got off easy in my opinion.

By poff 12:32 p.m., Apr 20

5. magicsfive: LOL...very funny! (And so true). Also, I could not agree more with post #1 in terms of the domestic terrorist comment...not so much revving up the death penalty. But I respect your right to make that point.

By lallaw 4:05 a.m., Apr 21

#### Julio's Gone, Not Forgotten

By Linda Cox, 4/17/09

City Heights — All that remains of Julio's Mexican Restaurant is the tall sign at the corner of University Avenue and 45th Street.

Julio Arreola and his brother Olimpio ran the restaurant for 35 years

before they lost their lease and closed the business in July of 2006. In the weeks before closing, Julio told customers that they had originally owned the property but had sold it years ago and leased it back. He said the new owners had resold it and that a pawnshop would replace the restaurant.

The pawnshop used the restaurant building and operated for about a year before having a clearance sale in 2008. Even while the pawnshop operated, the sign remained.

The building stood empty for several months and was gradually dismantled. The walls were knocked down during the first two weeks of April 2009.

A demolition worker at the site said he had no idea what would be built there next.

Julio died of kidney failure at age 80 in November 2007.

### **Amtrak Manage-**

ment Train Wreck By William Harper, 4/15/09 Solana Beach — The day before Easter, Saturday, April 11, the Solana Beach train station was crowded with people awaiting the northbound Amtrak Pacific

Surfliner No. 769. A lot of baseball fans, most of them wearing Bosox Tshirts, were headed for Anaheim to see the Angels vs. Red Sox game. Many other train-ticket holders were seemingly there to entrain for Orange and Los Angeles County holiday gatherings.

The train appeared down the line at 10:02, two minutes ahead of schedule. When it stopped and the doors opened, the conductor appeared on the platform and announced that only those with connections to flights from LAX and passengers headed for parts north of Los Angeles would be allowed to board. There was no room on the coaches for anyone else, he declared in frustration.

As some passengers pressed for standing room for the short distance to Orange County destinations, the conductor said, "If a hundred people get killed, I will go to jail." He said "they" didn't give him enough coaches.

Before he reboarded the train, the conductor said there would be another train heading north in 45 minutes. Dozens of grumbling cuscontinued on page 10

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a psyllid was found in San Diego, in an insect trap in a lemon tree near the Sweetwater Reservoir, south of Lemon Grove. Since then, hundreds have been detected near the reservoir and to the east, in Jamul, Ocotillo, El Cajon, Tecate, and Dulzura as well as Imperial County and south of the border, though the insects have all tested negative for the bacterium and the disease has not yet been seen in trees.

"But that doesn't mean it's not already here," says Bob Blakely, director of industry relations with California Citrus Mutual, a trade organization.

Such uncertainty derives

from the quiet nature of the disease, Blakely explains; once huanglongbing infects a tree, it lurks for a latent period of several years often five or six — before symptoms appear. "Once you see the symptoms, the disease has usually spread all through the orchard." There is no cure for cit-

rus greening, making the presence of the huanglongbing bacterium in combination with a psyllid infestation a recipe for disaster.

"So we really have no choice now but to act under the assumption that the disease is already here," says Earl Rutz, who grows 20 acres of Valencia oranges in the Pauma Valley. "Basically, we have to control the psyllid."

Huanglongbing spreads

when an infected psyllid gnaws into the leaves or bark of a tree to feed. The insect also lays its eggs on the tree, and while the progeny of an infected psyllid will not carry the huanglongbing bacterium, the nymphs are likely to be hatched into a tree upon which the parent insect has fed; thus, the next generation picks up the bacterium. As they mature and move outward, the insects can spread the disease literally as fast as the wind blows. The first symptom to appear is an irregular yellow blotchiness that spreads over the leaves of a single branch. The discoloration moves to the trunk of the tree and advances to other limbs. The fruits develop into oblong irregular shapes and eventually turn blotchy green. They take on a taste of kerosene or turpentine, according to anecdotal reports, and an infected orchard is good for literally nothing — not even fruit juice. By the time a tree is found to be infected, adjacent trees have almost certainly been attacked as well. The only remedy for a sick tree is to uproot and burn it along with its neighbors.

Vast groves in Florida have come to such ruin. According to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Asian citrus psyllid appeared in Florida in 1998, presumably introduced from Brazil, where the insect was already well established. Symptoms of citrus greening were first seen in Brazil in 2004 and a vear later in Florida, which produces 70 percent of the United States' citrus crop. Most of the fruit is juiced. Since 2005, huanglongbing has destroyed roughly 16 percent of the state's trees,

reducing acreage from 750,000 acres to 650,000 today. Some reports have suggested that as many as 100,000 more acres could be infected.

The unfurling disaster in Florida has cast a dark shadow over California's citrus industry, where some 4000 growers produce a quarter of the United States' citrus crop and most of the nation's fresh fruit. Ted Batkin, president of the Citrus Research Board, based in Tulare County, says that his organization has had to put several projects on the back burner, including development of improved irrigation and harvest techniques, fertilizing methods, and consumer-research studies, in order to focus entirely on fighting the Asian citrus psyllid and huanglongbing.

Earl Rutz, who sits on the Citrus Research Board as chair of the disease committee, calls the situation in California an "emergency" and

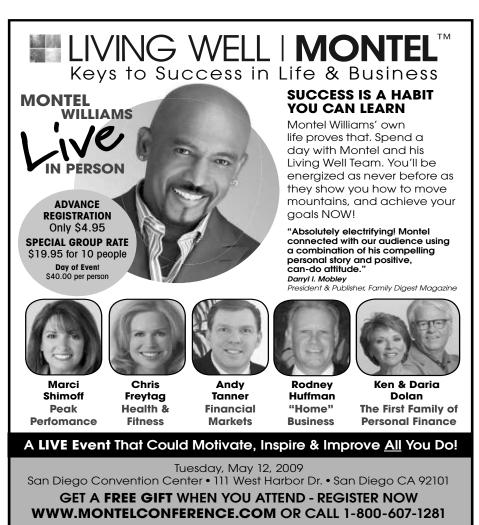
says that the state faces two particular challenges. First, the latent period of the huanglongbing bacterium after infection makes locating the disease in its early stages impossible, though the bulk of the Citrus Research Board's current work is aimed at early detection. One potential solution would be a sensory apparatus fixed to a robot that travels through an orchard, "sniffing" each tree for organic compounds released by the bacterium.

The second challenge is presented by the thousands of backyard citrus trees in San Diego alone that could harbor the Asian citrus psyllid. To educate residents about the importance of identifying and eliminating the insect, the Citrus Research Board has hired Nuffer Smith Tucker, a San Diego public relations firm, to conduct outreach, and a website ---californiacitrusthreat.org has been launched to portray continued on page 12



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tomers turned away, but most were resigned to wait. Then that train, it was announced, would be delayed; it took an hour and a half to make it from downtown San Diego to Solana Beach.

My daughter was a couple innings late for the ballgame. So were the Bosox fans. They could exult later that they went away winners.

#### Comments

1. The Boston people may move back home. Now. By Ponzi 10:26 a.m.

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2. Native San Diegan...big Red Sox fan!

By cece5650 5:06 p.m., Apr 16, 2009

Prefer to Defer

By Dorian Hargrove, 4/17/09 Downtown San Diego — According to the city's five-year financial outlook and 2010 budget, the backlog of repairs to city streets, sidewalks, and storm drains, and upkeep for libraries and fire department and park facilities falls somewhere between \$800 million and \$900 million.

Last month the mayor announced the financing of \$102 million in bonds for capital improvements. In addition, \$11.8 million was set aside from land-sale proceeds for deferred maintenance projects in the 2010 budget.

While the mayor and his financial team are chipping away at the backlog, some council members and representatives from the San Diego Taxpayers Association say the figures the mayor's office is using are outdated. At the April 15 Budget Committee meeting, Lani Lutar, president of the San Diego Taxpayers Association, was the first to mention deferred maintenance projects during a ten-minute presentation on ways the city can return to financial solvency.

"This \$900 million those figures are three years old. Based on that, you can assume that the backlog could be closer to \$1 billion, and that's a pretty conservative figure," said Lutar.

In response, the city's chief financial officer, Mary Lewis, said the city has received current assessments for the cost of street, sidewalk, and storm-drain repairs but awaits submittal of the facilities assessment. "Also, the \$900 million — while it's been our working assumption — does not take into account some of the work that has happened over the past three years."

#### The Urge Remains

By Ken Harrison, 4/17/09 Encinitas — For over a year, rumors have flown around Encinitas that an In-N-Out Burger would move onto a site formerly occupied by Burger King and a 76 gas station on Santa Fe Drive. The end of the town's Double-Double dream occurred last week: A sign has been posted on the fenced-in site notifying the community that the Harwood Group will be building a two-story medical center.

The site is across the street from Scripps Memorial Hospital. In-N-Out officials were aware of the property but would not confirm any past interest in the old building or how the rumor may have started.

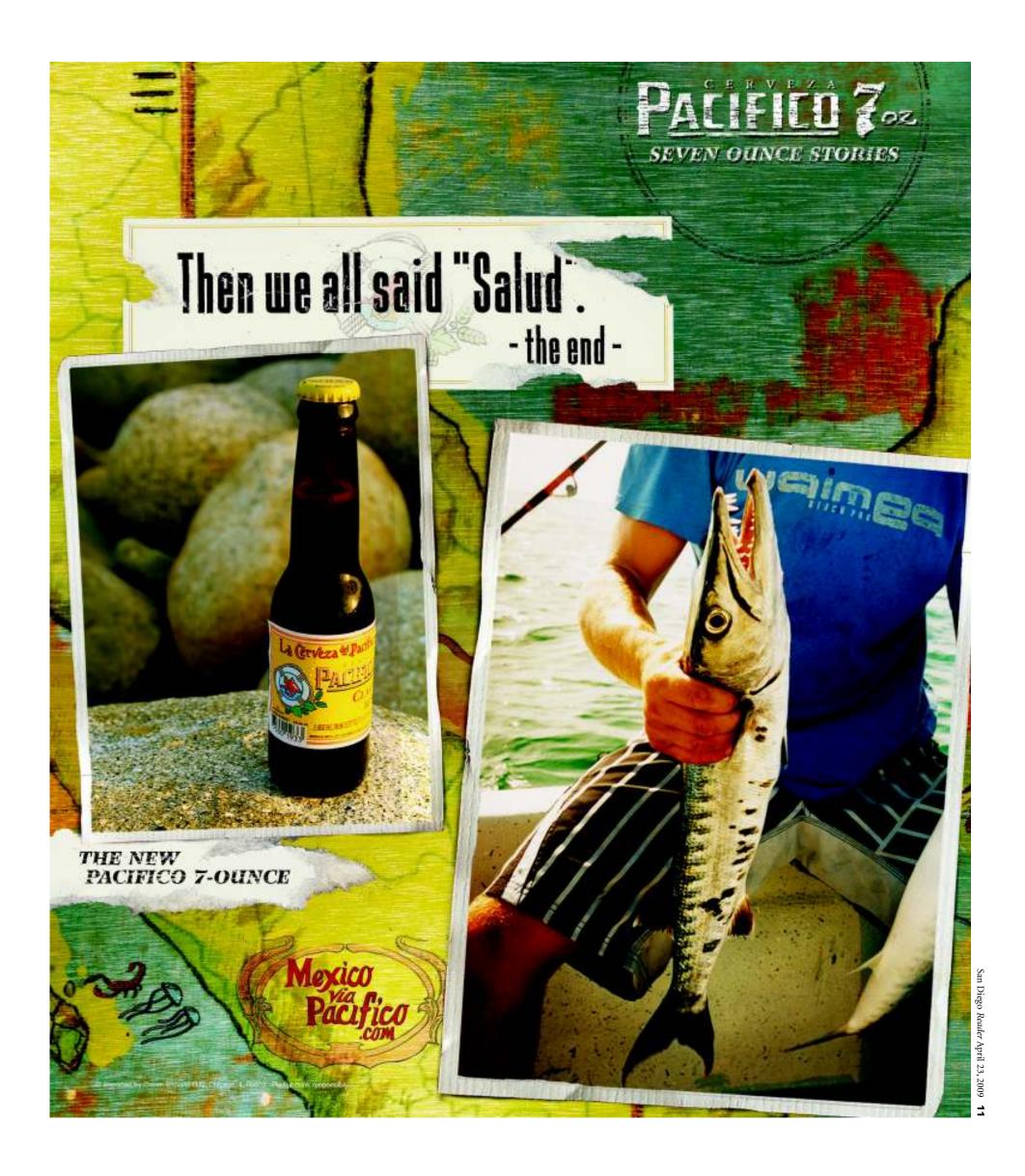
"We want to be in Encinitas, but finding the right property is pretty challenging," said In-N-Out vice president of development Carl Van Fleet. "We need a minimum of 45,000 square feet, and we select our locations very carefully." Doug Harwood, the project's developer, said he'd love to co-partner with In-N-Out. "The cardiologists on the second floor would love it, but it would be hard to rent to dieticians."

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### Green threat

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images of the insect and infected trees to the public.

Since September, a quarantine in San Diego and Imperial counties has restricted transportation of leaves, branches, and other tree parts known to host the insect, but the concern among officials and industry reps is that people may unknowingly transport the psyllids on fruits harvested from trees in their yards. Officials with several government bodies are working to involve backyard citrus-tree owners in eradicating the pest. Steve Lyle, spokesman for the California Department of Food and Agriculture, says that approximately 327,000 flyers have been dispersed strategically through parts of Imperial and San Diego counties. State employees are also conducting door-to-door extermination work. Nearly 4000 backyard trees have been sprayed to date.

Most of the psyllids found so far have been caught in traps or vacuumed off citrus leaves near Highway 94 and Interstate 8, and inspectors are currently looking at trees one by one between San Diego and Calexico, applying insecticides to all citrus trees within 400 meters of detection sites. As of March 31, nearly 1300 insects had been discovered at 173 sites in San Diego and Imperial counties. In some cases, single trees contained hundreds of adult insects, constituting what Rutz terms "a mature infestation."

"That means you've got a full life cycle and that they're breeding," he says.

Meanwhile, a similar eradication effort is underway in northern Baja California and Sonora, where the U.S. Department of Agriculture is assisting Mexican authorities as they place traps and spray suspect trees. A total of 280 psyllids have been found just south of the international border since last June. The United States has supplied \$1.2 million to the Mexican extermination project, and on April 29 and 30 officials from Mexico's citrus industry will meet in San Diego with United States industry stakeholders to discuss further cooperative strategies that might stop

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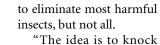
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the spread of the Asian citrus psyllid. Officials have pointed out that only a collaborative effort can prevent a disaster.

According to Lyle, commercial citrus operations are expected to address their own infestation problems, but the two most effective pesticides - Merit and Tempo — pose a dilemma for farmers like Al Stehly. Stehly manages 200 acres of certified organic oranges, lemons, and grapefruit near Valley Center, and a single application of either pesticide to his trees will result in withdrawal of certified organic status by the United States Department of Agriculture.

"Maybe what this means is that we'll no longer have organic citrus in California," says Stehly, who plans to wait until absolutely necessary to treat his orchards.

Currently, Stehly practices "integrated pest management," a system designed



them down and allow the beneficial insects to prey on the remainder, but citrus greening is a new one for agriculture," he explains. "It only requires a single insect to transmit the disease, so you can't leave 5 percent of the psyllids for other insects to eat. Just one psyllid can kill your entire orchard if it's got the bacteria."

Developing disease-resistant citrus varieties would be ideal, says Stehly, but not if it took genetic modification to get there.

"Again, that would mean organic farmers couldn't use it."

The Citrus Research Board's Batkin says that isolating a variety of citrus naturally tolerant of the huanglongbing bacterium is a very likely possibility — but not an answer.

"The goal is not to find a tolerant variety, but to find



a solution that we can apply to all the trees to save all the varieties."

Finding a disease-resistant lime, for example, would not save the orange industry, Batkin points out.

Batkin, too, is an organic farmer, and he concedes that the Citrus Research Board and other investigators have made little to no progress in developing organic sprays effective against the Asian citrus psyllid.

Stehly says that in the worst-case scenario, he and other farmers — organic or not — might have to invest in new crops.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't already looking at alternatives to citrus. Wine grapes are a possibility out here. And houses. That would be a good crop."

In spite of the quarantine levied against San Diego and Imperial counties last summer, 17 Asian citrus psyllids were discovered in early March near Niland, in northern Imperial County. The quarantine zone was subsequently edged northward to include part of Riverside County, but this abrupt jump reveals just how easily a moderate breeze could dash all efforts to control the psyllid. Exactly how the insect first arrived in Tijuana and San Diego no one knows, but the likelihood is very real that the disease is already here. That would give the industry several years before the first branches turn yellow and the first fruits go blotchy green.

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#### **Reader Captured**

Re Matthew Lickona's story "Church on Sunday?" (Cover Story, April 9).

It would be an understatement to say I was his captive audience from beginning to end. Mr. Lickona's article sparkled with vitality, style, and information. I could smell the incense and hear the rustle of heavy silk. I marveled over the Chaldean Mass and its "element of strangeness." Thus, when the story finished on page 48, I was still busy watching Father Jon Braun, "chalice in one hand and spoon in the other." I did not want the story to end. I did not want to leave this fascinating voyage of discovery.

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#### Saturday Sunday Sabbath

Re Mr. Matthew Lickona's article: "Church on Sunday?" (Cover Story, April 9).

Early Christians worshiped on Saturday, or the Sabbath. Christ, while observing the Sabbath, set Himself in word and act against this absurd rigorism that made man a slave of the day. He reproved the scribes and Pharisees for putting an intolerable burden on men's shoulders (Matthew 23:4) and proclaimed the principle that "the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). He cured on the Sabbath and defended His disciples for plucking ears of corn on that day. In His arguments with the Pharisees on this account, He showed that the Sabbath is not broken in cases of necessity or by acts of charity (Matthew 12:3 sqq.; Mark 2:25 sqq.; Luke 6:3 sqq.; 14:5). St. Paul enumerates the Sabbath among the Jewish observances which are not obligatory on Christians (Colossians 2:16; Galatians 4:9–10; Romans 14:5). The gentile converts held their religious meetings on Sunday (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2). Paul preached on the Sabbath (Acts 13:14).

So what happened? Why did Christians stop going to church on Saturday and start going on Sunday?

The Roman Emperor Constantine, after winning a battle, became a Christian. In 321 AD, he issued an edict forbidding work on Sunday. Christians in general had hitherto held Saturday as sacred. In 324 AD, the emperor formally established Christianity as the official religion of the empire.

The Catholic Council of Laodicea, 363 AD, Canon 29:

"Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honoring the Lord's Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be Judaizers, let them be anathema (an abomination or curse) from Christ."

And that's how Christians started worshiping on Sunday instead of Saturday. Name Withheld by Request via email

#### **Truth Serum**

While I know it will be a terrible strain for everyone, could we possibly inject some truth into the "90 percent of Mexico's guns come from the U.S." issue ("Mommy, Why Are They Shooting at Us Again?" Cover Story, April 2). The truth is a little closer to 17 percent: *foxnews.com/ politics/elections/2009/* 04/02/myth-percent-guns-mexico-fraction-number-claimed/.

And while I know it will be even more of a strain, could we at least use some common sense here? The Mexican drug cartels are run by people with connections to international crime syndicates, with literally millions of dollars at their disposal. If they can get raw heroin and cocaine, why would they not be able to get any weapons they want? Steven Moschak via email

A Name Means Nothing

This is Chaos Rabbit with my little input and intakes on some of the comments left on your letters page.

This is in response to all these people who are frothing at the mouth over the response to the article called "My Gender Is Bunny" (Cover Story, March 26). First off, as far as the article itself goes, the entire article could be summed up in three letters: what the  $f^{\star\star\star}$  is this about? This article is all over the place. We're talking about guys being changed into chicks, online dragons, virtual reality, "he" being called "she." It's all like one big, busy ride. But I waded through the article, said, okay, that was about as interesting as having a spike jammed up my nose, but I got through it.

Now, I'm sitting here reading all the people whining in, "This isn't right. He wants to be called a she. Why can't you refer to him as a she?" Folks, look at my name. My name is Chaos Rabbit. But guess what, I'm not really a rabbit. You know, you can call something something, but the bottom line is, if you're born with a certain kind of chromosome, whether it be X or Y, you are what you are. If it's an innie, you're a girl, if it's an outie, you're a guy. And frankly, it doesn't matter if you go in and have surgery to change yourself into a male, a female, or a table lamp in outward appearance. You are what you are. The rest of it's just b\*\*\*\*\*\*. You're trying to cover up and become something you're not.

As far as these people who are saying, "Well, you should respect this person. If they want to be called a she, you should call them a she." Hey, I want to be called the emperor of Wyoming. That doesn't make me the emperor of Wyoming, and the name Chaos Rabbit doesn't really make me a rabbit.

One of the big problems we have in our society lately is everybody is all whiny, touchy-feely about trying to embrace all the different active lifestyles. "You should embrace their lifestyle. You should respect their choices." Sometimes their choices are stupid, idiotic, and moronic. And "lifestyle" is an idiotic word; to quote George Carlin, "Hey, Genghis Khan, in an active sense, had a nice lifestyle. Jeffrey Dahmer had an alternative lifestyle." If you're a guy, you're a guy. If you're a girl, you're a girl. If you want to play dress up and have the money to make yourself into something you're not, fine. But let's call a rose a rose, let's call a guy a guy, and let's call a girl a girl.

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### STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

They say that people are attracted to one another because of pheromones that we can smell. What would happen if you took pheromones from a woman

that I'm attracted to and applied them to a chimp or a gorilla or a bear? Would I be attracted to the animal too? — Love R. Boy, San Diego

Again we run into our old friends "they." Always full o' facts, they are. Like, maybe

you could fall for a grizzly if it just smelled right. That the only thing standing between you and a meaningful relationship with a polar bear — nuzzling each other, writing love notes to Al Gore over lattes at Starbucks — is that funky wet polar bear stink. Not sure whether you were looking forward to having an ursine gal pal or not, but considering all the poop we know about pheromones, I hope it's "not."

Pheromones are chemical signals that trigger a natural physiological or behavioral response in an animal of the same species. The lower the critter is on the evolutional scale, the more its behavior is affected. It's not a substitute for a cuddle with a koala, but if you dabbed a little female moth pheromone behind your ears, pretty fast you'd be covered with flapping amorous male moths. Busy science guys have found pheromone responses in rats, mice, hamsters, amoeba, elephants, aphids, lobsters, fruit flies, termites, bees, pigs, sea urchins — a whole batch of lesser beings. But in people, not so much.

Despite the fact that you can find vats of pheromone-enhanced perfumes advertised on the internet, the science guys can only guess what part of the human body exudes these chemicals and whether our noses might respond differently to them than to ordinary smells. No one has isolated a human pheromone. But if the science guys have to guess, they usually guess that pheromones could be part of armpit odor. One of the most startling studies used pit smell to show that women who live together for extended periods tend to develop synchronous menstruation. Babies can recognize their mothers' smells. And pheromones might play a role in the fact that men and women tend to mate with spouses with compatible immune systems. But I guess none of these is quite what you're looking for, Love R.

Us human beans are strongly visual

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and auditory in our approach to the world around us. Our lives are not as strongly controlled by chemical signals as aphids' or hamsters' days are. (The *Reader*,

after all, is stuffed with ads to make you a 36DD. Not one ad promising to fluff up your pheromones.) On the other hand, science guys who work in the smell arena predict that once they've done the proper research, we'll be surprised at what areas are affected by inter-being chemical connection. I'm not sure we'll ever be able to overcome that big bear stink, though, and bring your dream to life.

Heymatt: After losing three of six TV stations from the ana-

log-to-digital change, even after purchasing a new DTV to avoid having to purchase a converter box for my old TV (I also have the proper UHF-VHF antenna — indoor rabbit ears), I'd like to know how this change to digital was influenced or financially supported by the TV cable and satellite providers, possibly with the longterm anticipation of ending free TV permanently. If you answer this in the Reader, I'll be surprised.

— Jim Reeber, via email

Well, surprise, Jim! Do you think the Reader is part of some dark media plot led by the cable and satellite companies? Well, last I knew, we weren't. Nobody around here has the energy to get involved in dark plots. In the case of the attack of the digitals, Jim, you have the wrong bad guy. The evildoer in question is the gov-'mint, of course. The FCC wanted its airwaves back. (Well, our airwaves, actually.) Too many new things such as garage doors and microwave transmitters and radio-controlled toys battling for bandwidth. Emergency vehicles, satellite thingies. An endless queue of transmitters. The feds can now reorganize the broadcast spectrum and auction off the empty spaces. Nobody's getting rich at the Dish Network. And I'm a little surprised that you decided it would be cheaper to buy a new TV than to invest in a converter box. There were even coupons available to subsidize the cost of the boxes. Oh, well. Go get the FCC, Jim. We'll be right behind you. Just as soon as we finish lunch and take a nap.

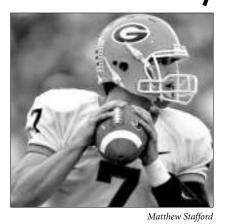






### **SportingBox** By patrick daugherty

### Follow the Monkey



t is strange how a housekeeping ritual can grow to such a magical height that a continental gaggle of disparate people, all of whom have no role in the actual ritual, nonetheless make a career out of selling their verifiably incorrect ritual predictions to the same enthusiasts year after year after year.

In other words, the NFL draft is coming to your world on Saturday (rounds 1 and 2), and Sunday (rounds 3 through 7). In round 1, the incumbent Super Bowl champion picks last, the Super Bowl loser picks second to last. Playoff teams are similarly placed. The remaining teams are set according to their regular season records. Thus, this year, Detroit, coming home with a formidable 0-16 pedigree, has the number-1 pick. The 8-8 San Diego Chargers have the number-16 pick.

Do you want to hear about exceptions and details? I thought not.

Anyway, the point of this is not the mechanics of the draft but the mighty industry of mock traders and sportswriters who report and glorify their own failure to a national audience of people who could care less about results. Granted, this is not a bad way to make a living.

There are 32 picks in the first round, and it's near impossible not to get the first two picks right. *World Galactic Sports Media* has been talking about the number one and two picks for a year. So, we're starting out by giving the above-mentioned villains two correct picks.

I'll come back to this, but right now I want to show you some random sportswriters and their Detroit (number 1) and San Diego (number 16) picks. Note how no information is passed on to the reader, only a used bag of *soundslikeinformation*.

*ESPN Insider* and future late-night TV gold-bullion salesman, the loathsome Mel Kiper. Number-1 pick Detroit Lions: "Matthew Stafford, QB, Georgia: Stafford is worthy of being the No. 1 overall pick, thanks to his over-

all skill set."

Number-16 pick San Diego Chargers: "Rey Maualuga, LB, USC: Maualuga is capable of becoming a quality 'Mike' linebacker in the NFL but needs to use his hands better to ward off blocks and must be more consistent from week to week."

CBS Sports, Pete Prisco. Detroit: Matthew Stafford. San Diego: Michael Oher, OT Ole Miss.

USA Today, six columnists. As to Detroit, four picked Matthew Stafford, two picked Jason T. Smith, OT Baylor. As to San Diego, three picked Chris "Beanie" Wells (RB, Ohio State), two picked Tyson Jackson (DE, LSU), and one picked Rey Maualuga (LB, USC).

Sports Illustrated, Don Banks. Detroit: Matthew Stafford. San Diego: Chris Wells, Ohio State.

*Dallas News*, Rick Gosselin. Detroit Lions: Aaron Curry, OLB, Wake Forest. San Diego: Knowshon Moreno, RB, Georgia.

Websites: *NFL.com* senior analyst Pat Kirwan. Detroit will pick Matthew Stafford. San Diego will pick Rey Maualuga, LB USC. "Maualuga is a blend of former USC greats Junior Seau and Troy Polamalu. He will bring a presence to the Chargers, and he can wear that green dot on his helmet (to receive signals and call the defense)."

*SBNation.com.* Detroit Lions: Jason Smith, OT, Baylor. San Diego: Rey Maualuga.

Getting back to why this is a fraud... Happily, *coldhardfootballfacts.com* has been tracking six football writers and draft "experts" since 2005. They track their first-round picks only; they do not track second-round picks because no one has ever made an accurate second-round pick. In the 2008 draft, the six correctly picked 19.9 percent of their first-round picks.

Not so bad, one out of five. Particularly since the *coldhardfootballfacts* in-house prognosticator, Bonzo the Idiot Monkey, a proud simian "who makes his mock drafts by blindly pulling names out of the pocket of Kerry's dirty Texas A&M hoodie," came in with a 6.5 percent correct-pick rate.

But — just a minute — everybody knew the first two 2008 picks. In fact, the numberone pick signed with Miami before the draft started. So, if you take away the first two picks, the experts selected 14.4 percent of their firstround picks right.

Hang on. Everybody knew the Raiders would pick Darren McFadden because Al Davis, Raiders owner, saw his adoring letters to McFadden published in newspapers. There were similar revelations concerning Felix Jones and the Dallas Cowboys.

If you — and you should — subtract what was notorious public knowledge (that is, the names of the number-one and -two picks the Oakland pick and the Dallas pick), then the draft experts got 9.9 percent of their first-round picks right, just beating out the monkey, who had an off year.

And the lads will do it again on Saturday.

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#### **BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA**

YouTube offers diversionary bursts from the humdrum. For example, *The Honeymooners*.

It seems as if the same number of people now spend their Friday nights watching YouTube (and other nights,

the meth users, for example) as once watched DVDs and VCRs (VCRs going back a way). Stephen King (on YouTube, of course) agreed, "It's like cocaine." I have even found myself watching. I want to say "out of necessity" because I have been on my back in recent weeks, but this isn't necessarily the truth. It is a drug, yes. But, rest assured, this column will not be my personal wailing. Nor about drugs. The hospital administered only so many, and I'm

and sometimes 24/7 -

out of 'em. I find that YouTube fills the bill.

What new can be said about YouTube? The internet video channel's influence is hardly in question. One thing is certain: more people are watching it. There are an astounding number of new hits every time you look up your favorite site. It has long since become a phenomenon; it is rampant, beyond epidemic, and has leaped to something of an oligarchy, an imperium, an unwitting empire of cyber-, or, if you like, etherspace.

From the official online spiel:

"YouTube is a video sharing website where users can upload, view and share video clips. Three former Pay-Pal employees created YouTube in February 2005. In November 2006, YouTube, LLC was bought by Google Inc. for US\$1.65 billion and is now operated as a subsidiary of Google. The company is based in San Bruno, California, and uses Adobe Flash Video technology to display a wide variety of user-generated video content, including movie clips, TV clips, and music videos, as well as amateur content such as video blogging and short original videos....

"Unregistered users can watch the videos, while registered users are permitted to upload an unlimited number of videos.... Videos that are considered to contain potentially offensive content are available only to registered users over the age of 18. The uploading of videos containing defamation, pornography, copyright violations, and material encouraging criminal conduct is prohibited by YouTube's terms of service."

I know of few people unaware of YouTube, but I am still, er, dumbfounded at the wealth those people miss at this simple URL. Among the deprived, I



do not use computers at all. I represent the percentage that uses them badly and reluctantly. They increase your correspondence obligations to an untenable degree, for one thing. At least YouTube offers diversionary bursts from the humdrum. For example, The Honeymooners, 1950s precursor to All in the Family. And I believe that show is there as well. Oh, yes, I see it is. And in spades.

know of five people who

Another entry from the official YouTube spiel

is, "Most of the content on YouTube has been uploaded by individuals..." in case you're unfamiliar (you've been in a coma for decades) or you are somehow unaware of this phenomenon that to me is among three other pivotal events in the past century and a half: Sigmund Freud, the landing on the lunar surface, and home computers themselves. YouTube has, I believe, nearly outdistanced conventional television (certainly baseball) as the national pastime. Old Dick Cavett shows with Anthony Burgess, Woody Allen, and John Lennon. My son loves Japanese anime sites. You can watch large chunks of *The Sopranos. The Godfather*, parts I and II (and I suppose III — I never checked). Coen brothers movies — fairly long segments.

Anyway, this may not be news, but it is entertainment. And it is what I find, this week, the deal with which most people are occupying their leisure time. I feel I should give it a nod.

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### **BestBuys**

-EVE KELLY

My Beloved is

will not be surprised by 2009's Mother's Day. The 2008 observance caught me off guard. I found myself in a crowded mall the day before the holiday, frantically searching for gifts for my mom and mother-in-law. This year, I am planning ahead. Each lady will receive a pendant engraved with her name interwoven with my own.

"I am totally different than other engravers because I do hand engraving. It is like a fine art," explained Hany Ongyan,

owner of Master of Hand Engraving & Jewelry Repair, located downtown on Sixth Avenue (619-702-7390). "Some people don't appreciate the art and don't want to pay for it, and some people do understand it. There are not too many handengravers anymore. I think I am one of the last ones in San Diego. Other engravers use a machine."

Ongyan uses a tiny engraving tool called a graver. "I can make the letters very, very tiny, where you need a microscope on it to see it. I once did 100 letters in two rows."

When it comes to lettering and designs, "You can choose whatever you want, or you can do it with your own handwriting. This is my specialty. Some customers want to duplicate their own handwriting, so I have them write it and I copy it." Ongyan can also do symbols or designs.

Hand-engraving lasts longer than machine-engraving, Ongyan told me. "I have seen some hand-engraving jobs from the 1940s, and it is still readable and very good. With handengraving, you make a cut inside the metal, which is deeper than a machine-engraving; with machine-engraving, you just scratch the surface."

Turnaround time for Master of Hand Engraving & Jewelry Repair is two to three weeks. Prices are given per job, depending on the amount of hours needed to complete the engraving.

Brian Salmon, co-owner of SRI Engraving in North Park (619-546-0893), does metal etching and cutting by machine. "Normally, if it is a hand-drawn design, it needs to get into the computer. We can scan it as long as it is in-line art, very fine lines. We have in-house graphic design, so we can transfer it for them, if they are not capable, for a small price. But if they can get us the design in a file, we load it into our computer, take their piece, and etch it or cut it accordingly. We can cut through

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the steel, silver. We can't deal with bronze, copper, and brass....

"I cannot do the inside of a ring," said Salmon. "I use a laser. It doesn't actually remove the metal. Our laser will etch onto it or cut all the way through it. If you wanted to have the inside of a ring done, that has to be done by hand."

> With the etching process, "It chemically bonds to it. It heats the metal. There are a couple of ways we can do it, depending on the type of material. One of the metals, the stainless steel, we can spray a coating on, and then when we hit it with the laser, the heat changes the molec-

ular structure of the metal and then bonds the solution to it and turns it black. So, everywhere that we hit it, it turns it black. And then if we use an aluminum, it heats it so much that it changes the color of it, and that is there forever."

For fonts, "If we don't have it, and you have a font that you want, just make sure we know where to get it, or you bring it to us." Prices are given per job, and turnaround

time is one to two weeks. Salmon referred me to Matthew

> Cirello, owner of Ciryellow Creations, also located in North Park (619-201-4668, cirvellow.com). "I am a custom jeweler, and I can do custom engraving," Cirello answered. "I do handengraving. I have about four different ways that I can engrave, and I can do an acid etch as well. Acid etch is where you take

a sulfur nitrate — a Sharpie marker would even work — and that protects the metal and anything that is not covered in your design, it will eat it away. Kind of like sandblasting, but instead you are actually eating away the metal with an acid."

Cirello will not work on titanium, and his price is by the hour.

How do I choose between hand- and machine-engraving?" If someone wants accuracy," said Cirello, "I would say laser-engraving is the way to go. If they want something unique, one-of-a-kind, personal, then I would have it hand-done."

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by Barbarella

The real menace in dealing with a five-year-old is that in no time at all you begin to sound like a five-year-old. —Joan Kerr

ella approached the refrigerator with cautious Curiosity. "Are you thirsty, honey?" I asked. The little blond head at my hip nodded. I opened the fridge, and Bella scanned the shelves for something familiar.

"Do you have any juice?" she asked.

"No," I said, thinking, At least not any that hasn't been fermented. On the top shelf were two cans of Guinness (leftover ingredients from David's "Guinness Punch," a Jamaican drink he'd made for St. Patrick's Day - Guinness, sweetened condensed milk, and cinnamon), a bottle of rosé frizzante, and... I perked up when I noticed the red-and-white carton of milk. I looked to my charge. "Here's the deal — I can offer you water or milk." Bella opted for water. I asked, "Chilled or room temperature?"

"What's room temperature?"

Having the child at my place was as awkward as Bill O'Reilly at a gaypride festival.

I opened my mouth, but, realizing I didn't have a ready answer, let it fall slack for a moment. "It's, like, well, you know how it feels in the room right now? That's room temperature. You can have water that feels like the room or cold water from the fridge." I cringed at my

ineloquence, but Bella didn't seem to notice. When I finished blabbering on about the spectrum from warm to cold, she selected room temperature, probably because she liked the way the words sounded.

**Receiving Bella** 

I chose a DVD from a box set of Looney Tunes and popped it into the player. "You sit right here, Bella. I'm just going to check on something real quick." While Bella giggled at Daffy Duck's beak being blown off by Elmer Fudd's shotgun, I fetched my laptop from the other room.

On the few occasions I'd watched my niece in the past, it had been at my sister's place — where Bella's toys, costumes, and books live, a home in which the possibilities for play are endless. Having the child at my place was as awkward as Bill O'Reilly at a gay-pride festival. A few minutes before my mother deposited Bella in my living room, I'd

hopped onto Twitter and asked for suggestions for how to entertain a five-yearold. Now, after ten minutes of showing her the terrace, allowing her to run up and down the stairs, and pointing out the hundred or so things she could not touch, I needed those responses. Reading the first reply, my brows furrowed:

"Candy Land. Ponies. Sticker books." Not here. The second one seemed more plausible: "Dress up." But Bella had not been interested in my feathers. One tip printing coloring pages from the web ---sounded perfect until I remembered I didn't have any crayons.

I was just about to break out my makeup collection when Bella, already tired of Bugs Bunny's shenanigans, skipped over to the counter and picked up my iPhone. "Can I take pictures, Aunt Bob?"

"Sure, honey. You know how? Oh, wait, never mind, that's right, Uncle David showed you." I turned on the phone, pressed the camera icon, and handed it over. "Just give it right back to me if it rings, okay? Mommy might try to call." I could have kicked myself for that last sentence.

Bella's entire demeanor changed. Her shoulders slumped forward, and her little blond brows came together. Finally, she looked up at me. "Olivia had to go to the hospital. What's wrong with her?"

"Olivia's fine, sweetie," I said. "It's just that, well..." I wasn't about to explain "febrile seizure" to a five-yearold when I barely understood it myself. Comprehension may not have been attainable, but comfort was. "Some babies, when they get fevers, react differently than other babies. The same thing happened to Aunt Jenny when she was your sister's age, and Aunt Jenny is just fine now. Olivia will be too."

Bella nodded and set off on a phototaking expedition. As the artist captured every nook of my condo, I considered how horrific it must have been for Jane when her feverish two-year-old had a seizure in her arms. I imagined the distress on my sister's face when Bella refused to get in the ambulance, the agony over having to make a snap decision between forcing Bella to come along or leaving her with one of the handful of neighbors who, upon hearing the sirens, had rushed over to see what was going on.

My father was 31 when his baby girl (my sister Jenny) had a seizure in his arms. At the time, we lived on a tiny island 1200 miles out in the Aleutians, off the coast of Alaska. My mom, who was 28, had to choose with whom to leave three daughters while she and my dad accompanied their two-year-old to the mainland. Jenny had slipped into a

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coma and would not come out of it for two weeks. While all this was going on, my biggest stress was being forced to eat peas and drink milk, resenting my parents for leaving me with "monsters" who insisted on a balanced diet. Now, as an adult, my heart goes out to the young parents who had to leave most of their children behind in order to save their youngest.

I was relieved that my niece's condition was less critical than my sister's ailment had been (encephalitis, or swelling of the brain, as the result of a mosquito bite). From the ambulance, Jane had called Mom, who called me, after which I'd called Simon, who left work to join his wife and daughter at the hospital. Mom was on her way to a meeting and had just enough time to collect Bella from the neighbor and bring her to me. I'd have gotten her myself, but David had the car.

Bella returned to my side and handed me the phone. "Are you hungry, hon?" She nodded. Again, I opened the fridge, and she stood beside me. Hummus, jam, eggs, canned tuna, yogurt, jars of condiments, and something in a plastic bag. I picked up the bag. "Have you ever had Hungarian sausage?" Bella shook her head. "Well, you're in for a treat!" I laid out four crackers and cut four slices of the skinny sausage. Bella took a seat, and I placed the food on a napkin before her. "And as dessert, you can have this very special dark chocolate that you get to unwrap yourself."

Bella daintily laid a slice of sausage on a cracker, took a bite, then sat back in her chair and looked around the room. Nothing, I would think, to hold the attention of a child — sharp edges and hardwood, things hanging on walls that you're not allowed to touch. Finally, Bella's eyes came to rest on my face. "I like coming here," she said.

"That makes me happy, Bella Boo." I realized, once the words were out of my mouth, what a gross understatement it was. Truth was, I couldn't remember a time I'd felt so relieved. ■

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## OUR FAVORITE DRINKS AND WHERE WE DRINK THEM

There are times, sometimes in the midst of otherwise polite conversation, when it comes out that I make my living writing for the *Reader.* The follow-up to this revelation is almost never "Oh, that's right, I read your profile of former *New Yorker* writer William Murray back in '99! Great piece!" Rather, it is almost always "Oh, do you know Ollie?" (Or Duncan. Or Naomi. Or Matthew Alice. Or Barbarella. Or, or, or.) This has happened often enough that I have developed, without meaning to, a standard reply to the question: "Oh, no. All of us writers work out of our homes. They like to keep us separated — if we were all together, we'd just sit around and drink."

I have no idea if that last part is true. In fact, I suspect it isn't. But it does play off one universal truth — writers would most often rather do anything besides write — and one accepted stereotype: the leather-livered reporter, who, when he isn't chasing a story, haunts the city's watering holes, taking its boozy pulse, sniffing out the next trail even as he numbs his overly keen senses with cheap whiskey. "I see too much in my line of work, bartender. I see too much. So now, I'm gonna get blind." Very romantic and, if the collection of cocktail stories contained herein is any indication, almost entirely fictitious. Happily, these concoctions offer something more





Pearl Harbors at Carlee's Bar and Grill



interesting— a generous pour of carefully rendered detail, enlivened by a judicious measure of story: what we drink, where we drink it, and why.

A few of us did get together and drink at least once — a party at my place sometime last year. I made sangria. People brought beer and spirits — though I don't recall any whiskey, cheap or otherwise. At the gathering, I had a chance to meet Dorian Hargrove, one of our newer writers. Feeling expansive, I lent him my copy of former *New Yorker* writer Joseph Mitchell's *Up in the Old Hotel*, the book that, for me, served as a model of longform profile writing — the kind you might find in the *Reader*.

The first piece in that book is a profile of a place, not a person: McSorley's Old Ale House in New York City. A journalist writing journalism about drinking — surely we have entered the seventh heaven, the fever dream of aspiration, the ultimate heady mix of business and pleasure. Except, when you read the thing and you should — it becomes clear that Mitchell probably wasn't drinking during his many visits to McSorley's. The observations are too exact, the details too precise, the stories too packed with research and background. Nor does it seem likely that he was drinking when he wrote the profile — the rhythm is too even, the mix of anecdote and interview too proportional.

McSorley's serves ale and ale alone. For everything else, read on.

— Matthew Lickona

#### **Old-Fashioneds at the Turf Supper Club**

-Bourbon -Dash of bitters -Muddled cherry and orange -Serve on the rocks

Booze holds a storied place in the serious business of turning things unserious. As with everything, there's a time and a place; specific situations complement the mood,

desire, and taste of every individual. Recently, I told a woman that our theme drink for the weekend would be the Old-Fashioned. I read her the recipe over the telephone:

- Place a sugar cube in a lowball glass and dissolve the sugar with a wee dose of water.
- Think of a lost love and a wavy sepia wheat field. Add two dashes of Angostura bitters.
- Notice the crisp feeling of your shirt.
- Add one cube of ice and a lemon peel.

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If you've ever had a mouthful of an Old-Fashioned made in this style, you've probably spit it right back out. Sugar, bitters, a lemon peel, and bourbon whiskey is about as close to a punch in the mouth as you can get outside a boxing gym. Which is one key reason you'll never get a drink made from this recipe in any bar, anywhere. The Old-Fashioned evolved several decades ago, or maybe a hundred years ago, to include a maraschino cherry and club soda. There's even a San Diego version that you'll find at bars here, in which the lemon peel is abandoned in favor of an orange slice. The girl and I made both

variants of the drink. During games of backgammon, between our respective turns with the dice, and breaking up play only to chip more ice or slice and peel fruit, eventually, as the liquor buoyed our spirits and we laughed more at things that wouldn't otherwise seem as funny, we splashed in more and more club soda, less and less bitters, and topped off our glasses with an arrangement of citrus and cherries.

Purists may decry the addition of soda, but I see no problem in the evolution of drink mixes. What matters — the main ingredients — are your time, place, mood, and company. Really, drinking an Old-Fashioned in this updated and fresh way (don't forget the oranges, backgammon, and girl) is delightful.

The making of an Old-Fashioned lends itself to sprinkling sugar about the countertop in a festive manner, the lively squeezing of oranges onto the floor, dashing bitters onto the stove or fridge, and erupting club soda bottles over the whole affair. Looking at the soggy, silty, sticky mess in my kitchen, I made the executive decision, "We're not making this shithole any worse; we're going out to drink." Why, at the Turf Club, of

course.

The Turf Club is actually named the Turf Supper Club, but everyone drops the "Supper" in favor of the shorter version of the name.

Ah, the Turf Club: where

the drinks could fuel transcontinental flight, cartoon horses decorate everything, and everyone is overly tattooed and all incredibly nice and accommodating. The Turf Club looks as if Dwight Eisenhower is running for his 14th term as president, and the bar is known for its Old-Fashioned.

We arrive just after nine at night, and there are two burgundy Naugahyde stools left open at the bar; mostly people are standing up and crammed in tight, clutching Martini glasses and draped with vintage purses. Acapulco-patterned dresses and bowling shirts swish and slide against one another as San Diego's waistdeep-in-hip leisure aristocracy jostle to sizzle their own steaks at the diminutive and crowded indoor grill.

"What can I get you?" the tender asks. "Two Old-Fashioneds."

With a nod, he's off to pluck orange slices from a tub and find the little bottle of bitters. At seven bucks apiece, it's a bargain to spare me from cleaning any more sugary gunk off my kitchen counter, walls, and cabinets. Stacks of cash clutter the bar between pools of splashed liquor. Women apply makeup with the aid of pocket mirrors. Men drop hunks of their paychecks in exchange for icy glasses of liquor. The jukebox rattles. People shout and clamor.

The girl says, "This is perfect." The right place with the right drink, gold shimmers in the hearts of the people, me, and her.

Oh yes, takin' it easy is serious business.

— Ollie

#### Tears of the Prophet at Parallel 33

-2 oz. orange vodka -3 oz. pomegranate juice -Fresh mint leaves to garnish

Pour vodka and pomegranate juice into a cocktail shaker and add ice. Shake vigorously and pour into a chilled Martini glass. Garnish with fresh mint leaves.

I am not someone who wishes I were still 21. Or even 29. I could have skipped the decade after 19 and happily ended up at 30. Sure, I had fewer wrin-



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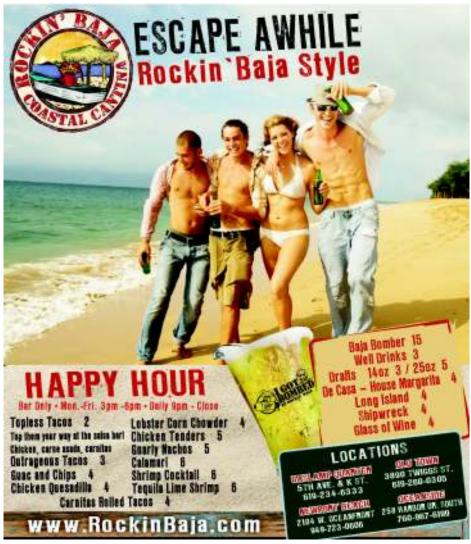
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kles in my 20s and could sleep in on weekends, but I had almost no money and even less self-confidence. I worked at a series of unstable ad agencies, and I was suffering from unsuitable boyfriends and the breakups that followed.

Luckily, I had friends willing to put up with my stream of complaints, and for a while, my friend Mick had a weekly ritual of Friday happy hour at Parallel 33 in Mission Hills. This was back in 2001, when Washington Street was still charming, before the Gathering burned in the fire and Phil's BBQ moved to the Sports Arena area. It was wintertime and always dark when we met, or at least that's how I remember it, although that might be due as much to those dark times as to the time of year.

Mick, his friend Ralph, and I were an anomaly in the upscale restaurant. Most people came in to eat, but we couldn't afford the entrées. Instead, we stayed in the bar and ordered pita and hummus, or sometimes ahi poke. But, really, we were there for the drinks. Ralph knew the bartender,

a fellow runner named Scott who

had traveled around the world and could juggle three cocktail shakers at once.

"Hey," Scott said to me one night as I climbed onto the bar stool between Mick and Ralph. "Tears of the Prophet?"

"Of course," I said and watched as Scott filled the shaker with ice, Absolut Mandrin, and

Pamela Hunt-Cloyd: There was a mirror over the bar, and my own happy face surprised me.

pomegranate juice. He shook it with his right hand, while with his left he poured three Martinis, which a waitress whisked away. Scott placed a mint leaf in my glass and pushed it toward me.

Ralph, Mick, and I raised our drinks. "To the bartender," Mick said, and Scott bowed his head and smiled. As always, the first sip was heavenly. It tasted like going back in time, maybe to then at an older couple in their 50s who were entering the restaurant. The woman had an expensive haircut, and a gorgeous cashmere wrap draped her shoulders. She must have felt me looking because she turned for a second and caught my eye. I looked down, suddenly self-conscious of my cheap shoes and wrinkled Old Navy suit.

New York in the '40s, when glam-

our was easier to find, or at least

not hidden by a Starbucks or a

strip of condos, like the ones

springing up down the block.

and I laughed. There was a mirror over the bar, and my own

happy face surprised me. I stared

for a second at my reflection and

Mick said something funny

A longing wound through



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me then, tangled with shame. I wanted to be that woman. I wanted her seat by the window, her husband, her life. For years I had prided myself on my independence, but really all I wanted was to be with someone who liked me back, someone who would stay with me, who would call when he said he would and tell me I looked beautiful in the candlelight. How had my dreams become so small?

Scott turned to me again and refilled my glass with his shaker. "On the house," he said. "The benefits of front-row seats." He went back to the conversation with Mick about his latest sixmonth trip to Central America. As he filled two glasses with gin, he talked about the surf off the coast of Belize.

"How do you do that?" I asked him. "How do you just pick up and travel for half the year?"

Scott shrugged. "I bartend for a while, save up money, and go. Don't you have a passport?" I nodded.

"Then what's stopping you?" I caught my reflection again in the mirror, as well as the reflec-

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tion of the couple seated behind us. My own reasons were stopping me: my childish desire to be safe, to be taken care of. Instead of a life of adventure, I had chosen a cheap suit and a lousy job, thinking all the while that someone — some man — would ride in to save me. Instead of tasting real freedom, I settled for exotic drinks and someone else's stories.

And yet, I was also aware that I was only 28. I could still travel to Central America. I could join the Peace Corps or go to grad school. I could get another job. I could move to a new town and start over. I could save myself.

Two years later, when I turned 30, I did just that. Because



I am not the type to jet off to another continent, I took the most banal option. I got a new job and asked for more money than I thought I deserved. I raised my standards and no longer dated losers. I stopped longing for someone else's life. Slowly, I became happy inside my own.

Eventually, I got married to a man named Scott who has traveled the world and owns three cocktail shakers. My husband has never had a ponytail or surfed in the Caribbean, but he makes a mean Martini. And sometimes, as he pours me a Cosmopolitan, I think of the other Scott - the first Scott — that bartender who made me a drink that tasted like

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freedom and who told me how to get it. — Pamela Hunt-Clovd

Parallel 33 recently closed.

#### Irish Coffees at the **Ould Sod**

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The Guinness at the Ould Sod has a reputation for being the best in town. Those in the know

sports — Mike Aguirre's bad manners (still) — and sports — Iraq — and sports — and an occasional book of science fiction

### Joe Deegan: It tasted so good I ordered two more rounds.

Ward both came from Ireland in the 1980s. For bartending help, they employ two additional Irishmen, Martin Brennan and Tony

ated by Tom Quinn, Ron Stout,

and Mick Ward since 1989. Sev-

eral years ago, Stout fell ill and is

now a silent partner. Quinn and

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say it's due to the bar's short line between keg and tap.

But, you see, I go to the Sod to drink in hot-blooded Irish camaraderie. Many Irish folk I've met still carry, consciously or not, a furious resentment over Britain's long subjugation of the Emerald Isle, the famine of the 1840s and '50s, and the war of independence in 1919-1921. It's as though they were there.

This chip-on-shoulder (who can blame them?) blends seamlessly into strong opinions on our own politics, both local and national, and rubs off on customers. Which is why I think of the Ould Sod as a political bar. Dittoheads and wingnuts gravitate toward the right end of the bar while "loony lefties" (I credit Ward with the phrase) sit at the opposite end, nearest the door. Sports conversations in the center often suck the energy out of each side and prevent donnybrooks. The crowd talks about Obama the socialist - and

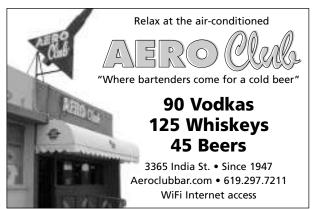
sandwiched between Limbaugh talking points.

So bellying up to the bar might plop you into a lively disagreement. I discovered this to my embarrassment. In political discourse, I can overheat with the best of them. One particular discussion got me so rattled that my hands shook and I couldn't even lift the beer glass to my mouth. I decided thereafter to button my lip and listen more whenever I went into the Sod. But that doesn't seem satisfactory either, so recently I've been training myself to discuss things in a more rational manner. It works to a point.

The scene manifests between four in the afternoon and seven in the evening, especially on Fridays, when a gadfly steeped in political websites often visits. He torments the regulars with arcane details that flummox long-held views

But the political hour is not the only Ould Sod. There is the





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television-football Sod all day Saturdays and Sundays in the fall. The Sod with the most hours per week is surely the young crowd's turn, from early evening to closing time. Then you might see, or partake in, the chugging of Jäger Bombs (shots of Jägermeister in a glass of beer) and Irish Car Bombs (a shot of Baileys Irish Cream and Jameson in a glass three-quarters full of Guinness). Music plays, including karaoke on Thursday and Saturday nights.

I rarely show up for these extravaganzas. It's that civic yet fiery camaraderie I crave. So the Ould Sod was where I went on Election Night last November.



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beer would tire me quickly. Irish Coffee came to mind. The Sod filled early with customers young and old as I let the hot coffee and smooth Jameson rise into the bones of my face. It tasted so good I ordered two more rounds. And then the evening raced to its ending. The election was called for Barack Obama by eight o'clock. Loud cheering and clapping went up all around, and suddenly John McCain was giving his concession speech. Obama's speech was over by 9:15.

On this night, I wanted to watch

the returns pop onto those elec-

tronic boards the television net-

That night my bed was hard. The Jameson still imbued me with a warm glow. But that damned coffee. It kept me awake until three.

Irish Coffee on Election Night was a serendipitous discovery, but for sleep's sake I should have stuck with beer. Jameson by itself? That's a different story. An occasional shot now helps me enjoy mellower political discourse.

— Joe Deegan

#### Raspberry Mojitos at JRDN

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In a tall glass, muddle 3 raspberries, torn mint leaves, and lime wedges or juice. Add simple syrup (sugar and water). Top with ice. Add rum. Fill with club soda. Garnish with 2 raspberries and a sprig of mint. "Never use aged rum," says JRDN bartender Juan Sanchez. "Caramel notes from the barrel-aging ruin the Mojito's color and interfere with its citrus and fruit profiles."

There was this guy.

We hadn't said more than a few words to each other. I wasn't even sure he was single. Sharon, my flirtiest girlfriend, said go for

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it. "Ask him over for a drink."

"But it's gotta be your own special drink," Sharon said. "He's a chef. They probably go for that kind of thing."

Yes, indeed he was a chef. How the white apron sat frenchly on his hips! How imperiously he commanded waitstaff and line cooks! The darling shoebox he carried into work, filled with herbs and vegetables from his very own garden.

It would have to be a pretty special drink. I turned to Bill, another good friend, and his book, *Shaken and Stirred*, a chronicle of drinking adventures and unusual cocktails.

I scanned recipes and ingredient lists, steering clear of tricky glassware, complicated maneuvers, and anything made with blue booze.

Mojito.

"You can drink a mojito without really thinking about it," Bill writes. "Then the music starts — the sad, swaying strum that seems to be coming out of a decaying Cuban guitar — but it's coming out of you."

I had limes. Mint. Both grew in my backyard. (A cocktail made from my own crops!) Squeeze and muddle, splash and stir. Rum (yum), sparkling water, simple syrup, ice. Who could say no?

"Would you like to come over for a Mojito?" I asked the chef. "Okay," he said.

And he never left.

Three years after we sat in my backyard drinking Mojitos, the chef and I were married. These days we are a cocktail-out kind of couple. After we've cooked in the afternoon in preparation for a quiet dinner at home, we often cruise over to JRDN.

JRDN is the restaurant/bar of Tower 23, a discreet, hypersleek hotel on the Pacific Beach boardwalk. I've heard it sits where Skip and Donna Frye's surf shop used to be.

With all apologies to the Fryes and a nod to Graham Downes Architecture, I have to say few places in town make this much of our natural resources. JRDN is floor to ceiling, north to south, 190 degrees of ocean view. There is seating outside, but sitting inside feels outside too. Great glass panels slide wide open to ocean air and breeze.

By night JRDN's clever "wave wall" ripples and shimmers like abalone shell. Programmed lights project onto the sculptured surface of the wall and create the illusion of liquid movement. (Think Japanese watercolor meets anime.) It's a cocktail for the eyes.

All this chic elevates our preprandial conversation and makes us feel more beautiful.

Sometimes I pretend we're not in San Diego at all but in St. Tropez or Biarritz, until I spot Peter the Limo Man or Old-School Mike, surfer friends from La Jolla Shores, sitting across the bar.

The only Mojitos I've had

in a bar that come close to the sunlight and music of my homemade ones are the Raspberry Mojitos at JRDN. They are the prettiest Mojitos in town, stained a drifty scarlet-pink and served in iced, slim highball glasses.

"Never seen a drink like it,"

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says bartender Juan Sanchez. "The first one goes out, and then everybody starts saying, 'I'll take one of those.' "

The tennis grannies drink them, as do the working moms, Buenos Aires heiresses, and scruffy surfer girls. Tables of grown men suck straws, unabashedly quaffing their third or fourth pink Mojito, flipping through them like oneliners on a singles' cruise.

I smile and squeeze the chef's hand. "Beware," I want to whisper to the Mojito drinkers of JRDN. "Beware. This is a cock-



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tail that can change your life." — *Alex Finlayson* 

#### Salty Dogs at Nunu's

-2 oz. vodka or gin -4 oz. grapefruit juice -Garnish with lime or lemon wedge -Serve in a glass with a salted rim

Jimmy's days behind the bar at Nunu's are over, but you'll likely find him a-stool beside the kitchen door on the smoking patio. The man's not just the

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"operations engineer" at Nunu's but a fixture for some 20-odd years. He denies the following "Jimmy story" with every bristle on his chinny-chin-chin.

According to the fisher folk who ballast the south end of Nunu's shipshape bar, however, these are the facts.

One way-back-when afternoon after a stretch at sea, Tony's tuna crew called for the old salts' concoction, as it were, of Salty Dogs. "Salty Dogs all around, Jim!" rang through the Hillcrest hideaway. Stymied, Jimmy leaned over the bar with raised brows.... "Greyhounds with salt 'round the rim, Jim," explained one of the briny Italians. A Greyhound's a simple mix of vodka and grapefruit juice. Put salt on the rim, you've got yourself a Salty Dog. Anyway, Jimmy poured the

Anyway, Jimmy poured the Greyhounds, proffered four cardstock coasters, and tallied a tab for the four well drinks. "Hey, Jimmy! Where's the salt? We tol' ya, Greyhound with salt on the rim."

The barman tore up the tab and rapped the bar with his knuckles a couple of times on the house.

About ten minutes later, crewman *numero due* bellied up to the bar and ordered another round of Dogs. Jimmy iced up four rocks glasses, tipped the Russian generic over each glass in turn, splashed the bitter fruit juice over the row, and slid the drinks out. "Order up." When the crewman returned to collect the drinks, he said, "Jimmy, c'mo-o-o-o-on, you gotta salt these drinks." Another tab was torn, and Jimmy rapped the bar once and waved

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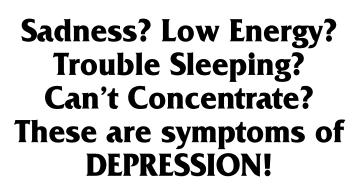
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If you suffer from any of these disorders, you may be eligible for an investigational drug research study. If you qualify and choose to participate, you will receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits at no charge, and you may receive study medication. Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.





the man away.

This went on, as Tony's story goes, until Jimmy salted four rocks glasses — so he wouldn't forget — and lined them up on the bar. When the crew called for another round — "Same again, Jim!" — he iced up the salted glasses, mixed Greyhounds into them, and rang up a tab on the antique register. "Order up."

When Tony came to collect the cocktails, he couldn't help himself. "Jimmy, we said 'same again.' What's with the salt? We don't want salt *now*."The boat captain and barman stared each other down until the tab was fitfully torn in two.

Tony and Jimmy, though they'd deny it, are the best of friends today. I relish their company as I sip the bitter chemistry of Salty Dogs on the bar's patio

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and listen to the inevitable embellishment of this among many fisherman's tales, Tony belly laughing, Jimmy rolling his eyes behind a blue curl of filterless cigarette smoke.

"Hey, Jim," I start some booze-brave days, "why didn't you just salt four glasses and pour the drinks into them instead of givin' 'em away?"

"I would have if the story were true, Bob-bay," Jimmy says in a blue-blood singsong gleaned from too many William Powell movies, "but Tony has me confused with somebody stu-paid." *— Barnaby Monk* 

#### French and Italians at the Hotel Del Coronado

-French vermouth -Italian vermouth -Gin -Twist of lemon

Mix French (dry white) vermouth and Italian (sweet red) vermouth into a cocktail glass, favoring the French. Add a shot of gin. Garnish with a twist of lemon.

José Palma's the only guy I've found in Diego's fair city who's ever heard of my favorite drink. So where he serves it, I drinks it.

Fortunately, that's at the Hotel Del Coronado, on the terrace, at cocktail hour, watching the sun collapse into the ocean. Unfortunately you pay through the nose for it (around \$14); on the other hand, your nose is the first to appreciate the aromatic wines, gin, and lemon in this little piece of Mediterranean magic.

Before you put your lips to it, you feast your eyes on the amber-ruby nectar. It's not hard and brittle like a gin and tonic or even James Bond's Martini gin with a whiff of French vermouth. My French and Italian's the opposite, warm wines with a little gin to give it a bit of snap.

I've never been a hard-liquor man. Beers, wines have been it till our neighbor Linda awakened a memory that rushed back into my mind, all the way from childhood.

A group of us were at the Del one Sunday night, sitting round a fire ring. Linda was drinking a Level — Absolut — Vodka with soda water and a splash of cranberry. I'd come late and was *umm*ing and *aah*ing over what to have. "You can ask for just about anything here," said Linda. "Just go for what you love." That's when it came to me. How about the cocktail I grew up with? French and Italian.

Let me explain about French and Italian. It's what my English daddy drank. Every cocktail hour at our place in New Zealand, overlooking Whanganui a Tara (Wellington harbor), he'd go to the wine cupboard and pour us all a French and Italian, and we'd sit, sip, talk, joke, and hack out B-grade philosophy till dark. That's where Dad told me about how vermouths — "aromatized wines"-were steeped in everything from fruit peels to roots, herbs, spices, even medicinal digestive aids like quinine. The French created the name "vermouth" after the German word wermut, which means wormwood, which is the wood used for the casks these wines were stored in and derived a bitter twang from. Italians were the first to produce vermouth in big



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\*There is NO monetary compensation for participation. For more information call Dr. Jennifer Sumner at: (858) 534-8056 numbers, in the 1700s. In the 1800s, the French came up with a drier type, and ever since, some folk have called the sweet vermouth "Italian" and the dry "French," even though both countries have long since produced both versions.

My introduction to vermouth was at around 12, 13, when Dad hauled us off to France. My brother and I spent our formative years learning to love Noilly Prat (the French dry vermouth) mixed with Martini and Rossi (sweet Italian), sip by sip from our parents' glasses.

But would anyone know how to make one here? I asked the barista at the tented bar in front of our fire-ring seats. "Have you heard of a French and Italian?" The guy shook his head. So

I explained. He tried. Except, two things:

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he strained it through ice so much the hotel's flagship eatery.

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it came out watery, insipid. Plus, a previous customer's lipstick was printed round the lip of the glass.

"Yuk," said Linda. The barista poured my French and Italian into a new glass, but it didn't help the dilution problem.

So, hey, 14 bucks. I was ready

to cut my losses and go for a beer

when this bright-faced server,

Amy, came up. "French and Ital-

ian? If anybody would know, José

would," she said. So I followed her

to the back bar of 1500 Ocean,

Barbarella: McCain had Joe the Plumber. I've got Joe the Sommelier.

I'll get it right."

I left him to it, and when it came and I sipped that fruityspicy-junipery warm taste, the exact right balance of sweet and tangy, I wanted to shout "Eureka!"

"Yes," said José. "I know of

it. But in the 20 years I've been

barman here, I've only had one

request. But it's a little like the

Perfect Manhattan: equal parts

dry and sweet vermouth, except

with a shot of Tanqueray gin [instead of whiskey]. Don't worry.

Since then, I get back to the Del whenever I can. Or, actually, whenever I can afford it. But only on the days I know that José Palma's going to be working, because, as they say, when it comes to cocktails, there's nothing worse than getting it almost right.

— Bill Manson

### Porto Blancos at Kensington Grill

-50 percent white port
-50 percent tonic water
-Slice of lemon, on the rocks in a highball glass

My taste in adult beverages, like my taste in friends, has become more refined with each passing year. In high school, the rule was:

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drink what you can steal. Flavor was not the point. In college (at least for the three semesters I attended) the rule was: drink what you can afford. Again, taste was a nonissue. After moving into my first apartment, I so loved playing the part of a grown-up that I made up a new rule based on my desire to be taken seriously: drink what you think sophisticated adults drink. At the time, this meant flashy-sounding cocktail classics made with vodka (what I considered to be a very adult ingredient, with the added benefit of having virtually no flavor of its own), like Vodka Collins, White Russians, and Cosmopolitans.

For years, I drank only at parties, bars, or clubs and always for the same reason — to aid social interaction. But the way I viewed the role of libations changed A.D. (after David). My first months of dating the gastronome were rife with new discoveries, including that of one beverage I had never before tasted - port wine. Intent on pleasing his new ladylove with sensuous delights one evening,

David laid out a platter containing a glass of fine port, a wedge of blue-veined, aged Stilton, and a few squares of dark chocolate.

With enough insistence, David persuaded me to overcome my reluctance to apply deliberately a known evil stanky blue cheese — to my finicky tongue. At first, the pungency of the Stilton was overwhelming. But once I sipped the port and closed my eyes, something magical happened — in my mouth, the cheese was transformed into a creamy concoction of salty hazelnut, caramel, and chocolate. Suddenly, an alcoholic beverage was not only a vehicle to a better buzz but also a delicacy in which I could luxuriate.

Because it's no longer just about the buzz, my greatest drinking pleasures derive from wine paired well with food.

I fancy many types of wine. Since my first kiss of port, I have always viewed the viscous and sweet liquid as a wine best saved for dessert. That is, until I discovered the Porto Blanco.

McCain had Joe the Plumber. Palin had Joe Six-Pack. I've got Joe the Sommelier. It was my not-so-average Joe who demonstrated that the nectar I had relegated to the land of finishes could be just as delightful on the flip side of the meal.

When it comes to enjoying drinks as a complement to food, the problem with most cocktails is that they are too filling and too flavorful, bombarding my palate with their sweets and sours. Few are ideal aperitifs, which are meant to stimulate the appetite, not squash it. Joe's sweet and spicy Chupacabra — a hearty concoction of Stoli Vanil, Kahlúa, horchata, ancho chile, and simple syrup - is too much for me to handle before chef Hanis's generous portions at Kensington Grill.

David and I have been dining at the Grill since we started dating six years ago. It wasn't until Joe added the Porto Blanco, a classic beverage of choice in Portugal, to the cocktail list that I realized how consummate the aperitif is to a good meal. In this



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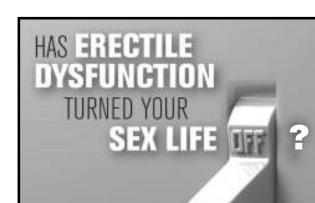
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## Men with type 1 or type 2 diabetes could be eligible and are encouraged to inquire about this research study.

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elegant aperitif, a slice of lemon swims in the combination of luscious white port and lightly sweet tonic water.

As a recent graduate of my 20s, I now prefer my beverages to be as complex and palatable as the people with whom I choose to surround myself. Enjoying a good meal is like having a conversation with the chef who prepared it. Rarely do friends jump right into a rich and heady discussion. So it is that before venturing into appetizers and entrées at Kensington Grill, I begin with a bit of pleasant, effervescent small talk in the form of a Porto Blanco.

— Barbarella

### **Spanish Red Wine at Bronx Pizza**

Do you guys serve beer? Only to ourselves. — From the Bronx Pizza FAQ on the back of the to-go menu

It's a good, pithy answer, entirely in keeping with the feel of the place. A good answer ---but not the whole answer.

If Bronx Pizza has a mascot, it is the statue of a pizza chef occupying one corner of the back patio. Potbellied, smiling, and proud, dusted with gray city grime instead of white unbleached flour, he stands, apron around his waist and kerchief around his neck, offering up his handiwork.

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So what to make of the mannequins up on the balcony, the ones seated at the table with the red-and-white checked tablecloth? Between her bobbed hair and scarf and his preppy hair and Navy jacket, they look as though they just got off the yacht. Who are these people?

They're not me and mine, that's certain. We've been going to Bronx since it opened - our family expanding right along with the restaurant's seating capacity — and we've got it down to a routine: call in the order as we leave the house, drop off the wife and kids in front, circle the block

looking for a parking space, head inside, get sodas poured and kids seated, pick up pies, cut slices into bits for the little ones. Yes, it's a routine, but one forever teetering on the edge of chaos. We don't look at all like the couple on the balcony. Except for the wine.

Bronx Pizza doesn't serve wine to customers, same way they don't serve beer. But there's a bottle of red at the table between those mannequins, and you can bet that there's a bottle of red most likely Spanish and definitely cheap - between my wife and me. Years ago, an earlier version of that Bronx FAQ allowed as how it was legal to bring a bottle onto the premises. That was all the encouragement I needed. I sometimes wonder if the sidelong glances I get from my fellow diners are because they're afraid my horde of children will overrun the place or because they're amazed to see someone pull a bottle of wine out of his pants pocket.

If it's the latter, a word of explanation: for me, as for many, wine completes a meal. Wine's basic combination of tangy acidity and fruity sweetness, together with the structure and texture provided by alcohol, make it a fine companion to whatever's on the plate. If it's worth it (and it is) to drive from La Mesa to Hillcrest for pizza, if it's worth it (and it is) to shepherd my kids onto

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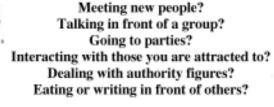
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a crowded patio so we can eat pizza crisp from the oven, then it's worth it to bring a bottle and an opener.

Unlike the couple on the balcony, however, my wife and I don't bother with stemware; Bronx's clear plastic water cups work just fine. This isn't a matter of reverse snobbery. I believe in stemware — a good wine glass will help you appreciate all the elements in your '61 Cheval Blanc that led you to buy such an exalted bottle in the first place. Nor is it a matter of ordinary snobbery.

Rather, it's a matter of proportion. Pizza night with the kids is not the time to swirl, sniff, and swoon. It's the time to drink wine because it tastes good with what you're eating and because it gladdens the heart of man while he's getting refills on root beer, corralling the three-year-old, and discussing brand management with his wife and firstborn. It's the time for cheap Spanish redmaybe tempranillo, maybe mourvèdre, most likely grenache. It depends on what's on the shelf at the store. There's always something. It started back in 1998 with Protocolo for \$4.50 a bottle at the Wine Bank. There have been so many since then: Borsao, Tres Ojos, Casa Castillo, Vina Alarba (so very much Vina Alarba)... Just now, it's Crucillon from San Diego Wine Co. Thanks to the weak dollar, it's up to \$6.99, but it's still a bargain.

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#### Dragon's Blood Sangria at Laurel

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For all the wannabe swank spots in San Diego — midcentury rehabs downtown, original upholstery along El Cajon Boulevard — when I want anachronism, I push my tush onto a sleek, white leather bar stool at Laurel. From my perch, I imagine Swinging London, Paris hip-chic, underground New York...and early-'60s suits.

When I met Angela at Fifth and Laurel last summer, she had to drag me out of my daze over the decor — the houndstooth dining chairs, the arabesque blackand-white florals, but especially: those chartreuse banquettes! That silken fabric! "Can't you just see it?" I shriek. "A fabulous suit!" Below-the-knee, butt-hugging pencil skirt topped with a short, boxy, double-breasted jacket with poker-chip-sized buttons. Something Bobbie Barrett would wear on TV's Mad Men. You know Don Draper and Roger Sterling would haunt this place for a late lunch running right into dinner. Imagine *them* at the top of the stairs.

Which is where I found myself surveying the bar below. Get ready to make an entrance, everyone; ladies with legs, this is your moment. Descending four sweeping steps, then a sharp left down a few more (grab that

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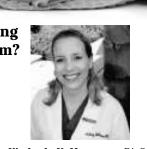
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wrought-iron railing) sinks you below street level. The elegant bar crafts a long C, leaving plenty of room for chatting couples, corner-seated regulars, and foursomes along the side. Once seated, you're strategically set to watch anyone off the sidewalk become someone on those stairs. While taking them in, they'll take in Laurel. Then you'll swivel back around to survey the list for "Seven before Seven."

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Capping off this picture might call for a Martini — or in these post-Sex and the City days, Laurel's Sparkling Cosmo (Chambord, champagne, Skyy vodka) but I resist predictability's pull and settle for Dragon's Blood Sangria. It's my current sweet drink of choice. Laurel's version of this traditional Spanish summertime wine "punch" adds Calvados brandy and ruby port to its red wine, along with citrus-flavored soda and chunks of fruit. It's more than a step beyond spritzer — it's a bolero...or a fandango. Deep and rich and luscious, yet light on its feet, with plenty of kick.

A recent winter visit left a licorice chase to first taste, much mellower than my initial encounter. Did something change? "Depending on the season, it varies slightly," says general manager Ben Kephart, an under-30year-old soul with the gestures of a gentleman and a comic's timing. "When it's a bit chilly outside, you'll notice a fuller-bodied version, to warm the heart..." It was anisette!"...and a nice, crisp, refreshing version during warmer times and summer months."

"It reminds me of the Tinto de Verano [red wine of summer] I had in Spain," Angela explains. "Spaniards drink it like water." Though Laurel's Sangria is more complex, it's no less popular.

Promise me you won't let the upscale crowd stop you. For a tony spot, Laurel's bar during 7b47 (ez 2 txt), with its mix of affordable appetizers, lively conversation, and inventive libations, starts out approachable and ends up downright chat-with-your-

neighbors. Expect seniors with scene-sters, sophisticated palates and post-shift servers, early clubbers and late diners. Here, the real world is most welcome, fitting in well with the room's whimsy.

In recent years I've heard

great things about the "new" Laurel, reinterpreted in 2005 by Tracy Borkum (Chive, Kensington Grill), who modernized the restaurant's look and its cuisine (less France; more Italy, Spain, and California). But traces of the "old" Laurel linger like Chanel

No. 5, and her heritage shows (Miró motifs, Gallic touches on the menu), most audibly on the website: one click conjures up mid-'50s Paris with piano vamp and saucy French vocalist. Smart with a frivolous streak, worldlywise but playful, she's long known

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## stirred."

Or they know which vintage of wine is best and what wine you can and can't have with what food. Okay, the wine drinkers might sound more pretentious than cool, but most people think it's cool if you know your alcohol. (They appreciate it, also, if you can handle your alcohol.)

I often say I have the palate of a 12-year-old. So when I turned 21 and my friends were enjoying the "free" drinks at the casino, I tried a few. I figured I liked soda why not order a Jack & Coke. It was awful. How about a 7&7? My mom gave me 7UP when I was sick. Drinking three 7&7s almost made me sick. How many ways could they screw up the taste of delicious sodas?

But on my quest for an alcoholic beverage that tasted good, I found two I love. Because I have that sweet tooth, the Whiskey Sour is the perfect drink. It tastes great. Most drinks that taste good come with an umbrella, a threefoot straw with curves and loops, and four slices of fruit on the rim. Or they sound weird to order. "I'd like a Fuzzy Navel,

please." You can say"Whiskey Sour" and sound like a real man. Not

just because "whiskey" is in the name, but because it's a drink that has history. In a book from the mid-1800s, *How to Mix Drinks*, the Whiskey Sour is there.

It contains a few ounces of blended whiskey, some lemon juice, a half teaspoon of powdered sugar, and only one piece of fruit — a cherry on top.

The other drink I love is the Margarita. Margaritas taste the same most places. I prefer the ones made with triple sec.

I like to drink Margaritas at Canes, right on the boardwalk in Mission Beach. It's hard to beat sitting on the rooftop, people-watching, and checking out waves. And all for just over \$10 a pitcher.

I like them blended, because, again, to my 12-year-old's palate, they're like a lemon-lime Slurpee. Except you're a bit buzzed after a pitcher.

My favorite Margarita story involves Rupert Holmes and his song "Escape (The Piña Colada Song)." He initially had it written as "If you like *Casablanca*/ And getting caught in the rain..." His manager was tired of his mentioning films in songs, and it was

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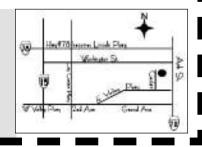
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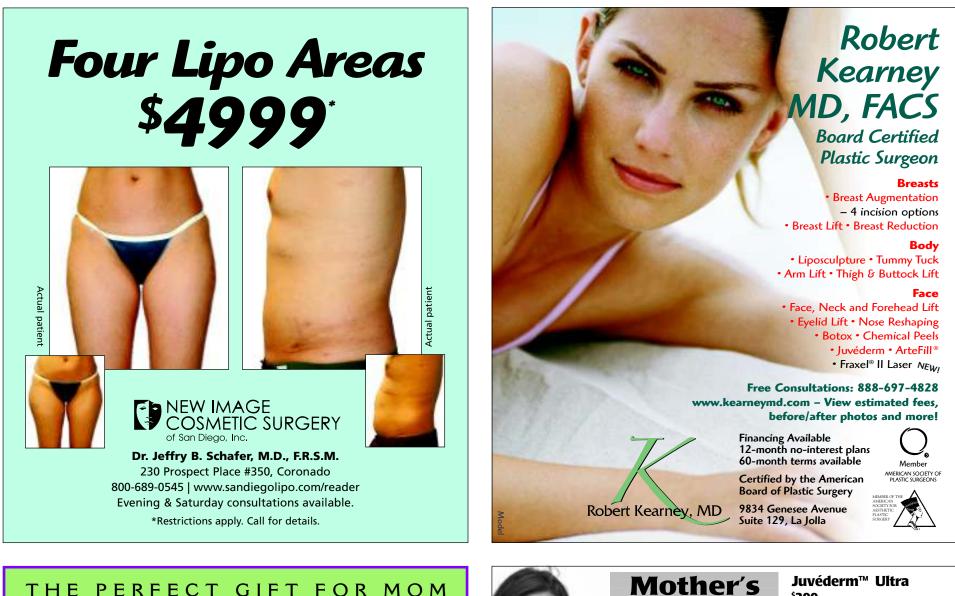
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decided he'd change "Casablanca" to the name of a drink. It was going to be "If you like Margaritas..."

As Holmes sat in the studio thumbing through a book on drinks, he came across the Piña Colada. It had one more syllable than Margarita and worked better, but Holmes had no clue how one tasted. Poor Margarita. Think how much more famous it would've become.

And no, you don't sound cool ordering a Margarita. And you don't look cool in Old Town drinking on the size of a birdbath.

But, hey, I had a lawyer friend who always ordered a Monkey Fart. It was a blend of chocolate, cinnamon, bananas, and who knows what kinds of alcohol. Another friend loves a drink called Liquid Cocaine, but most bartenders have to ask him how it's made.

You never have that problem with the Margarita. Heck, people make them in blenders at their backyard barbecues.

But they don't taste as good as they do at Canes, when you're sitting a few yards from the ocean, hearing the screams from the roller coaster, smelling the smoke from a bonfire...

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#### —Josh Board

#### Soju at Shozen & Manpo

Whenever I go to Shozen & Manpo, I drink soju, and whenever I drink soju, my wife and kids tell me it does strange things to me. I'm not sure if they're right, but even if they are, it won't deter me from indulging, even overindulging, in this clear, clean elixir that some Koreans call "health alcohol."

Whether you spell it "soju" (the Korean version) or "shochu" (the Japanese variant), it's a spirit that usually weighs in at 20 to 25 percent alcohol per volume. Some marketers describe it as Korean or Japanese "vodka," but to my well-practiced palate, such prosaic comparisons hardly do it justice. It goes down smooth and easy — exceptionally so; that's part of the appeal, and perhaps part of the problem.

There aren't any alcoholic beverages I won't try. But for versatility and food-friendliness, ease of quaffing, and all-around drinkability, as well as reasonable price, soju is my go-to likker.

Shozen & Manpo, which sits at the genteel end of Mira Mesa Boulevard on the cusp of Scripps Ranch, serves up two of my favorite subcuisines: sushi and Korean barbecue, the latter cooked on individual tabletop grills with formidable vent hoods looming above. The owner and waitresses, most of whom are Korean immigrants, are exceptionally warm and gracious — and they never fail to remind me to "be careful" when downing soju. I hadn't heard of the stuff until about five years ago, but selling me on sampling obscure hootch is no sell at all. My first taste, a handy 375-millileter green bottle, was Chamisul — made by Jinro, the world's largest distiller of soju. Like many types of soju, Chamisul is distilled from

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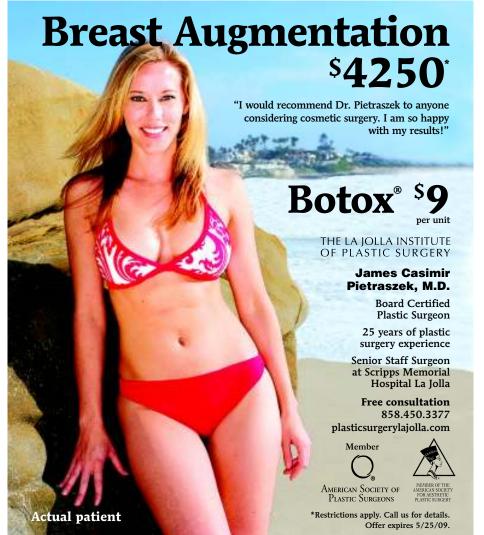
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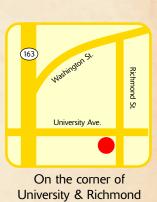


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At many restaurants, soju usually a cheap, neutral brand is offered up in a "Martini," in much the same way a joint without a full liquor license will create mixed drinks with sake. But no dedicated soin drinker takes his oriental distillates that way; it's straight or not at all, which brings me back to Shozen & Manpo, whose effervescent proprietor and sugary-sweet (but genuine) waitresses come to mind every time I twist open a bottle.

As soon as I sit down at Shozen, the ritual begins; there's no need to ask me what I'll be drinking tonight. Sure, I may intersperse a big bottle or two of Korean OB beer or perhaps a Kirin Ichiban, but within a moment or two, the waitress arrives with an ice-cold bottle of Jinro Chamisul and two tiny, clear glasses. One glass is nominally for my wife, but we all know that the most she'll drink is one thimbleful; the rest is mine, all mine, and if we're flush with cash and no one protests too loudly, a second bottle may eventually arrive. Apparently, soju ---wildly popular in Korea, where the per capita consumption amounts to a shot a day — has quite a reputation, one characterized by businessmen, still clad in gray wool suits, passed out on the floor amid empty 1.75-liter plastic bottles. Now that's living, man.

- Moss Gropen

#### **Pearl Harbors** at Carlee's Bar and Grill, **Borrego Springs**

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The Pearl Harbor is a "trop-

ical" drink that, I have found, most urban bartenders do not know how to mix. I stumbled onto it by accident myself.

Summertime, I enjoy cold, fruity cocktails because it's hot outside; it is especially hot in Borrego Springs, where it averages 115 degrees during the day and 90 degrees at night. The popular watering hole is Carlee's Bar and Grill, center of town near Christmas Circle.

Summer 2002: wildfires west of Borrego made it dangerous to get out via Ranchita or

Julian, so instead of evacuation, everyone stayed put. I had been drinking Midori Sours. At Carlee's, packed with firefighters taking a dinner break, I wanted a Midori Sour with an extra kick, so I asked the bartender to add a shot of vodka.

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#### "That's almost a Pearl Harbor," he said.

"Drive that car by me again?" "Never heard of it?" "Can't say that I have." "Do you want me to make you a Pearl Harbor?" "Why not."

I watched the bartender make the drink.

My friend Larry stepped up to the bar counter to get another Cadillac Margarita, his favorite that summer. Gazing at the drink being made, he said, "Something that fruity needs an umbrella."

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"Yes!" I said. "An umbrella! That's the ticket!" "One umbrella coming up,"

said the bartender. "What the hell is that?" Larry

asked. "A Pearl Harbor," both the

bartender and I said at the same time. "How is it?" the bartender

asked. "Perfect," I said, and it was,

for that moment, though maybe it had too much pineapple. I still preferred a Midori Sour with a shot or two of vodka, but such a drink had no name. So I gave it a name: a U.S.S. Arizona.

Creating drinks on the fly was a game Jordan, the singer in my old rock band, and I used to engage in. This was when we were in our 20s and full of protein and adventure. O haphazard youth: we'd create drinks and ask the bartender for that drink and then give the bartender grief for not knowing it. "What?! Every

bartender knows what a Black Iguana is!'

Black Iguana: one shot of Cuervo Gold, one shot of Cuervo White, and one shot of Don Julio, mixed with Coke. An expensive drink: every shot was a \$5 charge.

With the Pearl Harbor, I would create variations at various bars, from the U.S.S. Arizona, the Tora!Tora!Tora! (rum replaces vodka), the December Seventh (gin replaces vodka), and the Day of Infamy (apple

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juice replaces pineapple).

For each of these drinks, I required an umbrella. I was convinced that without an umbrella. the drink lost its kick and *umph* and texture on the tongue. One night I was at Nunu's, and they had run out of umbrellas.

"No, this can't be happening to me," I said with doom and gloom, as if Armageddon were knocking on the door.

The waitress groaned. "How the hell does an umbrella make a difference?

I hesitated to open my mouth. How could I give her an answer that would make sense and not cause her to grab that fork on her tray and stab me in the tongue? I knew she was having a bad night, just as I had to face the prospect of having a Day of Infamy (which she said she'd never heard of) without my umbrella

"It just does," I said. "Well, we're out," she said. "How about an American flag? We have those left over from last week"-left over from the Fourth of July.

> "I'll give it a shot," I said. She brought back my Day

of Infamy with a flag in it. My heart sank as if I'd gone on a Match.com date and my date did not look like the person in the profile photo.

> "Well?" she said. "Perfect," I lied.

"Good for you, jerk," she said, and walked away.

"She used to work at Pac Shores," someone told me. "That's where she picked up the attitude."

Pac Shores! That Ocean Beach bar opened on December 7, 1941, the day Pearl Harbor was attacked. The problem here is I didn't order the right drink.

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#### she said.

"Get me a Tora!Tora!Tora! next," I said. "A *what*?"

"You never heard of...?" Maybe playing this game with her wasn't a good idea. "A Pearl Harbor, mayhap?"

She brightened. "Oh yeah, it's almost the same as your Day of Infamy. I can get you that." I have been unable to find

a bar in San Diego that can make the perfect Pearl Harbor, however, except Carlee's Bar and Grill. Every time I head out to Borrego Springs, this is what I order, and they always have plenty of umbrellas. They know how to make a damn good drink out there in the desert of the real.

— Michael Hemmingson

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## at the Brigantine

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of Laurel. The kitchen and living room were left over intact from the huge house that had been sectioned into apartments. Both were enormous. Friends and family from out of town flocked to stay with us. We'd take them to Zagarella in Little Italy for some chianti and penne strascicate, then for a leisurely drink at the top of the Hyatt or Mister A's. On Fridays and Saturdays, we might pile into a booth at the Red Fox Room on El Cajon Boulevard. Except for my wife, who on her heaviest day might drink half a Margarita, we'd sip Greyhounds, vodka-crans, White Russians, and Margaritas and all get a little tipsy...nice and slowly.

Sometimes we'd stay in, play Trivial Pursuit or the Name Game, drink red wine brought by my friend and budding Reader wine critic Matthew Lickona. We'd sip our Rhônes, tempranillos, and monastrells and talk philosophy, politics, love, and literature long into the night and get a wee bit drunk...nice and slowly.

Now, as I like to say in a

sotto voce cowboy voice like that guy in The Big Lebowski, "Them days is over." I'm going to turn 38 in July. Mary and I have eight kids now. (Yes, I know what's causing it. Yes, I have a hobby. No, I'm not a rabbit. Any other rude questions?) With each new child, the time I have to spend drinking has plummeted to the point that now each day presents no time for booze. I can carve out time now and then, but it's a process that feels as arduous as Michelangelo's carving Moses out of a block of marble: coordinating schedules with drinking buddies who are also dads, deciding on a place, checking times with my wife, lining up babysitting (if my wife is coming), managing my guilt (if she's not).

On Monday nights, I play soccer — told you I had a hobby-at La Mesa Indoor Soccer Facility near Grossmont High School. One of my drinking buddies, John, plays on the same team, and the aforementioned Lickona lives close by. Efficiency number one.

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Efficiency number four is that mysterious and powerful concoction: the Long Island Iced Tea. It's best not to try to figure out how so much hard liquor could taste so smooth. The classic Long Island — named for its place of origin — always includes gin, vodka, light rum, tequila, triple sec, and just a splash of Coke. The final ingredon't do this often, so I'm happy to pay the full \$6.50.

A round of Long Islands is all it takes to break that stoic "Can't complain/ I'm doing all right/ same old same old" crust that builds up around us suburban dads. Soon we're laugh-

## Ernie Grimm: How can so much liquor taste so smooth?

dient varies from place to place, sometimes sweet-and-sour mix, sometimes simple syrup, sometimes sour mix. Brigantine bartenders use sweet-and-sour. Unfortunately, Long Island Iced Tea isn't one of the Brig's happy hour, dollar-off drinks. But I

ing, joking, and talking philosophy, politics, love, and literature, as if we were back in my big apartment on Front Street. Except now, we're getting older, getting wiser, and getting a little tipsy...nice and quickly.  $\blacksquare$ — Ernie Grimm

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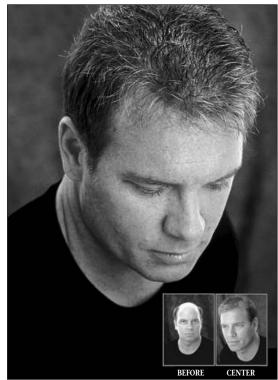
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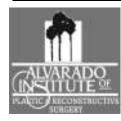


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## LETTERS

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ment alternative species, okay, great. Now we're going to have to worry about having restrooms for guys, restrooms for girls, restrooms for guys who want to be girls, restrooms for girls who want to be guys, and restrooms for people who want to be lions, tigers, and bears, oh my. I think there should be a place where we could dump these people, like a big island, where if you're insane and you can't figure out where you are or what your life is about, you get there.

P.S.: Hi, this is Chaos Rabbit again. I want to clarify a couple of things to save you guys from getting stormed by large groups with torches and a whole big debate. This is sort of a postscript to my previous letter. Look, I'm not against the gay community. I'm not against the transgender or the bisexuals; what you do in your own bedroom is your own place. But listen, folks, if you guys want to have the freedom to do what you want and you want us to respect your lifestyle choices, then for crying out loud, give the author of that article the same respect. If he chooses to not refer to a person who wants to be refereed to as a male or a shemale or a female or whatever little handle they want to hang on themselves, then you've got to respect his decision in the same way that you request him to respect your choices on your lifestyle. Chaos Rabbit

via phone

### Originals 10, Covers 0

Regarding the lead story by Jay Allen Sanford on March 19, "Borrowed Music, Borrowed Look, Borrowed Fame." I find it mind-blowing how some of these tribute cover bands can make a living touring the States and other countries with few endorsements or tour support.

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story that financial backing was not mentioned. Touring would be next to impossible without support.

I have seen my share of cover bands, hard rock and metal, and I admit some do a great job, but no matter how well you play, you can't beat the original. Remember that the music you are performing is not what you created. Paying tribute to someone

special who is no longer alive is admirable and acceptable. It's very traditional in classical music, keeping the spirit alive and well.

What we are faced with now is an epidemic of cover bands imitating the music of artists who are still active, living, touring, releasing albums and CDs, and signed to major record labels. If music history has taught us anything, there is one thing certain: great music created by the original artist, composer, musician will last forever, music that perseveres through the ages, and when this is all said and done, the original will remain victorious.

Tony D. Metal Spring Valley

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## Friday | 24



## Saturday | 25

## **THE 25TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S BOOK PARTY**

Reading is not only fun, it's free! Bring your child by the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park on Saturday morning and receive a book, refreshments, and an LT (LaDainian Tomlinson) Chargers T-shirt. See FOR KIDS, page 60.

## MAKE ROOM FOR ART!

After exposing your kids to the world of words, trot down the hill to Little Italy, where the whole family can experience art in all its forms, as pro-

duced by over 400 artists. See SPECIAL, page 66.

## Sunday | 26

WHERE IS THE VILLAGE **OF FALCON-BRIDGE?** Pray pardon me, my lords and ladies, but methinks mayhap ye were not aware of this morrow's carouse. Tosspots, wenches, and poppets are all welcome to tarry and feast. See **SPECIAL**, page 66.



## Monday | 27

## **CRIPS AND BLOODS: MADE IN AMERICA**

Director Stacy Peralta asks, "If affluent, middle-class white American teenagers were forming gangs, arming themselves with automatic weapons, and killing one another, how would our country respond?" Peralta examines this and other questions in his documentary. See FILM, page 59.

## Tuesday | 28

## **CHI KUNG TO COMBAT STRESS**

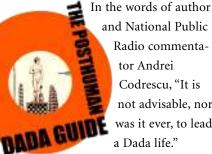
If you're feeling any residual tension from tax season, this "Stomp Out Stress" workshop will help you focus on breath work and "visualization for emotional balance" to restore your physical and mental state. See LECTURES, page 63.

## **DR. SEUSS TOURING** SCULPTURE GARDEN

Dr. Seuss's characters are off the pages and larger than life at the Hotel Del. See **SPECIAL**, page 66.

# Wednesday | 29

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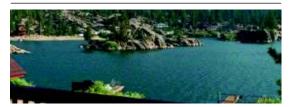


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**"A Tribute to Ellington"** Celebrate National Jazz Month and birthday of Duke Ellington during jazz concert by Pete DeLuke Quintet and dance hosted by Jazz Association of Greater San Diego. 619-818-3572. Sunday, April 26, 2:30 p.m.; \$5-\$12. The Musicians Union Hall, 1717 Morena Boulevard. (LINDA VISTA)

Life Is Just a Bowl of Cherries Choreographer Patricia Sandback and Dancers present "whimsical evenings" of dance, theater, and song. Featured San Diego dancers include Tonnie Sammartano, Faith Jensen-Ismay, Kathryn McLean, David Hanlon, Erica Buechner, Lyndsey Gemmell, Mandy Langen, Robbie Johnson. Enjoy show in Studio Theater (ENS-200). 619-594-1017. Friday, April 24, 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 25, 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Ages 10 and up. San Diego State Univer-



sity, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COL-LEGE AREA)

Alice in Wonderland New West Ballet Theatre presents ballet of Alice in Wonderland from Lewis Carroll's story. "Mini mad tea party" with characters during intermission. Tickets: 760-724-2110. Friday, April 24, 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; \$7-\$12. Avo Playhouse, 303 Main Street. (VISTA)

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deco lesson and dance. Beginners dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes 8 p.m. 619-857-8409. Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; \$5. Tio Leo's, 5302 Napa Street. (LINDA VISTA)

**Contra Dance** Steve Barlow and others call while More the Merrier plays. Dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage at 8 p.m. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Wear softsoled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, April 25, 8 p.m.; free. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

**English Country Dancing** All callers share duties for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Saturday, April 25, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

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Latin and Ballroom Dance Party DJ plays Latin, ballroom, swing, and nightclub for dancing. For singles and couples of all ages. Salsa lesson: 8 p.m. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, April 25, 8 p.m.; free. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Romanian Dance Workshop Mihai teaches the "great Romanian dance from the past." Please bring a snack to share. 619-281-5656. Saturday, April 25, 6 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Dancing Unlimited, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Spring Dance Concert** Grossmont College Dance Department puts modern, ballet, jazz, tap, and hip-hop on display. 619-644-7766. Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.; \$10-\$12. Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre, 6611 University Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

Spring Studio Series Enjoy a variety of modern dance styles in solos, duets, and large group pieces, with dances from John Diaz, Minaqua McPherson, Anthony Rodriguez, Natalie Valerdi, Anjanette Maraya-Ramey, Keturah Stickann, Blythe Barton, Erin Jelacic, and Sarah Larson, as well as new choreography by Jean Isaacs. Immediately following show, head down to Solare Ristorante and Lounge for drinks, tapas, "friendly conversation." 619-225-1803. Sunday, April 26, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$15. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Road, Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

**Tribal Belly Dance** Tribal fusion belly dance by Sabrina Fox and Shalimar, live music by MiddleEarth Ensemble. 858-488-4200. Sunday, April 26, 8 p.m.; \$10. The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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**"Nostalgia: Double Feature Cinema"** *Brooklyn Babylon* shows at 7 p.m., and *Ong Bak* shows at 9 p.m. "Order from local mom-andpop restaurants, and we'll call it in and pick it up for you." Free popcorn, coffee, tea, snacks. Donation. 877-640-7469. Wednesday, April 29, 7 p.m. The Marquee, 835 25th Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

6th Annual French and Francophone Film Festival 2006's L'Intouchable (The Untouchable), 5:30 p.m., and Ne le dis à personne (Tell No One), 7:30 p.m. English subtitles; screened in the Little Theater (LT 161). 619-594-5127. Thursday, April 23, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 25, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Ama, Ina, Anak (Father, Mother, Child) This 1996 film by José Javier Reyes screens in Filipino with English subtitles for ongoing UCSD Heritage Language Program Film Festival, in room 4301 of Muir College's Applied Physics and Mathematics Building. "Refreshments are likely." Free parking in lots 207 and 208. 858-534-0693. Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Angels and Insects** "A family's perfect façade disguises unexpectedly grim secrets." 858-534-TIXS. Monday, April 27, 8 p.m.; free. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Crips and Bloods: Made in America** Stacy Peralta takes an indepth look at Central L.A.'s most notorious gangs. Narrated by Forest Whitaker. 619-236-5800. Monday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**In America** Film follows an Irish family pursuing the American Dream. Screens in Schulman Auditorium as part of the Carlsbad Reads Together program.



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the trail bears only the footprints of boots and running shoes, the imprints of horseshoes, and the occasional discarded piece of litter of acrossthe-border origin. The migration of illegal aliens traveling northward though the wilderness area is not taking place at the level it used to be. Still, it is a good idea to travel in groups for safety here or anywhere else near the international border.

Begin your exploration at the Horsethief Trailhead at mile 16.4 on Lyons Valley Road. This is 1.5 miles south of Japatul Road and about ten miles southeast of Alpine. You'll need

a National Forest Adventure Pass (\$5 daily, \$30 yearly) to merely park at the trailhead. A wilderness permit is required for overnight backpacking into the wilderness area ahead. Call 619-445-6235 for more information.

From the trailhead parking lot walk north past a gate for about 300 yards, and then veer right through a pipe gate and follow what is known as the Espinosa Trail. A fast, 400-foot elevation loss takes you to oak-lined Horsethief Canvon. where you bend right and follow the canyon's trickling brook toward Pine Valley Creek. At 1.5 miles. vou cross the creek (you'll get your feet wet in this post-

rainy season) and pick up the eastward-ascending Espinosa Trail on the far bank. Walk a short distance up that slope and then veer left on the Secret Canyon Trail, which may or may not be designated by a trail sign

Now you traverse, with little elevation gain, the dry, east canyon wall of Pine Valley Creek, reaching after some 30 minutes the oakdraped-ravine-with-tricklingstream called Secret Canvon, Lou Stein's San Diego County Place Names notes that "This folk-type name designation in Descanso district implies a site that is not readily accessible." And so it was before the trail was pushed through

here in 1992.

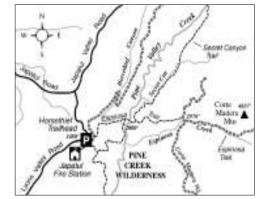
You might want to turn back where you first strike Secret Canyon's creek, retracing your steps to the trailhead. Or. if the spirit moves you, you can spend another 40 minutes following the trail north toward the canyon's uppermost reach.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The Reader and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

**SECRET CANYON TRAIL** 

Explore the south end of the Secret Canyon Trail, in the Pine Creek Wilderness near Jamul

Distance from downtown San Diego: 40 miles Hiking length: 4+ miles Difficulty: Moderate



760-602-2026. Wednesday, April 29, 6 p.m.; free. Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**Religulous** Encore screening of Bill Maher's documentary on religion at Lestat's West (next to Lestat's Coffee House). Hosted by Stonewall Young Democrats. Donations accepted. 619-282-0437. Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m. Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Renewal** Part of Evenings on Earth Film Series. Call to reserve spot at optional dinner (5:30 p.m.). 760-757-3659. Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.; free. Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center, 4050 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

The Hidden Blade 2004 film shown in Room 204 as part of Japanese Spring Festival. In Japanese with English subtitles. 760-757-2121 x7757. Friday, April 24, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

War Child The story of child soldier Emmanuel Ial screens for International Documentary Film Series, which focuses on heroic individuals, their stories of fighting for life and freedom around globe. Guest speakers lead discussion following screenings. Series is fundraiser for International Rescue Committee San Diego. 619-641-7510 x249. Monday, April 27, 7 p.m.; \$20. La Jolla Village, 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

We Are All Connected Surf documentary "explores our ties to the big BlueGreen." Surfrider Foundation benefits. 858-792-9940. Thursday, April 23, 8 p.m.; \$8. La Paloma, 471 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

Fallbrook Film Festival Thirty independent films have been selected to be showcased, including the first surf film shot using Blu-Ray: The Pursuit by Fallbrook's own Aaron Lieber. Festival includes workshops (at Fallbrook School of the Arts), student productions, recognition of those who work behind the scenes to make. distribute films.

Comedic actor Fred Willard will accept the honor of being the 2009 Career Achievement Award Winner during ceremony on Saturday (\$20 admission).

Tickets: \$5 per screening; \$20 for one-day screening pass; \$100 for full event. 760-731-2278. Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.; Friday, April 24, noon; Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.; Sunday, April 26, 11 a.m.; \$5-\$100. Mission Theatre, 231 North Main Street. (FALLBROOK)

Now for Something Completely Different... Screening of Comedy Central's roast of William Shatner (uncensored), with performances by celebrity hecklers including Andy Dick, Fred Willard, Sarah Silverman, Jimmy Kimmel, Greg Giraldo, Patton Oswalt, George Takei, Nichelle Nichols. 619-299-9360. Sunday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.; free. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue, (HILLCREST)

#### San Diego Underwater Film Festival Nearly 15 different films

by San Diego divers and a film from Steve Drogin shot below 1000 feet from DeepSee submarine. 858-486-9373. Saturday, April 25, 4 p.m.; \$20. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive, (MIRA MESA)



"German Wines Are Hot, Hot, Hot!" Germany is world's eighth largest wine producer, with vineyards dating back to Roman era. Take closer look during Barbara Baxter's art of wine tasting/lecture series. Required reservations: 858-454-5872. Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street, (LA JOLLA)

"Rhythm and Vine" "Cool tunes and hip wines" pair for festival that benefits the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego. Over

50 wineries, distillers and breweries: 30 restaurants contribute. Music by Diamond Is Forever, Crossroads, and Classic Jazz Trio. 858-578-9643. Saturday, April 25, 6 p.m.; \$75-\$125. Ages 21 and up. Westfield North County Shopping Centre, 272 East Via Rancho Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Beer 101: Abbey Ales Broaden your knowledge of ales during 90minute class. 760-471-4999. Tuesday, April 28, 6 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Fling Into Spring Italian wine and cuisine event benefits the mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego. 858-536-4900. Friday, April 24, 7 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Ages 21 and up. When in Rome, 1108 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

Grow Food, Not Grass Workshop and lunch details "how to convert a resource-consuming lawn into a bountiful and productive landscape." Tour local converted lawn, harvest produce, prepare food, watch and sample cooking demo during field trip on Saturday (Tuesday is class only). 619-255-0203. Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.; \$35-\$43. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Organic Earth Day Find out about wineries' Earth preservation efforts during organic wine and appetizer tasting. 760-591-9113. Friday, April 24, 5 p.m.; \$15. Ages 21 and up. Vino 100, 133 South Las Posas Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Vegetarian Day Movies, foods, cooking demos, speakers, crafts, more focus on vegetarianism. 619-463-3006. Saturday, April 25, noon; free. Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

## FOR KIDS

"Discover Mingei! Treasure Hunt" Family program promises



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exhibition-related treasure hunt with clues encouraging participants to explore museum's exhibitions. Prizes awarded for completing treasure hunt. Guests invited to name "Community Sunday mascot," a carved wooden coyote from Mexico; winning name selected in June. Admission: \$5 for families, \$3 for individuals. 619-239-0003. Sunday, April 26, noon; \$3-\$5. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Explore, Learn, Protect: Be a Junior Ranger" Celebrate National Park Week during Junior Ranger Day. Children complete self-guided scavenger hunts leading them through park; completed books rewarded with patch or badge and certificate. Award ceremonies at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Events included in regular park admission fee: \$5 per vehicle; \$3 for motorcyclists, bicyclists, walk-in visitors. 619-557-5450. Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Cabrillo National Monument, 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive. (POINT LOMA)

**"Organic Kid-Folk"** Hullabaloo plans concert. From noon-2 p.m., young entrepreneurs (5-12) invited to take part in junior flea market; bring your gently used toys to sell (register for space by April 23). 858-755-4488. Sunday, April 26, 11 a.m.; free. Thinker Things, 2670 Via de la Valle A-130. (DEL MAR)

**Abe Lincoln's Hat** Enjoy reading of Martha Brenner's story, coloring page craft, and construction of paper stovepipe hat. 619-236-5847. Thursday, April 23, 10:30 a.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Princess and the Pea** Big Joe Productions presents this story about being different. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, April 29, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Magic Well** Two sisters find hard work is rewarded in the land below the well in this play by Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, April 25, Friday, April 24; Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.; Sunday, April 26; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

When Abraham Talked to the Trees Librarian Vanassa Goodman reads Elizabeth Van Steenwyk and Bill Farnsworth's tale, a reader's theater presentation will be performed, and participants will create an Abe Lincoln craft magnet. 619-236-5847. Tuesday, April 28, 10:30 a.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Carson & Barnes Circus** Animals and performers galore! 580-326-2233. Friday, April 24, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 25, 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 26, 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; \$8-\$20. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR) **Cookie Grimes** Meet Montanabased children's author and illustrator (*Jake the Cow Horse* and *A New Year's Family*). Grimes will share video giving closer look at characters and read excerpts from her books. 619-225-0465. Thursday, April 23, 4:30 p.m.; free. Barnes and Noble — Bookstar Loma Theatre, 3150 Rosecrans Place. (POINT LOMA)

Ladybug Day Calling all young scientists - ladybugs need your help! Quail Botanical Gardens and Cornell University are training children and their families to track ladybug population nationwide for "Lost Ladybug Project." Enjoy crafts, songs, stories, puppet show. Learn to catch, record, and release ladybugs as part of national census. Search for rare, endangered ladybugs. San Diego County head entomologist David Kellum on hand to identify ladybugs, other insects. All ages welcome. Included in regular admission; fee for some crafts. 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.; free. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Off to See the Wizard! Follow Dorothy down the Yellow Brick Road when San Diego Junior Theatre brings *The Wizard of Oz* to the stage. Performance on Saturday, May 9, is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Saturdays, 2 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; through Sunday, May 10, \$8-\$13. Ages 6 and up. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

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The 25th Annual Children's Book Party Reading Literacy Learning Inc. offers free books for children, as well as entertainment, refreshments. 619-266-4118. Saturday, April 25, 8:30 a.m.; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Weird and Wonderful World of Worms KinderNight program for children three-six years old (with an adult), promising animal presentation, craft, story, snack. This month, learn about all the cool things worms do. \$11 program fee does not include admission to zoo. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. Sunday, April 26, 9 a.m.; \$11. Ages 3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

## IN PERSON

"An Impractical Handbook for Practical Living" Poet, novelist, essayist, NPR commentator Andrei Codrescu discusses and signs his new book *The Posthuman Dada Guide: Tzara and Lenin Play Chess*, during event co-hosted by Warwick's Bookstore. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.;



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#### What are you reading?

"Exit Here by Jason Myers." Tell me about it.

"It's kind of his life story. He was in Minnesota, and instead of following the dream that his dad has laid out for him — which was to go to USC and follow in his path... His dad was a businessman: he owned this town in Minnesota, and he wanted to leave the town to his son. But the son gets into drugs and messes up everything. It's kind of a life-experience thing; he has to hit rock bottom before he can actually decide to move on. There are things that happened in the past that he has to go back and get over. Like, one summer vacation, he went to Hawaii. He had gone to a party and this girl had overdosed and he had intercourse with her and stuff. She ended up dying the next morning, and he left — he thought it was his fault. He didn't know what

free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Dancing Through Time" Orchestra, choir, soloists, and dancers celebrate 50th anniversary of Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Enjoy rock music, contemporary pop, standards. 760-631-7055. Saturday, April 25, 3 p.m.; \$10. Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1600 Buena Vista Drive. (VISTA)

"Mortal Enemies" Six writers, memoirists, and dramatists of the group So Say We All to tell stories with "mortal enemies" theme. Produced by the Extraordinarily Tortured Writers Guild of Literary Intent. 619-887-2856. Saturday, April 25, 8 p.m.; \$5. Twiggs Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Artist as Traveller Author Gail Reike shares travel experiences for San Diego Book Arts. 858-454-5872. Friday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

BS and The Sleep That Changed Everything Poets Julie Patton and

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## What's That You're Reading?

NAME: JESSICA SANDERS | AGE: 16 | OCCUPATION: STUDENT NEIGHBORHOOD: COLLEGE AREA | WHERE INTERVIEWED: SDSU CAMPUS

really happened until later in life, when he went back and her family told him." Is it a novel?

"In the back, the writer says it was based on his life, but the names of the people aren't real "

#### Who is your favorite character?

"The author, because of the transformation that he goes through, how he learns from experiences. Also, because of how strong a person he is, standing up to his dad."

Can you compare it to other books you've read? "No, I just found it randomly at Barnes & Noble."

Who is your favorite author?

"I don't really have one, but there was a series I read

Lee Ann Brown read from their books. Parking fee. 760-750-8077. Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Vallev Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Funny in Farsi Meet author Firoozeh Dumas, whose memoir about growing up Iranian-American in Southern California was selected for fifth Carlsbad Reads Together program. 760-602-2026. Thursday, April 23, 3 p.m.; Monday, April 27, 7 p.m.; free. Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Humpty Dumpty Was Pushed Debut author Marc Blatte talks about his time in the music biz. 858-268-4747. Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Hunger and Thirst Local contributors to this anthology of poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and art read from and share their work in Griffin Gate. 619-644-7495. Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.; free. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

The Power of Two Brian and Gerri Monaghan share story of Brian's cancer diagnosis and their subsequent journey. 858-454-0347. Monday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Wrongful Death John Everson appears on behalf of his legal thriller about the battle over a soldier's death. 858-268-4747. Monday, April 27, 7 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA

A Poetry Tribute to Youth Encanto Children's Poetry Choir, high school students, and the Langston Hughes Poetry Circle present afternoon program complete with refreshments. 619-285-9737. Sunday, April 26, 3 p.m.; free. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK

An Evening of Literature with Jaffe and Martin Writers Hal Jaffe and Stephen-Paul Martin read from their works in room LL-430 for the Spring 2009 Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series. 619-



a year ago by Scott Westerfield — The Uglies, The Pretties, and The Specials. It's science fiction set in the future, with a lot of biochemistry. When you're little, you're called a Little. From 6 to 12, you're an Ugly, and you live in Uglyville. Then, when you turn 13, you get

this procedure done to your body to make you pretty, and you become a Pretty. It made me think about how things are characterized — how things depend on social class or how much money you have or what you look like. Materialism."

#### What book has been most life-changing for you?

Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

David Ewing Duncan visits shop

to sign, discuss Experimental Man:

What One Man's Body Reveals

about His Future, Your Health, and

Our Toxic World. Question and an-

swer follows. 858-755-3735. Tues-

day, April 28, 7 p.m.; free. The

Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle.

Cloris Leachman The Academy

Award winner speaks for SoCal

Moviemakers on "Peak Perfor-

mance: The Art of Acting In

Film." Leachman will also sign

new autobiography Cloris. Must

register by April 21. 760-334-

0229. Thursday, April 23, 6:30

p.m.; free. Encinitas Library, 540

**Conscious Comedy Explosion** 

Gospel jam featuring comedian

Kathy Westfield, as well as local po-

ets and musical acts, DJ Brotha

Barry, 619-564-4425. Friday, April

24, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$12. Ages 18 and up.

Upaka Center, 6875 El Cajon

Boulevard, (COLLEGE AREA)

Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

(DEL MAR)

"The main character in Exit Here is similar to somebody in my family that I'm really close to, so... And there was another book I read last year called Siddhartha, by

594-5318. Wednesday, April 29, 7 Higgins Clark x Two Mother and p.m.; free. Malcolm A. Love Lidaughter Mary and Carol Higgins brary at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Clark make joint appearance to tout each of their latest books (Just Take My Heart and Cursed). 858-**Bevond Guinea Pig Journalism!** 454-0347. Thursday, April 23, 7:30 Would you like to know how long p.m.; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 you have to live? Author, journalist

Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA) Holocaust Remembrance David Faber (Because of Romek) on hand to discuss his book. 619-463-3006. Thursday, April 23, 4 p.m.; free. Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Horror Author John Everson signs Sacrifice. 858-268-4747. Friday, April 24, 7 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Meet the Artist Dennis Paul Batt shares process and history behind "Commesso Made in America: Gemstone Fine Art" exhibition. Included in museum admission. 760-435-3720. Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

## **Minnie Swanson Music Festival** Enjoy concerts in variety of styles.

Performers include Melodiers (10 a.m.), the Serranaders and Choraleers (10:40), San Diego



Hermann Hesse. It was about the journey of a young man as he finds his spiritual beliefs - what he wants to believe in. I probably wouldn't have picked it up if I just saw it, but somebody asked me to read it. I'm a spiritual person — I go to church and everything — and it made me open my eyes to other kinds of beliefs. It's about Buddhism and stuff like that, stuff I'd never learned about and was never interested in learning about." Do you read any magazines or newspapers?

#### "No " Do you talk to your friends about

reading? "Yes. We recommend books to each other that we think the other

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person would like."

Mandolin Orchestra (11:30), Cedar Center Chorus and Pacificaires (12:20), West City Swing Band (1:15), NOTEables (2:15), West City Dixieland Band (3 p.m.). Also see exhibit of work by Pamela Kozminska's ceramics students, as well as oils, watercolors, and sculptures. 858-232-7548. Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m.; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

West Coast Funnies Comedy variety show with Kurt Swann combines sketch comedy with stand-up comedy presented in talk show format. Featured performer is Tonight Show veteran Nick Thune. 760-720-2460. Saturday, April 25, 8 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

## LECTURES

"Alternative Energy for Home or Business" Learn about energy conservation and ways city is exploring to help with costs through rebates and tax credits. 619-425-5771. Monday, April 27, 6:45 p.m.; free. MAAC Charter School, 1385 Third Avenue, (CHULA VISTA)

"Animal Abuse and Human Violence: The Connection" Community health educator and animal welfare advocate Jayne Reinhard reports on animal abuse "and ways to prevent or intervene in abuse situations." 760-888-2261. Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m.; free. Ages 18 and up. Escondido Humane Society, 3450 East Valley Parkway, (ESCONDIDO)



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"Connecting Art and Science: Historical Influence of Culture on Anatomy" Gain insight into historical saga of anatomical studies, view images reflecting evolution of scientific method during lecture by Kevin Petti from department of natural sciences at Miramar College. 619-255-0203. Monday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.; \$5-\$10. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

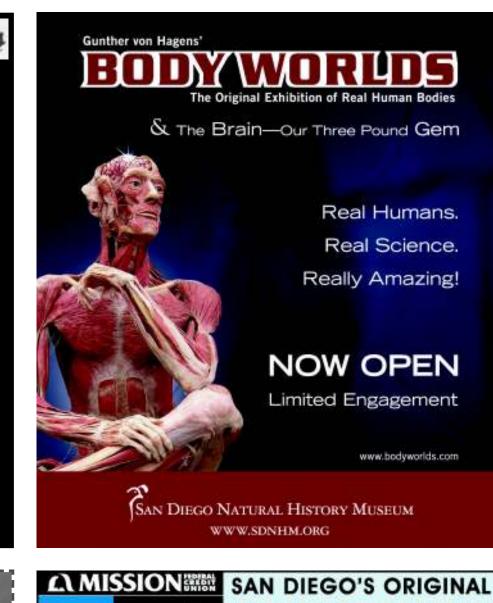
"Consecutive Counterterrorism: Theory and Evidence" UCSD's Eli Berman speaks for Hansen/Hostler Distinguished Lecture Series. Talks examining key international issues facing President Obama take place in Hardy Tower room 140. 619-594-6244. Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Jewish Composers in Popular Song and on Broadway" Second installment of "Conversations from the Piano" with UCSD professor Steven Cassedy, who will expound on Richard Rodgers (of Rodgers and Hart/Rodgers and Hammerstein fame) for San Diego Jewish Music Festival. 858-362-1348. Monday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.; \$14-\$18. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**"Job Hunting During Difficult Times"** Professional career counselors Simona Cherlin and Janet McAfee discuss "planning your campaign, networking, and opening doors in the hidden job market." 858-271-8918. Friday, April Coors Coors **Bobby D Presents/ Jorge Marron Productions Boxing Series** Live Boxing **"The Battle"** Thursday, April 30, 7:30 pm Main Event: Super Bantamweight Championship **Christopher "The Kid" Martin** Chula Vista, CA Jose "El Pinocho" Beltran Los Mochis, Sinaloa Exciting Female Bout: Amaris "The Queen" Quintana San Diego, CA Gloria "The Warrior" Salas Riverside, CA **Plus 3 more bouts Four Points Sheraton Hotel** 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego

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24, 2 p.m.; free. Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oak Crest Park Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Peace-ing Communities Together Second annual Hostelling International USA Peace Building Conference for young adults (conference fee: \$35). Keynote address (open to all ages) on April 25 is by "creative activist" Joey Borgogna, currently associate producer at Creative Visions Foundation. Participants encouraged to attend San Diego City College Conference for Peace Education and Activism, Sunday, April 26, at no additional cost. RSVP: 619-338-9981 x14. Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.; \$10. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Constitutional Legacy of Abraham Lincoln" Professor Wildenthal to examine topic, including "some cautionary lessons for our own times." 619-531-3900. Tuesday, April 28, noon; free. San Diego County Public Law Library, 1105 Front Street, (DOWNTOWN)

"The Revenge of Nature" Professor John Bellamy Foster on "social and economic causes of global warming and the ecologic crisis" as part of Charles Darwin Legacy Lecture Series. 858-246-0251. Thursday, April 23, 4 p.m.; free, Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

**"UCSD Visiting Arts Lecture** Series: Raumlabor/Berlin" Group "began working on the is-

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sues of contemporary architecture and urbanism in 1999," investigating "strategies for urban renewal." Raumlabor does urban design, architectural design, interactive environments, research, Talk offered in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space, 858-246-0015, Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"What Is World History?" University of Hawaii, Manoa, history professor Jerry H. Bentley focuses on "The Problem of Europe, the Problem of the Nation, and the Task of World History." Bentley is coauthor of Traditions and Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past. 858-534-7117. Monday, April 27, 5 p.m.; free. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive, (LA JOLLA)

1963: Stranger than Fiction Alternate view of JFK assassination provided by local author John Rudolph. 619-463-3236. Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m.; free. Ages 10 and up. Casa de Oro Library, 9805 Campo Road #145. (SPRING VALLEY)

Art Quilt Exploration Class Create small art quilt each month while learning "painting and transfer techniques, embroidery, and embellishments." Class with "no patterns, ever" meets fourth Sunday of each month (except July) starting April 26. \$120 for six classes. 760-738-9677. Sunday, April 26, noon; \$120. Quilter's Paradise, 1451 Montiel Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Art Talk Jane Hammond discusses her "Fallen" exhibition, in which she "reflects on the women and men lost in the present conflict in Iraq." 858-454-3541 x198. Saturday, April 25, 4 p.m.; free.



WHERE IS THE VILLAGE OF FALCONBRIDGE? Renaissance Faire, Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26. Felicita Park.

(SEE SPECIAL)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Artist Lecture: Jeffrey Vallance Gallery talk by artist Jeffrey Vallance in art room 412, whose work is included in current "Animalkind" exhibition. 619-594-5171. Thursday, April 23, 4 p.m. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Beginning and Refresher Genealogy Class North San Diego County Genealogical Society and Carlsbad City Library sponsor four classes. Topics include "Getting Started," "Record Keeping," "Land Records," more. Optional tour of genealogy division of Cole Library offered at conclusion of series. Attend any or all sessions. 760-757-0528 or 760-434-2931. Monday, April 27, 9 a.m.; free. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Celebrating Arbor Day At 1:00 Jason Kubrock will share "astonishing pictures of extraordinary trees from around the world." At 2:30, food and travel writer Maureen Clancy shares memories of meals, exotic travels, and the "outrageous food personalities" she has



met. 760-721-8124. Friday, April 24, 1 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Chi Kung to Combat Stress "Stomp Out Stress" workshop will focus on "movements, breathing, and visualization for emotional balance and physical restoration." 619-287-4005. Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.; free. Center for Integrative Care, 3547 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Commemorating David Hume** Professor of philosophy David R. Clack speaks for Humanist Fellowship. 619-544-0640. Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Crochet Circles All skill levels welcome. Asia Bur-Min provides instruction. 858-573-5007. Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Documenting Your History** Karon Jarrard explains how to "capture your life's memories for future generations." 760-602-2026 Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.; free. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

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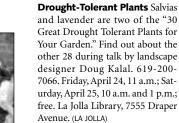
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Get the Skinny on Gardening Annual home gardening seminar offered by Master Gardener Association begins with registration in Hahn University Center foyer. Classes cover myriad topics, including "Bringing Succulents into Your Garden," "Ten Steps to a Smart Garden,""Native Landscaping: Secrets for Success," "Fall and Winter Flowering Salvias," "Dragon Fruit," many, many more. Pay \$40 for choice of three classes (in advance); day-of registration is \$15 per open class. Suggested advance registration: 858-694-2860. Saturday, April 25, 7:30 a.m.; \$15-\$40. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, (LINDA VISTA)

**Green Solutions From Green** Party Post-Earth Day potluck with presentation on decentralizing corporate power, making fuel for your car, preservation of San Diego's natural habitats, and going meatless. Bring a dish to share. 619-584-0322. Saturday, April 25, 11:30 a.m.; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Identifying Spiders Learn to identify many of the 400 spider species of San Diego and Baja in 2-day workshop. First day (April 18) was be spent with microscopes. Field trip on second day (April 25). 619-255-0203. Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m.; \$35-\$43. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn to Meditate Meditation workshop taught by Sujantra Mc-Keever, who has studied yoga, meditation for over 28 years. Participants learn techniques for stress reduction, relaxation, concentration, visualization, meditation, essence of yogic philosophy, more. No previous experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing. Do not eat one hour before class. 619-640-4438. Saturday, April 25, noon; free. Ages 12 and up. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Photography Workshop San Diego Photo Forum hosts photography workshop. Ty and Nick cover topics including camera definitions, lenses, shutter speed, white balance, accessories, outdoor photography, more. Bring money for lunch. RSVP: 619-392-1222. Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m.; free, Belmont Park, 3146 Mission Boulevard. (MISSION BEACH)

## San Diego Gravestone Project

SDSU professor Seth Mallios presents his study of city and county cemeteries. 619-444-3800. Wednesday, April 29, 11:30 a.m.; \$15. Ages 16 and up. Hacienda Casa Blanca, 700 North Johnson Avenue, (EL CAJON)

Tijuana River Pollution In conjunction with "Water in Focus" exhibition, photographer Jason Beniamin Smith and Benjamin McCue (of Wild Coast's Clean Water Now!) lead workshop about effects of Tijuana River pollution on both sides of the border. Donation. 858-534-TIXS. Friday, April 24, noon; free. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. 

Use — or Lose — Your Memory "Preventative measures and treatment for memory loss." 800-727-4777. Thursday, April 23, 6 p.m.; free. Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, 9888 Genesee Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

## OUTDOORS

The Tall Locust Trees planted years ago along Julian's narrow streets are once again brightening this backcountry (and former gold rush) town with blossoms of white, pink, and lavender. Introduced into the West by 19th-century emigrants, locust trees have become almost a trademark of California's gold country, from the Mother Lode south to Julian.

The Black Oak, San Diego County's most handsome native deciduous tree, is sending out new leaves this week, painting the mountain slopes with shades of red, brown, and bright green. The newly emergent leaves are reddish brown in color, creating a pseudoautumn color in the forest. After a week or two the unfolding leaves acquire a light green tint; after a month they're dark green. Black oaks are common throughout the upper elevations of the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna mountains. Enjoy the show by exploring either the Fry Creek or Observatory trails on Palomar Mountain. Both begin at the national-forest campground area two miles below Palomar Observatory.

April's Lowest Tides, dropping to -1.2 feet, are for early risers only: 4:49 a.m. on Sunday the 26th, and 5:38 a.m. on Monday the 27th. On Tuesday the 28th, the lowest tide of -1.0 foot occurs at the more reasonable hour of 6:34 a.m. Highest tides for the month (+6.2 feet)happen at 9:50 p.m. Saturday the 25th, and 10:28 p.m. Sunday the 26th.

Celestial Objects near and far line up in an interesting manner in the western sky during twilight (roughly 8 p.m.) on Sunday, April 26. At the top is the thin, waxing crescent moon, only two days past new phase. Just below the moon, the stars of the Pleiades star cluster glitter. A little lower lies the planet Mercury, which is near its most favorable evening elongation position this year. All three objects will fit into the field of view of a typi-





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A Bloomin' Walk in the Park! Explore local flora, fauna, ecology, history, and culture during trail guide-led walks. Starts from Visitor and Interpretive Center. 619-668-3281. Saturday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, April 29, 9:30 a.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, April 25, 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, April 25, 8:30 a.m.; free. Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. (ARLSBAD)

**Birding Basics Class** Learn five simple steps for identifying birds at a glance, how to use a field guide (bring yours if you have one). 619-668-3281. Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Birding the Marsh** Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Reservations: 619-409-5900. Sundays, 11 a.m.; through Sunday, April 26, free. Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

**Celebrate Arbor Day — Plant a Tree!** Friends of Balboa Park lead tree planting along Balboa Drive (just north of Laurel Street entrance). A mixed oak grove of 20 Engelman oaks, island oaks, and western redbuds are planned for site. Balboa Park nursery supervisor Mike Rasmusson will illuminate importance of greening the park. RSVP: 619-232-2282. Thursday, April 23, 11 a.m. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

**Clean Mission Valley Preserve** Part of Creek to Bay cleanup event. Meet at southeast corner of preserve, adjacent to Sefton Park Little League Field. 619-297-7380. Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.; free. Mission Valley Preserve, 5505 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Dam Birds** Join Palomar Audubon Society birders for outing at Old Mission Dam to view spring migrants. 760-451-9370. Saturday, April 25, 8:30 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Desert Garden Tour** Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Herb Walk Join Will Bowen on hike; learn to identify different trees, plants, shrubs of Carmel Mountain Nature Preserve. How were they used for food and medicine by Native Americans, Spanish, and Anglo-American settlers? 858-452-7091. Sunday, April 26, 5 p.m.; free. Carmel Mountain trailhead, 4730 Fairport Way. (CARMEL VALLEY)

**Hike to Volcan Peak** Check out seasonal wildflowers during 4.6mile hike with Canyoneers. 619-355-0203. Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.; free. Volcan Mountain, 1209 Farmer Road. (JULIAN)

Less Toxic Yard and Garden Care Home composting workshop offered. Registration: 619-409-5900. Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.; free. Chula Vista Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA) Love a Clean San Diego! Seventh annual Creek to Bay Cleanup hosted by I Love a Clean San Diego. Help out at any of the approximately 60 sites throughout region, both on coast as well as inland. Find a site near you: 619-291-0103. Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.; free. Tamarack Beach, Carlsbad Boulevard at Tamarack Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

Mission Beach Meander Explore walkways around north and south Mission Beach during moderately paced walk with Walkabout adventurers. 858-456-7864. Friday, April 24, 10 a.m.; free. Santa Clara Point Recreation Center, 1008 Santa Clara Place. (MISSION BEACH)

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, April 24, 7 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Not Suitable for Children!** Naturalist Rita Ospelt leads workout hike along East Ridge, Jack Creek, Meadow, Sage, and Creek Crossing Trails. Expect 8.4-miles at a brisk pace, some steep ups and downs. 760-839-4680. Tuesday, April 28, 4 p.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Plant Trees for Earth Day** Join other volunteers for tree planting, trail work, fence building, and barbecue lunch. Meet at Green Valley Falls parking area. Registration: 760-765-0623. Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m.; free. Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, 12551 Highway 79. (DESCANSO)

**River Walk** Use your senses to capture sights, sounds, smells of spring while enjoying trail-guide-led walk around San Diego River area lake and historic dam. 619-668-3281. Saturday, April 25, 8:30 a.m.; free. Kumeyaay Lake Camp-

ground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Short Climb** Wild lilac lines trail on way to overlook of San Vicente Reservoir. Join Canyoneers for outing. 619-255-0203. Sunday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.; free. Oak Oasis Open-Space Preserve, 112620 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

**Spring Breeders Sought** Audubon Society takes field trip seeking seasonal birds. 760-451-9370. Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m.; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Vernal Pools and Wildflowers! Diana Gordon leads walk to see vernal pools, one of our rarest habitats. See wildflowers too. Wear hiking boots, bring water. 858-538-2527. Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.; free. Carmel Mountain trailhead, 4730 Fairport Way. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Walk to the Flower Fields San Diego Rockhoppers Volkswalk club hosts annual walk to Flower Fields. Event is "noncompetitive and fun for families," with route following city streets, along seawall, to fields. There are 5k and 10k routes. Start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon. Walk is free; AVA credit is \$3. (Separate fee to enter Flower Fields.) 858-451-2130. Sat-

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Work Party Join in habitatrestoration work with San Diego Audubon Society. Enhance wildlife habitat by removing invasive plants, trimming vegetation. Required reservations: 619-682-7200. Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.; free. Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, 2437 Hutchison Street. (VISTA)

## SPECIAL

"A Legacy of Liberty" Exhibit focuses on Abraham Lincoln's legacy. Learn "interesting parallels between President Lincoln and President Obama," learn about suspension of habeas corpus and Merryman case, see selected resources from library's Lincoln collection displayed with commentary. 619-685-6552. Monday, April 27, 9 a.m.; Tuesday, April 28, 9 a.m.; Wednes-

day, April 29, 9 a.m.; free. San Diego County Public Law Library, 1105 Front Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"California Dreaming" Poway Valley Garden Club's 31st standard flower show with flower arrangements on display, plant sale, arts and crafts by Poway Arts and Crafts Guild. 858-486-3497. Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.; free. Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

"Conservation in Bloom" Spring Garden Festival with lectures by experts, plant sale, tips on green living, performances by Eric Runningpath and the Intertribal Dancers, more. 619-660-0614. Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.; free, Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

**Dr. Seuss Touring Sculpture** Garden Inaugural show at Hotel del Coronado celebrates Theodore Seuss Geisel's collection of books and characters he created during his 54-year career. See bronze sculptures from the "Art of Dr. Seuss Collection," including six 5to 8-foot sculptures of characters from The Lorax, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Yertle the Turtle, Green Eggs and Ham, and The Cat in the Hat. Saturday, April 25, through Wednesday, May 20. 619-435-6611. (CORONADO)

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"Science on the Rocks" "Rock the Solar System" themed event includes admission to "Giant Worlds" exhibition, activities, and opportunity to play Guitar Hero on 76'dome screen! Appetizers, cocktails. RSVP: 619-685-5761. Thursday, April 23, 6 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Africa's Role What is this continent's rightful role on the world stage? Deliberate with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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Culture and Cocktails Party celebrates new "Oceanic Art: A Celebration of Form" exhibition. Eniov DI music, island cocktails, array of "interactive entertainment." 619-232-7931. Thursday, April 23, 6 p.m.; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Dog Is Love Expo Health and fitness expo for man's best friend filled with canine activities galore! Hay bale maze, paw painting, hotdog bob, agility course, scavenger hunt, pet portraits, prizes and contests. Community garage sale to boot (starting at 7am). \$2 for each activity; all-day pass \$15. 619-667-1307. Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.; free. Harry Griffen Regional Park, 9550 Milden Street. (LA MESA)

Doggie Café Take your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Requested donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, April 24, 6 p.m. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

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p.m.; \$49. Ages 21 and up. Hornblower Cruises, 1066 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Earth Day Festival Ladybug release, workshops, plant sale, farmers' market, learn about master plan for "green renovation and development of the 210-year-old historical mission," more. 760-757-3651. Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m.; free. Mission San Luis Rey, 4070 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

Earth Fair 2009 Enjoy student environmental chalk art, photography contests, bicycle safety and education, "Seeds at City" urban farm tours, yoga and meditation demonstrations, City College Earth Fair Dancers, music by Rice & Beans, presentations on sustainability, social equity, economic prosperity, more, 619-388-4019. Thursday, April 23, 10 a.m.; free. San Diego City College, 1313 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Eco Fair 2009 Fair seeks to answer "What can I do in my own back yard?" through films, job fair, exhibits, demonstrations, and kids' area. 858-642-8383. Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.; free. National University, 9388 Lightwave Avenue. (MISSION VALLEY)

Encinitas Garden Festival More than 20 Cardiff-by-the-Sea gardeners open their garden gates for walking tour. Marketplace full of products and info to green your garden. (Marketplace free; charge for garden tour). 760-753-8615. Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$25. Cardiff State Beach (Seaside), South Coast Highway 101, north of West Plaza Street. (CARDIFF)

Encinitas Street Faire Take in over 400 arts and craft and commercial vendors, live entertainment. 760-945-9288. Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.; Sunday, April 26, 9 a.m.; free. Encinitas, Highway 101 between D and I Streets. (ENCINITAS)

Fashion Experience One-hour tour of Fashion Institute of Design

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#### From Pollenization to Bloom

San Diego Iris Society meets for hybridization demonstration and potluck. 619-840-2768. Sunday, April 26, 1 p.m.; free. Iris Howse and Gardens, 3915 Vista San Miguel. (BONITA)

Hanamatsuri Festival Enjoy Japanese food and entertainment such as Japanese archery, bunraku puppets, manga workshop, taiko drumming, Japanese swords, game booths for kids, more. 760-941-8800. Saturday, April 25, noon: Sunday, April 26, noon; free. Vista Buddhist Temple and Japanese Cultural Center, 150 Cedar Road. (VISTA)

Holistic Health and Fitness **Expo '09** Event includes health panel discussion with several health and wellness professionals, fitness demonstrations (yoga, meditation, cardio kickbox, salsa dancing), vendors. 619-819-6493. Thursday, April 23, 11 a.m.; free. Bayview Baptist Church - Martin Luther King Jr. Christian Center, 6134 Benson Avenue. (ENCANTO)

Home Decorating and Remodeling Show Annual event promises more than 400 exhibits of items to improve, remodel, renovate homes. Displays of home products, services. 800-999-5400. Friday, April 24, 10 a.m.; Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m.; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

House of England Group hosts lawn program of songs and dances at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m.; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

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Linda Vista Multicultural Fair and Parade Community celebrates its cultural diversity through day of Asian and Latino films, parade, live entertainment, arts and crafts, ethnic food, booths and activities. 619-920-2976. Saturday. April 25, 10 a.m.; free, Linda Vista, 6900 block of Linda Vista Road. (LINDA VISTA

Make Room for Art! ArtWalk 2009 celebrates visual and auditory arts. Over 400 California-, Arizona-, Mexico-based artists showcase their painting, sculpture, glasswork, photography, dance, music by local bands, activities for kids. Along India Street, from Beech Street to Fir Street. 619-615-1090. Saturday, April 25, noon; Sunday, April 26, noon; free. Little Italy. (LITTLE ITALY)

Middle-Eastern Drum and Belly Dance Class Doumbek drumming class for all levels taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7 p.m.), followed by tribal bellydance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drumming (7-8 p.m.). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6 p.m.; \$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Point Loma Garden Walk Dana Unit of Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary benefits from event with self-guided tours of over a dozen private residential gardens, garden boutique hosted by Point Loma Garden Club. Tour at your own pace; route is one mile long. 619-518-8663. Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.; \$20-\$25. Point Loma garden walk, 1007 Cordova Street. (POINT LOMA)

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 Mr. Tube and the Flying Objects, acoustic set by Rob Crow (of Pinback), "female hip-hop wizard" MC Flow, dance rock act Jamuel Saxon. DJ Johnny Tran spins. Hosted by local music authority Tim Pyles. Complimentary beverage with paid admission before 8 p.m. 619-846-7180. Saturday, April 25, 7 p.m.; \$5. Ages 21 and up. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Taste Cake, Hear Music, See Gowns Bridal Bazaar with over 200 exhibitors offering their wares, fashion shows (noon, 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m.). 760-334-5500. Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m.; \$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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The House of Lithuania Lawn program with ethnic costumes, dancing, music at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m.; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Building, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Vernal EquiDox Walk-in-the-Park San Diego Dachshund Club hosts dachshund invasion. Rendezvous with other doxies near main fountain near Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. 858-278-1729. Sunday, April 26, 1 p.m.; free. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Vintage Paper Collectible **Show** Almost one million items displayed with collections including postcards, advertising trade cards, movie memorabilia, photographs, more. Appraisal of old paper collectibles given included in price of admission. Free on Sunday. 626-665-9435. Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m.; free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Where's the Village of Falconbridge? Find out during Renaissance Faire, when Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court, accompanied by entertainers, food vendors, merchants, and Renaissance reenactors, gather for annual festival. Enjoy period music, battle pageants, Shakespearean theater, continuous entertainment, vendors, children's activities. Weekend passes available, 805-496-6036, Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m.; \$8-\$16. Felicita Park, 742 Clarence Lane. (ESCONDIDO)

Workout in the Park Self magazine's annual outdoor health, fitness, wellness festival. Expect workouts, beauty consultations, fashion tips, nutritional advice, "tons of freebies." Advance tickets only at selfworkoutinthepark.com. 212-679-2233. Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.; \$15. Mission Bay Park, Vacation Isle, off Ingraham Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)



5k Walk for Life & Community Health Fair Cardiovascular Disease Foundation offers health screenings, food, kids' corner, music. and vendors during walk on the sidewalk along the sand. 760-731-1471, Sunday, April 26, 8 a.m.: free. Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

Backcountry Bicyclin' San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists head out for 84-mile ride venturing to Valley Center, Lilac, more. 619-277-7499. Sunday, April 26, 8:45 a.m.; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Del Mar National Horse Show: Dressage Week Worldclass dressage competition culminates in Evening of Musical Freestyles on Saturday night. Admission is free for weekday events, \$10-\$18 for entry on Saturday and Sunday. 858-792-4288. Thursday, April 23, 8 a.m.; Friday, April 24, 8 a.m.; Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 26, 8 a.m.; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Del Mar National Horse Show: Hunter/Jumper Week Competition culminates in \$100,000 Grand Prix of Del Mar on Saturday night. Admission is free for weekday events, \$10-\$18 for entry on Saturday and Sunday. 858-792-4288. Tuesday, April 28, 8 a.m.; Wednesday, April 29, 8 a.m.; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, (DEL MAR)

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Make a Wish Foundation and the Girls Leadership Institute will accept donations. 760-438-0538. Sunday, April 26, 7 a.m. Moonlight Beach, 200 B Street. (ENCINITAS)

Gentle Yoga Four-week introduction to yoga for all sizes, ages, and health-challenged. Daytime class good for seniors and "inactive bodies." Must be able to get on hands and knees for nighttime class. Bring small pillow, blanket/yoga mat. Donations appreciated. 619-464-4331. Thursday, April 23, 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; free. San Carlos United Methodist Church, 6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard. (SAN CARLOS)

**Golf Demo Day** Instruction tips: new equipment from 35 manufacturers available to try for all ages and skills. 760-720-4653. Friday, April 24, 11 a.m.; Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.; free. Carlsbad Golf Center, 2711 Haymar Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Horseshoes. Anvone? OM-BAC hosts "day of horseshoes, food, drinks, friendships" to benefit the UCSD cancer unit. Sign up from 9 to 11:15 a.m. Play starts at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 26, 9 a.m.; \$20-\$30. Ages 21 and up. The Pennant Bar, 2893 Mission Boulevard. (MISSION BEACH)

Hunger Walk 2009 Walk hosted by Community Christian Service Agency. Offering. 858-274-2271. Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

La Jolla Half Marathon 28th annual event with optional 5k. Starts outside the entrance to Del Mar Fairgrounds; finishes at the park at La Jolla Cove. April 10 registration deadline. 858-454-0777. Sunday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.; \$30-\$65. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

No Brakes, No Gears! Tuesday night bicycle racing season continues with racing in many categories. Racing is open to all riders with an appropriate track bike and sufficient track racing experience. Free for spectators. 931-233-5749. Tuesdavs, 6:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, September 29, free. San Diego Velodrome, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Padres vs. Pirates San Diego Padres take on the Pittsburgh Pirates. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Friday, April 24, 7:05 p.m. and 7:05 p.m.; Saturday, April 25, 7:05 p.m. and 7:05 p.m.; Sunday, April 26, 1:05 p.m. and 1:05 p.m.; \$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Park Your Car and Ride! Knickerbikers plan 29-mile bicycle ride east along Highway 56 bike path then out on some hilly roads. Bring money for lunch before return to starting point. 858-243-4662. Sunday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.; free. Carmel Valley park and ride, 12791 Sorrento Valley Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Showpark Spring Classic Horse Show Hunter-jumpers in competition. 858-481-9085. Thursday, April 23, 8 a.m.; Friday, April 24, 8 a.m.; Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m.; Sunday, April 26, 8 a.m.; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Time to Bike Enjoy flat, 55-mile ride to Coronado Ferry, Imperial Beach, and back with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society. 619-243-8617. Saturday, April 25, 8:45 a.m.; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

### MUSEUMS

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)

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

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**England's First Symphony** San Diego Symphony, conducted by Jahja Ling, presents Edward Elgar's "Symphony No. 1" — Elgar's first symphony, as well as England's. Reservations: 619-235-0804. \$15-\$60. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23. (DOWNTOWN)

**Quatuor Mosaïques** The ensemble (founded in 1985) performs string quartets by Haydn, Mozart, and Schubert on period instruments. Put on by the San Diego Early Music Society. 619-291-8246. \$30-\$35. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, April 23. (LA JOLLA)

**Splendor and Substance** Calder Quartet string ensemble performs Fabian Svensson's "Singing and Dancing," "Quartet.ru" by Anton Batagov, and "Honey Flyers" by Christine Southworth for Art-Power! 858-534-3229, \$5-\$15. The Loft (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, April 23. (LA JOLLA)

**The Artemis Duet** Violin and viola duo perform. 619-469-2151. Free. La Mesa Library (8074 Alli-

son Avenue), 3 p.m., Friday, April 24. (LA MESA)

USD 60th Anniversary Symphony Concerts Alumni invited to participate in celebration to include *Te Deum* by Anton Bruckner, the USD Immaculata Choir, and the San Rafael Festival Choir. 619-260-4106. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Friday, April 24; 2 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (LINDA VISTA)

**Calder Quartet** String ensemble performs for ArtPower! Program boasts Bartók's "String Quartet No. 3 in C Sharp Major," "String Quartet No. 19 in C Major (Dissonant)" by Mozart, Beethoven's "String Quartet No. 7 in F Major (Rasumovsky 1)." Pre-performance talk at 6:45 p.m. 858-534-3229. \$10-\$37. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Friday, April 24. (LA JOLLA)

**Peter Grimes** Tenor Anthony Dean Griffey takes on title role in "Britten's masterpiece of English opera." Soprano Jennifer Casey Cabot plays Ellen Orford; Rod Gilfrey as Captain Balstrode. Tickets: 619-220-TIXS. \$35-\$200. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue), 8 p.m., Friday, April 24; 2 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (DOWNTOWN)

**Spring Concert** San Diego Young Artists Symphony plans recital of symphonic and chamber music by Beethoven, Mozart, Rodrigo, Haydn. Offering. 619-235-8067. San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard), 4 p.m., Saturday, April 25. (SAN CARLOS)

**Ostracized Music** San Diego Jewish Music Festival continues with this "celebration of Jewish and Muslim music." Pianists Volker Ahmels and Friederike Haufe perform with young European musicians from Ostracized Music International Festival, spotlighting "composers silenced by the Nazis." 858-362-1348. \$19-\$24. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25. (LA JOLLA)

**"The Lark Ascending"** Vaughan Williams's piece played for Jacobs' Masterworks concerts by San Diego Symphony, plus "Symphony No. 1" by Elgar, Franz Krommer's unusual and tuneful "Concerto for



Two Clarinets." Reservations: 619-235-0804. \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Saturday, April 25. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Really Big Songs"** Performed by the Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego. Music from Dixie Chicks, Stephen Sondheim, "Carmina Burana," Turandot, others. Country/ classical. 619-57-GMCSD. \$25-\$35. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), 8 p.m., Saturday, April 25; 3 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (LA JOLLA)

**Sitarist Kartik Seshadri** Famous sitar composer, educator, and disciple of Pandit Ravi Shankar. 858-534-3229. Free. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, April 25. (LA JOLLA)

**Return to Frederic Chopin** Palomar College's artist-in-residence, pianist Peter Gach tickles the keys in tribute to his favorite composer. Program includes the "Fourth Ballade," "The Berceuse Lullaby," and a lively collection of mazurkas. 760-744-1150 x2453. \$8-\$12. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 2 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (ESCONDIDO)

**Pet-Friendly Organ Music** Civic organist Carol Williams performs at "Bark in the Park 3." Bring your dog to parade across the stage! 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (BALBOA PARK)

Vocal and Choral Music Cedar Center Chorus and Pacificaires give concert titled "The Best of Times: The Secret of Life Is Enjoying the Passage of Time." 619-388-1800. Free. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 2 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (LINDA VISTA)

Almondine Woodwind Quartet Cathy Blickenstaff (flute), Scott Paulson (oboe), Robert Zelickman (clarinet), Jane Zwerneman (French horn), and William Propp (bassoon) play selections by Gunther Schuller, Guy Ropartz, Darius Milhaud, Franz Danzi for concert series. 619-236-5810. Free. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (DOWNTOWN) "Music and Art in the Afternoon" La Jolla Symphony & Chorus present first in series with Studio 2nd Street artists Vanessa Lemen and Faith Lindley in Community Room. Tickets: 858-534-4637. \$10-\$15. Encinitas Library (540 Cornish Drive), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (ENCINITAS)

**Classics 4 Kids** Tamir Hendelman Jazz Trio gives concert to benefit music education and outreach program. (\$50 catered reception follows.) Tickets: 619-291-3111. \$32-\$37. Saint James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street), 4 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (LA JOLLA)

**The Weilerstein Trio** New England Conservatory of Music lends trio for performance of Mozart's Piano Trio No. 5 in C, Schuman's Trio No. 3 In G minor Op. 110, and Jacek/Coxe Kreutzer Sonata. 619-239-0100, x2. \$25. Saint Elizabeth Seton Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street), 4 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (CARLSBAD)

Handel, Haydn and Purcell Bach Collegium San Diego performs chamber music of Handel, Haydn and Purcell, "as well as Purcell's incidental music to Abdelazar, in honor of the three composers' anniversaries in 2009." 619-341-1726. \$12-\$25. Saint Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street), 5 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (DEL MAR)

**The Weilerstein Trio** Come to preconcert reception to meet group on lend from New England Conservatory of Music. Trio will perform Mozart's Piano Trio No. 5 in C, Schumann's Trio No. 3 in G minor Op. 110, and Jacek/Coxe Kreutzer Sonata. 619-239-0100, x2. \$60. The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe (5951 Linea del Cielo), 5:30 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**Spring Hits Schantz Organ** Saint Paul's organist and choirmaster Martin Green plans spring concert on Clairemont Lutheran's Schantz organ for Vesper Concert Series. Requested donation: \$10. 858-273-7423. Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard), 7 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (CLAIREMONT)

**"Quartetto Sorrento"** Grossmont Symphony presents "Quartet No. 6 in G Major" by Shostakovich and Smetana's "String Quartet No. 1 in E Minor" in college recital hall room 220. 619-644-7254. Free. Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive), 7 p.m., Sunday, April 26. (EL CAJON)

La Jolla Symphony Competition Winners For mini-concert. Bring your lunch! 858-454-5872. Free. Lyceum Theatre (79 Horton Plaza), noon, Monday, April 27. (DOWNTOWN)

UCSD Undergraduate Performers' Forum Students perform "an eclectic program and high-energy" program to showcase their talents. 858-534-3229. Free. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Monday, April 27. (LA JOLLA) **Student Composers' Concert** Includes senior projects by Ryan Lynch and Joseph Olivarez. 619-260-4171. Free. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 28. (LINDA VISTA)

**"Evelyn Is the Eddie Van Halen of Violinists"** Evelyn is one of four La Jolla High School students who will perform chamber music concert at Riford Center. 858-459-0831. Free. The Riford Center (6811 La Jolla Boulevard), 3 p.m., Tuesday, April 28. (LA JOLLA)

**"Debut"** Art of Élan celebrates new year during their "New World" art-themed concert inspired by Russian artist Nicolai Ivanovich Fechin's painting *Portrait of Miss Sapoinikoff*. Listen for Dvorák's "American String Quartet" and Enescu's "Octet" for double string quartet. 619-696-1969. \$10-\$25. San Diego Museum of Art (1450 El Prado), 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 28. (BALBOA PARK)

**"The Generation of Debussy"** Violinist Victoria Martino contin-

ues "The Age of Romanticism, Realism, and Impressionism" lecture series. 858-454-5872. Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.; \$14-\$19. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Classical Guitarist Paul Bowman** Expect to hear new music for the guitar. 858-534-3229. Free. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 29. (LA JOLLA)

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## GALLERIES

"Don't Move, Please!" Opening for exhibition of new work by Judy Val Gelb. Exhibit coupling "new paintings and reclaimed wood constructions with largescale sketches" may be seen through Friday, May 8. Also on view: a variety of landscapes, florals, works on paper. 858-729-8808. Free. Losina Art Center (3350 Sports Arena Boulevard suite A), 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 24. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

**"Facing East"** Printmakers Dionne Haroutunian and Vivana Lombrozo, ceramist Blaine Shirk, and furniture maker Joey Viasusio come together for opening reception of exhibition. Show continues through May 30. 858-270-7577. Free. Art Expressions Gallery (2645 Financial Court, Suite C), 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23. (BAY PARK)

"Jasper Johns: Selected Prints, 1963-2008" Opening reception for exhibition of 29 prints by contemporary artist Jasper Johns, on view through Sunday, June 14, in Robert and Karen Hoehn Family Galleries in Founders Hall. Show includes "his masterpiece" *Savarin 3 (Red)*. Hours: noon-6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; noon-4:30 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. 619-260-4261. Free. University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 5 p.m., Thursday, April 23. (LINDA VISTA)

#### "Native Color: The Landscape

of Encinitas" View paintings and photography during San Dieguito Art Guild reception for local artists. 760-942-3636. Free. Calle Magdalena Gallery in Public Works Building (160 Calle Magdalena), 5 p.m., Friday, April 24. (ENCINITAS)

"Native" Group exhibition spotlights "natives to Southern California...humans native to planet Earth. Featuring furniture, art, film, bikes, headdresses and other native curiosities." Artists: Miki Iwasaki, Josh Higgins, Jeffrey Durkin, Thatcher, Tocayo, Stacy Kelley, Sean Kelley, Shaney Jo Darden & Jeff Black. DJ Blackass; live music by the Minor Keys. 760-439-3760. Free. Swiv Tackle Circus (530 South Coast Highway), 6 p.m., Saturday, April 25. (OCEANSIDE)

**"Security for All"** Closing reception for exhibition of installations, drawings, animation by four artists from Mexico City. Donations accepted. 619-384-7989. Agitprop Gallery (2837 University Avenue), 6 p.m., Saturday, April 25. (NORTH PARK)

**"The Detachment"** Bobbie Fisher's master of fine arts thesis exhibition opening reception. Show continues through April 30. 619-594-6511. Free. Everett Gee Jackson Gallery at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive), 6 p.m., Saturday, April 25. (COLLEGE AREA)

## MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

**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)

#### More Ink for Psychedelic Horse[expletive]

Wavves — the local duo brainstormed by former Music Trader manager Nathan Williams — are being called lo-fi poseurs by Columbus, Ohio, garage to censor his band's name. "I don't even think Psychedelic Horse[expletive] is that good of a band, but it's, like, [expletive] leagues and years beyond Wavves.... Just a bunch of poseur [expletive], honestly." Whitehurst points out

the inside track

band Psychedelic Horseshit, which manufactured "Wavves Suxx" T-shirts after sharing three shows with the San Diegans.



WE'RE BETTER THAN WAVVES (PSYCHEDELIC HORSESHIT)

"Wavves is getting \$30,000 to [expletive] crank out this [expletive] generic [expletive]," said Horseshit front man Matt Whitehurst in a *Washington Post* interview that deemed it necessary that the "Suxx" shirts are mocking Wavves' stage name. "Wavves took, like, six pictures with [our drummer] Rich with the Wavves Suxx Tshirt on. So, you know, that little [expletive]'s probably into it or something.... We should have named ourselves Wavves. We'd be rich now if

we would've. We're better than Wavves." Williams politely declines to return fire. "Anytime I mention it, they get the [media] ink, and that's the only reason they started

[media] ink, and that's the only reason they started insulting [other performers].... I might like a cut of those [Wavves Suxx] shirts, though."

Wavves' 2009 album Wavvves (yup, three Vs), on Mississippi-based Fat Possum Records, earned an 8.1 rating at hipness arbiter *Pitchfork.com.* That could either mean he's "made it" or that it's all downhill from here.

— Jay Allen Sanford

#### Train of Thought

Eric Woodard, aka Dizzy Order, has been rapping locally for 15 years. He used to freestyle at underground shows based in Encanto in the mid '90s and frequented a short-lived rap collective in 2000 in a downtown venue called the Loft. He's outlasted now-defunct open-mike scenes at Honey Bee Hive, Hot Monkey Love Café, and Club Montage.

Woodard, 33, says he is still devoted to hip-hop in spite of the poor payoff. "This [San Diego] scene is tough on cats. You have to be in overdrive all the time just to make things happen.... It seems like Mitchy Slick is the only one from here making any money at it."

Woodard's new home is at the Marquee, 835 25th Street in Golden Hill. The building was built as a church in 1926. Most of it is now used to house and treat schizophrenic patients. Since January, 20 percent of the building has been shared by Ethos, a nondenominational church that welcomes pagans and Muslims.

"Eric is a Buddhist," says Ethos founder Jason Page about Woodard. Ethos uses the Marquee for Sundaynight church services. Other nights are used for music shows, which are all-ages and open to the public. Rock and acoustic bands are showcased

on Friday and Saturday. At Tuesday's "Train of Thought," guests are asked for a \$5 donation to see spiritually motivated musicians, freestyle poets, and rappers perform open-mike. Woodard helps produce Train of Thought which pu

Thought, which pulled in an audience of 43 last week. Train of Thought is not

your average church-sponsored event. Two women in attendance were kissing, and performers threw out "fuck" and "nigger" to an audience that included children and conservatively dressed people.

"You can't control what people say or feel and tell them it's free expression at the same time," says Woodard.

Hip-hop is just part of the Tuesday-night show. He says he also tried an all-hiphop night called Boom Box Session on Thursdays. "I tried it three times, but no one would come. On the last night, I got this lady from L.A. called Medusa to come down and headline for \$1000. I thought she was worth it. I got, like, 20 people who paid ten dollars each. I sent her another \$450 later. She was cool with that.... I think [a hip-hop night] will



SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT — IN SIX MINUTES (DIZZY ORDER)

work eventually. I want to figure out what I did wrong and do it better next time." — Ken Leighton

#### Hulu Knows Who I

**Am** When independent filmmaker Tray White contacted Matt Resovich last year through MySpace to do the score for *Impaler* (a documentary on self-proclaimed satanic vampire Jonathon "the Impaler" Sharkey, who ran for Minnesota's governorship in 2006), Resovich didn't pay it much mind.

"When I first saw Sharkey's face on the friend request, I thought it was a joke," writes Resovich in an email. "Then I realized it was a movie."

After playing phone tag with White for a few weeks, Resovich nearly lost the movie deal to Alan Sparhawk, front man for indie band Low. "I was irresistibly cheap and easy, and I had one tune the director really liked."

After agreeing to compose the documentary's score, the multi-instrumentalist (who splits his time playing in the Black Heart Procession, the Album Leaf, and his own project, Roll Film) sat down and watched *Impaler* every day — from start to finish for a week.

"The approach was the fun part. Kind of a reverse storyboard, really," writes Resovich. "It wasn't difficult at all. I was fortunate to have a finished film with a single time code from beginning to end to edit to."

Since the 2007 release date, the film has been nominated for several independent film awards, and a few large movie outlets — Target, Amazon, Netflix, SnagFilms — have picked it up for distribution.

More good news came in mid March, when Resovich found out the documentary was added to online television and movie website *Hulu.com*'s list of television shows and movies.

"I am pretty excited to see Impaler doing so well on Hulu.com. It's even more accessible than Amazon or Netflix. It is nice when the execs at Hulu.com are talking about [your work]." As for scoring more movies, Resovich is on the

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lookout, but...

"Honestly I don't know where people go to schmooze for film gigs. Maybe if I start a 'Cargo Cult' or make a sacrifice to the MySpace gods, another job will come my way. Or, just maybe, someone



**RESOVICH SCORED** THE IMPALER

will see Impaler and like my work. In the meantime, it's kind of funny to book shows when your only official release is a movie soundtrack."

— Dorian Hargrove

#### **Record-Release Roundup** Irradio will play a free release party for their album *I Am the Horn* on Sunday, April 26, at the Casbah. "All attendees can expect a night full of magic,

free food, good spirits, and constant vibrations of organized noise," says singer-guitarist Daniel Dasher, the band's sole remaining founder. "We've been working on the song 'Grace' by Jeff Buckley for some time, and we'd like to perform it that night. Something new we added is a woodwinds player who will blow your mind and a second guitarist who can sing like a gypsy."

The album is produced by Mitch Wilson (No Knife) and will be available at CD Baby, iTunes, Amazon, and Jam Recordings.

Josh Damigo's new CD debuts May 15 with a release party at Lestat's. "This is a self-produced acoustic album," he says, "so Lestat's is the perfect place to present it, since I practically live off their latte already. Rob Deez is on the record, and he'll be at the show, along with a special guest." Damigo declines to specify who, though, he says, "It's probably not Kid Rock." (The Detroit rocker once showed up during a Damigo gig at Brick by Brick.)

The release party for the Shamey Jays' debut CD Your Pretty Packages happens at Brick by Brick on May 23. "We've confirmed sets by the

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AGAIN

Anna Troy Band, Endoxi, and a special guest appearance by Beat Farmer Joey Harris," says front man Dave Howard, who wrote 10 of the album's 12 tracks. "This time, we're on a local label, Blindspot Records, whose artist roster is more like family. Our labelmates — Anna Troy, Dave Humphries, the Shambles, and Four Eyes — are all local kindred spirits."

Kim DiVine's new album Square One comes out April 28, with a release party set for Lestat's on May 29. "Expect to see me playing in a full band, which doesn't happen a lot," says DiVine, who moved from Massachusetts to San Diego in 2004. "I usually perform with my trio, but I want to bring out the full band and really replicate the sounds on the new album. I'm sure we'll throw in a special cover song or two.... I'm known to play some Patty Griffin, some Radiohead, even Death Cab for Cutie...but who knows."

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Small Town Heroes

Blow Up the Eiffel Tower and

Earl Thomas and the Rhythm Kings are having a CD-release party on Thursday, April 23, at Anthology in Little Italy. Two nights later, on April 25,

Silverleaf celebrates its own new album at Lestat's. Black Mamba's release party for their new 12" happens April 30 in the Casbah's Atari Lounge with Tape Deck Mountain, Drew Andrews,

play the Casbah May 11. Hard rockers Cage, now with former Psychotic Waltz drummer Norm Leggio, release their album Science of Annihilation on May 22. Metal heads Sacrificial Slaughter have signed to

April 28, and the duo will

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

Crash Records and announced a new album due to drop shortly; however, contacted by email, they declined to provide details. "Dude, we have performed and been covered all over the world. SD metal scene is pathetic and we don't need it."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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# This Week In Music

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Black Hondo split

a bill at Bar Pink .... And alsos: Casbah stages drag-

and Paladins), **Paging Beto** (the Blasters), and the **Rumblers** (the Rumblers)...Christ-core heavies the

Devil Wears Prada take the main runway at all-

ages Soma...pop-punk specialists **Nobunny** and **BombPops** will be out at the Ken Club...and

(love this) tribbers HeadRUSH will treat Dream

The 36th annual Adams Ave. rootsicana thing kicks

off Saturday. The event is always chock-o-bloc

chops and good eats. Hit up adamsaveonline.com/RootsFestival for the sked

and drop by Jyoti Bihanga for one of them delish

"neatloaf" sandwiches .... When the sun sets on

that, stroll over to North Park, where L.A. garage

folkies Willard Grant Conspiracy join spooky

Street to "early-to-middle Rush." Yea, man.

strip rock-rollers Dave Gonzalez (the Playboys

<u>Thursday</u> Belly Up will be serving "electric" Hot Tuna tonight. Mmm. Jack Casady and Jorma Kaukonen formed Tuna in 1969, during their tenure with San Fran band Jefferson Airplane, as an outlet for their inner bluesmen. The acoustic duo became a trio, became an electric quartet, became a musical community of some 20 different blues-rock musicians over the years. They've released about 30 records, mostly live ones, and have outlasted Ms. Slick's mothership. What's that *smell like fish, oh baby....* House of Blues hosts prog-metal band **Queensrÿche** tonight. The Bellevue, WA, quartet has just released its tenth full-length, a song-cycle story of war called American Soldier.... Duo Eagle and Talon lands at Bar Pink. The L.A. ladies last week released their indie-pop debut Thracian on iTunes and are looking to drop the disc in June. Local duo **Dabbers** set the North Park stage.

# Friday

Didn't know they made MCs in Mississippi, but Tupelo DJ **Diplo** stacks 'em up at Canes Friday night The "artist"slash-producer released his sophomore disc Decent Work for Decent Pay last month to re-mixed reviews ha-ha.

The dance-club dude's got pretty good taste, howev., tossing Daft Punk, Hot Chip, Bloc Party, and Black Lips into his blender. Gonna be a full, sweat-soaked house out at Belmont Park, baby... And Whistle Stop books a doozie, too, with ex-Sess cats the Beaters and what's left of Nathan

DIPLO AT CANES

Williams's old Fantastic Magic act -Heavy Hawaii. How far from the tree? Go see. And go early unless you plan on watching from the sidewalk ... Can't squeeze into the Stop, then down the road (up

NOBUNNY AT KEN CLUB

Oakland act Winfred E. Eye and Rhode Island acousticat Anthony Loffredio, aka Barn Burning, at Bar Pink .... And a block over, at Planet Rooth (3811 Ray), you can catch dub, rock, and hip-hop sets by Mr. Tube. Rob Crow. and MC Flow. respectively.... L.A. indie kids Happy Hollows sneak out of Silver Lake to join local top pop openers the Modlins and Roxy Jones at Soda Bar... And Moviegoers warm the seats for Howls at the Ken Club

h Sunday

There's a radio 94/9 freebie Sunday at Casbah, featuring irradio, ...students, Demasiado, and Hialeah. There'll be free food

> Lucha Libre (TJ dogs!) and, as if that's not enough, local bands are invited to drop their discs at the back bar to broadcast ...

Otherwise, ya got emo godhead Chris Carrabba and his Boca band Dashboard Confessional purging in the Jenny Craig at USD.... Brazilian reggae band Natiruts hit the beach at Canes... Stockholm, Sweden's jazz-for-hipsters trio the Thing plays UCSD's Loft space.... House of Blues hosts Mexican superstar Ximena Sariñana.... And noise rockers Gertrudestein and International Conspiracy take over Radio Room.

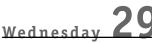
Monday

Hip-hop politico Mr. Lif pontificates at Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up this week. The Boston rapper's out to tout his new disc, I Heard It Today Check out his Space takes — brother's got the beats, but he also likes some nu-wave electronic pop. Huh. Willie Evans and Grieves set the stage while **DJ Statik** spins round sets.... Granola group **Railroad Earth** rolls into Belly Up Monday night. The New Jersey big band's got a bag of tricks to play - bluegrass, jazz, Celtic, rock, roll -

and these fest faves stage it better than most. Check out last year's crit hit Amen Corner for the Railroad's latest line.... Soda Bar sets up odd-pop folkies S. Brooks, Joel West, and Joanie Mendenhall .... While greezy punk Seattleites the Bug Nasties hit the windscreen at Ken Club.



This week's set to see will set your inner hippie free, when Ginsu guitarist Makoto Kawabata's Acid Mothers Temple and the Melting Paraiso U.F.O. (Underground Freak Out) launch from Cape Casbah Tuesday night. The Temple's "extreme trip music" relaxes with drone, shakes with squall, and then sends you with screeching freak-outs for what one New Yorker writer described as a "shamanistic experience." Amen, sister.... Miss the door at that one, hit up Beauty Bar, where good ol' boys Rio Peligroso will take you on a roots-rock tour through the past 30 ears. It's good gravy. Day of Anomie and Someday Assassin are also on that bill.



Bob Log III dons the microphone mask at Bar Pink Wednesday night. The Tucson troubadour's hyper-Delta-blues-punk shtick is something to see and sure to move your feet. Tour mate **Willem Maker**, an Alabaman with blues in his guitar and



BOB LOG III AT BAR PINK tumed kooks are described as (tongue firmly in cheek) "punk for the people".... Small Faces organ grinder **Ian McLagan** will be down at Anthology with Apple tart Jerry Fuentes .... and Zooey Deschanel's boyfriend's band is playing up at the RIMAC. (It'll never last.)

- Barnaby Monk



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# THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

**4th&B:** 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343. *Friday* — Black Cherry Music. Pop.

**710 Beach Club:** 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — Young Goodman. CD-release party with Scarlet

Symphony. Alternative/rock. Ages 21 and up. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Mystic Roots. With Rice Rockit. Reggae/rock. Ages 21 and up.

**AcousticMusicSanDiego:** 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.

*Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — David Wilcox. Contemporary folk.

Air Conditioned Lounge: 4673 30th Street, Normal Heights, 619-501-9831. *Sunday*, 9 p.m. — Regina Leonard. Blues/soul. Ages 21 and up.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors. Blues. \$18. Thursday, 9:30 p.m. — The Vokab Kompany and DJ Carlo. Electronic/hip-hop/rock. \$15. Friday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Michael Franks. Jazz. \$38-\$45. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Tierney Sutton. Jazz. \$24. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Ian McLagan. Rock. \$15.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. *Thursday*, 7:30 p.m., *Saturday*, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., *Sunday*, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. — Rain. A tribute to the Beatles. \$12-\$74. *Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Mariza. Fado/world. \$25-\$57.

Bar Leucadian: 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094. *Friday*, 9:30 p.m. — Leo Rising.

Rock. Saturday — Small Town Heroes.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194. *Thursday*, 10 p.m. — Eagle and Talon. With the Dabbers. Indie. Ages 21 and up. *Friday*, 10 p.m. — Autotonic. With Black Hondo. Rock. Ages 21 and up.

*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — The Willard

Grant Conspiracy. With Winfred E. Eye and Barn Burning. Alternative/ folk. Ages 21 and up. *Sunday*, 10 p.m. — The Tighten Ups. Soul/rock. Ages 21 and up. *Wednesday*, 10 p.m. — Bob Log III. With Willem Maker. Rock. \$5. Ages 21 and up.

**Bare Back Grill:** 624 E Street, Downtown, 619-237-9990. *Tuesday*, 7 p.m. — Snooze Button. With Folding Mr. Lincoln, Shant, Lindsay White, and the Eben Brooks Band. Acoustic/ alternative/rock. Free. *Tuesday*, 7 p.m. — The Eben Brooks Band. Acoustic/ alternative/rock.

**Barona Valley Ranch Resort** 

**& Casino:** 1932 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, 619-443-2300. *Sunday*, 6 p.m. — The Arrowhead Band. Covers/standards/rock.

**Beauty Bar:** 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Says Rally. With the Ringers and Desert Diamonds. Rock. \$5. *Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — The Old In Out. With El Monte Slim, Heavy Clow and DLG Rex Punk/rock

Glow, and DJ G Rex. Punk/rock. \$5. Ages 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern: 143 South

Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Hot Tuna.

Blues. Friday, 9 p.m. — Lez Zeppelin. A tribute to Led Zeppelin. With the Grass Heat.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Skanic. With the Upbeat and Bredren. Ska. \$10-\$12. Ages 21 and up. Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Orquesta Primo. Salsa. \$10.



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*Tuesday*, 7 p.m. — Republic of Letters. With Astra Kelly, Hotel St. George, Runway, and DJ Leif. Alternative/blues/rock. \$10. Ages 21 and up

and up. *Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Company of Thieves. With guest.

Indie/pop/rock. \$6. Ages 21 and up. **The Bitter End:** 770 Fifth

Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Lessons from Zeke. With Jesse Nova and Zank. Alternative rock. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Nena Anderson. With Jeffery Joe Morin, Cheeky, and Myra's Hands. Blues/jazz/soul. Acoustic/blues/jazz.

**Boar Cross'n:** 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989. *Thursday* — Blood on the Dance Floor. With Metroid and Electric Valentine. Rock. Ages 21 and up.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. *Friday*, 8:30 p.m. — The Camel Tones. With 3rd Identity and guests. Rock. \$7. Ages 21 and up. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Kid Koala. With DJ Artistic, Frik N Frak, and One Man Jazz. Electronica. *Wednesday*, 8:30 p.m. — The Shake Ups. With Bam! Barcelona and guests. Rock. \$5. Ages 21 and up.

**Café Sevilla:** 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979. *Thursday* — BombaChante. Salsa/Latin. *Wednesday* — Walter II and Orquesta Rumbaney. Salsa/Latin/tropical.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido,

760-839-4438. *Thursday*, 7 p.m. — First Marine Division Band. Annual concert series with variety of music. \$2 student performance on April 22. Otherwise free. Free.

The Calypso Café: 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Captain Kirk & the Beam Me Up Scotties. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — Uplift. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Triple Shot. Blues/rock. *Sunday*, 6:30 p.m. — The Rick Ross Trio. With Freefall. Blues/soul/jazz.

Monday, 8 p.m. — Cactus Twang. Rock. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — The Will Faeber Band. Blues/soul/jazz.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Ooklah the Moc. Reggae/dub/roots. Friday, 9 p.m. — Diplo. Electronica. \$20. Ages 21 and up. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Cash'd Out. A tribute to Johnny Cash. \$15. Monday, 8 p.m. — Iron Maidens. A tribute to Iron Maiden. With Benedictum and Forty One Sixty. Ages 21 and up.

# Casa del Prado: El Prado,

Balboa Park. Sunday, 12:20 p.m. — Cedar Center Chorus and Pacificaires. With conductor Eunice Williams. World. Free. Sunday, 2:15 p.m. — NOTEables. With Conductor Eunice Williams. World. Free.

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

*Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Prize Country. With Hostile Comb-Over, Kingdom of Magic, and Modern Rifles. Punk/rock. \$6. Ages 21 and

Friday, 8 p.m. — Dave Gonzalez. With the Stone River Boys, Paging Beto, and the Rumblers. Alternative/country. \$12. Ages 21 and up. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Dynamite

Walls. With Republic of Letters, Stripes and Lines, and guests. Alternative/indie/rock. \$8. Ages 21 and up.

Sunday, 8 p.m. — Irradio. CD release show with Students, Sayvinyl, Demasiado, and Hialeah. Free food from Lucha Libre. Rock. Free. Ages 21 and up. *Monday*, 8 p.m. — Mr. Lif. With DJ Statik, Willie Evans, and Grieves. Hip-hop/rap. \$12. Ages 21 and up. *Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — Acid Mothers Temple. With Sonic Suicide Squad. Experimental/rock. \$10. Ages 21 and up.

*Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — A Scribe Amidst the Lions. Alternative/ experimental/rock. \$5.

**Comstock Bar and Grill:** 316 West Mission Avenue, Suite #115, Escondido, 760-746-6188. *Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — Gold Dust Band. Rock. Free. Ages 21 and up.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695. *Thursday*, 6 p.m. — The Rhythm Method. Classic rock. *Friday*, 6 p.m. — Smokestaxx. Covers classic soul, R&B, and rock hits. *Saturday*, 2:30 p.m. — Billy

Watson. Blues/soul/jazz. Sunday, 1:30 p.m. — Fabulous Woodies. Classic rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. — Scott Carter & New Breed. Reggae/funk/rock. *Wednesday*, 6 p.m. — Northstar. Classic rock.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — Paul Seaforth. Jazz. \$10-\$15. *Sunday*, 6 p.m. — Jaeryoung Lee Trio. With Danny Weller and Dylan Savage. Jazz. \$10-\$15.

# Dream Street Live: 2228

Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — HeadRUSH. A tribute to Rush.

## The Field Irish Pub and

**Restaurant:** 544 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-9840. *Friday*, 9:30 p.m. — The Fooks. Celtic/punk. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Fiffin Market. Pop/Irish folk. Free.

# First Church of Chula Vista:

915 Paseo Ranchero, Chula Vista. Sunday, 4 p.m. — Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir. Gospel. Free.

#### Four Points by Sheraton:

8110 Aero Drive, Kearny Mesa. Friday, 9 p.m. — Theo & the Zydeco Patrol. Cajun/zydeco. \$10.

**Gallagher's Pub & Grill:** 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — The Kyle Van Band. Acoustic/bluegrass/ rockabilly.

#### La Gran Tapa: 611 B Street, Downtown, 619-234-8272. Friday, 6:30 p.m. — Juan Moro, Latin/Taiano/Mariachi

Latin/Tejano/Mariachi. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. — Steven Zuill. Covers/standards.

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

ROCK. *Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — Battle of the Bands. Featuring local acts and celebrity judges Little Steven Van Zandt and Darryl "DMC" McDaniels. Rock. Ages 21 and up.

#### Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack

Fub and Grui: 850 familiator Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-434-2660. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Skelpin. Irish/folk. Friday — Rockers in the Round. Saturday — Sligorags. Sunday — Greg Ginn. Punk. Tuesday — Thompson Phan. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Joe Wood & the Lonely Ones. Roadhouse blues.

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World. Free. Saturday, 9 p.m. — California Celts. Reggae/ska.

#### House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Queensrÿche. Rock. \$39-\$69. Friday, 6:30 p.m. - Honor Society. Rock pop. \$12. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Panteón Rococó, Latin/rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. — Shelle Blue. Rhythm and blues. Free. Sunday, 8 p.m. - Ximena Sarinana. Latin. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - Noches Rockeras. Latin. \$12. Ages 21 and

Humphrey's Backstage

up.

Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Sunday — Jackiem Joyner. Jazz.

#### International Community Foundation: 2525 N Avenue, National City, 619-336-2250. Sunday, noon — Music without Borders. Featuring guitarist Pablo Sainz Villegas.

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

741-7778. Friday, 7 p.m. - Seven Witches. With Nihilist, Calalvera, Damcyan, Wither, and Schaphicist. Metal. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Calabrese. With the Bombpops, the Returners, the Rotten Livers, and the Loose Nuts. Pop/metal/rock. Sunday, 9 p.m. — Into the Lion's Den. With Black Hands and Exceed All Hope. Metal. Wednesday, 9 p.m. — A Night in Hollywood. With On Sweet Ransom and the V Dubs.

Rock/metal. The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848 Saturday, 8 p.m. — The Moviegoers. With the Howls. Alternative/pop/rock. Ages 21 and up.

Lamb's Players Theatre: 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-

437-0600. Sunday, 7 p.m. — Last Sunday Cabaret. Featuring Season Duffy, Ion Lorenz, Leonard Patton, Colleen Kollar Smith, Deborah Gilmour Smyth, Joy Yandell, and G. Scott Lacy. Jazz/standards. \$15-\$45.

# Lawrence Family Jewish

Community Center: 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. Monday, 7:30 p.m. — "Jewish Composers in Popular Song and on Broadway," Second installment of "Conversations from the Piano" with UCSD professor Steven Cassedy, who will expound on Richard Rodgers (of Rodgers and Hart/Rodgers and Hammerstein fame) for San Diego Jewish Music Festival. 858-362-1348. \$14-\$18.

#### Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights,

619-282-0437. Friday, 9 p.m. — Cyndi Harvell. Acoustic/alternative/country, \$10.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. - Lenka. Pop. \$10.

Sunday, 8 p.m. — The Thing. Jazz. Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Thao with the Get Down Stay Down. Pop/rock. \$10.

# Mangia Italiano on Third:

248 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-623-3553. Thursday, 7 p.m. — Caballero's Latin Jazz Jam. Hosted by Bill Caballero, Jazz.

#### McCabe's Beach Club: 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside,

760-439-6646. Wednesday, 5 p.m. — Live Wire. Covers/classic rock/dance. Free.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill:

1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Northstar. Classic rock. Friday, 9 p.m. - Mystique. Jazz/funk/R&B. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Harmony Road. Wednesday, 8 p.m. - Laguna.

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

### **Museum of Making Music:** 5790 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-

438-5996 Friday, 7 p.m. — Robin Henkel. With Steve Nichols, Steve Bernstein, and DeForest Thornburgh. Blues/folk. \$20-\$25.



# BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Robert Fisher, the man behind the Willard Grant Conspiracy, has a deep voice and a talent for dark but sophisticated lyrics. His music is usually categorized as Americana. but it can just as easily slip into baroque chamber pop or noisy rock when the mood strikes. Nearly every review of Fisher's music begins by comparing the Willard Grant Conspiracy to Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds. And that's just about right: If you like Nick Cave, you'll probably like the Willard Grant Conspiracy.

But the comparison breaks down when you try to imagine Cave singing one of Fisher's

### The Musicians Union Hall:

1717 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-229-1610. Sunday, 2:30 p.m. — "A Tribute to Ellington." Celebrate National Jazz Month and birthday of Duke Ellington during jazz concert by Pete DeLuke Quintet and dance hosted by Jazz Association of Greater San Diego. 619-818-3572. \$5-\$12.

#### Normal Heights: Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. Adams Avenue Roots Festival. More than 40 musical acts perform on seven stages. Craft vendors, food, more, stretching along Adams Avenue, 619-282-7329, Free,

# O'Connells Pub and

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

Friday, 8 p.m. - Emergenza Music Festival. Featuring Metatonic, the Rumblers, 5 to Midnight, Mad Martigan, One Inch Punch, Red Llama Dog, and Raise the Guns. Alternative/indie/rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Blue Sky Blonde. With Stars After Midnight and Amongst the Lost. Rock. Ages

21 and up. Sunday, 9 p.m. — Extinct Animals. With Behind the Wagon.

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songs. Take "Lost Hours."

in which Fisher sings of a

long drive: "There comes a

time when less is more/ We

passed that place miles ago."

Can you imagine Cave com-

fortably singing from the

point of view of a lonely

trucker? Yet you can easily

imagine Fisher singing a Cave

song. He has already pep-

pered the past two Willard

Grant Conspiracy albums

with covers by Bob Dylan

and Mark Eitzel. Fisher can

take the work of these idio-

syncratic songwriters, wed them to his own peculiar

album, is set to a beautiful arrangement of horns,

strings, and piano. "Let It Roll," from 2007's

album of the same name, is set to a noisy rock

'n' roll tune. The next Willard Grant Conspir-

acy album is apparently going to be a mix of

Alternative/noise/rock. Ages 21 and Wednesday, 9 p.m. - Calstate Generals. With Berbz and Reality. Hip-hop/rap. Ages 21 and up.

O'Harleys Sports Bar & Grill: 13437 Community Road, Poway, 858-486-7422 Friday, 8 p.m. - Point Blank and the Even Keel. Hip-hop/rap. Free. Saturday, 9 p.m. - Mariner.

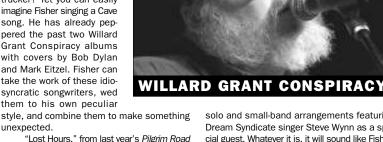
Covers/standards/rock. Free. Oceanside Library: 330 North

### Coast Highway, Oceanside. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Musicàntica. World. \$15. Old Time Music: 2852

University Avenue, North Park, 619-280-9035 Sunday, 7 p.m. — Doyle Dykes. Bluegrass/blues/folk. \$20

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solo and small-band arrangements featuring Dream Syndicate singer Steve Wynn as a special guest. Whatever it is, it will sound like Fisher. and it will probably sound familiar and strange, frightening and beautiful.

WILLARD GRANT CONSPIRACY: Bar Pink. Saturday, April 25, 10 p.m. 619-564-7194.

> Blues/rock. Sunday, 9 p.m. — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band, Blues/funk, Monday, 8 p.m. — The Bayou Brothers. Zydeco/blues/R&B. Tuesday, 9 p.m. — Blue Largo. Blues/soul/swing. Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/soul/rock.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-757-2827. Friday, 9 p.m. - Rip Carson.

Rockabilly. Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Fuck Lords. Free. Ages 21 and up.

Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga: 3301 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Rahis Khan. World. Free.

# Ramona Mainstage

Nightclub: 626 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-7008. Friday, 8 p.m. - Myron and the Kyniptionz, Blues/soul/rock, \$5. *Saturday*, noon — Highway 67 Blues Fest. Featuring D.A. & the Hitmen, the Bill Magee Blues Band, the Hoodoo Blues Band, the Lester Moore Band, and Chet & the



Allied Gardens, 619-582-6699. Friday, 9 p.m. - Blue Rockit, Blues. Saturday, 9 p.m. - Night Shift. Rock Pala Casino: 35008 Pala

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\$15.

Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252. Friday, 8 p.m. — Federal Funk. Soul/funk/jazz. Free.

Open Air Theatre: 5500

Campanile Drive, SDSU, 619-594-

Woman: Isle of Hope. Celtic. \$15-

Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Road,

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - Celtic

Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10): 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos Thursday, 12:30 p.m. - Janet Hammer and Nathan Fry.

Standards/jazz. Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077. Thursday, 9 p.m. — Missy Andersen, Blues/soul/funk. Friday, 9 p.m. — The Fremonts. Blues

Saturday, 9 p.m. - Dennis Jones.





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Thursday, 8 p.m. - Silent Lune. Alternative/rock. Free

Saint James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church: 743 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-459-3421. Sunday, 4 p.m. — Tamir Hendelman. Jazz. \$32-\$37.

San Diego Center for the

Arts: 2141 El Cajon Boulevard, University Heights, 619-405-1823. Tuesday, 8 p.m. - David Johnson. Jazz. \$5-\$10.

San Diego Humane Society and SPCA: 5500 Gaines Street, Linda Vista Friday, 6 p.m. - Forecast. With Greg Pardue. Jazz.

San Diego Museum of Art: 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-232-7931. Tuesday, 7 p.m. — Art of Élan: "Improvisation." Concert series concludes with jazz concert by Konrad Cramer, Enjoy music selected to complement jazzinspired paintings. Included in museum admission. Free.

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Schroeder's at Tango Del Rey: 3567 Del Rey Street, Clairemont, 858-794-9044 Thursday, 8 p.m. — Open-Mike Night. Hosted by Karen Giorgio with Jim Guerin on piano. \$5-\$10.

Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego: 700 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-3541. Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 3 p.m. -"Really Big Songs." Performed by the Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego. Music from Dixie Chicks, Stephen Sondheim, "Carmina Burana," Turandot, others. Country/classical. 619-57-GMCSD. \$25-\$35.

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

Friday, 9 p.m. - Mutantspaceboy. Experimental/noise/garage rock.

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

Friday, 6:30 p.m. — The Devil Wears Prada. With a Day to Remember, Sky Eats Airplane, and Emarosa. Metal/hardcore/ Christian. \$15. Saturday, 7 p.m. - Protest the Hero. Metal.

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

Friday, 10 p.m. — The West Indies. CD-release show with Kastle Creeps, DJ Collagy, and DJ Rudy Palos. Hip-hop/rap. \$5. Ages 21 and up.

Spring Valley Inn: 9034 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-303-7781. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Blue Current. Covers/standards. Free.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. Thursday, 9 p.m. — Ryan Bradley. Friday, 9:30 p.m. — Scottie Blinn. WIth Joey Harris. Alternative/ blue grass/roots. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m. — Pushin

Rope. Country/punk/bluegrass. Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa Street,

Linda Vista, 619-542-1462. Friday - Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra. Blues/soul.

Trisler's Wine Bar: 8555 Station Village Lane, Suite C, Mission Valley, 619-298-1501. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. - Keith Jacobson. Smooth jazz. Free.



#### BY DAVE GOOD

Dynamite Walls first crossed my radar in 2007, after the band, while on tour, unknowingly spent a night in a rented home that had once been the site of a mass murder. That same year they were picked by MTV2 as a "Band on the Rise." They had just released their one (it remains their only, if exceptional) fulllength CD, The Blinding Light Above.

"A band on the verge" is what I thought of them when I first wrote about Dynamite Walls in these pages in a music feature in that same year. Today, by all outward appearances. Dynamite Walls remains a band on the verge. Even after a development deal with Sony and a recent production assist on a new five-

XTC and 10,000 Maniacs fame), the band is still label shopping. Tom Pritchard fronts Dynamite Walls and writes most of their material. He says he grew up listening to surf rock and the blues, neither of which registers. as an influence. More like Radiohead on a short leash, Pritchard's songs burn with

song demo by Paul Fox (of

the kind of brokenhearted harmonies patented by Nashville a generation before he was born. He has mastered the art of stitching raw emo-

tions to power chords, and why DW is not the next Maroon 5 is a mystery to me.

"It goes from a lot of talk to a lot of nothing in this business," Pritchard says on the phone from his Encinitas home. He should know. The Sony deal fell through suddenly when the West Coast staff, he says, was fired. Dynamite Walls has since performed music-industry showcases where they have gener-



people know."

ated buzz, interest, and promises. He describes dealing with labels as "putting everything on hold." Pritchard adds, "At some point you have to break, or else you're just sitting around. We're busy, busier than

DYNAMITE WALLS: The Casbah, Saturday, April 25, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$8.

Sunday, 1 p.m. — OB Beach Party. Featuring Chelsea Flor, Summer Mencher, Madera Acoustic, Robin Full, Chad Cavanaugh, Ringo Jones and the Vulture Bank Robbery, the United Saints of America, DropJoy, and the Eben Brooks Band. Acoustic/alternative/rock. \$5. Ages

21 and up. Y1 Studios: 1150 Seventh Avenue, Downtown

Friday, 8 p.m. — Glen Phillips. Acoustic/alternative/pop. \$15-\$20.

# UPCOMING SHOWS

4th&B: 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343. May 1 — LBC Sublime. May 2 - OU812. May 4 — Wale.

AcousticMusicSanDiego:

4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. May 2 - Trippin' the Sixties. May 10 — Byron Berline & Bluegrass Etc.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. May 1 — Vienna Teng. May 2 — Billy Vera & the Beaters. May 5, May 6 — Arturo Sandoval. May 9 — The Yoshida Brothers. May 9 — Carrie Rodriguez. May 13 - Melissa Morgan. May 15 — Diane Schuur.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872. May 4 — The Bishop's School Jazz Ensemble.

Balboa Park: Park Boulevard at Presidents Way, Balboa Park. May 3 — Healing Arts Festival.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. May 30 — Bijan Mortazavi. May 31 — Mariachi los Camperos de Nati Cano.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194. April 30 - Christmas Island. May 1 — River City. May 2 - A Better Class of Flying

Man. May 7 — Brawley.



up. University of San Diego: 5998 Alcalá Park, USD, 619-260-4600. Sunday, 5 p.m. - Dashboard

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up. Friday, 9 p.m. — Mike Pinto. Acoustic/reggae/rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Assembly of Dust. With Grand Canyon Sundown. Rock. \$12. Ages 21 and up.

Sunday, 9:10 p.m. - Dazed and Confused. A tribute to Led

James Forston. Jazz. Free.



Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. April 30 - Rufus Wainwright. May 1 — Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations. May 2 — Dennis Quaid and the Sharks. May 3 — Rhythm and Blues Matinee. May 5 — Reggae de Mayo. May 6 — Michael Tiernan. May 9 — Bob Schneider. May 10 — The Avett Brothers. May 14 — Jonathan Coulton. May 15 — Mogwai. May 21 — M83.

May 22 — The Virgins. May 23 — Morrissey's 50th Unhappy Birthday Celebration.

### Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 858-

534-FISH. May 20 - Eve Selis. June 17 — Shawn Mullins July 15 — Steve Poltz.

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#### **Birch North Park Theatre:** 2891 University Avenue, North Park, 619-239-8836. April 30, May 1, May 2, May 3 -Seussical.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. April 30 — Dope. May 1 — 9th Wonder and Buckshot. May 9 — That 1 Guy. May 12 — "Acoustic Alliance."

Café Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979. April 30 - Gene Perry v Afro Rumba.

May 3 — Tabaco y Ron. May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Party. May 6 - Son v Clave. May 7 — Orquesta Salsa Caliente. May 12 — Mambo Salvaje. May 20 - Orquesta Hablando Salsa.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk. Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. April 30 — Deaf Zero. May 1 — Little John. May 2 — Katchafire. May 8 — Split Finger. May 9 - Tainted Love. May 13 - RDGMay 14 - Still Time. May 16 — The Grouch & Eligh. May 21 — Project Blowed. May 22 - 40 Oz. to Freedom.

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April 30 - Black Mamba. Mav 1 — Mike Doughty. May 3 — William Elliott Whitmore. May 4 — Manic Hispanic. May 5 — Team Abraham. May 6 — Sleepytime Gorilla Museum.

May 7 — The Devil Makes Three. May 8 — The Mother Hips. May 11 — Spectrum. May 14 - Cloud Cult. May 15 - Isis.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, 858-534-2311. May 1 - Beware of Safety.

Cox Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Drive, SDSU, 619-594-6947. *June 20* — Yanni, July 18 — Il Divo.

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**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Midway District, 619-226-7662. May 1 — The Human Abstract. May 2 — Napalm Death. May 3 — Amber Pacific. May 8 — Get Back Loretta. May 9 — A Dull Science. May 11 — The Shins. May 15 — The Hoedown.

**Spanish Landing Park:** 4077 North Harbor Drive, Downtown. *May 9, May 10* — Gator by the Bay.

Sushi Performance & Visual Art: 390 11th Avenue, Downtown, 619-235-8466. *May 12* — Barnyard Drama.

**Tiki House:** 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. *April 30* — The Jay Bradley Band.

**Tio Leo's:** 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462. *May 1* — Shake Out. *May 8* — The Charles Burton Band.

**U-31:** 3112 University Avenue, North Park, 619-584-4188. *May 6* — The Austin James Band. *May 13* — KPRI Homegrown Hour. *May 20* — Agua Dulce. *May 27* — Veronica May & the To Do List.

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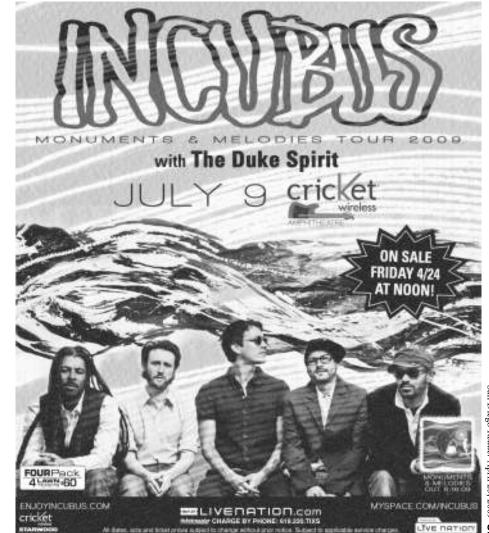
The Fleetwood: *Monday-Tuesday*, *Thursday-Friday*, 5-6pm: \$4 calls. *Wednesday*, 5-6pm: \$4 calls. 5-7pm: 1/2-off wine bottles.

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La Gran Tapa: *Tuesday*, 5-7pm: cask wine, sangria, draft. *Wednesday*, 5-7pm: cask wine, sangria, draft, 1/2off select bottles/wine. *Thursday*, 5-7pm: cask wine, sangria, draft, \$10 pitcher sangria/draft.

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Patrick's II: Monday-Sunday, 10am-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$1 off calls. \$3 Bud drafts, \$3.75 import bottles.

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Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday *Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

The Shout House: Tuesday, \$2.50 Karls, \$5 cosmos. Wednesday, \$1.50 domestic bottles. Thursday, \$2.50 Miller Lite drafts, \$10 Miller High Life buckets, \$2 lunchbox shots. Friday, 6-7pm: \$1 any draft. Sunday, \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wells, wine, Jäger.

Stage Saloon: Monday-Sunday, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

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5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

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Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

Cafe Eleven: Monday-Sunday, 2-6pm: \$4 house maragritas, \$3 wells, house wine, bottled beer.

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- Album: I Was Young, It Was Dark (2009) Artist: Modern Rifles
- Label: Self-released
- Where available/price: ModernRifles.net, \$10; CDBaby, \$10: Amazon, \$11.99

Songs: 1) Introplane 2) Terroplane 3) Lie to Me, Ian. Lie to Me 4) Feck Me If I'm Wrong, but Is That a Ham Sangie in Your Hands? 5) United Lead 6) Man the Ramparts! Bananalyze the Trade Winds! 7) Illegal Dracula!!! 8) Kip Winger 9) Say a Prayer to St. Happenin' 10) Manbird 11) Chuck Woolery Is Leviathan

Band: Dan Deaton (vocals/guitar), Daryl Thompson (bass), Brian Garbark (drums/vocals). Jon Fong (guitar/vocals) Website: ModernRifles.net

# Beneath the wet-blan-

ket production and shout-along choruses of I Was Young, It Was Dark lies a listenable

Wine Steals: Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm:

*day-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials.

# 94th Aero Squadron: Monday-

Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2 Bud Lite on tap. \$5 martinis. Saturday-Sunday, 1/2-price bottles of wine. Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern:

\$10 wine tasting.

KEARNY MESA

Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$1.25 off drafts, \$1 off glasses of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: Tues-

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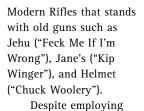
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Tajima Sushi & Japanese

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Beauty Bar: Monday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. Tuesday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. \$4 Three Olives. Wednesday-Thursday,



only one hometowner in Fong, the Rifles sound as if they ran headfirst into San Diego's wall-of-sound '90s, with their preening leads and buzzsaw riffage, but that wailing wall is propped up by steady, bone-deep backbeats and roller-coaster bass lines. If not for the upside-down engineering on tracks such as "Man the Ramparts," "Illegal Dracula," and "St. Happenin'," this quartet could trip critics' Nirvanameter.

3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles. Friday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. \$3 fernet.

The Kensington Club: Monday-Sunday, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

# LA JOLLA

Beaumont's: Monday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$3-5 cocktails, wine, beer.



Modern Rifles

The song titles suggest alt-rock ironists à la Frank Black and the Ween boys, but the vocals are damp, which is probably okay, because what you can glean smacks of emo. I know...they're young, it's dark.

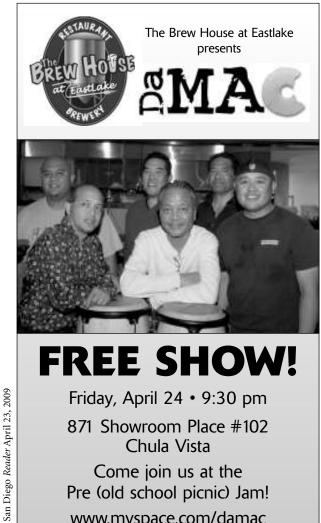
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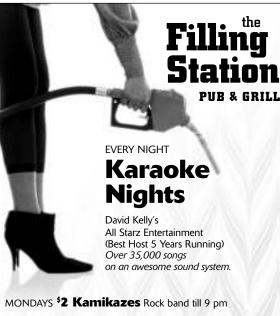
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#### LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Monday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics. \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperiala.

#### LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: Monday-Sunday, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

Tio Leo's: Monday, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, margaritas. Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

# LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: Monday-Sunday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis.

# MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Allev Bar & Grill: Monday-Sunday, 3-7pm, 9 pm-close: \$1 pints, mixed drinks. \$2 off tall beers, \$3 off pitchers.

Wine Steals: Wednesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

# MIRA MESA

The Filling Station: Monday, \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, premium beer \$3.50/pint. Thursday, 7pmclose: \$1.75 pints, \$6 pitchers. Saturday, \$3 Bloody Marys. Sunday, \$3 mimosas.

Mira Mesa Lanes: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50 wells.

#### **MISSION BEACH**

Canes: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2.50 beer of the month. \$3 wells, margaritas. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).





Guava Beach Bar & Grill: Mon*day-Friday*, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 cocktails, beer, shots. *Saturday-Sunday*, \$12 Bionic Beavers. \$2.50 kamikazes. \$8 Bud/Bud Light pitchers.

#### **MISSION HILLS**

The Aero Club: Monday-Sunday, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.

Starlite: Monday-Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off others. Sunday and Monday, \$5 mules, \$15 off wine

# MISSION VALLEY

bottles

In Cahoots: Wednesday, \$2 drinks. Friday-Saturday, \$2.50 Coors/Coors Light. Sunday, any drink \$2.50.

# NATIONAL CITY

Lai Thai Restaurant: Monday-Sunday, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

# NORMAL HEIGHTS

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# NORTH PARK

Crazee Burger: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers, \$3.99 Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Nero d'Avola, Tempranillo. Friday Saturday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers, \$3.99 Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Nero d'Avola, Tempranillo.

Lips: Sunday, \$5 homojitos.

Toronado: Monday, 6-10pm: \$3 drafts.

# OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: Monday, \$2 off glass of wine, \$3 margaritas. Tuesday, 2-6pm: \$2 off glass of wine, \$3 margaritas. Wednesday, Friday, 2-6pm: \$2 off glass of wine. \$3 margaritas. Thursday, 2-6pm: \$3 margaritas. Saturday-



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Sunday, 10am-3pm: \$2.50 mimosas. \$4 screwdrivers, tequila sunrises.

Dream Street Live: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Winstons: Monday-Saturday, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine. OCEANSIDE

Harney Sushi: Thursday, \$5 specialty cocktails.

**Tremont Street Bar & Grill:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

# OLD TOWN

Harney Sushi: Wednesday, \$5 off specialty cocktails

# PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: Monday-Friday, 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. Saturday-Sunday, 12-7pm: \$7 pitchers.

The Australian Pub: Monday-Wednesday, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. Thursday, 7-9 pm: \$3 Long Islands, \$3 Capt. Morgan. Friday, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands, Coopers Ale. Saturday, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. Sunday, \$3 Bloody Mary.

Costa Brava: Monday-Sunday, 4-7pm: 1/2-price sangria.

The Dog: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday, \$6 pitchers. Wednesday, \$1 mugs, \$6 pitchers.

Miller's Field: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 wells.

**Moondoggies Pacific Beach:** *Tuesday-Sunday*, 3-7pm: \$2 wells, house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews. \$2 off all drafts.

Pacific Beach Ale House: Monday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: Friday, 3-10pm: \$2 drafts, wells. Saturday, 4-10pm: \$3 wells, wine, drafts.





#### The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft.

# POINT LOMA

The Boathouse: Monday-Sunday, 2:30-5pm \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month.

Extreme Pizza: Monday, all day: \$1.50 drafts. Tuesday, \$6 wine carafes/beer pitchers. Saturday, \$2 bottled beer of the month. Sunday, \$5 domestic pitchers.

Riley's Music Lounge: Monday, 4-7pm. \$4 calls. Tuesday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 pints. Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$4 Jäger bombs. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$3 kamikazes, \$4 Jäger bombs. Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 calls. Saturday, 4-7pm: \$5 Long Island/Long Beach.

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Carvers: Monday-Friday, 2-6:30: \$2.75 beers, \$3.95 wells, \$4.25 house wines, \$4.75 well martinis/manhattans

# RANCHO SANTA FE

Cavaillon: Tuesday-Thursday, Sunday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass

# SAN MARCOS

The Jumping Turtle: Monday: PBR: \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/pitcher. Tuesday, \$2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. Wednesday, \$4 drop drinks. Thursday: \$3 Jäger, \$2.50 Bud Lime. Friday, 5pm-midnight: \$5 Long Islands. Saturday, \$3 Orange Patron, Tanqueray. Sunday, \$2.50 Bloody Marys.

# SOLANA BEACH

The Fish Market Restaurant: Monday, 3:30-9:30pm: \$3.50 wells. Tuesday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3.50 wells. Saturday-Sunday, 11am-4pm: \$3.50 wells.

#### SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 drinks.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

# SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

#### Hamilton's Tavern and Café: Monday-Sunday, 5-8pm: \$1 off local

drafts. Whistle Stop Bar: Monday-Sun-

day, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

# SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: Monday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine.

## TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.

## UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Vesuvio Gourmet & Lounge: Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$5 martinis.

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# **C**rasher

# COLD CLUES, HOT SHAVES

asked, "Other than body parts,

ever been asked to sign?" He

weird about body parts." He

to have it tattooed, and he

responded, "Geez, I sure hope

"This thing is

getting too

complicated

for me."

I headed to the next party in

North Park at around 6:00 p.m. It

was put on by an artist named

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what's the weirdest thing vou've

said, laughing, "There's nothing

added, "I signed someone's fore-

I asked if the guy was going

by Josh Board

bout a month ago, I went to the opening of a music store in El Caion called Guitar and Bass Land.

A guy was talking about how he plays bass in a Dio tribute band. I wondered if there was a following for such a band. I think he said they were called Neon Knights.

The reason Dio fans were there — aside from the classic-car show going on in the parking lot and food being grilled — was because former Dio and Black Sabbath drummer Vinnie Appice was scheduled to come by.

When he showed up and was signing autographs, I asked him if his parents hated having two drummers in the family (his older brother is Carmine from Vanilla Fudge). He said, "They didn't mind. He's ten years older, so once he was out touring, that's when I started playing at home."

I asked what he thought of the Tenacious D song that made fun of Dio. He laughed and said, "It was great. [Dio] actually became friends with those guys, and Dio was in their movie. Jack Black was supposed to perform with us a few different times, but it never worked out."

As a guy was handing him the Mob Rules album to autograph, I



Left: Black Sabbath and Dio drummer Vinnie Appice signing autographs; Right: At Dapper Jay's

Larry. My friend told me his stuff was "out there."

There was nobody in the open garage, but I saw some boxes with abstract pieces of art in them. I saw a sign that read, "A Tim McGraw Art Show." I asked a person walking up, "Is that the country singer?" I was told it's a local artist.

As I glanced at photos in a box, my friend Ken showed up. He told me we were supposed to walk down Alabama Street and look for clues. We were to go into the Live Wire for the final clue. I had no clue what the clues even had to do with anything.

We saw a box tied to a stop sign, and we couldn't figure out the clue. An artist ran up the street, telling us we were supposed to take the black light out of the box to see the writing on the sidewalk. I said, "I'm glad you came over. The people in that apartment up there were looking at me like I was about to break into their car."

I called the phone number on the sidewalk and was told to take a photo of myself and send it back to them. This was part of the project. But I'm one of the few people that has no camera on my phone. I told Ken, "This thing is getting too complicated for me."

He told me they do some weird art pieces, one of which was a table at Balboa Park with a sign that read "Free Advice." Ken laughed, saying, "One guy sat down and started talking about how he was dating three women, and he really wanted advice."

We went into the Live Wire and saw a Barbie doll on the bar, which was a clue. I pretended to go up and buy it a drink. I asked her, "Do you come here often?" A woman nearby laughed. Ken said there was supposed to be a video playing. I glanced up and saw Blazing Saddles on the TV. He said, "I think it's that monitor over there." Again, more obscure stuff that I couldn't figure out.

I downed a few shots of whiskey and headed to my next party in La Mesa. It was for a barbershop opening - a bunch of young guys in business. They're big in the rockabilly scene, and

many of them are in car clubs around town. That explained the long line of lowriders and hot rods I saw when I drove up.

The place is called Dapper Jay's Barber Shop and Hot Shaves and has the red, white, and blue pole out front and lots of vintage stuff inside. Vargas Girls prints were on a few walls. The place was packed.

I grabbed a red wine and mingled.

I saw a photographer named Marla who was from L.A. A few people were talking about her being involved in some big projects. When I talked to her, she told me about something called the "Characters Project" in New York that she and 11 other photographers participated in. It was an antiracism campaign.

She said, "It's a great way to express yourself in this big melting pot and not get shot for it." She was taking photos of a few of the guys with lowriders.

I asked one guy how much he put into his car. He laughed and said, "Man, you don't even want to know. I put in \$10,000 the first year and a half of having it."

As we were talking, I saw an older woman congratulating her son on opening the business. She seemed proud as she smiled and looked around.

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After hanging out for an hour, I decided to head out. The guys were going to stay another hour before taking the party over to the Riviera Club.

The next day I got a call from one of the owners, who said I dropped some car-insurance information on the floor of their shop.

As I was driving over to pick it up, I thought about the Kirk Douglas autobiography I'd read years ago. He said when he was a child and his family was poor, his dad would still spend money to get a shave at the barbershop. As a rich actor, he finally had his first shave and loved it. However, he did find it a waste of money and said he'd never do it again.

Dapper Jay's charges \$16 for a haircut and the same for a shave. I figured I'd splurge and have my first shave.

During the shave, they use three hot towels. While my face was covered, a homeless guy came in and was raving about how much he loved the shop. I didn't get a look at him, but I'm guessing he could've used a shave.

Every time one of the old rockabilly songs came on, I ended up talking music with the guy shaving me. I heard a lot of Johnny Cash. When I heard an obscure Eddie Cochran song, I asked who chooses the music. He told me all the barbers pick discs, but I'm guessing everything in their collection fits the theme of the shop. When my shave was

done, he told me it was on the house.

I asked if I could also get a free lollipop. He said, "No, but you can have some aftershave," and then he splashed it on my face. ■

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# Magic

"There may be trouble ahead/ But while there's moonlight and music/ And love and romance/ Let's face the music and dance."

Irving Berlin wrote that at the height of the Depression, and Fred and Ginger sang and danced to it, evoking fantasies of impossibly luxurious escape for the struggling public. Now, once again, it's hard times in the country: A meat wholesaler selling a fabled breed of heritage pork recently informed the *New York Times*, "We tell the chefs, you got to keep some magic on the menu, some fun, because the people are coming in to escape whatever the hell they're facing out there."

El Bizcocho may be a pricey escape, but it's worth more than it costs if you love great food and want to forget your woes for a few hours. Given what goes into the cooking (labor, ingredients, care, creativity — versus other restaurants that charge more for so much less), the prices aren't ridiculous, and what its chefs are doing is the most enchanting "magic on the menu" anywhere in San Diego, now and probably ever. Although employed and scarcely starving, I do weigh other values against cost: For the price of a three-hour escape to culinary heaven (\$150 per person, including wines, tip, and tax), I could've bought myself round-trip airfare to Fresno, two nights in Mrs. Patel's South Escondido motel, a Botox injection, or one more violent video game to help my stepgrandson evade the hell of high school homework. Hey, let's face the music and dance.

The pianist at El Biz plays classic show tunes in the background. The room is beautiful, the chairs comfortable, the tables set with an almost scary array of gleaming cutlery and crystal. But more vitally, El Biz is the first San Diego restaurant to venture into the "molecular gastronomy" made famous by chef Ferran Adrià of El Bulli near Barcelona and most flamboyantly embraced in the U.S. by Wylie Dufresne



DINING

NAOMI WISE

(at wd~50 in New York) and Grant Achatz (at Alinea) in Chicago.

You don't have to understand the technicalities to appreciate the taste sensations it creates.

"Molecular is the science behind the art, knowing how basic things work," chef Steven Rojas told me when I called him after the meal. All food, all gastronomy, is basically chemistry (among other

sciences). Molecular gastronomy addresses this issue head on, employing modern laboratory techniques and edible, nature-based chemical compounds — such as sodium alginate (made from seaweed), monosaccharide sugars, and calcium lactate (from milk) — to reshape ingredients into forms undreamed of by Mother Nature. Liquid nitrogen can flash-freeze foods, such as ice creams made tableside. Cryovac (the most common modern technique for aging beef in shrink-wrap) can be applied to fruit, breaking

> down cell walls to create intense concentrations of flavor. And *sous vide*, the widely used technique of slow-poaching sealed packages of foodstuffs at strictly controlled temperatures, is another technique

in the culinary repertory. Like all science, "molecular" can be used for good, for not-so-good, or for show-off silly.

What made our meal so thrilling was not the "ooh, aah" special effects, which might become exhausting if overdone course after course, but the way effects here are applied sparingly, smartly.

# **El Bizcocho**

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (off Francisco Drive, 959-675-8550, *ranchobernardoinn.com*).

**HOURS:** Tuesday–Thursday 6:00–9:00 p.m.; Fridays, Saturdays until 10:00 p.m.; Sunday brunch 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**PRICES:** Appetizers, \$16–\$25; entrées, \$42–\$50; desserts, \$10. Four-course prix fixe, \$75, paired wines, \$50. Seven-course tasting menu, \$105; paired wines, \$55. Twelve courses, \$75/\$145. (Prices and menus may change.)

**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Inventive cooking that includes French, Asian, and "farm to table" California flavors (but not as fusion), plus intensely flavored "molecular gastronomy" garnishes. Huge wine list includes rarities; most bottles high-priced but with some bargains; paired wines for prix fixes are the best deal.

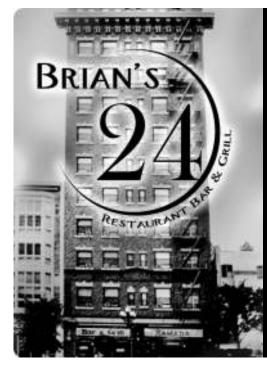
**PICK HITS:** Almost anything, including fluke with ginger-sarsaparilla tea (amuse, now expanded into a first course); scallop carpaccio; hamachi sashimi; chestnut agnolotti; "golden" slow duck egg with lentils; asiet of lamb; pome-granate cheesecake.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Menus currently in flux (website versions outdated at this writing). Reservations required. No denim, sneakers, wife-beaters; men must wear dress shirt, dress pants, dress shoes; jackets and ties recommended. New restaurant entrance about 30 feet left of hotel porte cochere, with shallow steps up to front door, then a few down to the dining room. (Wheelchair users, specify when reserving; valet parkers can help with entry, and table can be placed in stairless area.) Entire table must order same-sized prix-fixe dinner.

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Chef de cuisine Steven Rojas and executive chef Judd Canepari aren't playing mad scientists. Delicate experiments are employed in garnishes to



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startling effect - bursts of intense flavor and unexpected textures — a mini magic show on the plate and in the mouth. They're not card tricks, but little miracles, making the food thrillingly delicious if you're up for adventure. Rojas has also embraced the local farms of North County - superb veggies from Crows Pass and its neighbors, and pristine herbs and microgreens from Connelly Farms, et al. Hence, his cuisine combines "farm to table" with futuristic techniques to showcase the finest fresh ingredients in dazzling new ways.

"Molecular Gastronomy," writes Rojas on his blog. is "understanding and questioning how things work and why they do the things they do. As Chefs, we all must strive for perfection in all things food, we must embrace new ingredients and new techniques, and we must also respect the time-honored traditions while searching for new and interesting flavors, textures, and combinations to please the public. Because what good is a new technique or ingredient if nobody enjoys it?"

Rojas, born in Argentina, grew up in Culver City, his heart divided between soccer and cooking. After a serious sports injury, cooking won. Graduating from Le Cordon Bleu in L.A., he worked in Chicago at TRU restaurant and the more

avant-garde Espumas, where "foams" were already in use. He returned to California and the renowned Patina, where he was mentored by executive chefs Walter Manske and Eric Greenspan, who had both done stints at Spain's avant-garde El Bulli. They advised him to further develop his skills in Europe's top restaurants, so he sold his '65 Dart for passage to Spain and a stage at two-star Akelare in San Sebastián, followed by a stint at Spain's three-star Martin Berasategui Restaurant (which also trained El Biz's ex-chef, Patrick Ponsaty). There he learned Spanish/Basque haute cuisine enlivened with molecular gastronomy.

After a return to Patina, and once he felt ready to run his own kitchen, he hired on as executive chef at luxurious Saddle Peak Lodge in Calabasas, California, where within two vears he'd received a Michelin star, the youngest chef in L.A. to acquire this rating. Last July, at age 29, he moved to El Bizcocho as chef de cuisine. "They wanted a chef de cuisine who was savvy in the new techniques, and that was perfect for me," he says. "The food that I do is really a balance between farm-to-table, classic, and avant-garde. That's what really defines me."

At my visit, all the menus at El Biz were prix fixe — but that has since changed. Face it, Rancho Bernardo Inn is a luxury golf resort for people who'd rather spend a pampered few days on the links than, say, a month enduring Third World adventure-travel for the same price. Inevitably, a lot of RBI patrons found the original tasting menus too long, too scary. By now, an à la carte menu is available, and other changes are in the works, although chef Rojas assured me that "the food isn't changing, it's just the menu structure."

It was Saint Steve's birthday, and his greatest desire was to taste this new cuisine, so we celebrated with the 5-course prix fixe menu (\$85), because it offered several choices for each course. This option has now been reduced to a 4-course prix fixe (\$75). The 7-course (\$105) includes more luxurious items, including several that we wanted to taste, but the choices are fixed. The 12-course (\$145) is "chef's choice," consisting of the 7-course plus bites of the kitchen's latest whims and creations. The longer tasting meals are still offered.

Our dishes were beautifully proportioned, a leisurely meal of many miniature pleasures, not an orgy of gluttony. (Four bites of entrée meats remained for the doggie bag.) After warm, crusty rolls and pretty swirls of room-temperature butter, dinner began with "amuses," small ramekins of fluke in yuzu glaze set over a yellow blob of some mild, strange Asian fruit. (The waiter identified it, but neither Steve nor I had heard of it, and its name didn't stick.) A small but potent dose of dry Thai chili pepper left a long, slow afterburn. Alongside each ramekin a soup spoon cradled what looked like a tan egg yolk chef Rojas calls it a "ravioli" gingered sarsaparilla tea held inside a thin, transparent gelan shell, bursting into a splash of vibrant cool liquid once it hit the mouth. (Gelan? One of those molecular magics.)

My first appetizer was dayboat scallop carpaccio, translucent slices of raw, sweet shellfish with little heaps of acidulated shaved fennel (offering the strongly pickled flavor of kim chee, minus the chilies), plus soothing, anisey fennel purée. Meyer lemon koshu (a house-made takeoff on a Japanese condiment of preserved yuzu and its peel, here made from preserved Mever lemon with fried garlic, smoked char roe, and scallion marmalade) was part of the array, along with purple-red dots of umeboshi (sour Japanese plum purée) and gleaming emeralds of Pernod jelly to provide another variation of anise flavor. I realized why I couldn't bring myself to give Sushi Ota five stars — it's not just the harsh ambiance but that Ota-San is creatively coasting a bit by now. This scallop dish, in contrast, is sashimi that's active art. A lot goes into it, but it doesn't taste like a lot; it tastes as if it works together only to turn scallops into superstars.

Saint Steve started with exquisite hamachi sashimi. "You can tell by the bloodline in the fish," Rojas says. "When it's pink, the fish is fresh. When it starts turning brown, it's getting old and we throw it out." The meaty fresh jackfish came with a yuzu-koshu-soy glaze, accompanied by dots of yuzu gel, fresh, tangy gooseberries, and — a modest triumph of modern kitchen science — Cryovac-compressed honeydew, a narrow rectangle that tasted twice as much like honeydew as the natural melon.

Then: local baby abalone a la plancha was grilled light brown and tender enough to cut with a fork. A transparent slick of "smoked lardo," succulent cured pig back-fat, almost imperceptibly coated the flesh. Alongside were a tart green grape compote, squash blossoms, fried lengths of crosne (aka "Chinese artichokes," an Asian tuber from Japan, similar to sunchokes and pronounced "crone"), and violet mustard sabavon. "These are a lot of unrelated items on the dish, and it could be completely incoherent," said Steve, "but somehow they all add up to a unity." Clearly, the chef doesn't have mere technical chops, he also has a palate.

Chestnut agnolotti (agnolotto, to be technical) offered a burst of intensity: a single large, silky pasta pocket filled with chestnut purée, Burgundy truffles, and *ricotta salata*. It came with a pillow of earthy black trumpet mushrooms and a sweet, silly debutante of a "butterscotch foam" tipped aslant on top, offering a giggly echo of the nutty-sweet chestnut purée — an edible joke that sobered up in the mouth.

If you saw the movie Ratatouille, you'll remember how critic Anton Ego went mad for the peasanty title dish. My ratatouille here was a duck egg, larger and deeper-flavored than a chicken egg, with a custardy consistency from gentle poaching. It perched atop a mound of "bottle-poached" black French Du Puy lentils. (A double-twist on sous-vide, they're poached in a bain marie inside a bottle — the outer water simmers, but the lentils never even bubble but slowly cook tender, soaking up vegetable broth, tomato confit, and herbs.) Completing the cast were black trumpet mushroom purée and finger-sized rectangles of perfect panisse, Provençale chick-pea fritters, earthy in flavor but airy in texture. This combination brought back the shock of my first-ever sip of a great Côte de Nuits Burgundy - like a planetary spirit-mother (not the flawed, human one) wrapping her arms around me in loving solace for everything ever suffered, or to be suffered. I realized that I was careening toward an unprecedented five-star rating.

The one dish I didn't cotton to was its course- companion of "baby anzious artichokes," with wild arugula, tomato confit, and somewhere (where?) artichoke mousseline. At any other restaurant it might be impressive. Here, it was an interesting warm salad.



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When our server asked how we wanted our meats done, we specified "very rare" for beef rib-eye and "rosy rare" for lamb saddle. Both wishes were precisely fulfilled. In the multifaceted assiette of lamb, the modest-sized portion of saddle was perfectly roasted, but the supporting players upstaged it. "Confit sweetbreads" offered a small portion of thymus, glazed sweetly with a crisp exterior, just enough to inspire a heavy crush before it vanished down the hatch. "Lambcetta" was a thick slice of house-cured "lamb-ham," made from odd parts (neck meat, flap, and belly, direct from a local farm) and seasoned with exotic Moroccan ras al hanout spices — delicious and clever. Romanesco sauce, succulent-sweet almonds (had to be Marcona), small semi-hot cherry peppers stuffed with puréed eggplant (ooh!), and mini-florets of cauliflower filled out the plate, a busy but engaging assemblage.

The duo of beef rib-eye pavé and 36-hour short rib was, happily, less food than we'd feared. The rare rib-eye was dainty in size, the short rib beyond tender. And to make it all ridiculously lavish, it was served with a mini "croque Monsieur," a tiny grilled sandwich of cheese and ham encased in multi-layered buttery pastry — plus a bit of Swiss chard and a beef-Banyuls *jus* to moisten the meat. Our paired wines for all the courses (starting with Champagne) were universally wonderful and suitable, all in generous pours - but, like meeting too many interesting people at a party, I promptly forgot all their names.

Last lap: dessert. Pome-

granate cheesecake was a small, rich, jeweled sphere encased in glistening garnet pom gel with a "salted caramel crunch" crust and, alongside, intriguing graham cracker-flavored ice cream. For a lighter dessert, apple confit terrine offered several apple treatments (caramel, sorbet, crisp), exploring the flavor of the fruit every which way. My espresso was ideal, topped with its own natural foam of crema.

More yet: I'd let slip when calling to reserve that it was a milestone birthday for Steve (wanting to know what they'd do). They didn't sing (yay!) but provided a superfluous extra dessert (strawberry-topped crème brulée). Better vet, they poured fascinating dessert wines — a Sauternes-like sweet white, and Alcvone, an amazing dessert red (from Uruguay), tasting as though the grapes shared genes with chocolate.

Service was fine as ever (although I've heard there've been some lax stretches the past few years). The decor is lovely if a bit fusty-auntie, and the clothing regime (see Need to Know) seems at best charmingly antiquated. (Is it to keep golfers from stomping into dinner in muddy golf shoes and shorts — or is El Biz still scared of hippies after all these years? Would they give me the bum's rush if, say, Karl Lagerfeld designed my denim dinner dress and bejeweled high-heeled sneakers?) Whenever I've eaten here, all the male guests walk in wearing jackets and promptly drape them over their chairbacks.

It's an odd atmosphere for ultramodern cuisine. And a good part of San Diego's "food

establishment"- not just conservative RBI guests - has reacted with open hostility. (In fact, I'd advise culinary adventurers to eat at El Biz ASAP, lest it all escape us like Houdini. We've lost so many fine chefs through local food-fear.) The U-T's snarky early review wanted all the molecular stuff to go away, just stick to tried and true French food. Then there's Oceanaire's Brian Malarkey, an upscale chain chef cooking a nice-enough crab cake, who got famous when he lost a TV-chef contest but nonetheless picked up as many endorsement contracts as a Wheaties cover boy. Newly celebritized, he took up blogging and has taken several arbitrary swipes at El Biz, pontificating that molecular gastronomy is the enemy of natural flavor. What a load o' malarkev! "The food that I do is

about passion and about feeding people, and I'm all about feeding people. A chef is 100 percent nurture," says chef Roias. "Being creative and playful with it doesn't make me a scientist — it makes me a

culinarian."

I found the dinner a fulfillment of a long-held hope for serious creativity, imagination, technique, and thrilling tastes. I wish I'd had more meals before giving a five-star rating. Michelin and the NY Times require numerous tastings, but they also have more food money. Then, too, in SD's fermenting food scene, I've learned my lesson twice over: When Patrick Ponsaty was chef at El Biz, after two meals I had five stars in mind but had to forgo the third dinner when, that very day, the Cedar Fire broke out and closed I-15. By the time the smoke cleared, RBI had fired him. Similar story with Gavin Kaysen, who ran off to the Big City just as he'd grown into possible five-star strength. So, I'll be as daring as chef Rojas and just say it: This is the best food I've ever tasted in San Diego. I left my socks in Rancho Bernardo, where they got knocked off.

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# **Einstein's Cousins**

*"With sauerkraut, you have to decide your acidity. Ours is moderate."* 

an't believe it. Here I am in North Park, yapping away with Albert Einstein's cousin! Evelyn, who runs this eatery with her husband Jeff, casually drops it that her

grandpa and Albert were first cousins. *Primos!* That makes her Einstein's...(uh, *momentito*, please): E (Evelyn) = M (the Maestro)'s C (Cousin) squared. So she's Einstein's first cousin twice removed, right? Wow. If that ain't relativity, what is?

We're here on 30th, just a space-time hop, skip, and jump from North Park's hub at University. The Old World Restaurant. Hmm...there's something vaguely familiar about that name and about the antique iron forge standing against the wall, and overhead, the heavy lamp chandeliers. (Ah...yes. Jeff says they were inherited from Lubach's, the longlamented German eatery that used to be on Harbor Drive.) Come to think of it, there's something vaguely familiar about Evelyn and Jeff. Have we met? Or is it just that she looks like the Great Albert?

It was the sight of a guy in an orange shirt eating an orange-curry salad at one of the outside tables that drew me in. Plus, I noticed how folks at the tables inside seemed to be having a good time. So in I go. Knickknacks are everywhere along the bright walls. Dark wavy woodslat-covered arches hold up the dining room, and the salmon-colored floor tiles make it kinda cheery, kinda old-school. It's one of those places where all the tables have cream linen



tablecloths under glass. And a flower in a vase set on top.

I go to the counter, pick up a menu, and plop down next to that forge. Lots of hot sand-

wiches, such as "home-made corned beef piled hot and high" on rye (\$6.75) or, under "Sensory Distractions," the "Slapshot" — pastrami, ham, cheese, and bacon on rye, with salad (\$7.95). There are plenty more "sensory distractions," including

"North Park Theater," stuffed with meatloaf (\$6.75), or the "Lyric Opera," seafood salad and smoked Gouda crammed into a croissant (\$7.95). Half-pound hamburgers or turkey burgers go for \$5.99. They have a page of salads, most around eight buckeroos, and some "very low fat creations."

"House Specialties" include a \$7.50 lasagna (\$7.25 for the all-vegetable version), a \$6.95 quiche, a \$7.95 meatloaf platter, and, hey, a sausage platter: "an Old World favorite. Grilled bratwurst and kielbasa, our special sauerkraut, potato pancakes, spicy mustard, rye bread, \$7.95."

"I'll have that," I say to Evelyn. The phone rings. She picks it up. Her face goes serious. She nods at Jeff to take over serving me.

Ten minutes later, I'm plowing into this plateful of two split, grilled sausages sitting on a mound of sauerkraut, with two potato pancake patties, two slices of rye bread, and small tubs of mustard, applesauce, and sour cream. Truth to tell, I'm wondering what I should put all of that gunk on. Then I realize: the applesauce and sour cream'll be for the potato pancakes. Jeff says the kielbasa is the more smoky-flavored red sausage, while the bratwurst is boiled and flavored with beer, red onions, and apple juice. "That was actually a Kansas City idea," he says.

Have to say, these sausages do have great smoky, herby flavor. But the sexiest thing on the plate is the sauerkraut. It's sweet, sour, soulful. "We buy, dress, marinate, and season it all ourselves," Jeff says. "We do this with sweet-andsour red cabbage, cook it down with wine, dried apricots, raisins, and apples. With sauerkraut, you have to decide your acidity. Ours is moderate. Then you have to decide, wet or dry?"

They must be getting something right. Two of their biggest sellers are the Reuben sandwich (\$7.95) and this sausage platter.

Then Jeff gives me a funny look. "Haven't you had the sausage platter before? Weren't you a customer when we were down in East Village?"

Omygosh. That's it. "Old World," of course. Years back. These guys had the old brick coach-building factory near where the ballpark is now. That's where they got the old forge from. "We were tossed out because of development plans around the ballpark. They

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flattened our building, the recession hit, and it's still a vacant lot," says Jeff. "That was

And, yes, I remember now. I had exactly the same sausage platter down there.

We talk so much I order a \$3.50 glass of chardonnay. Evelyn turns up, looking a little grave. "That was my family on the phone," she says. "Uncle Henry Moos died yesterday. He was 90."

Turns out Uncle Henry was the last in their family to know Albert Einstein. Wow. I get a little shiver as I leave. I came for a good meal, but how close is this to fame? Relatively speaking. ■

**The Place:** Old World Restaurant & Deli, 3930 30th Street (half block north of University), North Park, 619-238-0568 **Type of Food:** American

**Prices:** hot corned-beef sandwich on rye, \$6.75; "Slapshot" (pastrami, ham, cheese, bacon on rye, with salad), \$7.95; "North Park Theater," sandwich with meatloaf (\$6.75); "Lyric Opera," seafood salad, smoked Gouda in croissant, \$7.95; half-pound hamburgers, turkey burgers, \$5.99; lasagna, \$7.50; all-vegetable lasagna, \$7.25; quiche, \$6.95; meatloaf platter, \$7.95; sausage platter (with grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato pancakes), \$7.95; breakfasts also available till 11:00 a.m. (noon, Saturdays)

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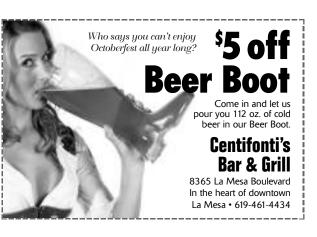
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# BEACHES

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**Cheese Shop** 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its"overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spitroasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. Inexpensive.— *E.B.* 

**Cliff Hanger Café** 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

Daily's Restaurant 888 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-459-1189. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the B-word. Bland. Not that they don't fight heroically to make all the dishes interesting, but lots of items have that lentil-y, bean-y feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-yournose veggie. Among the more interest-ing choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-paprika in the spices. The most popular lunch order, the buffalo burger, has a little gamy aftertaste but that just proves it is the legendarily lean prairie beast. Nice outside seating in Restaurant Row, except you've gotta resist the smells from the more wicked eateries that aren't on the same crusade. Inexpensive. Monday through Satur day, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. — E.B.

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic.





At this Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix-fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic - tented ceil ings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. You can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon, Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. - N.W.

**Roots** 4976 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-9000. This tiny eatery is vegan and organic, with much of its ingredients bought straight from the O.B. farmers' market. Wraps like the Thai Peanut and the Arti (artichoke hearts, feta cheese) are crunchy thrills. Interesting sandwiches include the Portobello mushroom with tomato and provolone on ciabatta or the Avo (avocado, onion, and tomato with "Vege-naise"). The veggie burrito (black beans, mock chicken) is filling and doesn't taste too mock-chickeny. Standards like granola bowls with fruit, honey, and yogurt are scrumptious, too. The main thing is the three ladies who run this really seem to try to make this food that's kind to both nature and to our long-suffering guts. Of course, kids'll love Roots' peanut butter-and-jelly sandwiches. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 7 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.B.

Roseville 1125 Rosecrans Street, Point Loma, 619-450-6800, Point Loma's first first-class restaurant is elegant in a rustic way, like a Big Sur inn. Maître d'/co-owner with wife Wendy, George Riffle (a charmer from birth), used to run the dining room at Laurel, and he's reassembled an "old Laurel" kitchen crew. Chef Amy DiBiase in vokes French classics but with fresh twists and local seasonal produce, e.g., asparagus subbing for frisée in a brilliant bistro salad with pancetta and egg, and a superb duck confit that's France's answer to Peking duck — crisp skin puffing from the surface of moist meat. Desserts are light and elegant. Wine list ranges from affordable to don't-youwish. Narrow restaurant entrance is be-tween a large drugstore and Village Liquors (look for small dining patio). Parking (and actual front entrance) in back. Atmosphere elegant but comfort-able; dressy-casual to slightly dressy. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W.

**Sapporo Japanese Restaurant** 5049 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed chicken bowl — a big plate of sliced





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chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Look for Italian cooking styles ranging from Tuscan, which showcases pastas with simple fresh sauces, to meatballs and red sauce. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Moderate. — N.W

Tender Greens 2400 Historic Decatur Road, Point Loma, 619-226-6254 The main feature of the locally owned franchise of this new, "healthy food" chain is glorious, local, organic produce served cafeteria-style with or without mesquite-grilled natural beef, freerange chicken, or local albacore tuna in a variety of soups, salads, dead-simple hot entrées (plain grilled protein with good mashed potatoes), or ciabatta sandwiches on fine bread from nearby Con Pane bakery. The chicken soup is fabulous, as are desserts (baked by the Mom of one of the franchisees); the chicken Cobb salad is fine, too, highlighted by heritage bacon. Limited, inexpensive international wine selection craft beers and ales, aguas frescas, and house-made lemonade. Rather noisy outdoor patio dining available. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. - N.W. World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it

gets, right on P.B.'s boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit at varnished inlaid wooden tables with lots of diagonal timbering and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and noisy. Who's gonna be picky here? You, when you're paying 20-some bucks for a steak. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf-n-turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. The view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B.* 

976 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-4762. A pricev-looking restaurant with reasonable prices. The decor is new, handsome: shiny parquet floors, lots of solid tables, classy dark wooden chairs, wine bar, and modern art on the walls. Carole Janks is the inspiration She beat Starbucks to the punch with her first Zanzibar in P.B. in 1991. This place is a palace compared to that. The three-egg breakfast scramble with toast, rosemary potatoes, and fresh fruit is great. So are the avocado fontina cheese omelet and eggs Benedict with non-Canadian bacon. Good lunch sand-wiches include hot chicken pesto, Zanzibar BLT, and cold southwestern club. There are also salads, pizzas, paninis, and open-faced sandwiches. One great indulgence: the blueberry buttermilk pancakes with lemon-curd butter topped with fresh berries and a side of maple syrup. Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. (till 11 p.m. Satur day and Sunday). Inexpensive. - E.B.

# BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico. La Costa Calle Galeana #8131, Tijuana, 664-685-8494. Even after four

decades, fisherman-singer Adrian Pedrin Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for filleted sea bass — the baked Catalina with mushroom-cream sauce or the Olivia, stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are Madrazo oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less-ex-pensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled Sarandeado (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeuvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drinkdessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B.

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, locally grown vegetables, and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become *the* destination restaurant south of Tijuana. Vegetarian upon request. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some waitstaff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting from the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequi-las, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until midnight. Moderate. - N.W.

**El Nido** Boulevard Benito Juárez #67, Rosarito, 661-612-1430. Head south if

you're looking for a great, dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. Vegetarian upon request. The restaurant's name means "the nest," and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. - N.W.

**Rica Torta** Niños Héroes Avenida #890, Tijuana, 664-685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated carne asada, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, freshscooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisptoasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Vegetarian upon request. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

# CENTRAL

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* 

**94th Aero Squadron** 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (stuffed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess." Happy hour is weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features chicken kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery Airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* 

Asmara Eritrean Restaurant 4155 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-677-3999. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and interesting. The three-meat combination platter is a terrific array of chicken, beef, and lamb, each in a distinctive treatment. From the à la carte choices, consider zilzil tibs, char-grilled meat in butter, and kulwa, a sprightly stir-fry. Luscious vegetables, too. A porous pancake, *injera*, with the texture of a washcloth and a mild flavor, serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels. Food is seasoned to your specifications, and "hot" means seriously spicy. Vegetarian friendly. Restrooms not wheelchair accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Lunch and dinner daily. In expensive. — *N.W.* 

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street, University Heights, 619-296-8268. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up with-out gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' eight-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chiles, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: coffee comes by the thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, Downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under 11 poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like Texas chili, or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich - turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. - E.B.





**Brothers Family Restaurant** 5150 Waring Road, Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good oldfashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a Cheers for eating All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage - even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, with early dinner Wednesday to Friday. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Café Bleu 530 University Avenue Hillcrest, 619-291-1717. The walls are red, the lights are blue, and the menu of this edible-oriented wine bar offers French-accented, wine-friendly seasonal cuisine with locally grown produce and numerous grazing options to accompany a huge choice of international wines by the half-glass, glass, or bottle. If you can get in your order by 6 p.m., the happy-hour menu offers deep discounts (and whenever you arrive, you can reserve the seductive plush couch or the chaise lounges for lounging). Don't miss the wild mushroom vol-au-vent or short ribs with vanilla sauce. Half-price bottle specials Tues-days; flight specials Wednesdays. Full bar, but stick with wine. Lunch/brunch and dinner daily. Sunday \$25 prix fixe three-course dinner, otherwise moderate to expensive with deep happy hour appetizer discounts. — N.W.

**Café Zia** 6686 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining wraps with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango, papaya, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pep-

per chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweetsauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. Café on Park 3831 Park Boulevard, North Park, 619-293-7275, Okav, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or Brie. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Plac erville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry—luscious, marinated, sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Three meals daily, with break 2 p.m. to

#### 5 p.m. (Line at door on Sunday.) — E.B. Cowboy Star Restaurant and

**Cowboy Star Restaurant and Butcher Shop** 640 Tenth Avenue, Downtown, 619-450-5880. This is the rare theme restaurant where the food is as good as the decor, and the decor is more fun than a rodeo clown. The setting harks back to '50s Westerns (think of The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance, where huge steaks played nearly as strong a role as John Wayne), and the fabulous music loop runs to Patsy Cline, early Johnny Cash, and Bob Wills, the King of Western Swing. The carnivorous "green cuisine" emphasizes top-quality beef (USDA Prime or grassfed and natural) and wild game including buffalo and boar, wild or free-range fowl, and wild-caught seafood - all treated like A-list cowboy stars by chefpartner Victor Jimenez. An in-house butcher shop sells these hard-to-find

meats retail, including venison sausage and free-range chicken. Mainly Cali fornia wines with a wide range of prices and styles. Full bar. Expensive. -N.W.Cuicacalli Dining Room 5150 East Campus Drive, SDSU, 619-594-2622. The big hall has different kitchens angling out into the common space, some baking bread, others grilling burgers, others doing wok cooking, plus islands of salad, archipelagos of dessert, and a daily special servery. Breakfast includes omelets, pancakes, pastries, fruit, yogurt, daily chef's special; for lunch there's pasta, pizzas, veggie plates, and burgers with fries. Dinner could be Hawaiian, or - this is a Friday favorite - Mongolian. Yes, it's basically cafeteria food, but good enough, and sometimes pretty darned good. Non-students welcome; you pay a couple of bucks more. The name (and it's pronounced "Queeka-cayi") means "house of song" in Aztec, though most seem to call it "quaker kelly dining room." Breakfast 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.; dinner 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. - E.B. La Fachada 20 25th Street, Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. The thing about La Fachada is: You can have anything anytime. This restaurant near the trolley's 25th Street stop is Mexican but has Anglo food too --mavhe because the cops' Central Division HQ sits across the road. Great not-quite-morning place for breakfast at, say, 3 a.m. They do a pretty good Western omelet breakfast with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and ham, bacon, or sausage. They also have great Caldo Siete Mares and Vuelva a la Vida, tasty soups laden with seafood. But the best fun is in the evening up to 11 p.m., when an out-door kitchen operates, mostly serving tacos to eat under a big white garden canopy. Open 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. (Friday and Saturday open 24 hours). Inexpen sive. — E.B.

Gathering Bar and Grill 902 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-

260-0400, "Beloved" is not a word you throw around lightly, but that's just what Gathering has become to Mission Hills regulars. When it reopened after a fire, they flocked back with flowers and hugs. The food is good quality, familiar comfort fare. From plates like the Southwest burger, with avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa, to the Monte Cristo (grilled egg, dipped Texas toast with Swiss, ham, and turkey, powdered sugar, and a side of jam). Last we checked, the owner, Dan, was as deft as ever with his magic cards, for any customer who needs to be bamboozled. Open daily, 8 a.m. till late. Magic ses sions around 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Where to get a good Chinese meal after midnight? This restaurant (next to Column One's statues and fountain shop) serves meals till 2:30 a.m. Inside is typical Asian decor, including blackand-white Chinese brush paintings and carved cherrywood chairs. Their huge menu offers traditional Szechwan and Mandarin fare. The fried, pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage are delish, especially splotted with fiery Chinese mustard. The Singapore-style rice noo-dles (not often featured in Chinese restaurants) are tanged with curry, and excellent, as is the kung pao chicken. Also look at egg drop soup, pork chow mein, shrimp with lobster sauce, and scallion ginger chicken. Service is super quick. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive -EB

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue, Lincoln Park, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravysmothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and halfpound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* 

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, Mission Hills, 619 299-0333. Eat here and you eat with the ghosts of presidents, politicians, and three generations of San Diegans. Ralph Pesqueira, the guy who started it in 1940 as a simple tortilla factory, invented taquitos ("little tacos") as snacks for his customers. The deep-fried taquitos are still their number-one selling item. But also try Burrito Indio, a wheat tortilla stuffed with marinated zucchini, corn, beans, onions, cheese, and tomato, and the potato burrito, an other good vegetarian choice. While you're waiting (and it's usually crowded), grab some of El Indio's huge, scrumptious homemade chips and a pot of their salsa ranchera. Open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days. Inexpensive. E.B.

Jsix 616 J Street, Downtown, 619-531-8744. Chef Christian Graves is proud to be a card-carrying Slow Foodie, a movement dedicated to preserving traditional ways of farming, cooking, and caring for our food and planet. At Jsix, the kitchen bakes the breads and chef Graves cures charcuterie and makes sausages. The menu offers gently reared free-range meats and local produce. The chef's assortment of charcuterie – sausage, cured beef, and smoked ham - is impossible to pass up. "Small plates" are not so small and will have you wiping the platters with the fresh bread, especially the devastating whitecorn ravioli in season. Waitstaff talks up the seafood, but the beef dishes are even better - rib eve and Angus short ribs, especially. Wine list is wide and creative. The rooftop J6Bar Lounge is crowded but fun for cocktails, sandwiches, and snacks. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, plus weekend brunch. Dinner reservations advised, especially on weekends. Grazing meals moderate to expensive, full dinners very expensive. — N.W.

Just Burgers 2034 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-234-7900. First, you see the sign: "Healthy has never tasted so-o-o good." Ah, another place has signed on to the grass-fed cow movement. Which you've got to love, because you know regular burger cat-tle are kept their whole lives in concrete, Nazi-style concentration-camp food lots, living on injected hormones, antibiotics, and belly-swelling corn. Meadow-raised cows are happier and deliver more omega-3 fatty acids. Plus, the meat's just juicier. Try the Fourth of July Burger (red cheddar, white jack, and blue cheese) or the Hungry Boy (cheese, onion, mushrooms, avocado, bacon). Not cheap, but congratulations vou're PC. Open daily. Inexpensivemoderate. — E.B.

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Avenue, Suite 110, Hill-crest, 619-295-5560. This could be the ideal neighborhood restaurant — if you love exploring Middle Eastern cuisines. The Moroccan specialties at Kous Kous are delicious, authentic, and healthful, and the witty, entertaining staff treat you like guests at an informal dinner party. Unlike most Moroccan restaurants in the U.S., the menu is à la carte rather than prix fixe, and seating is at normal chairs and tables, not floor cushions, so you can focus on the food and not some *Arabian Nights* fantasy. Start with a lively Chutney Sampler appetizer plate of mezze, Moroccan style, and if *b*'stila is on the menu, don't pass up this treat of minced chicken in a cinnamon-dusted filo crust. Entrée highlights include Lamb Tagine (slowbraised, greaseless, fall-apart shanks with prunes, almonds, Moroccan seasonings, and a touch of honey) and Chicken Mu'hammer, a tenderly









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braised half-chicken with quartered green olives and slivers of salty preserved lemons. All entrées come with lively, flawless couscous. Kebabs (filet mignon, shrimp, etc.) also come with a mixed green salad served with refreshing, lemony dressing. For dessert, house-made choices include refreshing fresh berries with orange liqueur and rosewater and a creamy crème brûlée, plus pastries from Bread & Cie. Dinner nightly. Reservations urged for weekends. Restaurant is below street level, elevator is left of the staircase to Martini's. Moderate. — N.W.

**The Living Room Coffeehouse** 5900 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try The Works omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Old Town, Point Loma, La Jolla, National City, and Otay Mesa. — *E.B.* 

Maryjane's Coffee Shop Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-764-6950. The music is rock of all ages but the menu's back to the '50s with Mom's meat loaf and TV dinners, with reproductions of Warhol prints on the campy wood-veneer wall to enforce the mood of winking irony. It's modern pub grub mingling with Baby Boomer comfort for od (kiddie menu? Not needed, it's all a kiddie menu!), right down to frozen peas. The meaty meat loaf really is better than Mom's, the chicken pie bigger and a bit better than Morton's, but the mash tastes like instant, the gravy lacks personality, and the desserts - well, sort of icky if you're grown up. You can regress to a milkshake or soft drink, choose classic cocktails or a few well-priced wines and beers. Valet parking (needed on Petco game nights), four vegan entrées, no reservations or dressup required. Open daily early breakfast through dinner, to 3 a.m. on weekends Moderate. — N.W.

Mukashi 2706 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-298-1329. Eventually, Mukashi promises an attached fish store selling sushi-grade seafood. But that's still a faraway dream. For now, it's a neighborhood sushi bar in a hungry neighborhood. The sushi is neither notably creative nor inspired, but it's fresh and competent — comparable to Sushi Deli but more expensive. The decor is date-night handsome. The menu also includes fusion and Japanese entrées. Friday and Saturday offer more (and fresher) choices, but it's also noisy and crowded. Serious but pricey wine list, plus sakes, Asian beers, Re strooms may be awkward for wheelchairs. Lunch weekdays, dinner Monday through Saturday. Noodles

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inexpensive; sushi slightly higher than average (deep happy hour discounts on selected rolls); entrées moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Ocean Room and Lounge 630 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-501-6550. Sometimes you don't want a temple of haute cuisine, merely an easygo ing place for folks to meet — especially if there are oysters involved. Ocean Room fills that bill handily, one of the few Gaslamp joints where you can enjoy a conversation without straining over the noise. The fare is mainly Mediterranean-style seafood, with a few nods at Cajun cuisine. Pleasant dishes include mussels mariniere, Cajun seafood pasta (with sub-Cajun spice levels), seafood pan roast, and Fanny Bay oysters on the half-shell. Or try the oyster shooters. Valet parking, bar for single diners, casual feel. Dinner nightly. Expensive (but less than average for the neighborhood). - N.W.

Organic to Go 1143 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-236-0086. This is a sleek franchise eatery that seems to be the first to go all organic. Napkins say things like "Be Beautiful Inside." The place is aiming at the office crowd and has comfy couches and wifi access. Breakfast includes oatmeal and egg white-and-herb or bacon-and-egg salsa burritos. Lunch for most is a lunge at the way-big salad bar, but they also make a great cheddar albacore tuna melt, a toasted meat loaf sandwich, and a nice vegan Thai-style veggie wrap. Other interesting dishes include mango-chutney-curry chicken salad sandwich, basil chicken chili soup, and Yucatán vegetarian taco salad, 6:30 a.m to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-7959, This is still one of the better Gaslamp Italian restaurants, but its glory days may have passed and its prices have esca lated. As of this writing, it no longer has its own chef but shares an executive chef with two other nearby restaurants under the same ownership (Greystone and Osetra). Starters still shine, including mozzarella campagnola and fritto misto. No more great pizza — the oven is gone, to make room for more tables. Pastas can be excellent: The ravioli stuffed with lamb is delicious. Most main courses, though are a letdown, although fork-tender braised osso buco served with marrow (and a spoon to scoop it up!) is as sexy as can be. For dessert, try the lemon torte; leave the cannoli. Good wine list with plenty of pleasing Italian bottles at affordable prices. Nice service by staffers from Italy, not Hoboken like its sister restaurants. Valet parking. May be loud. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner to 10:30 p.m., 11 p.m. on weekends. Expensive to exorbitant. - N.W.

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of

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I started cooking growing up. At big family gatherings, I was always in the kitchen. When you were brought into my household, into my family, we weren't about possessions. It was about the food. It was always like that with us. This is still who I am.

I didn't always cook, though. In fact, I spent the majority of my life in the military. I went to military school and then was an Army Airborne Ranger. When I got out, my brother-in-law Paul (we were very close) was dying and we performed his hospice care at home. I did most of the cook-

more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Vietnamese beers including 33; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — N.W.

**Pizzeria Luigi** 1137 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront, and they're not lying. One of the owners is from New York by way of Italy, and his Big Apple experiences are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right, and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Royal India** 329 Market Street, Downtown, 619-269-9999. This lovely, elegantly appointed dining room (and pleasing patio) features the standard, classic North Indian menu (you could ing. It was the only food anyone would eat. One day, after lunch, Paul grabbed my hand and said, "Why don't you do this. Cooking makes you happy."

After Paul passed away, I went to the California Culinary Academy. We were influenced by many different chefs there and — as you might say — many oldschool concepts. For example, doing our own charcuterie and pâtés. I've worked with Thomas Keller, and Julia Child taught me how to do the lobster soufflé in a shell.

It's interesting that some of the other people

call it North Indian Cuisine 101), executed in clean-tasting, rather mild preparations — gentle in seasoning and in chili power (if you're not from India, you're unlikely to get anything higher than a three, whatever you request). The lunch buffet costs a bit more than rock bottom, but is a decent deal if you care about flavor none of the dishes have that sludgy sameness that mars many of the cheaper buffets. Vegetarians and vegans will find at least a dozen entrées to choose from. Be careful with the wine, as markups are steep - you're better off with Indian beer or with cocktails from the bar. Lunch buffet (11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) daily, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. - N.W.

Sea Rocket Bistro 3382 30th Street, North Park, 619-255-7049. With seafood, freshness counts, and nothing could be fresher than a daily catch from nearby waters (Baja to Santa Barbara), accompanied by local, sustainably raised produce — and by mainly Southern California wines, most of them affordable and all available by the glass (plus craft beers). Sea urchin bisque and grilled fresh sardines are top picks, along with plump, seared of the up-and-coming chefs in San Diego right now. We're going back to the basics with our own interpretation of how we want to do it as well. It's important. It's about control and flavor and knowing what you are actually putting into something. Why the hell

in my class are now some

not do it yourself? What I cook at home depends on what I am doing and what time of the year it is. For example, now I like pork scaloppini with whole grain mustard and date sauce with a sweet potato mash. I also really like curried pea soup. When



fresh peas are in season, it's really worth the effort of shelling them.

### INGREDIENTS

Serves 6–8 (makes 9 cups) 2 pounds fresh peas in shells or 2 cups frozen peas ¼ cup butter or margarine

2 tablespoons vegetable oil 2 medium onions, finely chopped

1 large clove garlic, minced or pressed through a garlic press

2 tablespoons curry powder 1 teaspoon ground tumeric

Baja scallops and any dish with Carlsbad mussels. Noisy dining room; nofrills decor. Small parking lot behind restaurant; access on Upas Street via narrow driveway to the left of the fastfood parking lot. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W.

**Seoul B.B.Q.** 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the Korean B.B.Q. marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sunday. — *M.N.* 

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market Street, Downtown, 619-546-5973. Not your typical hot dog stand. Sluggers café is all glass, steel, cinder block, and new. This eatery catches much of the Padres business, selling Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages. "Served Chicago-style" meaning, the dog's topped with tomato wedges, mustard, pickle, relish, onions, and peppers, all, they say, on a steamed poppy-seed bun from Chicago. Other goodies from the Windy City include the Comiskey Park Pole (a charbroiled Polish sausage dog) and the Italian Stallion (charbroiled Italian sausage in bun). Place is still a little cinder blocky but a good rendezvous for a brewski and a dog after work. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Spice House Café 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is its Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chiles or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs; Italian sausage fritata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms; and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Breakfast and lunch, closes at 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Tabule 535 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-238-0048. Eating is fun at this offshoot of a popular Tijuana restaurant, offering eclectic, Mexicanbased global fusion including fine steaks (mostly Brandt beef) and duck and seafood in unexpected preparations - sometimes with a touch of the owner's Persian heritage, other times glimpses of Southeast Asia. You can start with mesquite-grilled duck tacos or Thai baby-back ribs or the amazing Gohan Tabule (rice appetizer) that's like a mad, sweet, tropical sushi, mi-nus wrap. The menu (ceviches, sashimis, taquitos, on and on) is so long it can be daunting, but it's made for play - no boredom here. Smart, wide-ranging international wine list; full bar with "creative" martinis. Lunch and dinner daily until midnight or later. Prices run from low-moderate to expensive — cheap wraps to Prime beef. -N.W.

**Toshi Sushi** 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamycrunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, oth rers are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish



# What the Chef Eats

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour 1 small head butter or Boston lettuce, shredded (about *4 cups, lightly packed*) grated peel and juice of 1 lemon 2 teaspoons sugar 1 quart chicken broth 1 cup half-and-half salt (optional)

# HOW TO DO IT

Shell peas (you should have about 2 cups). Reserve about 2 tablespoons of small peas to use as a garnish.

In a 3- or 4-quart saucepan, melt butter with oil over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring often until soft but not browned. Blend in curry powder and tumeric, then flour. Add shredded lettuce, lemon peel and

juice, sugar, and peas. Remove from heat and gradually blend in broth. Bring to a boil, stirring over medium heat;

then cover, reduce heat, and simmer until peas are just tender (8-10 minutes). Blend in half-andhalf. Taste and add salt if needed.

Transfer mixture about a third at a time to food processor or blender and process or whirl until smooth.

To serve cold, cover and refrigerate until thoroughly chilled. Or return to cooking pan and heat, stirring often, until steaming hot. Serve garnished with reserved, uncooked peas.

NOTE: When the soup is served hot, the curry flavor is assertive. Chilled, it will taste more lemony. A dollop of yogurt is a nice, finishing touch, if you are serving the soup cold.

To get other recipes from local chefs, go to sdreader.com.

for medianoche). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Monday, Inexpensive, - E.B.

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet) but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, Gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closes later on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. - N.W.

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and an-other full page for seafood. The soups are superb - the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed relleno batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive, – N.W.

Il Fornaio — Del Mar 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed – the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il for-naio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feel-ing, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from sfilatino con bistecchina (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce bistecca alla fiorentina, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple penne *alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce - is charming. Pizza puttanesca is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mindblowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — E.B.

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victo-

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rian house from O'side's past. Most of their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic, and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata espinaca ("Greek eggs"), and pain perdu (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — É.B.

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an oftenchanging menu include white fish served any style, mushroom cappucini soup, and tarte Tatin. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Friday only. Dinners expensive. -E.B.

Potato Shack Café 120 West I Street, Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spudlovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from the Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "all you can eat"), french fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with vari-ous toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inchthick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to deli sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant** 517 North Coast Highway 101, Encini-tas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a wholewheat bun For chicken lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flour tortilla). Pavoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B.



In the heart of downtown La Mesa

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and wraps it around the seaweed cas-ing, which is then filled with justcooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary - a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M.

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Av enue, Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. The folks who brought you the popular big-breakfast and lunch joint Hash House A Go Go (across the street) focus here on hefty portions of "plain American food" in a dinner house specializing in meat, game, and classic cocktails. The Brawny paper towel man would love it. The atmosphere combines a speakeasy (velvet curtains mask the doorway) and a hunting lodge. Menu highlights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavycream mashed potatoes and gravy Nothing to write home to Mom about — it *is* Mom, if she's a Midwesterner, and Dad's a guy who says, "I shot it, you cook it." Well-chosen wine list with lots of appropriate Rhones and Syrahs; few by the glass. Huge list of cocktails. Wheelchair lift (painted to blend in) to left of front staircase. Heated, roofed smoking patio above street level. Valet parking; reservations urged. Dinner daily until midnight or later, weekend brunch. Moderate to very expensive. - N W

Whole Foods Market Hillcrest 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include the Emerald Mushrooms salad, and espe-cially the *farofa* salad — it's like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 858-642-6700. Inexpensive to moder ate. — M.N.

# NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Dinner buffet Monday and Thursday. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. - E.W.

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566 5522. This huge eating space fills half of Ker's outlet warehouse. Fridav or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families — the best guarantee that good vege-tarian food is served here — and rea-sonably priced. Only problem with an all-you-can-eat buffet is deciding what to eat. It's mainly northern, Punjabi and Gujarati, according to the Sikh cooks. Just have at the aloo curry, basmati rice, chhole (garbanzo beans), and bengan bartha (eggplant). See what you like Some dishes are smoky and roasted, others yogurty, others nutty. Try to leave room for dessert, specially the mango concoctions - Asian mangos are sensational. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. - E.B.

The Grill 10920 Roselle Street, Suite #104, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. Sorrento Valley is where you commute to work, not to live, so forget warm neighborhood eateries. At first glance, the Grill is what you'd expect — standard strip mall, bare-bones furnishings, office-lunch oriented. But the Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch spe-cials such as the luscious Philly cheese steak. And they're flexible. Want bacon, sausage, and ham in your breakfast pita? They'll do all three, same price as with a single meat. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. - E.B.

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co. — Del Mar 12840 Carmel Country Road, Del Mar, 858-481-7883. Oggi's has several branches throughout San Diego. Is it the pizzas, or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambience (with multiple video screens) or just the ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elabo rate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so malladapted that no mamma mia in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inex pensive. -. - N.W.

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and ex-otic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum

BEST BBQ BURGER IN TOWN SINCE 1983 1/2-lb. western deluxe steakburger with gyro meat on top with fries only  ${}^{\text{S}}7^{50}$ Western Stealsburger 2730 University Ave. 2 award winner North Park Monday-Saturday 10 am-9 pm KFMB Channel 8 "Unknown Eater" Closed Sunday



# Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — N.W. Sammy's Woodfired Pizza -Del Mar 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600. It's not Italian or

New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. - N.W.

(Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum

brunches on weekends. Along with

standard items, the choices here leap to

the latest Pacific creations, some rarely

found this side of the ocean, including

irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy

"gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine

nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at mod-

est markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in corn (not

peanut) oil. Reservations advised.

Mexican standards. Most delicious in-

tro: traditional Cuban pressed sand-

wiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices

of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles (Cubano #2), or roast

pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-cit-rus) sauce that makes it juicy. The

bread, baked right here, is news in itself crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask

NORTH COASTAL Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by







# THEATER LISTINGS

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## All Shook Up

Production centered around the music of Elvis. 619-522-4050. CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL, 650 D AV-ENUE, CORONADO. SATURDAY, 2 P.M. FRIDAY 7 P.M

#### Angels in America, part one: Millennium Approaches

Palomar College Performing Arts presents part one of Tony Kushner's epic about "American identity, personal morality, and spiritual redemption." Michael Mufson directed. (Note: The college will stage part two this fall.) PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MIS-SION ROAD, SAN MARCOS. THURSDAYS, 4 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 26

# Anna in the Tropics

MiraCosta College presents Nilo Cruz's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about workers in a Cuban cigar factory outside of Tampa and the day Juan Julian was brought in to read Tolstoy's Anna Karenina to the workers. Eric Bishop directed. MIRACOSTA COLLEGE, ONE BARNARD DRIVE OCEANSIDE THURSDAYS 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 26.

#### **Baldwin New Play Festival** UCSD Theatre & Dance presents five new works by MFA playwrights: Ronald McCants, Krista

Knight, Jennifer Barclay, and Stephanie Timm. For days and times of each, call the box office. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DRIVE, UCSD. 858-534-2230. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS 2 AND 8 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 25.

## Be Aggressive

It's senior year of high school. And while other girls at the Del Marlike seaside school settle for being just "perky pep girls," Laura and Leslie go at cheerleading with a religious fervor. Annie Weisman's second act doesn't pay the bills of the first (the many troubles just go away). But it paints a picture of beach-town San Diego, and quests for unconditional experience that's sharp and funny. In New Village Arts's opening-night felt like a two-act pep rally. Amid the loud, staccato attack, jokes and nuances of character got lost - especially their human qualities. Rachael VanWormer, Âmanda Sitton (both winners of Craig Noel Awards for 2008), and Daren Scott do noteworthy efforts, but would improve instantly if allowed to develop, rather than blitz through, the characters. Tim Wallace's set has a Mondrian-like look, and Amanda Sitton's costumes hearken back to one's teenage years when every victory was Homeric, every defeat Sophoclean.

### Worth a try. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787-B

STATE STREET, CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 3 AND 8 P.M. SUN-DAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 26.

#### The Complete History of America (abridged) The Reduced Shakespeare Com-

pany condenses American history into two acts - well, actually they revert back to the Stone Age and come forward, packing significant events with mention of dozens of others, and rendering all sacred cows secular (if the show doesn't inspire or offend you at some point, you should 911 the paramedics). Reed Martin, Austin Tichenor, and Dominic Conti (the latter "a moron with a plan, and that's the most dangerous kind")



combine deft physical comedy with slapstick sight gags from spittakes arching into the audience to Abe Lincoln's head exploding at Ford's Theater. The humor ranges from incisive (who the "Generals" have been for the last few wars) to groaners ("Didn't you go to college, stupid?" asks one: "Yeah," another replies, "but I came out the same way"). The brisk pace lagged on opening night only during an audience Q&A with the President, which fell flat, on both sides. Beneath the satire and goofball antics, the trio makes some persistent points - among them the JFK assassination's "Magic Bullet," which, according to Arlen Specter, did cartwheels at Dealy Plaza, and which runs through U.S. History in various guises but always with the same result. Worth a try.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 24.

# The Cradle Will Rock

Stone Soup Theatre's production of Marc Blitzstein's "proletarian musical" (1937) is fun, at times, but also frustrating. Set in the Depression, Cradle's an exposé of corruption in high places. Blitzstein has various citizens prostitute themselves to robber-baron-like Mr. Mister in order to thrive. Into this lion's den of iniquity charges stern-jawed, union-organizing Larry Foreman. He rocks the "cradle of liberty" and performs a secular harrowing of hell. Vocally, Stone Soup has a mix of able singers (Christopher T. Miller's Larry Foreman vitalizes the room; Bryan Curtiss White's Rev. Salvation exudes understated ironies) and performers for whom the rapid-fire score is either beyond their range or their abilities. All tend to blast through the lyrics and garble the words. Most frustrating: the production feels toned down. It needs a major dose of agitprop: raging, screwball (cartoony if necessary), eager to irritate. These

changed." At Diversionary Theatre, a cast of seven reads/performs letters, interviews, and testimonials, while Thomas Hodges plays original music on piano and slides project on a scrim. What comes through is a courageous man, savvy in politics, with a remarkable gift for seeing the potential in people — like Anne Kronenberg, whom he made his campaign manager when she was an inexperienced 22. The movie Milk has been criticized for hagiography (as if he were the first gay person to run for office and the first to shout "come out!"). Loughrey's script verges at times on gilding but succeeds in painting a balanced portrait (as when Kronenberg says, "He was a mensch in many ways - and a diva"). What also comes through are touches missing from the movie (for me, at least, Sean Penn stood between Milk and the audience, his performance calling as much attention to himself as to Milk). Dear Harvey offers more personal observations and recollections - the off-camera Harvey Milk, in other words, who, the 55-minute Diversionary piece shows, was quite a human being.

## Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, 619-220-0097, THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRI-DAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 25

#### Eleemosynary

Wordswork presents a reading of Lee Blessing's award-winning comedy-drama about three generations of women. Admission is free. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, 760-724-2110, MONDAY, 7:30 P.M.

## The Glass Menagerie

Lamb's Players stages Tennessee Williams's poetic memory drama about the evening the Gentleman Caller came to the Wingfields' for dinner. Robert Smyth directed. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600, THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUN-DAYS, 2 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 24





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their story. They'll do anything to

shake up the status quo. Anything,

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WEDNESDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH MAY

For a tribute to Harvey Milk, Patri-

cia Loughrey interviewed "the peo-

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P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8

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### The Good Person of Szechwan

SDSU School of Theatre, Television, and Film presents Bertolt Brecht's "cosmic consideration of right and wrong in the real world." Peter Larlham directed. DON POWELL THEATRE, 5500 CAM-PANILE DRIVE, SDSU. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 3.

# The Hit

Mike Buckley's lite, entertaining romantic comedy has one of the ater's more conflicted villains. Samm, short for Samantha, means ill but is new at her work as a "hit man" and tends to become personally involved. The real villain is the hospital that convinced Susan, owner of an antique shop in San Francisco, that she's dying of cancer. Susan hires Samm for a whack job so Susan's brother can use the insurance for graduate work at Stanford. Complications unfold in a briskly paced show. Buckley's a triple threat: he wrote the script, he plays Sam, and he designed the prop-rich set. Susan's "bipolar," and Cynthia Peters handles both sides with skill. Season Duffy has a lark as Samm, the garrulous villain. Chris Bresky could reign in his physicality, at times, but offers an engaging Steve. David Cochran Heath scores as Slavo, resident thug. The Hit has a thematic subtext: call it "buyer behavior," as half a dozen people shop in odd, often funny, ways. 619-437-0600. Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. FRIDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUN- DAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 31.

## Mauritius

Passive Jackie needs a few shekels. so she brings her ancestral stamp collection to an appraiser. Two stamps, just "tiny pieces of paper," turn out to be the "crown jewel of philately" worth, in Theresa Rebeck's talky thriller, lying, cheating, and conniving for. Jackie runs a gauntlet through many a practiced tactician, but so, it turns out, is she. Jessica John heads a game Cygnet Theatre cast as Jackie, the lamb that John expertly converts into a lion. John DeCarlo's compulsive-talking Dennis, Sandy Campbell's upscale, backstabbing Mary, and Jack Missett's sleazy Philip contribute. Skinheaded Manny Fernandes (who's getting scary good in these roles) ladles essentially comic scenes with a palpable menace as Sterling, dapper-dressed thug (and stamp fetishist extraordinaire). George Ye's fight choreography, some of the best around here in many a moon, turns Sean Fanning's inventive, two-way set into a danger zone, especially when Sterling doesn't have his way. Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COL-LEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. THURS-DAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATUR-DAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 10.

# National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. National Comedy Theatre resembles an athletic event. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. Worth a try. MAROUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, 619-295-4999, FRI-DAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

### Opus

Dorian, violist of the all-male Lazara String Quartet, disappeared six days before a command performance at the White House. Young Grace joins the group and, amid assurances of "four equal voices," wonders if the rumors about the group's legendary bickerings, some life-threatening, are true. Opus moves pretty much as expected: out of backstage chaos comes harmonic order. Although the script unfolds as if written in haste (including a coda that's a gratuitous lulu), the Old Globe's staging, by Kyle Donnelly, emphasizes the passion with which an art becomes crafted. Corey Brill and Katie Sigismund shine as Carl (the cello player whose bad news fuels the plot) and Grace. Sigismund's portrayal is so precise you'd swear she's based it on an exact model. In Lindsay Jones's sound design,

the "performed" notes emerge, it would seem, from the instruments themselves. Sometimes the music drifts up and then out, as if, in the case of Beethoven's *Opus 131*, it's headed home to heaven. <u>Worth a try.</u> OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M.

SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 26.

# The Platt Brothers

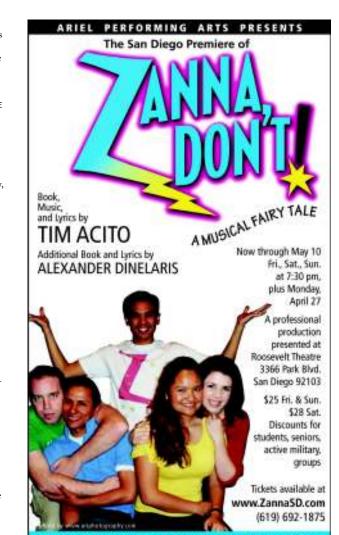
The brothers debut their new show, which combines "family-friendly comedy, high-flying acrobatics, original music," and personal stories. 775-313-0798, www.theplattbrothers.com. SUNSET TEMPLE, 3911 KANSAS STREET, NORTH PARK. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 9 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 25

# Psychopathia Sexualis

Compass Theatre stages John Patrick Shanley's comedy about an obscure artist with a fetish for his father's argyle socks and an upcoming marriage for which the socks, now missing, will play a crucial role. Mark Stephan directed. COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 24.

# Rabbit Hole

Eight months ago, Becca's fouryear-old son chased a dog into the street and was killed by a car. No one can prepare for that nightmare, and the world suddenly looks idiotic. David Lindsay-



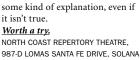
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Abaire's drama won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize. It probes the pummeled heart of a woman for whom sudden, unthinkable loss became really real. For the North Coast Rep, designer Marty Burnett renders the home with precision. Enter Becca, in a compelling performance by Jo Anne Glover, and every spec of the set shouts that her son is gone. Try as she may, she can't erase them all. Jessa Watson provides comic relief as Becca's sister, a seemingly carefree ditz who achieves a kind of clarity. Brendan Ford, young Ryan Kidd, and Sandra Ellis-Troy also contribute. The playwright puts one of his most apt observations in the guise of a tabloid exposé. Becca's mother talks about the "Kennedy curse" and how people require



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## Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles

The award-winning Beatles



Three members of a world-renowned string quartet bring in a female violinist to replace their volatile fourth player, as they ready themselves for an upcoming nationally-televised performance at the White House. Soon, the offstage travails of these five extraordinary individuals prove to be as complex and compelling as the Master's Grand Fugue. Rivalries, ambition, mortality, and their passions ignite and clash – in a world where harmony is easier in the spotlight than it is offstage. *For Mature Audiences*.

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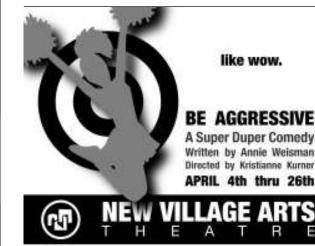
# The Scarlet Pimpernel

Welk Resort Theatre presents composer Frank Wildhorn's musical version of the tale of Sir Percy Blakeney, an English aristocrat, who, disguised as the Scarlet Pimpernel, wreaks havoc on the French Reign of Terror. Jon Engstrom directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. SAT-URDAYS, 1:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 1:45 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 26

# Senior Sock Hop, or You

**Can't Dance in Bare Feet** For its annual melodrama, the North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe goes to a high school where "the seniors are really senior and the principal is determined to ruin the sock hop!"

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## Spider's Web

Coronado Playhouse stages Agatha Christie's mystery: a dead body in the drawing room and a house full of suspects. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 24.

# Urinetown: The Musical

Point Loma Nazarene University stages the funny (and wise) tale of greed, corruption, and the proper use of water. POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY,

3900 LOMALAND DRIVE, POINT LOMA. 619-849-2433. TUESDAY, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, 7 P.M.

# Veronica's Room

Patio Playhouse stages Ira Levin's thriller. An older man and woman say Susan reminds them of a woman named Veronica. This is not a good thing. Jay Mower directed.

PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AV-ENUE, ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. FRI-DAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUN-DAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 17.

# Working

*Working*, Studs Terkel's remarkable collection of interviews (1974), is an oral report on the

Schwartz and Nina Faso's musical based on the book premiered in 1978. The show closed in less than a month. Schwartz is remaking the original at the Old Globe. The emphasis is less on what workers have to say than on innocuous entertainment, as if they're performing before their bosses. The sixperson cast is backed by a giant tic-tac-toe set: nine boxes, three rows each, joined by steel girders, dwarf the performers. 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, like Charlie Blossom, misfire. The remake needs reworking: roll up its sleeves, and be unafraid to get its hands dirty. 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

American worker. Stephen

### Woyzeck

UCSD Theatre and Dance presents Georg Buchner's early-19th Century drama about a soldier driven to extreme behavior that was a good century, at least, ahead of its time. Gabor Tompa directed. POTIKER THEATRE AT UCSD, 9500 GILMAN DRIVE, LA JOLLA. TUESDAY, 8 P.M. WEDNESDAY, 8 P.M.

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## Zanna, Don't!

Ariel Performing Arts presents the San Diego premiere of the "musical fairy tale" about a magical matchmaker at Heartsville High, where everyone is gay. Ira Spector directed. 619-692-1875. ROOSEVELT MIDLE SCHOOL, 3366 PARK BOULEVARD, HILLCREST. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUN-DAYS, 7:30 P.M. MONDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 10.



# Limited Play

# The plotting descends into mechanical trickery for its own sake.

t last a bone to gnaw on. Not a very meaty bone, only a very scrappy bone, but a bone nonetheless. *State of Play*, the Americanization of a BBC miniseries, qual-

ifies as a ripped-fromthe-headlines thriller, and from more than one type of headline: the political sex scandal, MOVIE REVIEW DUNCAN SHEPHERD

UTURE RESIDS

the privatization of the military, the death throes of newspapers. The topicality inevitably gives rise to some soapboxing, and along with it some playing on the pieties of the audience, though it is doubtful whether this either enhances or erodes the main business of generating thrills. There appear at first to be two distinct police cases: first, in the gritty and grippy opening, the fatal shooting of a black street kid and critical shooting of an innocent passerby, and second the apparent suicide of a Pennsylvania congressman's mistress under the wheels of a subway train. At the fictitious Washington Globe (a stand-in for the Post, as there's no room in the present

gry for quick profit under new owners, the veteran beat reporter (a chunky Russell Crowe beneath a Samson-esque lion's mane) follows the first trail, debarred from the second by his personal friendship since college

climate for a superfluous daily), hun-

days with the compromised congressman (a trim and trimmed Ben Affleck), who is currently chairing a committee to look into Defense Department outsourcing. The second case falls by default to a shoot-first online blogger

disdain of the old-school reporter. The first thrill, or tingle at least, comes when the two cases converge: the reporter diligently dialling the numbers on the dead kid's cellphone (and amusingly putting on a homeboy patois for the purpose) and eventually getting the answering machine of the dead mistress. Whoa. What's the connection? Other, bigger thrills arrive in due course, including a shocking second attack on the hospitalized sur-

STAR TREK

(a cheeky Rachel McAdams), to the



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vivor in the first case, and the reporter's sudden running into and hasty running away from the identified assassin, leading to a well-played game of hideand-seek in the favorite locale of a parking ramp. Along the way, there are good turns from Helen Mirren as the pragmatic newspaper editor, Robin Wright Penn as the adulterous wife of the adulterous politician, Jeff Daniels as a Capitol Hill *éminence grise*, and, most show-stoppingly, Jason Bateman as a hopped-up P.R. man in the thick of the skullduggery. And director Kevin Macdonald, of *The Last King of Scotland* and assorted documentaries, keeps the traffic moving swiftly down the investigative path, stressing the topical issues no more than necessary to allay the guilt of viewers who couldn't enjoy the thrills if they couldn't cluck their tongues over war profiteering or fret over the fate of the free press. In the end, the plotting descends into mechanical trickery for its own sake, but by then the starving moviegoer should be in a frame of mind to take what he has got.

*17 Again*, for the Zac Efron Fan Club, is a second-chance fantasy that,

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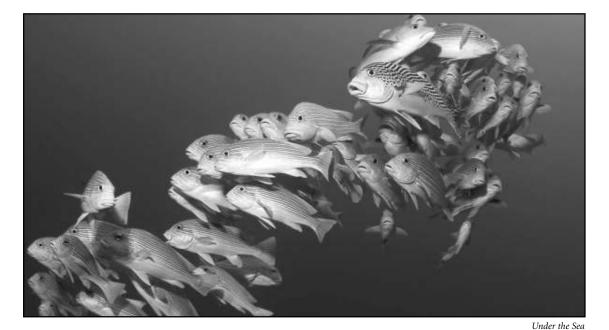
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through the agency of a bewhiskered supernatural school janitor, sends the middle-age-crazy hero not back in time, but back in age, back to the high school of his youth, so that he must fend off the incestuous flirtations of his teenage daughter and make age-inappropriate advances to the disaffected wife he had long since lost interest in (and who, incidentally, has the minimum mental wherewithal to notice, if not to make adequate fuss about. his uncanny resemblance to the boy she married twenty years ago). We expect to encounter logic problems in any time-travel tale, so it's best not to compound them with extraneous nonsense whereby the daughter's brutish boyfriend — inexplicable in itself would also be her brother's chief bully and tormentor. And it's hard to be



happy at a happy ending that assumes the wife, who has travelled nowhere, would have learned the same lessons as her time-tripping husband. Leslie

Mann, seemingly doomed to subsist at the level of *Drillbit Taylor*, *Knocked Up*, *Big Daddy*, *The Cable Guy*, et al., is very good as the wife, carrying a lot of tension, intelligence, sensitivity, pain, and whatnot in her pop eyes and pursed mouth, without ever forgetting she's in a comedy. One of the little aggravations of modern moviegoing is that you can't have a Leslie Mann without a Zac Efron or an Owen Wilson or a Seth Rogen or an Adam Sandler or a Jim Carrey. The compensation she provides, although not small, is not sufficient.

It has been several years since my first and only visit to the Reuben H. Fleet Space Theater, or more currently and correctly the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center IMAX Dome Theater. Renovations completed at the end of last year, together with God knows what other technological fine-tuning in the digital projection, have given the presentation a new look. The seams in the screen are no longer plainly visible in the picture, in effect transforming a patchwork mainsail into the concave side of a giant eggshell. And the digital image has been bracingly sharpened up, with only slight distortion at the edges. "The Ultimate Movie Experience," if it says so itself. Under the Sea, all forty minutes of it, proves to be an ideal subject for the format, ideal, that is, for the built-in disorientation of looking at a screen as big as the sky, ideal for subaqueous creatures beyond the science-fictional imagination of any CGI wizard. (See the Leafy Sea Dragon for verification, or for that matter the Weedy Sea Dragon. Egad.) Sight unseen, I imagine it would be less than ideal, by comparison, to view the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh on that scale, as you are invited to do in the alternating Van Gogh: Brush with Genius, through the end of April only. Somehow, when we've lost our bearings anyway, the magnification of a Potato Cod to the dimensions of Moby Dick isn't so objectionable. The educative narration (spoken by a subdued Jim Carrey) contains, in addition to the I.D.'s and M.O.'s of the creatures, the obligatory globalwarming warnings, but these are nowhere near as alarming as the spectacle of a tortoise tearing away the flesh of a jellyfish (who would have thought?) or of a cuttlefish cracking the shell of a living crab. I don't know if it's a movie, but it's an experience all right.

#### MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Adventureland — Coming-of-age comedv with airs. Jesse Eisenberg for all intents and purposes plays an extension of his pretentious youth in The Squid and the Whale, a virginal egghead ("I read poetry for pleasure sometimes") obliged to take a minimum-wage summer job at a Pittsburgh amusement park while awaiting admission to the Columbia School of Journalism. He's still credible in the part if a little less fresh. Martin Starr, in a supporting role as a coworker and fellow egghead who gives the gift of Gogol after a first date, is no less credible and a little more fresh. And as the protagonist's idealized dream girl with a dark secret, Kristen Stewart, seen with greater regularity on screen, is a lot less fresh if also still credible. Mixed in with the superior airs are steady doses of toilet humor for the multiplex groundlings, plus a sizable population of cardboard adults. With Ryan Reynolds, Bill Hader, Kristen Wiig, and Margarita Levieva; written and directed by Greg Mottola. 2009. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-NADE 24)

**Che: Part One** — First half of Steven Soderbergh's four-and-a-half-hour worship service in honor of Che Guevara, conducted in Spanish with English subtitles, really two distinct movies. This first, in wide screen and in roomy frames, operates a time shuttle between vivid color re-enactments of the overthrow of Batista in the late Fifties and grainy black-and-white faux news coverage of Guevara's visit to New York in the mid-Sixties for interviews with the press and speeches at the United Nations. Nothing is sustained (the shuttle runs continuously) until the extended battle in the last reel or so. We instead get scenes, glimpses, moving snapshots of the Lifestyle of the Revolutionary and Famous: walking through the woods, resting up, slapping comrades on the back, exhorting the troops, etc. There are no rises and falls in the narrative contour, just a kind of flatline. Benicio del Toro and Demián Bechir can pass for Guevara and Castro as well as anybody could in the same beards and hats, and with the same pipe and cigar. Catalina Sandino Moreno, Santiago Cabrera, Elvira Minguez, Julia Ormond. 2008. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Che: Part Two — The free-standing second half of Steven Soderbergh's worship service, in narrower screen than the first half, and in less vivid color and no blackand-white, unfolds a contrastingly chronological account of Guevara's final year. 1966-67, his ill-fated attempt to do in Bolivia what he had done in Cuba. As in the first half, there is an extended battle toward the end of it, and prior to that a lot more of authentic-feeling shots (in similarly roomy frames) of the lifestyle of a revolutionary, in addition to a worrisome increase in the hero's asthmatic wheezing. His post-battle execution is as lovingly dragged out as any screen staging of the Crucifixion. Richard Fleischer's average-sized 1969 film of the same name, minus the Part One and Part Two but plus an exclamation point, with Omar Sharif and Jack Palance as Guevara and Castro, was doubtless a Hollywood travesty, but that at least made it somewhat fun. (Jack Palance by his lonesome makes anything somewhat fun.) Soderbergh's corrective is no travesty and no fun. Benicio del Toro, Franka Potente, Joaquim de Almeida, Lou Diamond Phillips. 2008. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Crank: High Voltage** — Jason Statham, his stolen heart, his beat-the-clock recovery effort, chronicled with a spastic camera, warping lenses, sophomoric smut, stupefying action. With Amy Smart, Bai Ling, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Dwight Yoakam; directed by Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Earth** — The circle of life, all around the globe, arctic to tropic, desert to ocean, illustrated everywhere in luscious calendar art, crystalline in digital projection. The Disney nature documentary allows some survival-of-the-fittest brutality, but none of the gore that would accompany it. "Yes," concludes narrator James Earl Jones, "it's full of harsh realities, but sometimes it's just *paradise*." Directed by Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield. 2009.

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**Fast and Furious** — Stripped-down action sequel. Or anyway, the title is stripped down, dumping the definite articles and demoting the nouns to adjectives. The tricked-out action, meanwhile, barrels ahead with total disregard for lucidity or credibility. It's not precisely a reunion of the original four stars, Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster, Michelle Rodriguez, inasmuch as before they can come together one of them gets bumped off. Thoughts then turn to revenge. Shallowly. Just the right depth for the juvenile target audience. ("Are we cool?" "Yeah, we're cool.") With John Ortiz, Laz Alonso, and Gal Gadot; directed by Justin Lin. 2009.

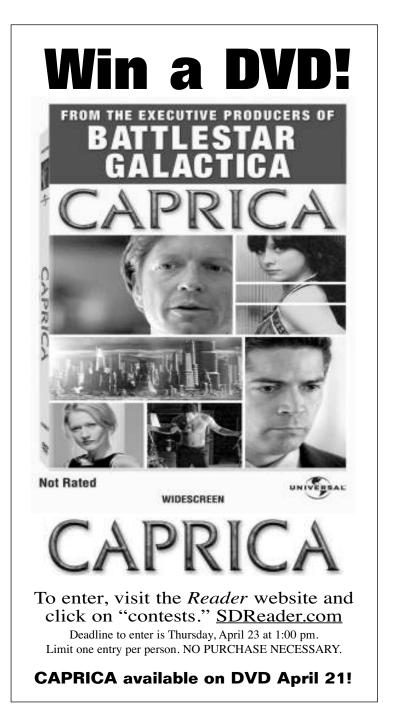
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**Fighting** — Channing Tatum as a bareknuckle streetfighter, with Terrence Howard, directed by Dito Montiel. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18;



GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 4/24) **Goodbye Solo** — A gruff American loner hires a gregarious Senegalese cabbie to drive him, one way, to Blowing Rock in the Blue Ridge Mountains at a future date. One way? Why? The cabbie's curiosity, to say nothing of his humanity, gets the better of him, and an odd couple begins to be formed. The ginger-haired, prune-faced Red West (a former Elvis bodyguard) and the buoyant Souleyman Sy Savane seem like real people in an unreal relationship. Much talk, many closeups. Directed by Ramin Bahrani. 2009. ★ (KEN, 4/24 THROUGH 30)

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 (look-ing and sounding uncannily like a dog in defense of a T-bone), a new widower who has seen his Detroit neighborhood taken over by Hmong immigrants ("HUMmong," in his two-syllable pronunciation), a hard-ass retiree defined by a pair of prized possessions, the M-1 rifle that commemorates his service in the Korean War and the '72 Gran Torino that commemorates his life's work on the Ford assembly line. The character's blatant bigotry toward his Asian neighbors, whereby he runs through every applicable epithet in a thesaurus of slang (past "fishhead" and "gook" all the way to "zipperhead") is somewhat problematic. Eastwood's endearing presence in the role automatically takes the edge off the racism in a way that just wouldn't happen if the role were occupied by, say, Gene Hackman, Rip Torn. And taking the edge off the racism is not altogether a good idea, regardless how many laughs you get out of it.







What ultimately redeems him and his film is not the conventional, formulaic, softhearted and simple-minded warming of relations with the two weakly acted Hmong teenagers next door, and not the tighter focus of wrath on the Asian street gang that's terrorizing the neighborhood, and not even the expediently plotted climactic act of karmic restitution (which in honesty had slim chance to work out as planned). No, none of that. What redeems him and his film, lending it, for all its entertainment value, a sense of gravity and personal conviction, is simply its place in line in his ongoing penance for the offhand violence, the incalculable casualties, of his earlier career: its place behind Unforgiven, A Perfect World, Mystic River, etc. Once was not enough. It was not just lip service, like an obligatory

number of Hail Mary's after a long-postponed trip to confession. It was, so it would appear, a genuine conversion, a revelation. This stands as the further proof of it, and further refinement of it. With Bee Vang, Ahney Her, Christopher Carley. 2008. ★★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA)

#### Hannah Montana: The Movie —

Singing sensation Hannah Montana, "the most popular teenager in the world," has a secret, an ordinary life as a normal highschooler under her real name of Miley Stewart (played by Miley Cyrus, alias Hannah Montana), daughter of a down-home Tennessean, Robby Ray Stewart (Billy Ray Cyrus). Only a blond wig hides her true identity from friends and tabloids, a thinner disguise than Clark Kent's eyeglasses. Sugarfrosted as it is, the film sheds no credible light on the actual existence of Hannah/Miley, but it does summon up the incredible innocence of a Hollywood teen musical of old, a Deanna Durbin, let's say. With Emily Osment, Lucas Till, Margo Martindale, and



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The Haunting in Connecticut — A bedevilled family housed in a converted funeral home: flickering lights, banging doors, charbroiled ghosts, a malignant shower curtain, and whatnot. It has the advantage of being a "true story," thereby curtailing certain kinds and degrees of excess. There is, even so, a routineness and a staleness about it; and in the direction of Peter Cornwell

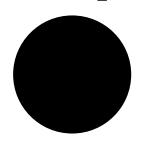
Observe and Report

there's a compulsion to oversell it. The mass disentombment at the climax had no need to be oversold. Virginia Madsen, Martin Donovan, Elias Koteas lend it some useless respectability. With Kyle Gallner and Amanda Crew, 2009.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

## Good Spot. Bad spot.





The dreaded black spot, the worst rating given by Reader movie critic Duncan Shepherd, can be found next to many movie reviews. To see them log on to: www.sandiegoreader.com/movies

I Love You, Man — A guy comedy with an original angle. A woman's man with a well-developed feminine side suddenly feels the lack of a male comrade when the time comes to pick a best man, belatedly casting about for a buddy to cultivate. The lapses in taste - no, the eager, steady assaults on taste, the projectile vomit, the fart commentary, and so forth - lower expectations early on. But the personable Paul Rudd in the pivotal role has plenty of opportunity to show off his gifts, particularly in his forced efforts to be a guy's guy, more particularly when inanely or inarticulately tonguetwisted, the urge to be witty running way ahead of the brain's ability to come up with some wit. His spirited slippage into a Jamaican cadence is a crack-up. Jon Favreau does well, too, as a churlish noncontender for buddyhood. And, in the part of the leading contender, the least you can say for Jason Segel of Forgetting Sarah Marshall is that he keeps his pants on. With Rashida Jones, Sarah Burns, Jaime Pressley; directed by John Hamburg. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Informers** — Interwoven storylines set in L.A. in the Eighties, with Billy Bob Thornton, Kim Basinger, Mickey Rourke, Winona Ryder, directed by Gregor Jordan. (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 4/24)

**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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Lymelife — Adolescent angst and adult adultery on Long Island. Your regular dose of flaunted family dysfunction, seriocomic in tone, a bit sadistic in effect. With Alec Baldwin, Rory Culkin, Kieran Culkin, Jill Hennessy, Timothy Hutton, Cynthia Nixon, and Emma Roberts; directed by Derick Martini. 2009. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/24)

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Monsters vs. Aliens — Machine-made cartoon from DreamWorks, credited to codirectors Rob Letterman and Conrad Vernon. It posits a secret government quarantine of benign monsters modelled on such Fifties archetypes as the Blob, the fourfifths-human Fly (except now a Cockroach), Mothra, the 50-Foot Woman (a girlpower placebo), and the Creature from the Black Lagoon. None of the figures, human or non-, merits a second glance as a work of graphic art. And the insufferable insouciance of the premise, fully and accurately summed up in the title, hides behind a smokescreen of computer wizardry, 3-D diversion, jaded in-jokes, capitalist confidence. Hides, but not successfully. With the voices of Reese Witherspoon, Seth Rogen, Hugh Laurie, Will Arnett, Kiefer Sutherland. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7;



MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**The Mysteries of Pittsburgh** — Lifeless bisexual love triangle out of a Michael Chabon novel. The musty bookishness begins with the nagging first-person narration of a good-looking dullard ("After you've thrown up in the topiary and rinsed your mouth out with cheap vodka, you really don't want to talk to anybody"), but it continues even after the narration dies down. With Jon Foster, Peter Sarsgaard, Sienna Miller, Mena Suvari, and Nick Nolte; directed by Rawson Marshall Thurber. 2009. (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Observe and Report** — Delusional mall cop (a close-cropped, clean-shaven Seth Rogen) with real-cop aspirations comparable to those of the title character of *Paul Blart*, but with a deeper and wider vein of psychosis: manic highs, sadistic lows. The maker of *The Foot Fist Way*, Jody Hill, enters the mainstream for the purposes of pushing the envelope, a spectacle more clinical than comical. Trouperish performances from Anna Faris as the hero's unworthy object of affection, Collette Wolfe as his worthier one, Celia Weston as his self-medicating mother, Ray Liotta as a derisive police detective. 2009.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT CENTER; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Obsessed** — Stalking thriller with Idris Elba, Beyoncé Knowles, and Ali Larter, directed by Steve Shill. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 4/24)

**Paris 36** — Shabby show biz, class conflict, religious bigotry in France *entre les* 

guerres. A meticulous production and a mincing manner. With Gerard Jugnot, Clovis Cornillac, Kad Merad, Nora Arnezeder, and Maxence Perrin; directed by Christophe Barratier. 2008. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Race to Witch Mountain** — Disney revisits the titular summit, thirty years later, but not to pick up the paranormal adolescents 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.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

17 Again — Reviewed this issue. With Zac Efron, Matthew Perry, Leslie Mann, Michelle Trachtenberg, and Thomas Lennon; directed by Burr Steers.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Shall We Kiss? — Lightweight romantic comedy to heavyweight classical music, Schubert, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Dvorak. The framing story, which is to say the actor and actress in it (Michaël Cohen, Julie Gayet), has more charm than the arch central story and arch central players (Emmanuel Moret, the writer-director to boot, and Virginie Ledoyen), swathed in bloodless beige, cream, ivory. Happily, we return periodically to the framing story and to full color. Added up, the whole is overlong. 2007.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Sin Nombre** — A heartbreakingly lovely Honduran emigrant (Paulina Gaitan) makes her perilous way, with father and uncle, through Mexico en route to Texas and New Jersey, her path converging with that of a sensitive, pensive Mexican gangbanger (Edgar Flores), a teardrop tattoo by his right eye, who runs afoul of his blood brothers. First-time filmmaker Cary Koji Fukunaga offers a soft-hearted view of a hard world, seeking out tender innocence and then stomping it for our horror and pity. The illegal-alien film and the gang-life film are both genres that are prone to a certain sameness, and the combination of the two into one film doesn't produce a sense of differentness so much as a doubled same ness. Slickly done, nonetheless. 2009. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE: PALM PROMENADE 24. FROM 4/24)

**Slumdog Millionaire** — Feverish daydream, partly amorous, partly avaricious,

around an unschooled Bombay teenage who, hoping to reconnect with his childhood sweetheart, climbs toward the top prize on the Indian Who Wants to Be a Mil*lionaire?* 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. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

**The Soloist** — Fact-based drama of a homeless classical musician, with Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey, Jr., directed by Joe Wright.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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; FROM 4/24)

State of Play — Reviewed this issue. With Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck, Rachel McAdams, and Helen Mirren; directed by Kevin Macdonald. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION WARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Sugar — Minor-league moviemaking about minor-league baseball. A Dominican pitching prospect learns a knuckle-curve, gets invited to spring training in Arizona and assigned to a farm club in Iowa: a fish out of water, or at best a little fish in a big pond. It's a bit flat and a bit rough around the edges, but it has some attentive detailing: the English-language class of useful words and phrases ("I got it! I got it!"), the kindly waitress who illustrates the different styles of egg in order to break the monotony of the foreigner's daily French toast, the prim farm couple who billet him during the summer season ("No chickas in the bedroom"), and so on. The modesty of the production carries through to a modesty of plotting: no great success in the offing. With Algenis Perez Soto, Ellary Porterfield, Richard Bull, Ann Whitney, and Jaime Tirelli; directed by Anna Boden and Ryan



Showtimes subject to change. (Bargain showtimes in parentheses.)

#### CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14 nt Drive (877-789-6684) Crank: High Voltage (R); Earth (G); Fast and Furious (PG-13); Fighting (PG-13); Hannah Montana: The Movie (G); I Love You, Man (R); The Informers (R); Knowing (PG-13); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Observe and Report (R); Obsessed (PG-13); 17 Again (PG-13); The Soloist (PG-13); State of Play (PG-13)

#### DOWNTOWN

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (877-789-6684) Che: Part One (R); Che: Part Two (R); Drag-onball: Evolution (PG); Earth (G); Fighting (PG-13); Gran Torino (R); The Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13); I Love You, Man (R); Observe and Report (R): Slumdog Millionaire (R); The Soloist (PG-13); State of Play (PG-13); Taken (PG-13); The Wrestler (R)

#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **Adventureland** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:00, 5:25) 7:55, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25; Crank: High Voltage (R) Fri. (12:45, 1:15, 3:00, 3:30, 5:15, 5:45) 7:30, 8:10, 9:45, 10:30 Sat -Sun (12:45, 1:15, 3:00, 3:30) 5:15. 5:45, 7:30, 8:10, 9:45, 10:30; **Duplicity** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:10) 7:15, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:10, 7:15, 10:05; Fast and Furious (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:55, 5:25) 7:55, 10:25 Sat.-Sun (12:30, 2:55) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25; Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri. (12:55, 3:15, 5:40) 8:00, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; The Informers (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:20, 5:40) 8:00, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; **Knowing** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:40; **Obsessed** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:15, 2:55, 4:05, 5:20) 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun (12:30, 1:15, 2:55) 4:05, 5:20, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:10; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 12:50, 2:40, 3:10, 5:00, 5:30) 7:20, 7:50, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 12:50, 2:40, 3:10) 5:00, 5:30, 7:20, 7:50, 9:45, 10:15; **Watchmen** (R) Fri. (1:10, 4:35) 8:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:35, 8:05

#### LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Adventureland; Crank: High Voltage; Earth;

Fast and Furious; Fighting; Hannah Mon-tana: The Movie; I Love You, Man; The Informers; Monsters vs. Aliens; Obsessed; 17 Again; The Soloist; State of Play

#### La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Paris 36 (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45: Shall We **Kiss?** (NR) Fri. (1:45, 4:30) 7:45, 10:05 Sat. Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:45, 10:05; Sin Nombre (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:45, 7:15, 9:35; Sunshine Cleaning (R) Fri. (2:15, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

#### **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) Adventureland; Crank: High Voltage; Duplicity; Earth; Fast and Furious; Fighting; Hannah Montana: The Movie; The Haunting in Connecticut; I Love You, Man; The Informers; Knowing; Monsters vs. Aliens; Observe and Report; Obsessed; 17 Again; The Soloist; State of Play

#### **Mission Valley 7**

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Obsessed (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **The Soloist** (PG-13) (10:30 1:15) 4:15 7:15 10:00; **Earth** (G) (10:00 11:00 12:00 1:00 2:00 3:00 4:00) 5:00 6:00 7:00 8:00 9:00 10:00; No 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 Sun., No 6:00 & 8:00 Mon., No 11:00 Tues., No 11:00 & 1:00 Wed., No 6:00 & 8:00 Thu.; **17 Again** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; No 10:00 Sat. & Sun.; **State of Play** (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:30; Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:15 9:30; Kidtoons Presents Earth Day (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) Adventureland; Crank: High Voltage; Earth; Fast and Furious; Fighting; Hannah Montana: The Movie; The Haunting in Connecticut; I Love You, Man; The Informers; Knowing; Monsters vs. Aliens;

Observe and Report; Obsessed; 17 Again; The Soloist; State of Play

#### STATE UNIVERSITY

Goodbye Solo (Not Rated) Fri. (5:00, 7:15, 9:30) Sat.-Sun. (2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30)

#### UPTOWN

#### Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Lymelife (R) Fri. (2:15, 4:50) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; The Mysteries of Pittsburgh (R) Fri.-Sun. (4:30) 9:45; Sin Nombre (R) Fri. (2:05, 4:40) 7:20, 9:55 Sat. Sun. (2:05) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sugar (R) Fri (1:45, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35 Sat. (1:45) 4:20, 7:00 Sun. (1:45) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Sunshine Cleaning (R) Fri. (2:25, 5:00) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (2:25) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; Two Lovers (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:55) 7:10

**Museum of Photographic Arts** 649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Call theater for program information.

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Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information.

#### LA MESA

**Grossmont Center 10** 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (877-789-6684) Crank: High Voltage (R); Earth (G); Fast and Furious (PG-13); Hannah Montana: The Movie (G); Knowing (PG-13); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Observe and Report (R); Obsessed (PG-13); **17** Again (PG-13); The Soloist (PG-13); State of Play (PG-13)

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

**Rancho San Diego 15** 2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Crank: High Voltage (R) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:25) 8:00, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:25, 8:00, 10:20; **Earth** (G) Fri. (12:30, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Fast and Furious (PG-13) Fri. (11:50,

4:55, 7:30, 10:25; **Fighting** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; Hannah Montana: The (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:15) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **State of Play** (PG-13)

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Aliens (PG); Observe and Report (R); 17 Again (PG-13)

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#### 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262) Crank: High Voltage; Earth; Fast and Furious; Fighting; Hannah Montana: The Movie; I Love You, Man; Knowing; Monsters vs. Aliens; Observe and Report; Obsessed; 17 Again; The Soloist; State of Plav

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Adventureland; Crank: High Voltage; Dragonball: Evolution; Earth; Fast and Furious; Fighting: Hannah Montana: The Movie: The Haunting in Connecticut; I Love You, Man: The Informers: Knowing: Monsters vs. Aliens; Observe and Report; Obsessed; Race to Witch Mountain; 17 Again; Sin Nombre; The Soloist; State of Play; Taken

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#### NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14 3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262) Crank: High Voltage (R); Earth (G); Fast and Furious (PG-13); Fighting (PG-13); Hannah Montana: The Movie (G); The Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13); I Love You, Man (R); Knowing (PG-13); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Observe and Report (R); Obsessed (PG-13); **17** Again (PG-13); **The** Soloist (PG-13); **State of Play** (PG-13)

#### NORTH INLAND **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

**Carmel Mountain 14** 11620 Carmel Mountain Road (877-789-6684) Crank: High Voltage (R); Earth (G); Fast and Furious (PG-13); Fighting (PG-13); Hannah Montana: The Movie (G): Love You, Man (R); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Obsessed (PG-13); **17** Again (PG-13); **The** Soloist (PG-13); **State of Play** (PG-13)

#### **ESCONDIDO**

Escondido 16 350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Adventureland (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:30p.m.; Crank: High Voltage (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 7:35, 10:15; **Earth** (G) Fri. (12:15, 2:55, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; Fast and Furious (PG-13) Fri.-



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**MOVIE SHOWTIMES** 2:25, 4:55) 7:30, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25)

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10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Fast and Furious (PG-13); Monsters ve

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River Village 6 5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



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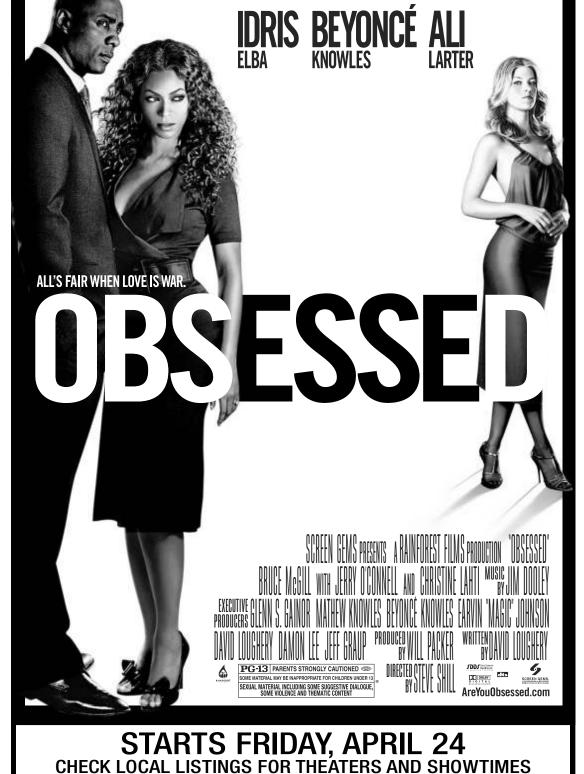
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Oceanside 16

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#### Fleck. 2009. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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; HILLCREST CINEMAS; 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 satis-



faction, for those who can take it, in watching him mow them down, a Weedwacker in a field of dandelions. (Too late to "prevent" the kidnapping, but not too late for the defiling.) Nor is there satisfaction in watching an eye-lifty Liam Neeson playing Steven Seagal. Nor in watching the native director, Pierre Morel, sell out his country on top of himself. Catharsis, you learn anew, can't come out of crud. A hot shower afterwards would be your closest approximation. Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen, Olivier Rabour-

## User Reviews — MOVIES

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#### **17 Again** 2009

*17 Again* with Zac Efron, at first sight, I thought was going to be a goofy teen movie, but as it turned out at the prescreening I attended, I really liked the movie and I think it will do quite well at the box office. I thought Zac Efron did a great job and that he is becoming a "real" actor. I think he has a great future in acting. Of course, looks don't have anything to do with it...yeah, right. Leslie Mann, who played the wife, acted like a doofus most of the time, but overall she actually did a pretty good job. Matthew Perry's role really didn't amount to much, except at the beginning to give an overview of what was going on in his rather horrible life, up until the time of the change over to 17 again. Michelle Trachtenberg played the daughter who was into more than just music, as you will see. Thomas Lennon, who plays the best friend, actually was a kick and really takes it to the limit with some of the things he does. Gotta see this one, guys. Three stars. By **richinsd** 11:38 a.m., Apr. 16, 2009

#### The Class 2008

Whilst I possess little comprehension of the French language, Duncan's scintillating command of English neatly captured the cinematographic aspects of the film. *The Class* was a fine portrayal of the challenges routinely facing immigrant students, whose disjointed lives on the margins of nearly any society closely parallel the absence of the story arc of this movie. Living in the bubble of SoCal, it was well worth seeing. By **GeorgeM** 5:26 p.m., Apr. 16, 2009

#### Body of Lies 2008

An intriguing look at the war on terror from the CIA operatives' standpoint. Leonardo DiCaprio is excellent, as usual, in his role as a CIA spy trying to track down the leader of a terrorist group operating out of the Middle East. The movie becomes almost a lesson in geography, as he jumps from country to country with stops in Iraq, Jordan, UAE, Syria, and Turkey. This movie was good but not great. Unfortunately, a weak and uninspired performance by the typically sharp Russell Crowe brought it down. Crowe's character seemed way too relaxed to be somebody working high up at the CIA. One has to wonder if the screenwriter was trying to make a point in showing how out of touch the U.S. government is with the war on terror by making Crowe's character so clueless. The story is interesting, as far fetched as it may seem. My only question after watching this film was, "Does this stuff really happen out there?" I know it's only a movie, but it makes you wonder what our spies really do that nobody knows about.

By **spooks69** 11:37 p.m., Apr. 19, 2009

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**Tokyo!** — Three-part anthology of fantastical short tales of small impact, set in the Japanese metropolis, two parts by French filmmakers (Michel Gondry, Leos Carax) and one by a Korean (Joon-ho Bong). They could be set anywhere. They could be shorter, too. The middle one by Carax is perhaps the most fully developed, though little more fulfilling. Ayako Fujitani, Ryo Kase, Denis Lavant, Jean-François Balmer, Teruyuki Kagawa, Yu Aoi. 2008. ★ (KEN, THROUGH 4/23)

● (GASLAMP 15: PALM PROMENADE 24)

din 2009

**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 ★ (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. (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Wrestler — It was a stroke of fortune if not of genius for filmmaker Darren Aronofsky to cast Mickey Rourke in the title role of Randy "The Ram" Robinson (né Robin Ramzinski), a Dodge Ram-driving, self-described "old broken-down piece of meat," two decades past his prime, yet persisting in plying his trade at sparsely popu-lated 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. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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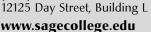
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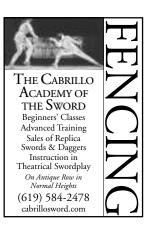
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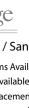




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Bill Brewer Sheet Metal Worker

San Carlos walked horses at Del Mar to cool them out. Most people probably haven't been kicked in the gut by a horse. It's quite painful. I would walk them on the backstretch, not the paddock area. The jockeys and handlers all wear flak jackets now. Back then they didn't. I was so bruised, I had to sleep on a pillow for three months. It was a colt that was two years old. It was injured and hadn't been to the track in 12 days. It decided to run and took off. I got what they call a cow kick.



John Riddle Poker Dealer

Downtown rafted over Lava Falls in the Grand Canyon. Twice. That's the biggest rapid in the U.S. The first time I went, the guy was telling me not to scout it, just hit it. I missed the hole. The second time, I was told to let the raft fill with water to help balance it out. I was given some advice on how to do it, and it all seemed to work out.



Angie Andrews Salesperson

Texas

walked past John F. Kennedy Jr. a few different times. I was looking for him and didn't realize I was walking right by. I was also at a dinner that Henry Kissinger was at. I wanted him to sign my program but wasn't sure how to approach him. I called my friend, and he walked me through it. He told me to get a program off the table and approach him calmly and ask him to sign it. [Kissinger] wasn't signing autographs, but his son took it and told me to follow them. And he ended up signing it.



Kim Terlecky Legal Assistant

Poway climbed the Great Wall of China. That was in November 2006. It was a trip with my mom and the Carlshad Chamber of Commerce There were these really steep steps you had to climb. I only did 20 of them. It was a cold morning, and I felt like I was getting frostbite on my nose. They gave you these cards if you got to the top. They also would take pictures of you wearing a samurai cos tume if you wanted.



Sophie Partridge Restaurant Manager North Park

picked grapes on the coast of Croatia. I have a grandmother there. A relative is a priest. In 2000, a group of 13 of us went. And their monastery has its own vineyard. So there were 13 of us, all Americans, picking grapes. It was pretty fun.



 $Helen\,King$ Retired Nurse Santee

've done two things that I'm proud of. I had drinks with Marilyn Monroe at a swanky Hollywood party at a mansion in Beverly Hills Although, I'm not sure if that qualifies as something people haven't done, as I'm sure many had drinks with her during that time. But I also sang a song with Bing Crosby. Again, it was at a party. There were a few famous people there, and at 4 a.m. everyone broke into song. There was one point where just he and I were singing to a crowd of 20. It's one of the thrills of my life.

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#### THE READER PUZZLE:

#### **RULES OF THE GAME**

1) Each week we're printing a list of EVERYONE who submits the correct answers to the previous week's puzzle See this week's contenders below. 2) When you successfully complete a puzzle, we'll also print a brief (10 words or less) message that you've written. This is optional, but it's a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly

We reserve the right to reject offensive text 3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully com-plete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m., Monday.

4) Entries must be faxed to 619-231-0489 or 619-233-7907 or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions must be attached to e-mails in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed. 5) 5 Reader T-shirts are awarded

weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

And now for the really small print: 1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided. 2) Late entries will not be considered 3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified. 4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

#### Across

- 1. "Thar blows!"
- 4. Actor Bridges
- 8. Bring up, as a topic
- 14. Its symbol is Sn
- 15. Yiddish author Sholem
- 16. Lots
- 17. 1967 John Wayne film
- 19. Given experimentally 20. "I've never seen such a
- lackluster neocon!"

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos,

"Happy Thursday to my Splendiforous

Charlotte Brown, Clairemont,

Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont.

E.T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 15.

Phillip Castle, Carlsbad, 15.

"Thanks for the shirt!"

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all the happiness."

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indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

22. Gave the finger?

- 23. NBA tiebreakers 24. Quick punch
- 27. "This neocon must be sick in the head or
- something!" 32. Trial group
- 33. Seine tributary
- 34. American rival
- 35. "What a boring neocon!"
- 39. Enthusiasms
- 41 "Well done!"
- 42. Car shaft
- 43. "Someone really needs to get rid of this neocon!"
- 49 "The Purloined Letter" author
- 50. Undergrad degs.
- 51. Of sound mind
- 52. "Quiet, you neocon!"
- 57. Nancy on Capitol Hill
- 60. Haberdashery purchase
- 61. "Just a moment!"
- 62. On the list: Abbr.
- 63. Aunt in "Bambi"
- 64. Moves with no urgency
- 65. "Go ahead!"
- 66. Faith: Abbr.

#### Down

- 1 Graf of tennis
- 2. Jewish campus
- organization
- 3. Ultimate goal
- 4. Zinger
- 5. Biblical twin
- 6. "Back in Black" band
- 7. "Looks like trouble!"
- 8. Its Web site is www.
- quickerpickerupper.com
- 9. Parks and others
- 10. Center Greg of the NBA

Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch,

11 Municipal pol.

31. Country singer Rimes

12. Board honcho

18. He drives Bart and Lisa

Simpson to school

21. Alternative to Gmail

24. Bastille Day month

25. Op or pop follower

26. Not \_\_\_\_ long shot

28. Column crossers

29. German "a"

30. "Or so" suffix

13. OVC rival

- 32. Shade of black
- 34. He's God across the Atlantic
- 35. Where Bill and Hillary met
- 36. Bass
- 37. Actor Cage, informally
- 38. Cpl. or sgt.
- 39. Tase
- 40. Prefix with skeleton
- 43. Something to get back to 44. \_\_\_\_ Wednesday
- 45. Exam for future JDs
- 46. More tense
- 47. It may purr
- 48. Get better again
- 50. Actor Gary
- 52. Nylons
- 53. Placed
- 54. "Money \_\_\_\_ object!" 55. 1201, in old Rome
- 56. Hightail it 57. Toy dog, for short
- 58. Onetime Bowie collaborator Brian



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Personal Message: \_ FLASHPICTURE LIL ENL DES

Julie Osburn, North Park, 15.

Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 15. "Hips

"Come on, make those puzzles

Gil Patricio, San Diego, 15.

**John Pertle, Santee, 15.** *"Heb* 4:12; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Tim 2:15; 2

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo.

"Going back ot tour 2.

Pet 1:20-21; Pro 3:5-6.

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#### Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 15. "Barbie: Wishing you a very happy birthday. WLY, DKSR" Doug Rodgers, Rancho

Penasquitos, 15. Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, **15.** "Good thing the theme wasn't Mix This.

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 15. "Save vater. Flush full loads only Eddie O. Spaghettio, Coronado, 15. "143U15! Thought for today: Name another word for synonym. CIUM21"

Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 15. Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 15. "Happy Birthday to my sweet Caro-

line. Love, Mom. Ric Witt, Clairemont, 15. "Let the rough side drag and the smooth side

Sheila Agahan-Price, Ocean side, 14. "I am shipwrecked with this terrible flu!"

Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 14. Take your dog to the beach Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 14. Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 14. "Shipshape

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Leslie Chase, Campo, 14. "I love you Bill!

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 14. "Hanus salz dolory clover? Craig Curtis, Escondido, 14.

"Look up and see the world, y'all!" Vince Cuseo, Vista, 14. "And I was getting short - 4 more weeks and out

Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 14. Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 14. "He's the way he is because Molly coddled him.

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 14. "Does your emperor penquin wear a tux fit for royalty?"

Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 14. "Happy 8th Birthday to my beautiful niece, Rachel! "

15. "Amarfis- y quien? Y La Banda de 15. "Oh pish! Can't think of a personal message!" Mary Arana, Encinitas, 15. "Hi Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 15. fellow puzzle people. Try Numbrix. Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 15. 15. "SB of PV is too smart to be 13. "4 is for the dog who came in and sat!" William Edwards, Kensington, 15. Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 15. 15. "Thx, Reader, for T. Thx, Babe, for "Heath Ball is better than Trevor, right Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 15.

D. Faulkner, University Heights 15. "Get shipshape. Pedal your bike. Rand Feura, Santee, 15. Justin Finke, Sorrento Valley,

Mary Hutchings, City Heights,

15.

Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 15. Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 15. "Shape up or ship out!"

Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 15. "Quality painting at lowest prices. paintwithdan@yahoo.com for free

Ron Meyer, Santee, 15. "Hey Reader, thanks for the shirt!" Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 15. "Da train! Da Train! sdmrm.ora. Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 15. "Fin-Jim Odell, Vista, 15. "Is this the Greater Depression

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Harry Engel, La Jolla, 14, "A mere auto accident won't keep me from the puzzle." Marie Grace, College Area, 14.

"Hi Kevin!" Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 14. "B Street Salon Ramona, CA - the

Bryan Hartman, Golden Hill, 14. "R.I.P. Beard, we had a good run. Ron Hootman, Santee, 14. "Hoot 101: Our ship's afloat, but our crew is

owly shrinking! Richard Hutchings, Santee, 14. "Thanks for the correction!" George Jackson, Oceanside, 14. "First the Titanic' now the Obama Jim Koziol, UTC, 14. "Go Blue

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 14. "Vista Kyle - right on!" Lane and Gaby Litke, Chula

Vista, 14.

Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 14. "Randy Jones signed my hat today. Irving Metzger, San Diego, 14.

"Munificent Marcia." Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 14. "Hi to CC, Terry, Bill." C.J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 14.

"My 1959 Websters came through Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 14.

"Heartland Lions We serve Robert Phillips, Downtown, 14. "Nothing. I got nothing." Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 14. Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission

Valley, 14. Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 14,

"Vote no on Props 1A-1F. Starve the heast!" Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 14.

"P-town 4 life 🖝 Pamela Swain, College Area,

14. "Bon voyage."

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Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 14. "Happy Birthday Paula. Here's to another 35 years of friend-

shin! M. Zimmermann, Vista, 14. "Indict Bush and Company! Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 13. "This one is tough!"

Jay Berkowitz, La Jolla, 13. "Yom HaShoah. Remember, honor, and teach.

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 13. "How about them Padres - wow! Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 13. Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 13.

Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 13. "Tony, you werea good man. RIP Greg Harkless, San Diego, 13. "All alory to the Hypnotoad!

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 13. "On a line?" Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 13.

Sara Khwaja, Poway, 13. "Welcome Vargas!' Thisby Krakatoa, San Diego, 13.

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 13. "This one was difficult!"

Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley,

13. James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 13. "Go Padres Bill Pischke, Ramona, 13, "Llove you Leslie - kiss! Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 13. Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 13. "Who is Rimeo? Tom Seaman, Alpine, 13. "That's

some bad hat, Harry. Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 13. Rich Tschiegg, Scripps Ranch,

13. "Are the Padres the surprise of '09? Keen it un!" Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 13.

Ken A., Ocean Beach, 12. "Ramalam-a-dina-dona.. Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 12.

Maria Coda, Oceanside, 12. "Hi

Jim Corbett, San Diego, 12. John L. Drehner, North Park, 12. "Rome wasn't built in a day, and

neither was Athens!'

Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 12. "Go Pens! Time for another con! 🖝 George Elam, Vista, 12. "Solar power is hot. I got mine Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 12. "/ love New York Edward C Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 12. "Ava has arrived. Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 12. BJ Lundquist, San Diego, 12. Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 12. "You missed Q: Undead jam band; A: Phish. Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 12. "Rest in peace, my SIL's Grampa. Love MIL

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 12. "Miles and miles of ghouls!" P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 12. "Belated Happy Birthday, Drew! Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 12. "Your head is little because youire still

BABY!" Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 12. "We need some more April showers,

Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 12.

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Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 12. "Welcome Alice and Mike Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 12. "MJ Griswold sucks!" Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 12. Westie, San Diego, 12. Steve and Dawn, North Park, 11. "See Paula Deen at metrocook ming.com" Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 11. "/// meet you there. - Rumi" Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 11. Don Erickson, Carlsbad, 11. "What's up, Kathy?" Billy Horton, Santee, 11. Gerard Hoskins, Bonsall, 11. Studies confirm: Life causes death. Bev Longdon, El Cajon, 11. "Jack, I'll still love you when you're 64. Willie McGee, San Diego, 11. "Kadin helped!" Aleksa Mendive, Normal Heights, 11. "It worked! Thank you!" Cindy Pellett, Universitv Heights, 11. "Maybe I'm just fried, but this was hard!" Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 11.

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"House is sold." Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 10. "/s all BS.

Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 10. "Let me take another look at that map. Terry Golden, Clairemont, 10. Joaquin Guerrero, San Marcos, 10. "The Audacity of Arrogance:

Pelosi, Obama, NBC, CNN, and Reid. Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 10. Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 10. "Pedestrian crossword crossing for a

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Reader staff Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 10. "Looked into eyes of the devil. Her

name is Gillv. Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 10. "Hard one this week!"

Dave Washington, La Jolla, 10. "Welcome back, Tom!"

Tom White, University City, 10. Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 10. "Stanley Cup playoffs. Go Wings, game on!" Tom and Jenn, Mira Mesa, 9.

"With luck!" Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 9. "Decrease your carbon footprint, join a vanpool. Go Cardinals." Marilyn Contreras, El Caion, 9. Mike Deliman, Santee, 9. "I am easily distracted by shiny objects." S. Depka, Vista, 9. "Above all. don't fear difficult moments.

Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 9. "/ just keep trying!'

Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 9. "Happy 8th Birthday to my #1 girl, Rachel!

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 9. "Their Satanic maiesties reauest. Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 9. Linda Millsberg, Santee, 9. Laura Patterson, Azalea Park, 9. "Looking for a house? Call Mary Young - the Cashow Group."

Donna Swing, La Mesa, 9. "Happy Birthday, Nancy H., Teacher Extraordinaire."

Mike and Karen, Talmadoe, 8. "D is for days spent afternoon napping."

Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 8. Martha Klages, Encanto, 8. "Can you hear me nou Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 8.

"Let's go Padres! Donald Millsberg, Santee, 8. Don Romero, Ramona, 8. "Time for me to get back to work, Mei Ling ... " N'Namdi Sikumbuzo, Serra

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Down. Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 7. "/ love Persian

Dara Hetzel, Escondido, 7. Henry Romero, San Diego, 7. "I'll miss Madden."

Brian and Suzanne, Point Loma, 6. "Genesis 38:8-9." Jim Hitchcock, Chula Vista, 6.

"Hmm...how could we let taxes be so high?"

Estefano Hill Jr., El Cajon, 4. "Thanks for the T-shirt!" Nicole Kennelly, La Mesa, 4. Philip Paradissis, Del Mar, 4. "Yes we can!" Amber Rogowicz, Mission Hills,

home?

Thanks, Pete.

4. "Sandwiches ends? Another for Robert. Mike Van Nordheim, Poway, 4.

> "See 62 Across. Spanky's Toilets , Carlsbad, 4. "Spank this! www.spankysps.com" Katrina Alcantara, San Diego, 3. "Here goes the Hail Mary pass Debbie Rosier, Coronado, 3. Rod Wastier, South Park, 3.

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Jose Cruz, San Diego, 4. "For

Danny: Dude, where's my ride

Judy Emaus, Carlsbad, 4.

6. "Ship shape with number 6.

Dennis Roth, Santee, 5.

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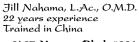
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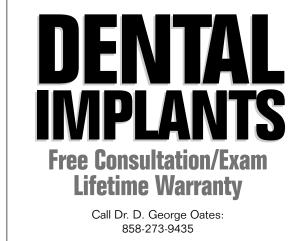
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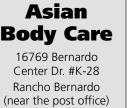
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#### This week's auestions

- 1. Albert Einstein was a first cousin twice removed from the co-proprietor of what North Park noshery?
- 2. This week, for the first time ever, food critic Naomi Wise awards a historic rating of five stars to what restaurant?
- 3. John Brizzolara runs out of pain pills but guickly discovers that the website works almost as well. (Name, please.)
- 4. Have scientists isolated a human pheromone?
- 5. Hot Tuna, due in town on the 23rd, have been cutting records for quite a few years now. Like, how many?
- 6. Name the citrus-killing bacterium also known as "citrus greening" that's threatening to invade California
- 7. What famed heavy-metal drummer drops by the opening of an El Cajon music store that Crasher Josh also attends?
- 8. What family medical emergency necessitates Barbarella's watching her five-year-old niece this week?
- 9. Give the name of the most recent Willard Grant Conspiracy album.
- 10. Local musical act Wavves is getting "publicized" with T-shirts that read, "Wavves Suxx." What Columbus, Ohio, rock group is behind this?

#### Last week's answers

- 1. "Post paid." (p. 116)
- 2. "Dress." (p. 94)
- 3. Arthur Levitt. (p. 12)
- 4. The Vibrators. (p. 76)
- 5. "Vagina." (p. 22)
- 6. Jasmine. (p. 90)
- 7. On the bar top. (p. 98)
- 8. The Hells Angels. (p. 70)
- 9. 5. (p. 70)
- 10. Yes. (p. 17)

#### Last week's winners:

Brian Albers, Louise Guarnotta, Elizabeth Morse, Candie Smith, and Millicent Kent

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- In January, federal prosecutors revealed that District of Columbia council member Marion Barry (who was on probation after a 2005 conviction for failing to file tax returns for the years 1999 through 2004 and almost failed to file a return for 2006) failed to file for 2007. ... In March, a Georgia state senator proposed punishment for the 22 members of the legislature who either owed back taxes or had failed to file returns for at least one year since 2002. The 22 were not identified, in compliance with privacy laws, but the senate's Democratic leader, Robert Brown, outed himself as one of the 22 in the course of calling his scolding colleague a "bloodsucker."

#### Prodigies

(1) Pet rescuer Judy Walker of Oviedo, Fla., and Oklahoman Jude Stringfellow are battling over custody of Walker's two-legged puppy, which Walker believes has special needs but which Stringfellow is seeking to adopt, in part to portray Stringfellow's own famous, hind-legs-walking dog "Faith" as a puppy in a movie she is working on. Stringfellow said Walker had reneged on a Feb. 2

adoption date and implied that she had hired celebrity attorney Mark Geragos to get the puppy. (2) Eleven-year-old Michelito Peniche killed six young bulls in a single fight before 3500 spectators in Merida, Mexico, in January, despite the mayor's ban on the event as a child-labor violation (but which was allowed to proceed after Michelito's father appealed to a state prosecutor). Michelito began his career in the ring at age four.

#### **Can't Possibly Be True**

- Gildazio Costa, 54, was arrested in Framingham, Mass., in February and charged with kidnapping and beating his girlfriend following a fivehour-long argument they were having about what the operating hours are for the local library. - Tennessee anesthesiologist Visuvalingam Vilvarajah was arrested in February in Kentucky and charged with providing controlled-substance prescriptions (OxyContin, methadone) to as many as 350 non-patients. Why Tennessee licensed Dr. Vilvarajah is a mystery, as he had been approved by the state department of health even though officials knew that he was on parole at the time after serving a sentence for murdering

his wife and mother-in-law. A department spokeswoman told The Tennessean newspaper that no law prevented Dr. Vilvarajah's licensing.

#### Inexplicable

- A 25-year-old man was arrested in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., in February after an apparent suicide attempt. According to police, the man tried to gas himself inside his car in a closed garage but did not have a garage himself, so he drove into a stranger's garage for the attempt, causing about \$1000 in damage.

Total nudity is prohibited during Brazil's annual Carnaval, but samba dancer Dani Sperle appeared in the street parade in Rio de Janeiro in February wearing a headdress, necklace, matching armbands and nothing else except a patch three centimeters long (1.2 inches) covering an intimate area.

#### **Unclear on the Concept**

- In Airdrie, Alberta, in January, police officers responded to a report from the Ralph McCall Elementary School that a man was standing in the yard yelling with a portable loudspeaker toward

a group of frolicking kids, calling, "Girls in the field, come over to my truck, come pet my dog." When alarmed adults nearby approached him, the man quickly got in his truck and took off.

- In response to a bomb threat called in to Hays High School in Buda, Texas, in February, principal Shirley Reich directed the evacuation of all students, who were kept out for two hours. The building had not been completely cleared, though. Reich had ordered that eight special-needs students, who presented mobility problems for the staff, be kept inside during the evacuation. Reich defended her decision based on how cold it was outside.

 In February, a federal jury in Tucson, Ariz., awarded damages of \$77,000 to six illegal immigrants who had trespassed on rancher Roger Barnett's land in 2004 because Barnett had detained them while he was carrying a gun, which the jury said constituted "infliction of emotional distress." Originally, 16 Mexican nationals had sued for \$32 million.

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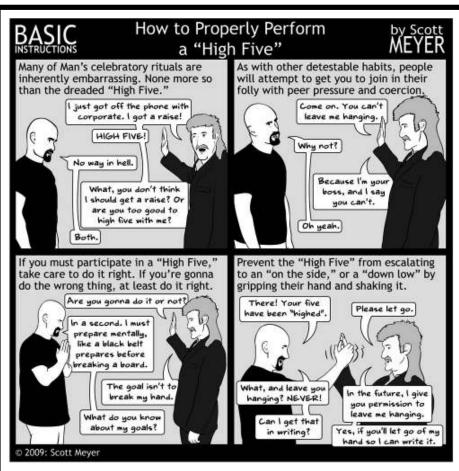
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#### **Thirty Years Ago**

For Marty Levin, life can still be a drag. Once the area's most celebrated ex-smoker, the Channel 10 anchorman is now back puffing away, although at a reduced rate. A year ago Levin announced to his viewers that he planned to quit smoking on his 32nd birthday, May 22, and invited all those interested to join him in his struggle.

Levin had been inspired by the efforts of his weatherman, Mike Ambrose, who had quit smoking on his birthday. And since Ambrose got quite a reaction from the viewing audience — the switchboard lit up with calls of encouragement -Levin and Channel 10 decided to make a campaign out of it. - CITY LIGHTS: "LIKE A CIGARETTE

SHOULD," Dan Trigoboff, April 26, 1979

#### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

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It had been a year since I "came out" in the San Diego gay community. Walking around University and Fifth avenues on Sunday afternoons, I had what I thought was a firsthand look at the inside of San Diego's gay

and lesbian community. — "QUEER SAN DIEGO," Tony Zampella, April 21, 1994

#### **Ten Years Ago**

When Vulgar Favors, Maureen Orth's book about the murderous saga of Andrew Cunanan, hit the bestseller lists last month, a national audience was offered a sinister portrait of San Diego. She quotes Joe Sullivan, "a former crystal-meth user who knew Andrew in San Diego," who describes a summer party circuit in La Jolla never written up by the Union-Tribune's Burl Stiff.

— "CUNANAN'S CURSE," Matt Potter April 22, 1999

#### **Five Years Ago**

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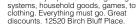
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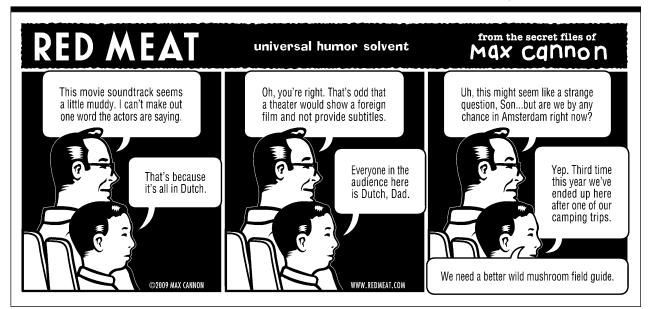
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Denomination: Southern Baptist Address: services at the Soledad Club, 5050 Soledad Road, La Iolla Founded locally: February 2008 Senior pastor: Matt Smith **Congregation size: 90** Staff size: 2 Sunday school enrollment: 9 Annual budget: n/a Weekly giving: n/a Singles program: "the whole church" Dress: mostly casual, some dresses Diversity: mostly Caucasian Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 30 minutes Website: whoisbarabbas.com

"I met my wife in a bar in New York City," said Barabbas Road pastor Matt Smith. "I was a rower, training for the Olympics, and I hated religion. I knew she was the girl I wanted to marry, and I found out when we exchanged numbers that she was a virgin, which was totally not in my plans because I wanted to sleep with her and all that. So, I decided, in my arrogance, to disprove Christianity so that she would sleep with me." And what happened? "I retired from rowing, I got saved, we got married, and I now have a church that's trying to reach out to intel-

lectual skeptics. I'm finding that there are no good answers other than the Christian answers. I do a lot of debating."

Also, a lot of physical training. "We have something like nine personal trainers at our church," said Smith's wife Rebecca. "That's our biggest outreach. Every Sunday at noon over at Kate Sessions Park, we have two trainers that do free training for whoever wants it. And there are always two different sports to play as well - things like volleyball or soccer." "It's an area where we

can give," adds Smith. "And it's a great first-touch ministry — something to invite people to." That way, he says, "the service can be very simple, very much an emphasis on learning the Bible. We don't even have a lot of announcements. If there's a big service project, the small groups will have it or it will be discussed on the website forum."

Smith's hair was artfully tousled and crept over

the collar of his white button-down shirt, its sleeves rolled up above his elbows. He wore pinstripe suit pants but no socks - and no tie because he was not preaching that day. Today we would hear from Paul Rochford, Smith's classmate at Southern California Seminary (which is connected to El Cajon's Shadow Mountain Community Church). Rochford *did* wear a tie and a dark, narrow suit, which set him apart from the rest of the congregation (three of the band members didn't even bother with shoes).

The service, held in the airy confines of the Soledad Club, was indeed strippeddown — the biggest frill after the warm-fuzzy rock band were the tray-tables in front of each seat, so that congregants had a place to rest their Bibles and take notes. (There was a reason for this -Rochford ranged far and wide through Scripture in his sermon, and the crinkly flipping of hundreds of onionskin Bible pages was a regular prelude to his extended quotations from Holy Writ.)

Before the sermon, there were brief prayers -----"We thank You that You are here and that You love us"and a slew of songs, some of them with lyrics more theologically daring than the standard "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord." (Viz: "Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals to the faithful gathered underground.") "Paul is going to preach

today, which is a very big privilege," said Smith in his introduction. "I pray, God, that You make it obvious with Paul, and with all of us, that You are here. Paul is a peer of mine...he's smarter than me and better looking, so that's why he's going to preach today." Rochford also asked that "we would be reminded of Your presence, of Your reality" before snapping his Bible open and saying that his "single purpose" here was "to take His word and give to the people of God, infused by the power of God, for the glory of God."

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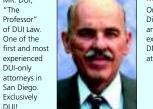
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