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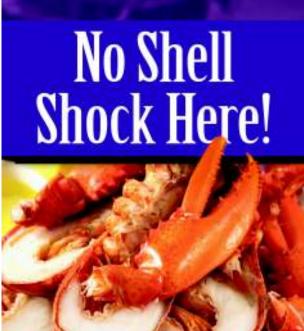
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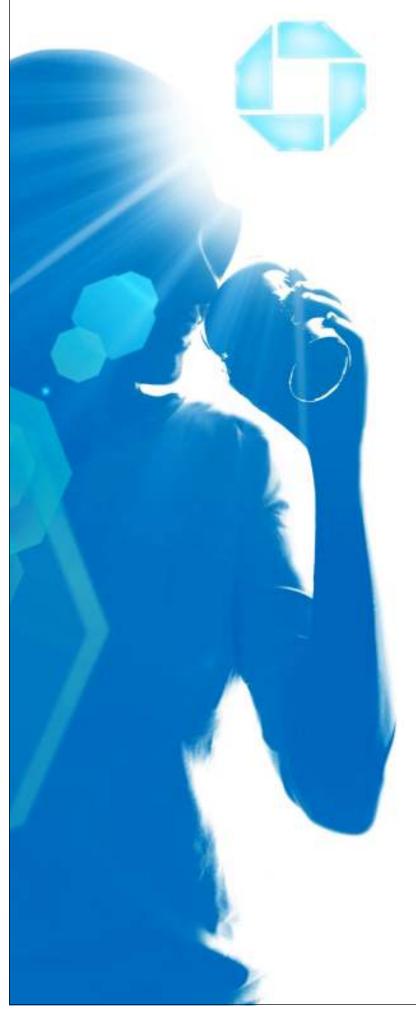
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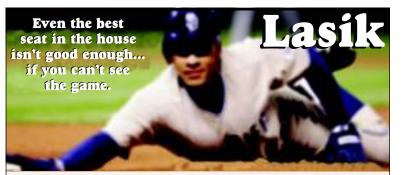
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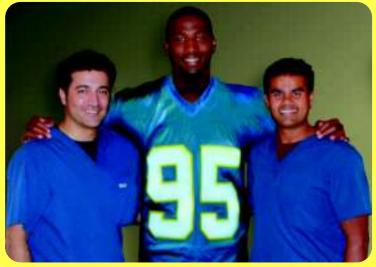




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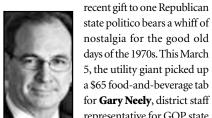
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UNDER THE RADAR

Cocktailing with Nixon It's not on the scale of Watergate, but Sempra Energy's



nostalgia for the good old days of the 1970s. This March 5, the utility giant picked up a \$65 food-and-beverage tab for Gary Neely, district staff representative for GOP state Senator **Bob Huff** of Walnut.

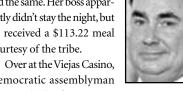
The locale: the Richard Nixon Library in Yorba Linda

Sempra's other venues for wining and dining legislative officials were less colorful: GOP assemblyman Martin Garrick's senior field representative Marie Joyce and Andrew Poat, a member of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, each got \$65 in food and beverage at Roy's restaurant at the San Diego waterfront Marriott. And Gerard Loaiza, staffer to GOP senator Roy Ashburn of Kern County, got a \$90 meal and drink at the Visalia Convention Center. Ashburn was one of the few Republicans to back Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's tax increases, spawning an ongoing attempt to recall him.

Meanwhile, AT&T has been spreading good cheer too. In January, Christy Crozby, staffer to GOP senator Mark Wyland of Solana Beach, got tickets to a Sacramento Kings game, with refreshments, valued at \$120. In February, she attended World Wide Wrestling's Raw, also at the Arco Arena, valued at \$120 as well.

On March 13, Wyland himself bunked down in a room worth \$96.12 at the Barona Resort and Casino, thanks to the Barona Indians. He also got a meal worth \$113.22. Julie Griffiths, chief of staff to GOP assemblyman

Joel Anderson of La Mesa, did the same. Her boss apparently didn't stay the night, but he received a \$113.22 meal courtesy of the tribe.



Ioel Anderson

Democratic assemblyman Marty Block of San Diego chowed down at a \$41.49 lunch at the Grove Steakhouse, as did staffer

Chris Ward. Other Block staff members, including Jonathan Goetz, Rich Grosch, Lisa Silverman, Martha Rañón, and Joyce Temporal, each got lunches worth \$37.11.

Also partaking of the Viejas hospitality was Republican Anderson, who got a meal worth \$40.63. His staff members, including **Collin** McGlashen, Rorick Luepton, and Maggie Winn, each ate \$39.47 meals. ... Kelly Burt, president of the 22nd District Agricultural Association, whose efforts to give a 29 percent raise to Del Mar Fairgrounds CEO **Tim Fennell** were

foiled after a public outcry in March, has given \$25,000 to the Republican gubernatorial primary campaign of former eBay chief Meg Whitman. Fair-board appointments are made by the governor.

Golden quarterback The death of another famous San Diegan brings another memory of an infamous San Diego scam. Last month it was the passing of George Munger, owner of the now-defunct Piret's restaurant chain and recipient of a \$150,000 loan from Ponzi schemer J. David Dominelli. Early this month it was Jack Kemp, the ex-Charger



gressman who got his start in politics while working part-time in the mid-1960s for the Copley Press under the guidance of Herb Klein, the Copley executive and future aide to Richard Nixon. The Union-Tribune, on its

very first editorial page under

quarterback and GOP con-

the control of Beverly Hills-based Platinum Equity, dutifully paid homage to the dead Republican star, complete with a respectful cartoon by Steve Breen, the paper's recent Pulitzer Prize winner.

But the paper omitted Kemp's most color-

ful local connection: Clifford Graham, who promised riches to those wealthy San Diegans who invested in his scheme to extract gold from sand. Graham, a flashy sort who lived on Bing Crosby's old estate in Rancho Santa Fe and drove a Rolls-



Royce, started a chain of drive-through photoprocessing booths in the 1960s called Fotomat, which hired Kemp to do promotions. Graham was forced out of Fotomat in 1971, but he netted a small fortune and quickly had Kemp line up a roster of famous investors for Health Tree, a chain of health-food stores he had started. They included NFL chief Pete Rozelle, ex-astronaut Alan Shepard, and Republican congressman Bob Wilson.

By 1979, Health Tree was bankrupt, but Graham was ready with his gold-making scheme. He set up Au Magnetics in a posh La Jolla business suite and with Kemp's endorsement began once again to line up gullible investors. In May 1985, with no gold forthcoming and investors in rebellion, he dropped out of sight and has yet to be found. Some suspect foul play.

- Matt Potter

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Cold Condos

By Craig D. Rose

The stunning 50 percent plunge in Phoenix's home prices has attracted national attention. By contrast, San Diego's

condominium market, which has seen values fall by 55 percent, has suffered in relative silence.

That may be the good news. "This feels like 1991 or 1992," said Gary London, a local real estate analyst. By 1992, London recalled, San Diego was already two years into a real estate downturn. But the market showed no signs of recovery until 1995,

To come back — if that ever happens — experts believe that the local market will have to navigate another surge in foreclosures, which could keep the condo market depressed at least through much of 2010.

he added.

Factor in an additional problem for condo sales: regional economist Alan Gin says the condo market now faces competition from the sale of detached homes, which have fallen to affordable levels, at least for those who've managed to keep their jobs.

Gin, a professor of eco-

nomics at the University of San Diego, said that for the condo market to rebound, the detached-housing market must first rebound. But detached homes are unlikely

did a year ago, he noted. Gin said if this pace continues for the balance of this year, jobs losses in this recession will exceed those suffered in the sharp 1990s downturn.

"It is encouraging that real estate sales are up, but for a recovery to occur you need job growth," he said.

Consider that the median price of a San Diego County condo peaked at \$400,000 in April 2005, dipped slightly, and then returned to that peak again in March and May of



Pete Cretu

to bounce back without improvement in the job market. Folks getting laid off, or fearing layoffs, won't buy houses.

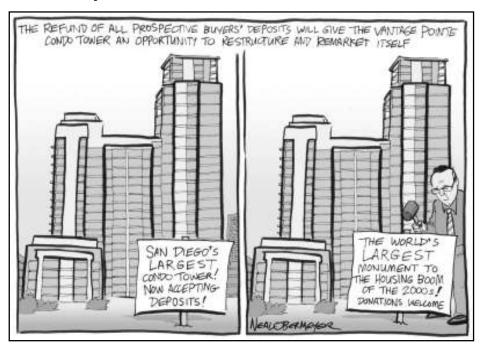
"The job market is disastrous," said Gin. Local payrolls had 44,000 fewer jobs in March of this year than they 2006, according to MDA DataQuick, which compiles real estate data.

By March of this year, the median condo price had plunged to \$180,000.

And this decline in prices has continued despite a slight

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Neal Obermeyer



The Voices Online

By Joe Deegan

n January, I began teaching two philosophy classes, one in the classroom and the other online. "The thing I don't like

about online classes," says one of my classroom students, "is that you can't see what's on other students' faces." So, I'm not the only one. In the classroom, my gaze finds facial expressions saying the following: scared, ridiculous, unbelievable, angry, agreed, hilarious, no way, what does that mean, and why would anyone say something like that? A face in the back right corner

Those moments are some of the most enjoyable experiences of the job.

Among my online-class participants, I am the only San Diego resident. Not that online teaching is rare in San Diego. A little checking reveals that at Mesa College, to take one local school, 84 out of nearly 200 fulltime instructors currently teach at least some of their classes online.



Blackboard, instructor's Control Panel

sible at the end of the week

online gig. Let me start right in on Blackboard, one of the most common software programs (I have an early version) that allow these far-flung communities of scholars to assemble. In the beginning, especially, Blackboard drove me nuts. It made me think I was doing anything but teaching, performing old-fashioned data entry, for instance. For each

so the class will move on to new topics. Opening and closing the lesson requires me to properly enter dates and hours of the day. Just when I think I've done it correctly, emails start arriving from students who say they can't get into the activity. What it likely means is that, of the five routines I was supposed to run through on my computer, say, I completed only four. So I visit each again to see which one I forgot.

I don't want my online adventures to reflect badly on a nicely designed class offered by a fine university in the Midwest. That's why I'm not naming the school. A little background is in order. After my application papers had rustled around a number of offices at the university in question, they turned up haphazardly in December on the distanceeducation director's desk. She had expected, starting this January, to offer a junior-level philosophy class that had run for several previous semesters. A popular teacher at the school had designed the course, and he taught it online and in the classroom simultaneously. I would later learn that he had taken on more school responsibilities for this term and gave up the class at the last minute. But suddenly, our distance-education director asked me to help out in the lurch. It was an opportunity to learn some-

An anxious question arose upon first opening a few of the windows on the

thing, so I agreed.

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STRINGERS

Mar Vista Lockdown

By Peter C. Salisbury, 5/10/09 Imperial Beach — Mar Vista High School in Imperial Beach was locked down shortly before dismissal time on Friday, May 8, while sheriff's deputies conducted a neighborhood search. Deputies sought two males, 17 to 18 years of age, who were suspects in a home burglary.

A neighbor in the 300 block of Elm Avenue near Third Street saw two teenage boys leaving her neighbor's house as she returned from the 7-Eleven. The boys waved at her. but, still suspicious, she asked her other neighbor what to do. The neighbor told her, "Call the sheriff. We have to look after each other."

Deputies responded to the area en masse, with an ASTREA helicopter overhead. The sergeant on the scene reported, "One got away and one didn't," then pointed to the backseat of a nearby cruiser. "We have one in custody, and we know who the other one is."



Deputies search Imperial Beach

The high school of approximately 2300 students was on lockdown for less than an hour, but parents responding to their children's cell-phone calls created a traffic jam in front of the school.

Pity

By Cindy Winslow, 5/10/09 **Bonita** — Visiting the San **Diego County Animal Shel**ter in Bonita last week, it became apparent that the

shelter is home to a disproportionately large number of pit bulls and pit-bull-mix dogs.



According to Daniel DeSousa of San Diego County Department of Animal Services, pit bulls are found loose more often than other breeds, and that may be because the public is more apt to report a loose pit bull than a loose golden retriever.

"Because pit bulls tend to have a reputation of being a 'tough dog,' they seem to be the breed of choice for gangbangers, bullies, drug dealers, and amateur dog fighters," says DeSousa. "If their dog were to be brought to the shelter, they are less apt to pay the necessary fees to claim their dog. They will simply get another one."

Nicole Edwards, the president of Even Chance, a nonprofit pit-bull advocacy group, says, "With all of the biased news coverage on pit pulls, the average public is scared of this breed. It is interesting that many other reports of dog bites or dangerous dogs are not reported when they are a more accepted breed."

That Had to Hurt, Champ

By Ben Cooper, 5/7/09 Downtown — A 911 call

on Monday, May 4, brought emergency teams and a fleet of San Diego **Fire-Rescue Department** vehicles to the Lyceum Theatre entrance of Horton Plaza.

According to SDFP bat-

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Hank Beaver

screams anonymity; another near the door anticipates outa-here; the eager one front and center says she'll ace the class.

And let's not forget student observations and humor. Comments from the gallery can sometimes turn on a new light and change the direction of the pedagogy. They can make everyone laugh uproariously too.

My new online students live 2000 miles away. As far as my spatial sense goes, they are anywhere or nowhere. They start out only as names on a list. But suddenly we are communicating — electronically.

And, no surprise, an old troglodyte is what I am. I taught classroom philosophy and religious studies for 25 years before this first

lesson to begin on Blackboard, I learned, the instructor has to activate it and end it at the right times.

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uptick in sales. Condo sales in the county totaled 888 units in March, the highest in three months. But that's well below the peak levels of more than 1800 units seen in April and June of 2004.

To take the sunny perspective suggested by those selling real estate, there's lots of room for recovery. In other words, things have tanked so badly in the condo market, it could be near a bottom, boosters suggest.

Nat Bosa of Bosa Development, which has developed many local condo projects and continues to seek buyers for recently completed units, argues that the recent uptick in sales volume is the first positive sign.

"As recently as six months ago, I would have said we were close to a depression, but I think we averted that," Bosa said. "We must be in our secCITY LIGHTS

ond or third year of low housebuilding activity. And a heck of a lot of kids have moved in with their parents. When are they going to say they want their own place?

"To be honest, I don't know when somebody who wants to buy a house for the first time had a better time to buy than right now."

Bosa said he's confident enough now about prospects for a revival that for the first time in more than two years, he's talking with architects about plans for new developments.

Clearly some buyers are concluding prices are near bottom. For others, condos have simply become affordable for the first time, and they're willing to venture into the market.

That describes Pete Cretu. a 35-year-old information technology analyst. Back in March, Cretu bought a 2-bedroom, 1.5-bathroom condo in the Alta project near Sixth Avenue and Market Street for \$455,000. He is quick to note that his condo is similar to units that sold in the same building just one year earlier

Cretu said he figured the cost had fallen sufficiently that it made sense for him to stop renting and buy his first home. Plus Cretu said he discovered he could take advantage of federal and state tax credits for first-time and newhome buyers that for him could total up to \$18,000.

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After putting down about 20 percent, Cretu said his mortgage, property taxes, and condo fees were running just a couple of hundred bucks above the rent he was paying for a one-bed, one-bath rental he had in University City. Perhaps most important, he doesn't worry about a further price decline.

"My thing is that I am never going to get the lowest price," said Cretu. "The unit has probably lost another 1 or 2 percent, but when you're getting close to what you paid for rent, it paid to buy."

But the risks of bottomfishing the region's dicey condo market became apparent for another professional who bought a downtown condo last year.

In that case, the mid-

for \$620,000.

career professional - who asked to not be named paid \$417,000 for a unit that had sold for \$595,000 just three years earlier. Seemed like a good deal at the time. But a larger unit in the same building with an additional parking space later sold for \$40,000 less.

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"And people tell me that extra parking place is worth at least \$20,000," said the professional.

Sherman Harmer, chairman of the Downtown Residential Marketing Alliance, said the city's core has fared somewhat better than other areas. So-called distressed sales of condos - foreclosures and short sales — have made up 6 or 7 percent of downtown sales, compared with levels that have exceeded 20 percent elsewhere, he said.

Harmer is also encouraged by the increased volume of sales downtown and what he anticipates will be a declining inventory of unsold units. Developers have trimmed inventory by pulling units off the market and renting them. In the 679-unit Vantage Pointe development, nearing completion at Tenth Avenue and A Street, for example, the developer plans to rent nearly 400 units, rather than offer them for sale in the depressed market. In addition, Vantage Pointe recently announced it was returning deposits to some 300 potential buyers because many were unable to satisfy a lender requirement for obtaining loans to close their deals. The requirement stipulated that 70 percent of the units had to be pre-sold in order to qualify for financing.

Harmer nonetheless predicts that unsold downtown inventory — which could reach roughly 1400 homes in the next few months — could shrink to what he characterized as a normal inventory of about 400 within ten months. That projection counts on maintaining current sales levels and no increase in foreclosure sales. And Harmer's projection could also be upset by a rise in prices that would

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stimulate developers to return rental units to the condo market for sale.

Louis Galuppo, director of residential real estate at the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego, isn't so sanguine. He said many lenders have held off on foreclosing until they could understand new programs proposed by the Obama administration to prevent foreclosures. But those programs will work for only a small number of distressed homeowners, Galuppo has concluded.

"We will see a high number of foreclosures over the next year," said Galuppo. Nonetheless, he added, "I think we are very close to the bottom for existing homes."

Pete Thistle, a broker with 92101 Urban Living, said there are currently many folks shopping for condo bargains. And CITY LIGHTS

with the dramatically lower prices, he said, "All of a sudden, San Diego is affordable."

But the questions keeping many from venturing into the market remain: Will the local housing market be even more affordable one year from now? And will I still be working next year? ■

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course home page. What will the students see? The same items I'm looking at? Or things designed only for them? My librarian friend Patti smiled knowingly and suggested that the students are not likely capable of using functions named Edit, Modify, Manage, or Remove. Nor did it seem likely that they could enter the Control Panel, where, among other things, grades are recorded and exams written or modified. "Otherwise, the students are seeCITY LIGHTS

ing the same things you are," said Patti.

When I entered Modify, I realized that I could change the course designer's written lectures, even delete them and write my own. As the course's opening day got closer, less than a month after my agreement to teach the class, I counted it a good idea not to reinvent the wheel. True, my predecessor's style is more prescriptive than I like to be. He tends to argue the superiority and inferiority of theories, principles, and other positions. All these views he explains thoroughly in written lectures. It's certainly a valid way to proceed, especially if a teacher feels obliged to guide young minds toward approved points of view. Since there are partisans of all the theories still teaching today, my approach has always been more noncommittal. I try to encourage students, after thinking it through, to make the decision about the inferior and superior for themselves. In one of

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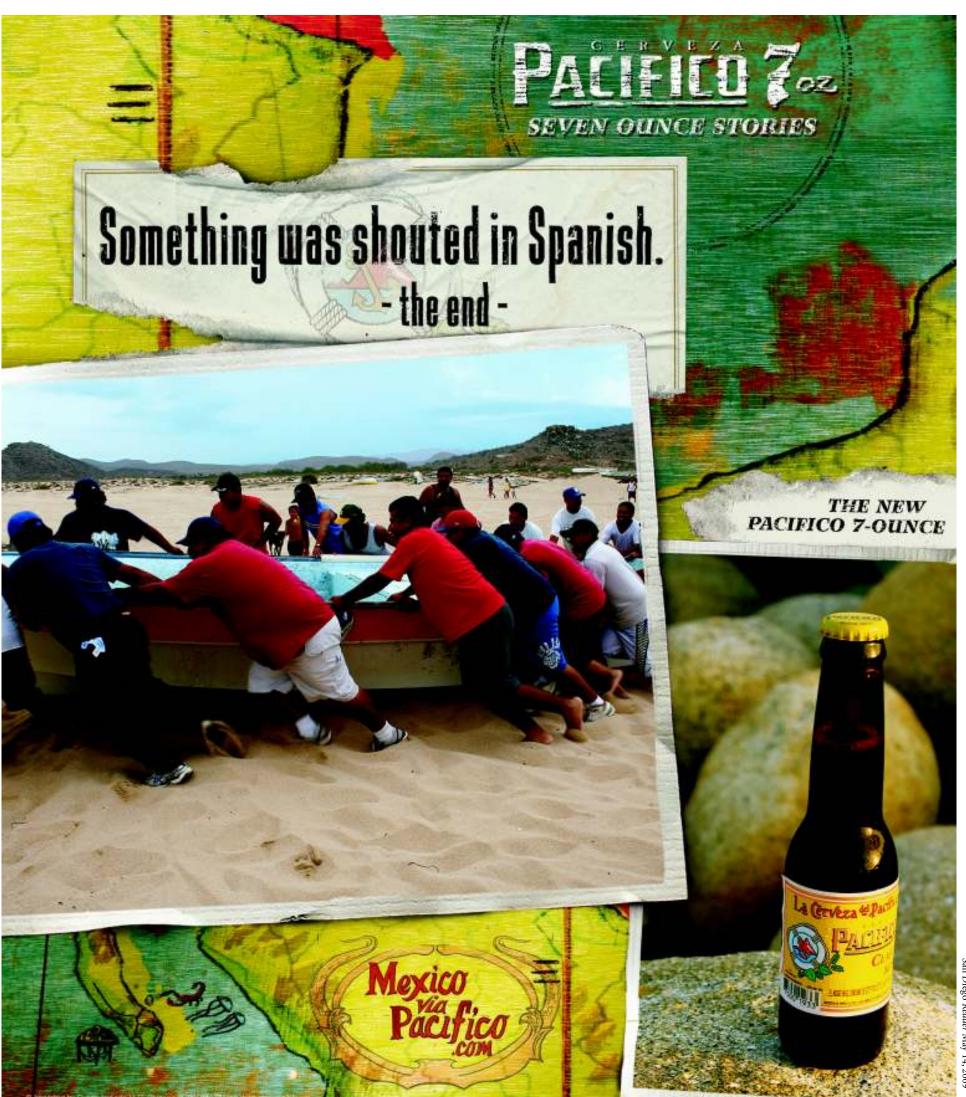
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talion chief Randy Ballard, an 18-month-old male who had been riding with his mother on a downescalator got his finger trapped and then crushed. **Ballard stated that several** firefighter-rescue personnel had to dismantle part of the escalator to free the child.

Firefighter-Paramedic Trevor Raymond, who participated in freeing the child from the escalator, stated, "When we arrived at the scene, we found a child with one of the fingers of his left hand stuck between the lower stair and the metal cover plate into which it feeds. We used a screwdriver to remove three screws and then a vise-grip to remove the cover plate, and we discovered that his finger had been forced through the forks at the edge of the cover plate.... We sent

him to the hospital with the cover plate still attached to his hand so that it could be removed there....

"He wasn't even crying, just whimpering a little.... I believe the only thing the firefighter-paramedics had to do before taking him to the hospital was give him an IV and some pain medication."

A representative of the Westfield Horton Plaza management office declined to fill in any of the details unknown to SDFP personnel but said, "This was an unfortunate incident."

Craning Attention

By Robert Duffy, 5/10/09

Downtown — A lone transient brought fear and terror to downtown San Diego on Sunday, May 3. The unnamed man, wearing blue jeans and a white Tshirt, climbed to the top of a crane on the construction site at 11th Avenue



Emergency crews at scene of crane incident

and B Street.

Onlookers gasped as he threw empty beer bottles to the pavement over 100 feet below. Shattered glass was strewn across the street.

Five police cars, fire trucks, and paramedics arrived on the scene about 15 minutes after the incident began. It became apparent that the man wasn't suicidal, as he slowly began descending, pausing only to regain his composure. Back on solid ground, the man was arrested but taken

away by ambulance.

Cold Bus Stop

By Sandi Mackenzie, 5/10/09 City Heights — At approximately 6:05 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, three San Diego police officers boarded the 15 bus at Interstate 15 on El Cajon Boulevard. Two officers boarded through the rear and motioned to two passengers. A man and woman stepped off the bus and one of the officers questioned them outside.

The other officer reentered the bus and

searched behind the seats and on the floor at the back of bus. It did not seem as though he found what he was looking for, as he disembarked emptyhanded.

The third police officer went through the front door and stopped to question an apparently blind man seated in the disabled section with a service dog at his feet. The officer asked him several times to step off the bus but received no response. Finally, the police officer asked the driver, "Do you know if he can hear?"

At that point, the officer indicated to everyone that someone at the last stop was accusing one of the passengers of taking something from them before boarding the bus.

Eventually, the man with the service dog acknowledged the policeman. The officer asked the man to step off the bus with him

to answer some questions. The two left the bus and, as the driver prepared to pull away from the curb, the officer could be heard asking the man if the wallet in his backpack belonged to him.

Mayberry Modernized

By Sheila Pell, 5/10/09

Coronado — Todd Shallan, president of the Coronado Chamber of Commerce and general manager of the Hotel Del, began a presentation to Coronado City Council on May 5 by saying, "Our economy is not going to get better anytime soon." He spoke of the need to jumpstart tourism.

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agency Carrier Johnson + Culture, then took over. "The reduction in visitors is especially hard on small businesses," he told the audience. The proposed marketing pitch for Coronado will be "Mayberry Modernized."

Some people at the meeting suggested that, despite the campaign's stated intent to support "small business," the promotional pie — specifically, the visitors such mar-



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keting would attract — might not be shared equally among businesses.

The campaign would allocate \$24,000 for print and \$36,000 for online advertising. Haack said ads would target San Diego's wealthier "staycationers" and "daytrippers."

Liz Forsyth-Lovell, who owns a Laundromat, called for a "cohesive approach," noting that there are now three groups promoting the town's businesses.

All Strangers at First

By Peter C. Salisbury, 5/7/09 Imperial Beach—I've been unemployed for ten months and have been able to provide for my family, but after filing my taxes and having to pay, I knew I could use a little help. Our local elementary school had a flyer posted offering "Free Food Friday April 24th...a collaborative effort between Mental Health Systems, Inc.-South County CITY LIGHTS

Center for Change and Feeding America San Diego."

I arrived 30 minutes before the posted start time and there were maybe 30 people in line, but the start time was delayed 90 minutes and the line grew to about 200 people.

I had hoped not to see anyone I knew, but I was soon joined in line by several parents from the local school. We smiled at each other but didn't talk. At first we were all strangers, quiet with hands in our pockets, but slowly a few began to talk. A spider on the wall elicited conversation about spider bites, then about kids, then about other places having food giveaways.

All sorts of people waited in line: an older couple, the man puffing what smelled like a cheap cigar and his wife, whose hair looked beauty-parlor fresh, were both sipping from Starbucks cups; young couples with babies in strollers; lots of grandparents in tow; the local homeless couple who hang out at the 99 cent store; others were doing laundry in the Laundromat next door.

When the food distribution began, the line moved quickly. Everyone was patient. Of the items I received, none of them was expected. My package contained two boxes of Orville Redenbacher's gourmet popping corn (best by date 08/09); cans of Cool Whip (dated 04/04/09); two cartons of Egg Beaters (dated 04/06/09); three snackpacks of Knudsen cottage cheese (dated 4/18/09); a gallon of orange juice (04/28/09); a ten-pack of Capri Sun drink pouches (best by 02/10); along with 11 bottles of a low-calorie electrolyte beverage.







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Voices online

the first Discussion Boards, a student has written in to comment on this approach. He doesn't understand how anyone can objectively teach something like ethics, for instance. He says he'd have to rely on his opinions all along the way.

"One thing I guarantee,"

Hank Beaver tells me by phone, "is that however you teach your online class, you'll do it differently the second time." Beaver, who is an

"instructional systems specialist" at Mesa College, is not totally sympathetic toward my having to learn Blackboard in a short time. He has heard of teachers suddenly being required to

design the course in that

time as well. "That's virtu-

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ally impossible," he says. But Beaver, who teaches Mesa's instructors how to use Blackboard and design online classes, does understand my current frustrations. I am still a klutz, for instance, in using Blackboard's Discussion Board. Every week, students must explain one technical term. answer one discussion question, and reply to another student's explanations. I see and can grade student responses to written questions but am still searching for the most effective way to inject my responses to the fits and starts of student conversations. In a classroom, it feels instantaneously obvious which way a conversation should develop to clarify concepts. Everyone else in the room can hear what both instructor and students are saying. But online, students can submit their assigned responses

and then log out. There is

no "meeting" time. Students

may submit their entries at any time during the week.

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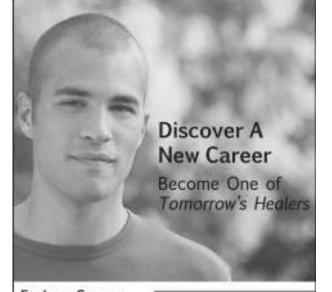
Experience says that the chance to teach particular concepts most successfully often occurs when students ask questions from the floor. Their questions reflect what many other students are thinking as well. So far, this is not happening. Sure, I can assign students to ask questions. But then they see the process as geared toward earning a grade. It's when the questions suddenly well up in students that they are most genuinely wondering about the material.

But Beaver tells me that once teachers learn all the ins and outs of Blackboard's Discussion Board, they can often engender better discussions than in classrooms. "There's not the shyness factor that often discourages students from participating," he says. "And with the computer, they have more time to think through what they want to say."

The designer of my course told me by phone to make sure I insist on the Discussion Board deadlines especially. Otherwise, he said, the work will back up and snowball on me. There will be students, he also observed, who by email try to talk you out of the deadlines (nothing new here). Then, as though on cue, a student emailed an appeal a week into the class that, as a working student, she needed sometimes to skip tasks and do them all at

Online classes are not for everyone, Beaver tells me, but they will continue to grow in popularity as colleges search for ways to make education available to populations that cannot or wish not to come to a campus. "But there's no danger of them eliminating the traditional classroom experience," he says. "There are different learning styles, and we are trying to deliver education in ways that accommodate them. Some people learn better by hearing, others by seeing. An approach





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that's becoming ever more popular is the hybrid class, which combines elements of the classroom and online approaches."

In the meantime, I'm still trying to coordinate all the bells and whistles with philosophical content. "Instructors used to worry," says Beaver, "whether online classes might be less rigorous than those in the classroom. It doesn't have to be that way. If a class is designed properly by a subject-area specialist, it can be just as rigorous. One thing, though, that's still a legitimate concern is cheating at the other end. There is even federal legislation now in development to deal with it. Solutions range from the use of fingerprints for logging into exams to setting up special proctoring rooms on campus." In my course, at least, exams are designed as "takehomes," which presuppose that students can use textbooks.

Now, as completion of

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this, my first online class, approaches, I'm so used to manipulating the Blackboard software that, even though there is still clumsiness, it doesn't bother me anymore. There has been so much electronic interaction with the students that each one seems to appear in pictures before me. There have been moments of personal disclosure. The students' work has been good.

An embarrassing question emerges. Would the students have learned the course material any better

day? A philosophy teacher I had years ago comes to mind. His idiosyncrasy was to pace back and forth before the class, all the while staring at the floor as he dredged up his lecture. He seemed to be trying to work out philosophical solutions on the spot. We undergraduates were enthralled that original thinking was unfolding before us. But the reasoning

was so abstruse that we could

not have explained much

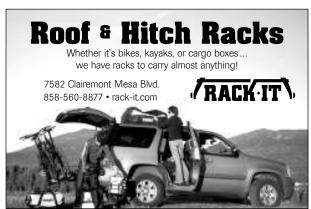
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The Big Shovel

Steve Aceti continues to B.S. the *Reader* ("Here Comes the Sandman," "City Lights," May 7). The *Reader* could do an interesting article on Aceti and CalCoast (taxpayer funded). I'd be happy to go on record about my experiences with CalCoast and CalCoast's board of directors (none of them would talk about CalCoast's budget or how it actually operates).

Here is a bit about my experience *tinyurl.com/da8bqr*. Name Withheld by Request

Half Right

Re "Aceti insisted that when he lobbies for beach restoration, he looks 'at the ecosystem and recreational benefits. I am not looking at the homeowners' " ("Here Comes the Sandman," "City Lights," May 7).

You've allowed Steve Aceti to lie to your readers by not checking up on his background. He represents Cal-Coast as a lobbyist. CalCoast is supported by blufftop property owners, not recreational users of beaches. There are public docs available to prove it.

Aceti has realized the public will not support destroying natural habitat with seawalls and fake beaches to protect a handful of millionaires and has begun to co-opt his opponents' message to confuse the issue. He was betting you and your readers won't check up on him and was at least half right.

Rob Rhyne via email

Craig D. Rose replies: The story identified Steve Aceti as a lobbyist. The California Coastal Coalition's membership includes more than 30 coastal cities, among which are San Diego, Del Mar, and Imperial Beach, as well as nongovernmental members.

Musical Confusion

In reading the "Blurt" section of the *Reader* (May 7), I noted a few factual errors in the second paragraph. The name of the company both Bob Taylor and Greg Deering worked at was the American Dream Musical Instrument MFG and was located in Lemon Grove. The American Dream was my brother Gene Radding's music store and was located near College Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard.

The Lemon Grove shop was started by Robert Morris, Lee Fulmer, and myself. Within two years, Robert Morris was gone and Lee was no longer an owner. Of the three people mentioned as owners in the article, only James Goodall had anything to do with the shop while I was an owner. In trade for one of his paintings, James spent about two weeks learning what he could about the guitar-building process.

It was a time when knowing how to make things and teaching that knowledge to others was important. I have always stressed the importance of a free flow of information and hands-on training in building musical instruments. I am very happy to see that both Bob and Greg still hold that close to their hearts.

Sam Radding Go Guitars

A Narrow Bit Of Sweden

Barbarella's friends, Urs and Gudrun, have a strange perception of Sweden. ("Diary of a Diva," May 7).

First, the milk-at-dinner thing: My grandparents came from Sweden. I never saw them drink milk with dinner. None of my Swedish friends drink milk at mealtime. When I'm in Sweden, I never see anyone except children or Americans drink milk with

dinner. What strange little restaurant do they frequent?

As for the "If you ask a question outside of the weather or something else that is very surface, they don't answer you" comment: I have had some of the most stimulating, informed conversations in Sweden, with friends and casual acquaintances alike. On any topic. And they quite often know more about American culture and politics than most Americans.

Perhaps Urs and Gudrun couldn't get much of a response because Swedes have little tolerance for people who are snorkiga (snooty, uppity). They live in a little, out-of-the-way town. You can't judge an entire country and its inhabitants by what you see in one small area of that country. Is all of America like Barstow? Or Encino? Perhaps it's more a matter of a narrow outlook rather than what one actually encounters.

> Paul Johnson via email

The Vinegar Attack

Re "Grass Be Gone!" ("Stringers," May 7). Believe it or not, vinegar works just as well as or better than Roundup (which I have used for years), and vinegar is environmentally friendly. I saw this suggested the other day and used it on some weeds. They were totally dead by the end of the day — amazing and cheap! Get a sprayer and get to work!

Cynthia Jensen via email

Turtles And The Narcissist

Re"Searching for San Diego's Sea Turtles...and a Job" (Cover Story, April 30), I have to agree with this week's letter-writer Neil Allen of Talmadge (May 7) who takes author Nasreen Atassi to task for her narcissistic story of job hunting (and sea turtles).

Now, what searching for yet another job for Nasreen to quit and sea turtles have in common is beyond me. As someone who is unemployed, I found her insensitivity in this time of dire need and economic turmoil astounding!

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STRAIGHT_{FROM THE} HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

I was on a walk the other day and it suddenly occurred to me that birds are very loud. I mean. considering how small they are. How can some-

thing so small make so much noise? We've had mockingbirds singing outside our house at midnight and the noise is deafening. What's going on? - Bird Brained,

San Diego Yeah, don't you just want to sling your clock at those birds? Whadda racket. Too bad when a male mocker picks your nabe as his territory and marks it sonically. And a mocker is what - eight,

nine inches long? Little gray

thing. Smaller than one of those stupid purse dogs but twice as loud. Even louder than the neighbors when they have those big Saturdaynight fights. So, how do they do it? Not the way we do, or even the way doggies do it.

We make noise by forcing air from our lungs through two fixed vocal folds high in our throats. The vibration makes the sound; the air quantity and pressure makes the volume. (Dogs, sort of the same.) But birds need to communicate over distances and through foliage. Most of them need to be loud from time to time. Songbirds have what's called a syrinx deep in their chests. This structure contains cartilage with supporting membranes and muscles that vibrate and make sound waves. The syrinx is also very close to a bird's lungs, close to the air source, and can act like a resonating chamber. The amount of air pressure coming from the lungs helps determine volume and pitch. So do all the muscles and bones. Add to that the fact that each side of the syrinx can operate independently and you have a pretty complex sound-making machine.

But the biggest trick birds use to guarantee they'll be heard is to choose the time and place of the vocalization carefully. The loudest singing we usually hear from songbirds comes during spring, and it comes from males claiming territory and attracting females. To make sure he gets lucky, a male songbird frequently chooses to sing from the highest perch he can find. A treetop, a telephone pole. No leaves or grasses or other things to absorb sound. If a bird is stuck in a green environment, it will not only sing out loud but adapt its song to its surroundings. So, maybe you can

figure why Mr. Mockingbird chooses 3 a.m. atop a tree in your yard to make his announcement. It sounds extra loud because there are no competing sounds. I'm sure that doesn't make you feel any better. Just hope he catches a mate fast so he'll shut up fairly soon.

> I was thinking of giving my front lawn that "ball park" look. You know, the checkerboard crisscross patterns we see at the major league baseball parks. How can I get that effect in my grass without having to hire pro-

> > Hey, once we're through here, plant some hay seeds and you can make your own

fessional landscapers?

Jeff, via e-mail

front-lawn crop circles if checkerboards get too boring. The official name of this game is lawn striping, and it's a game of light. To play the game, you need any kind of mower with a roller behind the cutting blades. The roller bends the blades over — the key to a top-notch baseball front lawn.

Mow one wide stripe working, say, north to south multiple times, then mow the next wide stripe from south to north. Repeat until you've run out of lawn. The cross bands, natch, go east to west, then west to east. You gotcha a checkerboard. So, now you're standing on your driveway viewing your handiwork and hoping one of the neighbors comes by. The grass bending away from you appears lighter green (larger reflective surface). With grass bending toward you, you'll just see a bit of light reflected from the grass tips and then the shadow under the blade, so it's a darker green. Where they cross over one another, it's in the middle. Unfortunately, the usual Southern California grass, like Bermuda, is very stiff and hard to bend. Keeping the grass between two and three inches long and shooting a strong stream of water in the direction of the bend might help.

Obviously, all this takes a lot of planning and charting and figuring out how to mow a checkerboard around a tree or those garden gnomes. Luckily, there's a book for all you amateur lawn stripers with a dream. It's written by a top pro, David Mellor, head groundskeeper for the Red Sox: Picture Perfect: Mowing Techniques for Lawns, Landscapes, and Sports. Riding and push mowers with built-in rollers made for lawn striping are for sale in garden shops.

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-EVE KELLY

This time of year, hordes of flies visit our 1930s-built home. One would think we were in farm country the way the flying pests invade. The real culprit for the invasion is our lack of screens. The last homeowner seemed to deem them unnecessary, but the Kelly family is beginning to think otherwise.

"Time to get a mobile screen guy out here," moaned hubby Patrick as he herded a fly out the open window. "Within a couple of weeks we will be inundated with them," he added.

"I can make a screen for pretty much any operating window," explained David, owner of Screens on Wheels (858-271-7579,858-231-7579). "I can make or repair window screens for aluminum sliding windows, for the old single-hung windows that go up and down, for sliding-glass-door screens or entry doors. I can do all of that from what is in my truck."

About sliding-glass doors... "Every slidingglass door is a different dimension. Every manufacturer makes them different sizes, so there is no continuity of size. We sort of have a niche: we come out, measure them, make them, put them in, and drive away."

What material are the frames made of?

"Everything I deal with — the window frames and the door-screen frames — are made of aluminum. There is vinyl available for marine areas, but it is kind of a custom-order situation. But 99 percent of window screens these days are made from aluminum

The screen itself "is either black or gray fiberglass."

How long should screens last?

"Well, it depends on a couple of things. The marine environment in La Jolla is certainly harder on aluminum frames than, say, Spring Valley. And with regards to the fiberglass cloth that goes in them, it will last about 12 to 15 years, without cats or kids working at it. The sun degrades it eventually, and it fades. Even birds pick out little bits to make nests with it. The aluminum frame, you may be able to get another 10 years out of that, [then] just rescreen it."

There are other types of screening available, says David. "Pet screen, which is approximately six or seven times stronger than regular screen, and about three times the expense, is also available, and sometimes the expense is worth it. I have had people call me repeat-

"It will last about 12 to 15 years, without cats or kids working at it."

edly because the same dog tears the same hole in the same screen....

"Sun-proof screen is also available and in a variety of colors. That is a thicker product because it attempts to keep the sun out, but you'll also get less air and less light penetration. It will darken a room or cut down on the air circulation."

> David says he can build six new window frames and screens in an hour and rescreen six to seven screens in an hour. He charges a \$75 minimum. To rescreen a patio door, it runs between \$42.50 and \$47.50. To make a whole new frame and screen from a kit, the cost runs between \$139.50 and \$149.50 for an eightfoot-tall door.

Prudy Martin, office manager at ScreenMobile (619-280-2280, 760-751-1138, 858-759-0920) filled me in on her company's screening work. "We will make new frames and screens or rescreen any window screen, even casement windows or standard windows. The frames have fiberglass screening, and then, depending on the width that's needed for the window, we have the aluminum frames that we make onsite. And we use aluminum corners — we don't use plastic corners. Our

> frames have baked-on color coating for oxidation and a baked-on coating for color."

For screens, "We have fiberglass, pet screen, and sun screen. The pet screen is a fiberglass also, but it is a warrantied screen for animals. With the sun screen, you can get an 80 and a 90 percent block."

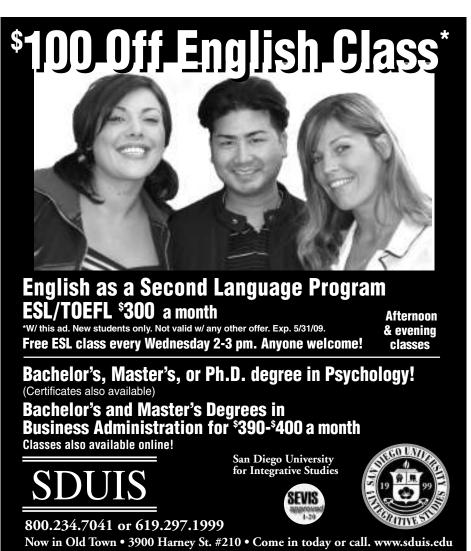
For colors, "We have charcoal and gray for the screens, and for the frames: brown, black, gray, or white. You can powder coat also. Some of the custom homes ask for powder coating so they can have a green or a

And the price?

"It's \$36 for a frame and screen, plus tax, for any size window. And it is \$26 for a rescreen. There are some extra costs for plunge latches or iiffy clips — the different mechanisms to hold some of the older screens in. The price for a door to be rescreened runs \$48."

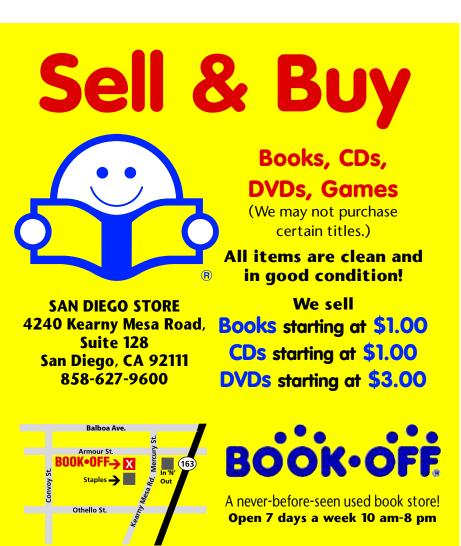
For a typical house "that has 10 to 15 windows and a patio slider or two, it will take a half a day to do the screens."

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by Barbarella

Youth is a disease from which we all recover.

— Dorothy Fulheim

hat's the third billboard for 17 Again that we've passed in as many blocks. I forgot how thick they lay it on here," I said.

David shuffled the papers in his hand. "You're going to want to turn soon. The entrance should be right after we pass over the freeway," he said without looking up.

"Okay, thanks. But you know what I mean? We've been on Sunset this whole time, and it seems like all the ads are for the same movie. Is it really necessary to have the same billboard on every corner? Are they worried we might have missed the first two? Maybe it's that whole repetitive thing," I continued, even though I was pretty sure David wasn't listening. "I read somewhere that redundancy works in advertising — it's not a mistake when you see the same commercial played twice in a row. No need to point, beh-beh, I see it." David lowered

> his arm as I pulled into the driveway to our hotel.

Usually, when we visit Los Angeles, we stay at the Avalon in Beverly Hills. This time, David had found a place called the Luxe, located at the base of the Getty Museum, which was even closer to the Kopeikin Gallery, at which David's new photographs were on exhibit.

As we were checking in, the porter behind the counter asked where we were from. "San Diego," I

said.

No Do-Overs

"Really? Me too," he said. A few questions and answers later, we learned we'd both attended Bonita Vista High. Because the natural progression of two people having established a commonality in hometown and high school is to then ascertain by how many degrees they are separated, the porter must have anticipated my next question, and he jumped to squelch it. His words, like a wet blanket, extinguished my enthusiasm: "We probably don't know any of the same people. I was there way after you."

I didn't know what to say. The kid rushed to explain himself...something about how it's not that he thought I was old so much as he was "just a baby." I allowed him to gush and backpedal, even though I was more amazed than bothered. "That was before my time" is usually my line. My friends have always been older, and my husband was in high school when I was

born. I'd automatically assumed this kid was within five years of my age, but the next thing I knew, he was talking about one of his teachers who turned out to be a guy in my class. To think of that classmate — who I remembered as a scrawny dude with peach fuzz — as a teacher...it boggled the mind and begged the question "When did we grow up?"

While David was shaving, I opened my laptop on the bed in our room and watched the trailer for 17 Again. The movie is about a 37-year-old (Matthew Perry) who is unhappy with his life and is magically given the opportunity to be his younger self (played by Zac Efron apparently one must suspend a good deal of disbelief before the lights go out in the theater).

"God, that sounds like a nightmare," I said.

David turned off the water and poked his head out of the bathroom. He used a towel to wipe a dollop of white foam from his clean-shaven crown. "Were you talking

"You know, when I was fresh out of high school, I did a lot of stupid things," I said. "As soon as I turned 18 I drove up to L.A. to acquire my obligatory 'I just turned 18' tramp stamp. That wasn't so crazy, but the way I handled it was way different than I would now. I just walked into a shop on Hollywood Boulevard and made an impulsive selection, something right out of the book. But now — how long has it taken me to decide on a design for the new tattoo I want to get? A year?"

"Are you saying you regret getting the

first one?" David asked. "That if you had a chance to go back and do it over, you might do things differently?"

"No," I said. "My point is, I wouldn't want to go back. I like the fact that I did all that crazy shit, stuff I'm way too sensible to do now. I'm lucky to have escaped my adolescence unscathed. Because of my lack of sensibility, I had a ridiculous amount of fun. But that doesn't mean I want to relive it. Being a teenager sucks. Why would anyone want to go back to that?"

"The people who want do-overs are the ones who aren't happy with their lives now," David said. He picked up a cobaltblue shirt from beside me and stood before the mirrored closet doors to watch himself button it. "People might regret having made decisions that sent them down an undesirable path."

You know, my dad always tells people, 'May the rest of your life be the best of your life.' It's easy to analyze the past, and worrying about the future is natural. It's much more difficult to appreciate the pres-

I retrieved my makeup bag and went to stand beside David. "Those billboards must work — I went online to watch the trailer," I said in the measured tone of one who is applying liquid eyeliner. "Looks like a cute but formulaic flick. We can wait to Netflix it." I turned my head to examine the evenness of my application — left, then right, then left again. I painted my lips red, blotted them on a tissue, and turned to face David directly. "Do you have any regrets?"

"Only the one," David said.

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"The list?" I asked. David nodded, and I smiled. He was referring to the scrap of paper from the day we got married, the one on which I'd scribbled a list of tasks to be accomplished that day. On three separate lines, I'd written, respectively, "Pick up dry cleaning," "Get married," and "Go to Ralphs." It was a Wednesday, and we accomplished our tasks in the order I'd written them. David's regret was not having kept that scrap of paper, which had been tossed in the trash along with the receipt from the supermarket.

"You?" he asked me. "Do you have any regrets?"

"I'm pretty happy with my life." I collected my purse and headed for the door. David grabbed the room key and followed me into the hallway. "So, no, beh-beh, I have no regrets." When we made it to the staircase, I stopped for a moment to adjust the strap on one of my stilettos. I reached out and clasped hands with David. "It's like you said," I continued as we began descending to the lobby, "do-overs are for people who don't like where their choices have led them."

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Crasher

FOWL PLAY IN FALLBROOK

by Josh Board

there are lots of local film festivals, but Fallbrook's is my favorite. This year's second annual started on Thursday, April 23, but it wasn't until Saturday afternoon that my girlfriend and I made it.

We walked down Main Avenue and loved all the little shops and bakeries. It reminded me of Julian and made me wonder why so many people travel there and never bother with Fallbrook.

We stopped at a restaurant called the Lace Apron and had a delicious lunch before heading to the Mission Theatre to see some films.

We were just in time to watch a documentary called *Surfing 50*States. It was about two surfers from Australia who wanted to travel to each state and surf. They had to get creative. In Idaho, they took their surfboards down a mountain of potatoes. In Nebraska, they had tractors pull them through cornfields.

The surfers were able to score sponsorship from Hurley, which basically meant the surf-apparel company provided a vehicle — an old ice cream truck that kept breaking down. They were on the hook for all the repairs, which included two new engines. The repairs also made it tough to exe-





Left: The author and actor Fred Willard; Right: Fallbrook Film Factory co-founder

Donna (right) and filmmaker Dean (middle)

cute the film's concept, which was to surf 50 states in 50 days.

The next movie was called Fowl Play. It dealt with animal cruelty in the egg industry. We decided to pass on that one.

We were surprised to see one of the surfers from the movie in the lobby. Because a few of the surfboards got thrashed going

"Hey...I came here because there's free food."

down stairs, I asked how many boards they had. I was surprised they were able to put around ten of them in their vehicle, which was stuffed with other things.

He said most of the surfers they encountered were nice, but a few of the hardcores sent nasty emails.

An award was given to Dick Ziker, a Hollywood stuntman who has done films such as Lethal Weapon, Herbie, Disturbia, Clear and Present Danger, and Smokey and the Bandit.

When clips were shown of all his movies, I leaned into my girlfriend and said, "If it wasn't for Steven Seagal, this guy might not have a career."

I talked with Ziker as we walked to the reception. I first said, "I notice you have a limp. Is that from your years of stunt work?" He replied, "I don't have a limp!" His wife laughed and said, "Yeah, he does." He smiled and said, "My knees are bone on bone."

I asked what other injuries

he's had. The list included breaking his back twice, broken ribs and other bones. He once had his eye pop out. I didn't know if it would be bad etiquette to ask how they put your eyeball back in without damaging it.

I told Ziker I read a book on Hollywood that said stuntmen never complain of injuries because then it's hard for them to get work, which he confirmed.

I asked, "How well does Hollywood portray stuntmen? I remember as a kid watching the movie Hooper, and..."

He interrupted to say, "I was in that! I was the first stuntman that used computers!"

Ziker talked a little about Burt Reynolds, and we eventually talked about Kurt Russell's performance in the last Tarantino film.

My girlfriend asked, "Were you one of those kids that was always doing crazy stuff?"

He said, "Not really. Well, in high school... I grew up in Wyoming, and we didn't have TV. I had to create my own fun."

When she mentioned Jackass, he said he thought those guys were jackasses. He said, "Stuntmen feel the same way about Evel Knievel, too."

I grabbed a glass of wine, which was provided by Thornton Winery. I only remember that because they were there last year, when I swiped a few of their wine glasses.

I got some Mexican food from La Caseta, one of the restaurants serving up grub.

I saw the surfer again. He had a big smile on his face, taking it all in. Since nobody was talking to him, we went up and asked a few more questions about the movie. He told us his latest picture involved teaching Mexican orphans how to surf.

I overheard a few filmmakers talking about technical stuff such as camera angles and lighting.

I was anxious to speak with actor Fred Willard. At first, he wasn't too swamped by people. When he was given an award, he mentioned the stuntman and how much hard work they do. I overheard someone say to Ziker, "We're pleased you're here." To which he responded, "With some of the things I did...I'm pleased to be here."

I asked Willard a few questions about working with Martin Mull on the show *Fernwood 2 Night*. He thanked me when I mentioned how underrated it was.

I told him my parents' favorite character was his announcer role in Best in Show. He said, "Oh, that's sweet of them. Tell them thank you." I asked if he had a favorite





character. He said, "Yeah. The one I did in *A Mighty* Wind."

There was silence for a few seconds. I then said, "I saw that. I just can't remember your character." He said, "I had that really weird hair." Again, more silence. I then remembered and said, "Oh...you kept saying, 'Wha' happened?' Yeah, that was funny. I didn't care for the movie much, though."

He kind of frowned at that point. I said, "You and Ed Begley were the only funny things about it. The songs were kind of catchy, but..."

I wanted to excuse myself and grab another drink.

Luckily, someone came up and asked for a photo with him.

I heard Willard joke with the crowd, "Hey...I came here because there's free food." He told a joke that he said came from Robert Forster about doing a play only because they were serving soup in the

second act.

An hour later, Willard was autographing a volunteer's T-shirt. Willard's wife was asking if they could leave because she was tired of standing. He was swamped by people who wanted autographs and photos.

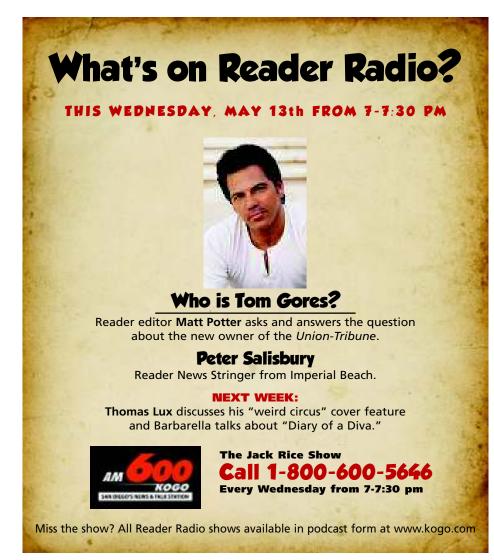
Somebody asked him how many movies he's done, and he said, "People sometimes tell me they loved me in something, and I say, 'I've never been in that.' I forget that I had some really small part. There are just so many movies, I can't even remember them all."

I told him he has a look that someone might recognize but not be able to place. I asked who he's been mistaken for. He looked up and said, "A few times I've been mistaken for that guy on WKRP in Cincinnati: Frank Bonner."

I wondered what ever happened to Bonner, the actor who played salesman Herb Tarlek. I guessed he was somewhere else that was providing free food. ■

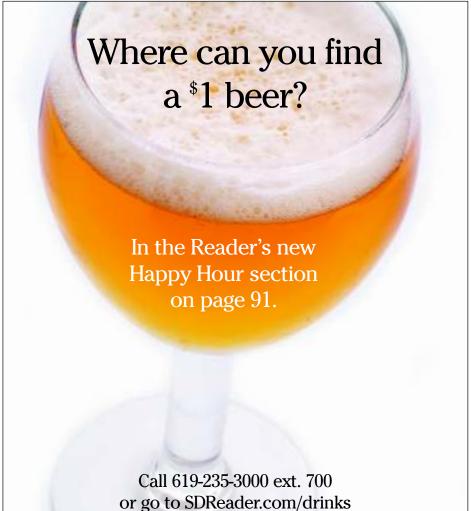
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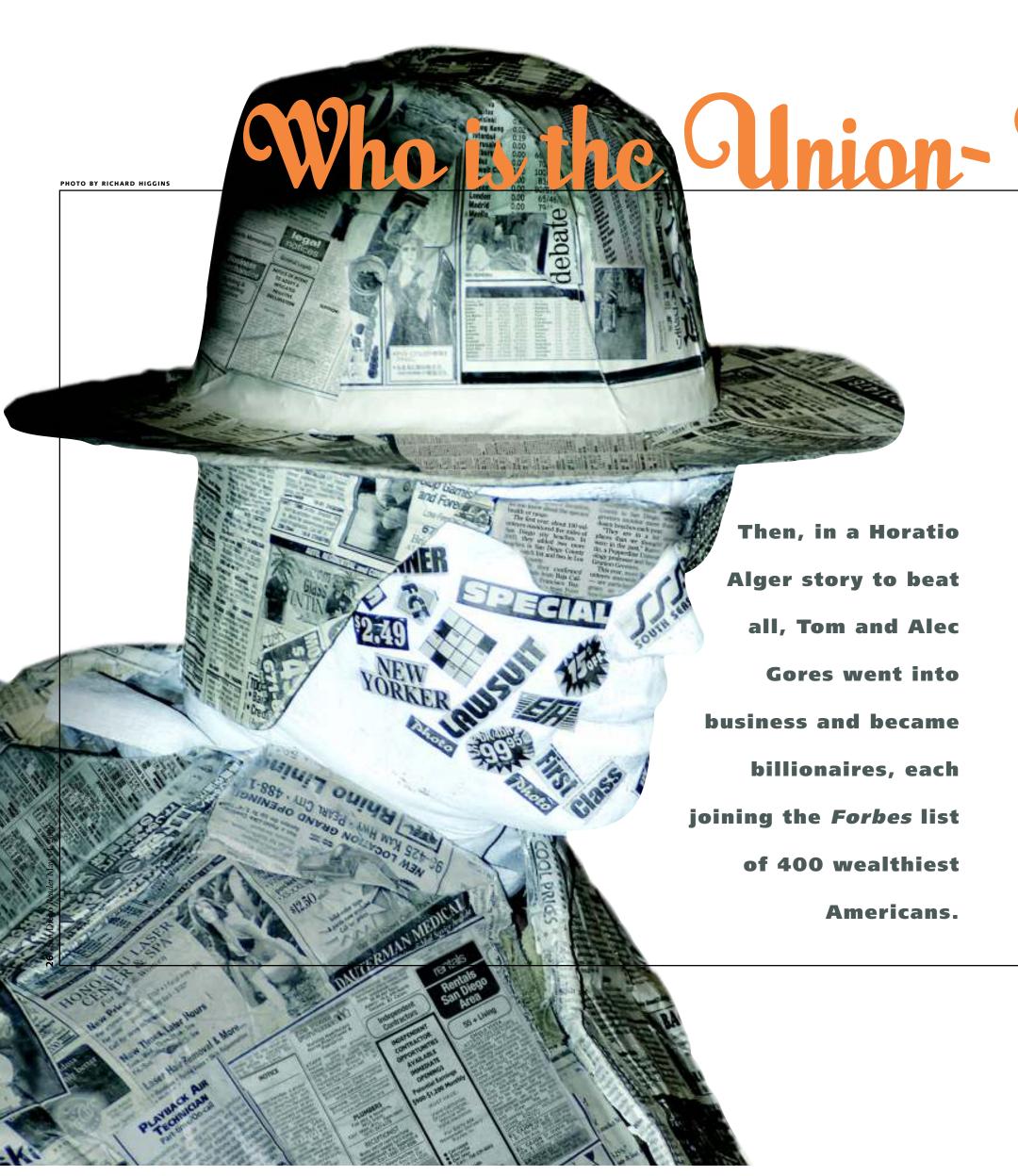








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Tribune's new owner?

lmost 60 years ago, Tom Joubran immigrated to the United States from the town of Nazareth, once part of Palestine, and began a new life in the suburbs of Flint, Michigan. A Maronite Christian, he fled his home, the *Flint Journal* would later recount, after being kidnapped and held for several days by marauding Jews, who then traded him and 5 other Arabs for the freedom of 15 Jews.

"It was 1947," Joubran recalled in a telephone interview last week from his home near Flint. "They just kidnapped me, and they put me underground and asked me questions about whether I was shooting, and I said, 'No, I'm a peaceful man.'

"I worked for a Jewish guy, an Iraqi Jewish guy. He told them to stop it, don't take me away, but at that time there was no Israel — it was under the British government — and they kidnapped me, and they kidnapped 6 of us, actually. The Palestinians kidnapped 15 Jews, and we were exchanged for them, then they let us go.



Tom JoubranUncle and mentor to brothers Tom, Alec, and Sam Gores.



Hala Gores
Cousin to Tom Gores,
this Portland lawyer is
an outspoken advocate
of the Palestinian cause.



Tom GoresForty-four-year-old billionaire head of Platinum Equity, a Beverly Hills-based buyout firm that is the new owner of the *Union-Tribune*.



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Alec and Sam Gores

Alec, on left, is a billionaire brother to Tom Gores. He divorced his wife Lisa after her 2000 affair with Tom.

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"I came to the United States in 1950. I had my name in the American embassy for 13 years to come to America," Joubran said. "I kissed the ground in New York when I arrived."

Joubran, now 84 years old, has led a prosperous, if controversial life. He has witnessed others in his family achieve success American style, often with his help. His nephew Tewfiq Gores, now known as Tom, is a billionaire who runs Platinum Equities, the partnership that has bought the San Diego *Union-Tribune* from the Copley Press, a San Diego institution for over 80 years.

The purchase has

caused many to wonder what the new owners will do with the oncemighty, now down-atthe-heels newspaper, the nation's 25th largest by circulation. Will Gores (pronounced GOR-is) invest the millions of load the company with debt, strip its substantial Mission Valley real estate assets, and eventually shut it down?

And if he keeps the *U-T* alive, will Gores change the paper's mainstream Republican edi-

Gores has maintained a low public profile as he accumulated his wealth.

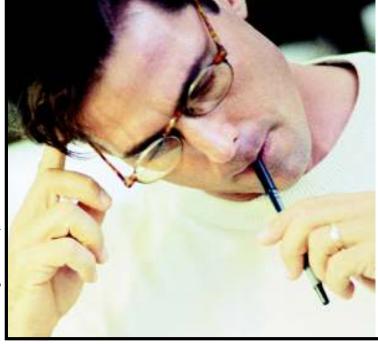
dollars many observers believe are necessary to revive circulation and advertising revenue, currently in a seeming death spiral?

Or will he fire most of the *U-T* employees,

torial slant regarding Middle East policy, as exemplified by an editorial the paper ran on December 30 of last year? Israeli air strikes against the Palestinians in Gaza represented "A justified attack," the *U-T* opined. "It's worth remembering, too, that Hamas, not Israel, broke a negotiated six-month cease-fire by lobbing rockets into Israeli towns in order to provoke retaliation, thereby helping its cause in the international arena and in Gaza."

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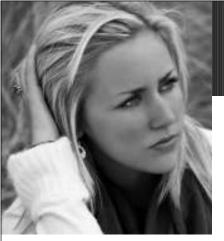
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334 on its March 2009 billionaires list, Gores, 44 years old and a resident of Beverly Hills, has maintained a low public profile as he accumulated his wealth. Little is known about his personal views and history.

In a March 19 story announcing its takeover by Platinum Equity, the *Union-Tribune* reported that Gores had "immigrated to America with his Greek family when he was 5 and eventually became a U.S. citizen." But there is more to the story of Tom Gores and his large, extended family.

He was mentored through childhood, adolescence, and college by Tom Joubran, who became a grocer after arriving in this county and battled years of ethnic bias and criminal charges that he attributes to jealousy and discrimination because he came from the Middle East.

It was Joubran who sponsored the 1969 immigration of the Gores family, including his sister Marie, from Nazareth to Flint, where many members of the Joubran family live.

"I'm so glad I brought them in here," Joubran said last week. "I provided them a house to live. They worked for me, and I paid them money."

Tom Gores "was the carry-out boy in my grocery store and was in the produce department," Joubran told the Flint Journal in 2007. "The apron he wore was bigger than him. He was very small for his age.... But look at him today. I'm so proud of him and all of his brothers and sisters. They were all dynamic kids. I knew they were going to be something from the day they came in."

Dan Shriner, a former reporter for the Flint Journal, recalls that photos of the Gores brothers lined the walls of Joubran's office. including one of Tom's older brother Alec standing with Bill and Hillary Clinton. Joubran spoke with pride of how he had mentored the brothers in the promised land of America.

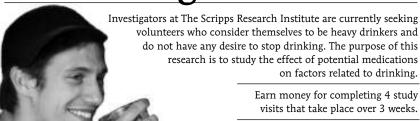
"I do know that he's extremely proud of them," says Shriner. "They're in touch often. They really stay in touch. I don't know about what, but they are in touch with great regularity."

For some in the family who immigrated from Nazareth to America to begin a new life free of the ethnic and religious strife in perpetually war-torn Israel, memories of life under Israeli rule are hard to erase.

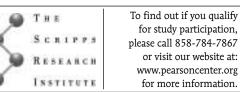
Tom Gores's cousin, Hala Gores, came to the United States in the 1970s when she was ten years old. She later recounted that she had been stripped searched before being allowed to leave Israel.

"[An Israeli official] took off my top. I helped to take off my pants and didn't really say much of anything. And she had me turn around. She felt my legs; my behind. So there I was as a ten-yearold, in this little room, just about completely naked, and knew that I could not challenge what

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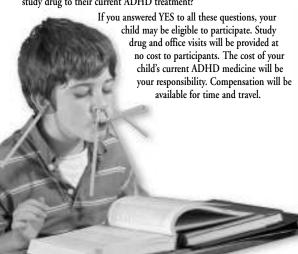
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was happening and I just complied. It just feels, sitting here as an adult, that as a child I really shouldn't have had to go through that."

Now an attorney who lives and practices in Portland, Oregon, she is an outspoken advocate of the Palestinian cause. She belongs to the Portland-based Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights and is president of the Arab American Cultural Center of Oregon.

In January of this year, Hala Gores helped lead a demonstration in downtown Portland against Israel's occupation of Gaza. "Our Palestinian brothers and sisters in Gaza are crying for the world to demand

an end to the massacre and an end to Israel's war crimes," she said in a news release posted on the Palestinian Human Rights website prior to the event. "Our flags and our signs will send the message that all Palestinians are under attack; we are calling on Oregon's Senators and Congressmen to demand an immediate end to the bloodshed."

"In the past nineteen days, Israel's military has killed more than 1,033 Palestinians, including 335 children, and injured more than 4,850," she added. "Many of the dead are still under the rubble of schools, mosques, markets, police stations, and apartments."

Gores has been a fierce critic of American mainstream newspapers for what she views as their pro-Israeli bias. In March 2005, Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights released a lengthy study of the way the Portland Oregonian had covered the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "Overall, our analysis of The Oregonian headlines demonstrates a significant inaccuracy in the reporting of Palestinian versus Israeli deaths," it concluded.

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headlines have portrayed the conflict in a way that minimizes the difference. Readers were given the impression that the Israeli death toll was greater than it was and the Palestinian death toll was considerably smaller than its reality."

In a July 2007 interview with Willamette Week, Portland's alternative newspaper, Hala Gores discussed possible reasons for the bias. "The Israeli lobby has been written up as the most powerful lobby in Washington, D.C. And there are certain newspapers, when they report a more balanced view of Israel, there is tremendous pressure put on them, financial and political, to stop that kind of reporting," she

Asked by the paper whether she ascribed the problem of media bias against the Palestinians to "Jewish media ownership," Gores replied, "I am always really nervous to talk to anybody about news ownership by any religious group. To prevent us from talking about the truth, all one has to do is label one an anti-Semite and the discussion stops there. I'm not saying that [Jewish media ownership] exists or doesn't exist. The focus is on why the news media tends to focus on one side of this conflict."

Although she is clearly proud of her cousin Tom's purchase of the *Union-Tribune*, Gores is cautious when discussing him. She declined to talk about whether he shares her views on the situation in Israel or has ever given money to support her pro-Palestinian activities.

"I am not a representative of the family," she begins when recently reached by telephone at her Portland law office. "I don't get involved in discussing Tom's personal life with newspapers. I'm not authorized to, I'm not asked to. I don't step into that role."

She adds, "I can say he's been absolutely amazing with respect to close family members as well as distant family members. He's just a tremendous human being. I can tell you that Tom as an individual, in his relationship with everyone around him, he has a heart of gold. Tremendous. Whenever he hears about anyone needing any assistance, I've never heard him say no to anything to anybody. He's just the most decent human being I know."

By many accounts the Joubran and Gores families have always looked out for one another, through hard times as well as good. Tom Joubran's immigration to the United States was sponsored by his uncle, Tom Mansour, another Nazareth native, in whose Flint-area grocery store Joubran labored before opening his own business, Tom's Supermarket, in 1957, the Flint Journal has recounted.

"Tom [Joubran] was kind of the trailblazer for the family," recalls his nephew Brian Joubran in a recent telephone interview. "He became very successful in Michigan, and he is a very family-oriented person. He helped out the family a lot in Michigan, which

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In 2002, the two Gores brothers, by then living in California, gave \$250,000 to their alma mater, Genesee High, to replace the old cinder track with one surfaced with asphalt and rubber. The contribution was recognized with a plaque honoring Tom Joubran and his wife Julia on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

"The thing about Mr. Joubran is that he's basically brought so many of his relatives and family members here," notes Shriner, the former Flint Journal reporter who covered Joubran and his run-ins with the law during the 1980s and 1990s. "Just dozens and dozens of people

he's brought here over the years.

"He's been an interesting character for a long time, I'll give him that," Shriner continues. "He came here, had like \$25 to his name, couldn't speak a word of English, did the immigrant thing — worked hard and eventually bought his own grocery store and kind of grew things from there.

"He's owned several bars, but the big one that everybody remembers him for was the Mikatam," says Shriner. "It was named after his son Michael, his daughter Kathy, and his voungest daughter Tammy: Mi-Ka-Tam.

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But there is another side of Tom Joubran.

He has endured decades of controversy: In 1980, during testimony before a United States Senate subcommittee, the executive director of the Saginaw Valley Crime Commission listed him as a "person of interest," purportedly involved in "organized criminal activities" in the Flint, Michigan area.

Further evidence of Joubran's notoriety is found in a lawsuit that two teenagers in his extended family filed in January 2000 in Flint federal court against Damon McCord, their tenth-grade teacher, and the Kearsley Community School District. Jamil Joseph Joubran and Ryan James Anderson charged that McCord, their English teacher at Kearsley High, had made

"false, disparaging and/or defamatory comments" about their great-uncle.

According to the complaint, McCord told his American literature

class that "Tom Joubran is a crooked son-of-abitch"; "Tom Joubran rips people off"; "Tom Joubran is an arsonist"; and "Tom Joubran burns down buildings."

McCord denied making the remarks, and in August 2001 the case was dismissed in favor of the defendants, court records show.

But Joubran has

defenders in the Flint area, among them Hani Bawardi, an Arab-American scholar whose master's thesis at the University of Michigan-Flint was

titled "Arab Immigrants in Flint, Michigan: The Case of the Merchants in the Inner City." He has been a lecturer in the Department of Near Eastern and Asian Stud-

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ies at Wayne State University, where he recently received a Ph.D. As part of his research, he conducted an interview of Joubran.

"Tom Joubran was subjected to a great deal of discrimination. That is something I'm certain of as a researcher," said Bawardi during a recent telephone interview. "Most of the immigrant merchants faced severe discrimination and sometimes maltreatment.

"If they make a lot of money but they work in neighborhoods where nobody else is willing to work in, they are viewed with suspicion by the police. Tom Joubran probably is the largest property-tax payer in Genesee County, but he never got any respect from the township.

"When it comes to Arabs, they are defenseless. They don't raise any noise. And there is no public sentiment in their favor whatsoever. The Arab-Israeli conflict took its toll, meaning they became pariahs. I can give you a million examples from the media. Dan Rather used to go after Arab merchants all the time, exceedingly racist, and nobody ever lifted a finger."

Bawardi says the frequency of weapons charges brought by Flint-area police against Arab-American businessmen is a case in point. "Having been in the country some 40 years, Tom Joubran was accused of carrying a concealed weapon,

which he can obtain legally if he wanted to. He was arrested for that once.

"Just to give you an idea, in my research I encountered many of the merchants who faced the same charge, carrying a concealed weapon. It was a very common charge. A lot of them keep weapons in their businesses. These are not illegal weapons — they are for protection, and those weapons serve against them.

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ous for them."

Tom Joubran's brother, Ibrahim, was a merchant in New Hudson, Michigan, south of Flint. On the night of November 17, 1985, according to records of the Oakland County medical examiner, an assailant entered his store, the Country Stop Market, and fired a shotgun into his abdomen. Ibrahim, 59 at the time, died shortly afterwards.

Ibrahim's son Brian, who moved to California in 1989 and now lives in Escondido, was eight years old the night his father was killed. "It was a robbery. I wasn't there to experience it, but I experienced the aftermath, which was very traumatizing for an eight-year-old kid.

"The story I heard

was that he was robbed in the middle of the night. I think they were open until like eight or nine o'clock at night. A burglar came in with a sawed-off shotgun. The cashier left while my father was in the back room stocking some products, and he came out not knowing what was going on, confronted the man, and the man shot him in the groin, and he died on the way to the hospital.

"I don't know the exact details. That's all I know. As far as I know, I don't think they ever caught the guy. There was no one to give a positive identification of the man. He was African American, and that's all I know."

One law-enforcement source in the Flint

area — who says he is familiar with the circumstances of the killing but declined to be identified because the case remains open — maintains that there is more to the story.

"There were times when we felt that we were onto stuff about the mystery of this guy dying and who did it and why they did it," the source says. "They set it up like it was a robbery, but it wasn't a very good set-up job. The police's theory was that he was bumped off. The suspected mastermind was somebody from another country. The feds didn't want to pick up any of those loose ends. I don't know why."

The source made it clear that Tom Joubran was never regarded as a

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Joubran says that the case represents just another example of the hardships that Arab-American merchants face in Flint.

"My brother was shot and was robbed," he said in a recent phone interview. "They robbed him, and he only had 25 cents, and they shot him. So that's what happened. Most of my brothers died already. All I have left is my sister, which is Tommy and Alec's mother, and my brother, Edmund. That's all we have left right now. And now they shot my other nephew, just about six months ago, also robbed him in the store, two bullets in his chest and two bullets in the back, and thanks to God he's still alive. So, he's okay

now."

Joubran has long maintained that he was a victim of prejudice against Arabs, as well as a vengeful county prosecutor with his own unsavory ties, an integral part of the rough-and-tumble criminal underworld that thrived in Flint and the surrounding Saginaw Valley.

His nemesis was Genesee County prosecutor Arthur Busch, who grew up in a blue-collar household near Flint and counts among his high school friends Michael Moore, the film director who began his career publishing the Flint Voice, an alternative newspaper.

"As far as I'm concerned, he's a gangster, and I don't care if you print it," Busch, now in private law practice, said of Joubran during a recent telephone interview. Over the years, Busch accused Joubran of a litany of crimes. One case involved a charge of felonious assault brought by Busch against Joubran in 1995. It was described in a November 2003 Michigan Court of Appeals document.

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employee, Wayne Atwell, testified under oath that Joubran had told him he could have Busch and his family killed, according to an August 1995 *Flint Journal* account. Joubran denied the allegation. In court, Atwell said that he had four felony convictions and had been sent back to

jail after Joubran accused him of taking \$1700, the article said. Joubran said he was forced to plead *nolo contendere* to the gun charges because he didn't want to risk a prison sentence for the three felony counts originally filed against him, according to a January

1996 Flint Journal
report. He was sentenced
to a term of three years'
probation, 200 hours of
community service, and
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Michigan court records.

In an interview last week, Joubran said he pled no contest because he feared he couldn't get a fair trial in Flint.

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In 2000, Joubran filed suit in Michigan state court against Busch, claiming that Joubran had experienced "emotional distress" as a result of "a pattern of harassment and a false investigation of him" by Busch's office, according to state appeals court records.

According to the document, Joubran alleged that Busch's vendetta against him included the "issuance of subpoenas and the questioning of potential witnesses regarding underage drinking at Bugsy's, possible intentional under-assessment of property taxes, and [repeated investigations of] any relationship between his real property holdings in Genesee Township and drug proceeds."

"In 1998, Busch and the Michigan Attorney General's office obtained an investigatory subpoena...for April Parish, a young woman who has worked for [Joubran] for years," the court records said. "Parish was one of the individuals from whom the prosecutor's

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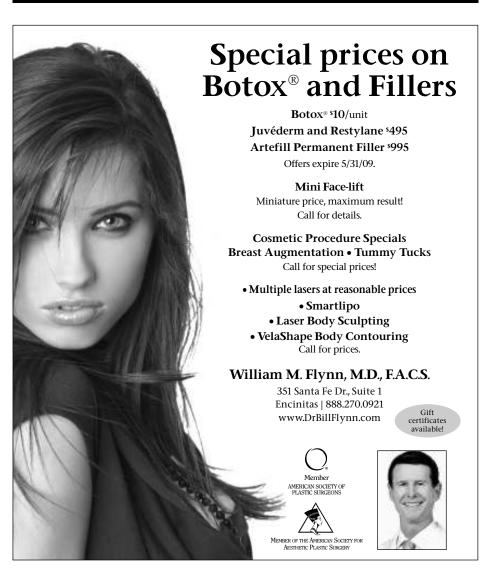
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office attempted to obtain information regarding underage drinking at Bugsy's Bar and Grill, an establishment owned and operated by [Joubran's] son."

During Busch's investigation of Joubran, Parish told authorities that when she was a teenager, she had a sexual relationship with Joubran. She later recanted her testimony, claiming that Busch coerced her to make false statements against Joubran.

"In her deposition taken pursuant to the subpoena, Parish testified to sexual conduct with [Joubran] when she was fifteen years old," according to the court record. "[Joubran] has submitted an affidavit from Parish in conjunction with the present suit, in which she alleged that a member of the Genesee County Sheriff's Department approached her at her home and attempted to force her to provide testimony regarding [Joubran]. "Parish further

stated that this individual, Sergeant John Fontana, and Busch threatened her with criminal prosecution if she did not give false testimony against [Joubran]. Parish indicated that the testimony she previously provided regarding [Joubran] was coerced by Busch and others acting in his behalf and that she felt she had no alternative but to provide false testimony regarding [Joubran]."

In November 2003, a three-judge panel of the Michigan Court of Appeals dismissed Joubran's case, in part because, the court held, Busch enjoyed immunity as a prosecutor investigating possible criminal activity: "...it is clear that Busch was exercising his duly authorized, legitimate investigative duties as a prosecuting attorney," the court concluded. A similar complaint Joubran brought earlier in federal court was also dismissed.

Joubran told the Flint Journal that the ruling gave Busch "a license to steal."

Busch says that the charges he brought against Joubran were legitimate and backed by the result of extensive

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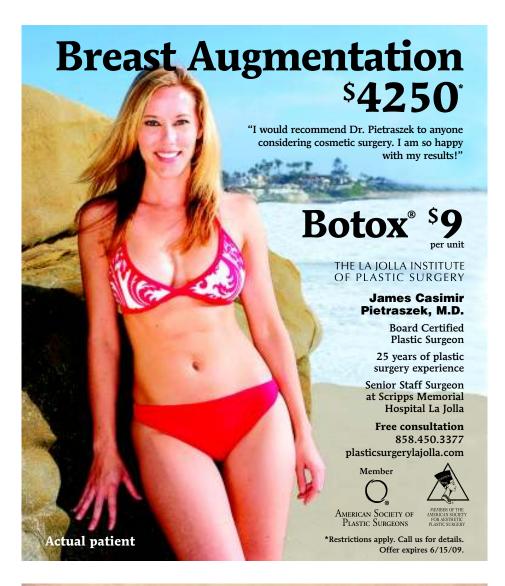
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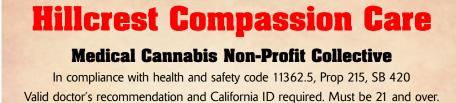
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investigation. He denies that any witnesses were ever coerced to falsely testify and complains that the FBI and federal prosecutors failed to follow up on leads he had generated, some of them international, that were out of his jurisdiction.

In an interview last week, Joubran expressed deep bitterness about the case and its prosecutor, Busch.

But Joubran said he was reluctant to discuss the matter further because his nephew Tom Gores didn't want him to rehash the family's past troubles.

"I don't have to mention anything about that because my nephew don't like this kind of stuff, okay? You can't dredge up Arthur Busch. Leave Arthur Busch out of the picture. We don't know him, we don't like him, we don't want anything to do with him. He's the nastiest prosecutor we ever had.

"My nephews are doing big, God bless their heart. They came into this country, I sponsored them, and look at today where they are. They are big people, tremendous business they have. I wish you would leave Busch out of the way. It's degrading,

actually. Leave him alone; he's done with."

Despite his legal entanglements, Joubran's wealth and influence have continued to grow. His financial empire has included mega-bars, supermarkets, houses, apartment buildings, shopping malls, and mobile home parks. At one point the *Flint Journal* reported that his net worth was \$80 million.

Besides his own suc-

working together and later separately — and became billionaires, each joining the *Forbes* list of 400 wealthiest Americans. Residents of Los Angeles, they lived in Beverly Hills and partied with movie stars, including Tom Arnold and Joe Pesci.

Their brother Samir, who also had labored in Joubran's store, became a Hollywood agent, with an A-list of clients, including Oscar nomi-

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cess, Joubran seems
most proud of the financial achievements of
Tom and Alec Gores,
sons of his sister Marie
and her late husband.
Growing up, the boys
had worked at Tom's
Supermarket, gone to
Genesee High School,
and graduated from
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Then, in a Horatio Alger story to beat all, they went into business — at first nee Laurence Fishburne, Andy Garcia, Aerosmith, and the Black Crowes. In 2006, Fishburne told the Los Angeles Times that Samir, now known as Sam, "is working for me in ways that I have no idea about until it happens."

How had they done it? In the case of Tom and Alec, it had to do with buyouts of undervalued corporate assets from high-tech companies, *Forbes* has reported.

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In February 2007, during a short-lived attempt by Tom Gores and his Beverly Hills-based Platinum Equity to acquire the Delphi Corporation's steering-gear unit in Saginaw, Joubran talked to the Flint Journal about his famous nephew.

"I call him Tommy because he's my nephew," Joubran said. "I talked to him on the phone yesterday, and he said he's going to put Michigan on the map."

According to most accounts, Tom Gores worked for Alec's buyout firm until 1995. Why he left is unknown, but the split seemed to only grow wider with time. "I can't say the bigbrother, little-brother thing didn't have anything to do with it," Tom told the Wall Street Journal in an April 2002 interview. "I just want to be the best I can be with nobody telling me I can't. I don't want to be limited by anybody else's perception."

The brothers have always been competitive. A neighbor in the gated community where the brothers lived in 2002 said they played basketball together, according to a report that appeared in April of that year in the Wall Street Journal.

"If Tommy's going to win [at basketball], Alec may try to do something to stop him," their neighbor and close friend, John Cirelle, told the paper. "Alec may even bring in an extra player. And Tommy will let him. He's that confident."

Vance Diggins, then chief executive of Gores Technology, Alec's company, told the paper that the long-simmering rivalry between the

brothers was a "clash of the titans. It's very competitive.... It makes it very difficult."

In 2000, Tom and Alec had jousted over the Learning Company, a money-losing division of Mattel, Inc., the Southern California toymaker that had bought the educational software maker at the height of the dot-com boom at a

wildly inflated \$3.5 billion price. Alec prevailed in that battle, paying no money down, and later carved up the company and sold off some of the pieces for a tidy profit.

In 2002, they competed with each other to acquire Global Crossing, another remnant of the free-spending dot-com era that had declared bankruptcy in January of

that year. Then, apparently seeing a confluence of interests, the brothers teamed up to buy the firm but lost a bidding war to an Asian group. Early in 2003, Tom

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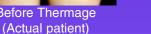


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and his brother Sam, the talent agent, ended up buying Global Crossing's Beverly Hills headquarters for \$45 million. The historic building on North Crescent Drive once housed the legendary MCA talent agency run by Jules Stein and Lew Wasserman, infamous for their purported Mafia ties.

In April 2002, Alec insisted to the *Wall Street Journal* that the brothers were still close, though competitive. "Is it tough sometimes? Sure it is. But my brothers are my best friends."

Tension within the family has not been limited to the rivalry between Tom and Alec. One case in particular reveals that at least one member of the Joubran family was an investor in

Alec Gores's enterprises.

In September 2003, Comerica Bank, on behalf of the estate of Frank Joubran, a younger brother of Tom Joubran, filed suit in May 2001 at the age of 66. His heirs — including son Robert Joubran, who by then was a partner in his cousin Tom's Platinum Equity operation — accused Alec of

During Pellicano's 2008 trial, Lisa testified that she had called Tom to warn him that she thought they had been followed.

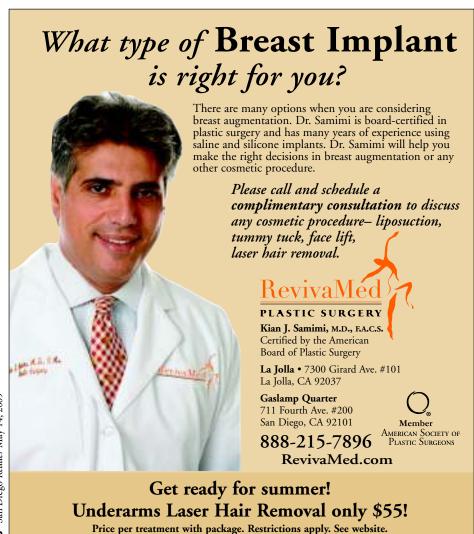
Genesee County, Michigan probate court against Alec, along with Gores Technology Group and related companies.

Frank had died in

cheating Frank out of the proceeds of investments he had made to finance Alec and his companies.

"Between 1992 and 1998 Frank Joubran

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invested approximately \$558,000 with Defendant Alec Gores and the various corporate Defendants and other entities in which Mr. Gores was a majority shareholder, officer and/or director," according to the complaint.

"Pursuant to the investments, in 1993, Frank Joubran acquired 250 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred stock in Gores Enterprises, Inc." Through their agent, the Joubran heirs went on to accuse Alec Gores of "attempting to illegally convert stock rightfully owned by the Frank Joubran Trust."

"In late June 2002, Plaintiff sought financial information from Gores Technology Group regarding the Trust's stock and all Gores related entities," the complaint continued. "Mr. Gores did not respond. Rather, on behalf of Mr. Gores, the Assistant Counsel for Gores Technology Group notified Plaintiff that no further information would be forthcoming and incredulously and fraudulently alleged for the first time that the stock had been redeemed in compliance with the terms of the option."

The case ended in February 2004, when the Joubran heirs agreed to accept a \$230,000 settlement from Alec in exchange for the 250 shares of stock, according to probate court records.

The most sensational example of the rivalry between Tom and Alec Gores came to light in April of last year, during the trial of Anthony Pellicano, Hollywood's notorious private eye to the stars. Pellicano was

accused of bribing police and telephone-company workers to collect information on behalf of his clients, who included Alec Gores.

Sometime in 2000,

Alec's wife Lisa and his brother Tom began having an affair. Alec suspected something was amiss and retained the services of Pellicano, known for his ability to

dig up dirt by using illegal wiretaps and an extensive network of police officers on the take.

During Pellicano's 2008 trial, Lisa testified

that she had called Tom after an early-evening rendezvous at the Beverly Hills Hotel to warn him that she thought they had been followed. One of Pellicano's illegal wiretaps picked up the 25-minute conversation; the FBI subsequently obtained the tape and played it at the trial.

"Worst case, he had someone following me.

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So I went to a hotel big deal," Lisa was heard saying on the tape. "I'm not going to ever say anything unless I'm confronted. I'll just deny everything forever." She continued, "This is the bottom line, Tommy, no one saw inside the room. End of story." Said Tom, "I don't want you to have pressure on you."

Later, Alec testified that he had paid Pellicano a total of \$240,000 for his efforts. He also paid for a trip to Hawaii for Pellicano and his family because the private eye "was doing a good job."

After Pellicano confirmed Alec's suspicions, Alec confronted Lisa at a family meeting he called with her and his two brothers, Tom and Sam. "I told her at one time I

had listened to conversations," he testified. Lisa and Alec later divorced, but Tom has remained married to his wife Holly, to whom he has been married since their days in Michigan. Alec Gores was not charged in the wiretapping case. Pellicano was convicted and sentenced to 15 years behind bars. Some say that deep

embarrassment stemming from revelations in the Pellicano case has caused the brothers, especially Tom, to shun the limelight. Reached by phone at Platinum Equity headquarters last week, company spokesman Mark Barnhill, who once was managing editor at the Los Angeles Daily News and an adjunct professor at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication, said he would relay a request to Tom Gores for an interview. Two days later, Barnhill sent an email requesting written questions for Gores. A list of questions was furnished, but there was no response by deadline.

The Gores operation is so tight-lipped that even reporters for the *Union-Tribune* have been required to submit their questions about the future of the paper to Platinum Equity in writing and accept mostly written responses in return. That leaves the question of whether Gores will leave a mark on the paper so far unanswered. "Platinum has no editorial agenda,"

said Louis Samson in a story the *U-T* ran on its front page on May 5, the day after the takeover. "We will rely on the newspaper's professional staff to ensure that its pages appropriately reflect the values of the community it serves."

Hani Bawardi, the Arab-American scholar who chronicled Tom Joubran's rise from impoverished immigrant to one of the richest men in Flint, says it is hard to predict just what the new *Union-Tribune* will look like under Platinum Equity's ownership. The paper's takeover by those with

roots in Palestine, he notes, "is very unique. I'm kind of surprised, actually.

"If they can make a dent on a lot of levels, they'll be very, very lucky. Numbers don't serve them. Popular culture works against them. But if anything, I think they might be motivated by the sheer hostility we as Arabs face in the media. They might be motivated by the hostility faced in the coverage of the Arab-Israeli conflict. And maybe that's why they are buying these papers, to make an impact.

"But remember that for a newspaper to func-

tion, you have to maintain your base of financial support. Now, where is that coming from? If enough Jewish Americans in the area wanted to put them out of commission it wouldn't be that hard. Numerically, Arab Americans are a small, small number.

"There will always be a penchant for doing what one can for one's home country, but you can look at the political options — they are very, very limited. Even if you own a newspaper, even if you own a network, you still don't have enough senators, congressman, or vote swingers or a big committee that votes in

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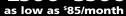
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"Arab Americans are politically extremely weak. Appealing to the mainstream has always been an uphill battle because we've never had the numbers. We're talking about one newspaper here, and one should not assume this is a trend.

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"Buying a newspaper might give them a little cover, give them a sense of, 'Okay, now maybe things are safer for us.' That's about it. It doesn't go far beyond that. We're embattled in many ways.

"If anything, Tom
Joubran's experience was
a series of hard lessons,
and he gave rise through
his sponsorship to a
homegrown ArabAmerican class who are
pragmatic and proudly
business people. I don't
think his descendants
will draw a lesson from
Tom, 'Hey, let's go
against the grain.'"

Tom Joubran seems to agree.

"Tommy and Alec don't get involved in any politics or that kind of stuff," he said last week. "They will never be involved in that. They are good people, very honest people. They won't do nothing. They don't get themselves in politics. Me is different. I'm not afraid to talk to you, I'm not afraid to talk to the TV stations. I tell the truth. I tell my whole life story. I don't care. I'm a good American citizen." ■

— Matt Potter





A Neighborhood Affair to Remember

When I first saw Ken, I nearly dropped my teeth. He was the best-looking guy I'd ever seen. I knew I had just hit the

Author: Mindy Vansant Neighborhood: Vista Age: 50 Occupation: Caregiver

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

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jackpot, considering the freaks with fantasies I had heard about on San Diego Craigslist.

Moments before, I'd been shaking in my shoes. We'd been emailing for nine days but hadn't exchanged photos. My heart was hooked via the Internet connection. I didn't think his looks mattered. But as the time for meeting approached, I had visions of a hunchback with yellow teeth. Suddenly I had serious doubts....

All worries flew out the car window the minute I laid eyes on him. "You're so handsome!" I raved, as if I were some muddled fool. He handed me a box. It



contained a porcelain dog. He had remembered my passion for pooches.

Upon entering the Marie Callender's on 13th Avenue, my high heel stuck in the doorjamb, sending me flying across the waiting area, shoeless. Ken graciously bent down and dislodged my shoe, then slipped it on my foot. For a moment I was Cinderella.

He was way out of my league. He was tall and trim, with brown jewels for irises. When he gazed down at me I felt like the most beautiful queen on Earth. I couldn't get enough. Who would have

guessed that this would happen to a middle-aged mom from Escondido? I considered him a blessing.

After lunch I figured he'd say a polite good-bye and send me on my way. I was shocked when he said that I was a great-looking lady and that he'd like to see me again. How many pudgy, 48year-old women get offers like this? Before I knew it, he grabbed me and started plying me with kisses. We embraced with such passion, the senior citizens had to nosedive around us to get to their early-bird specials.

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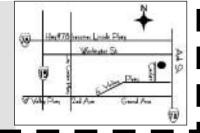


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"Can I really be doing this?" I thought. I was the type to attend church every Sunday, and just one week earlier I had been elected president of the P.T.A.

A few days later we talked on the phone. We toyed with the idea of having lunch again but quickly filed it under "Who are we kidding?" We nervously agreed to meet at the Best Value Inn on Centre City Parkway.

I wasn't sure I could go through with it, but once I got there it was full-speed ahead. We spent hours making rapturous love.

He emailed a couple of weeks later, wanting to get together again. I emailed back that I'd be delighted and headed over to the Best Value Inn. Two hours went by, and he didn't show. I had forgotten my cell phone at home and had to go all the way back to use the

phone. When I called him he said that he was still at home, waiting for my reply. It came up as we talked. It was our first experience with the freaky delays that can take place over the 'net. We both felt screwed, but not in the way we had hoped.

By the fall of 2007 the real estate market plunged, which was painful for Ken since he was a real estate agent in San Marcos. Neither one of us had the money for the Best Value Inn, so I suggested he come to my house. I was so enthusiastic I bought a new bed, one with a curvy headboard like Cleopatra would sleep in. I bought fresh linens, cleaned the house, and couldn't wait for him to get there.

He arrived at 9 a.m.

We embraced for awhile and then started kissing. When we moved to the bedroom, we both were beyond ready. He looked in my eyes; I looked in his. He moved his hands down my body, telling me I looked sexy. We undressed and hit the satin sheets. We were about to have the time of our lives when my husband walked in and...

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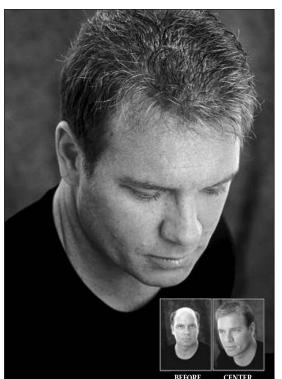
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LETTERS

The Reader cover stories are either fascinating and hard to put down or absolutely worthless, as this "Sea Turtles" is. Why couldn't you find some benign scientist at Scripps to ghostwrite a nice, friendly article on sea turtles in San Diego? Everyone loves a tender story on such cute creatures! But lumping it together with that self-absorbed woman's travails about quitting jobs the day she is lucky enough to get one screams: "Where was the Reader editor?"

If the Reader was unfortunate enough to actually pay for this story, then add to the list of traits that Nasreen Atassi possesses, in addition to obnoxiousness and inflexibility, you can now add: fleecer extraordinaire!

Gail Powell via email

Comments from Reader Website

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

Cover Story Published May 6

Posted by r1man on May 8, 4:49 p.m.

Couchsurfing is something I herd about a year ago when I was hanging in LA and met some folks from Europe. We partied all night and exchanged emails and now I have an invite to go to Switzerland and ride motorcycles around Europe with this guy and his girl. Highly recommended for the true travelers. See you on a couch somewhere in the world.

Diary of a Diva **Published May 6**

Posted by refriedgringo on May 6, 2:35 p.m.

What? Nothing about eating meat? Nothing about atheism? I'm so disappointed! Just kidding.

I have a friend - Mexican by heritage, he lives in Sweden. Some years back, he discovered me on the internet and became a fan of my writing, we proceeded to exchange emails back and forth. Then a few years ago, he flew into Tijuana unannounced and saddled up to the bar stool next to mine and introduced himself to me in the Dandy del Sur on evening. He had never seen my picture, so he presumed that the only gringo there would be me.

This happens more times than one could credibly acknowledge.

Anyway, he told me about Sweden. The shocking thing to me was that as sociable and conversational and open that I've found Mexicans here, it seemed ironic that he should live in such a paranoid country. Your descriptions from the stories by Urs and Gudrun precisely mirror those of my friend. Of course, never having met his Swedish wife, the possibility exists that there are other motives for living in Sweden that would elude me. Posted by bohemianopus on May 6, 3:22 p.m.

"We invited Urs and Gudrun to visit us in San Diego, but the politically minded pair had vowed not to return to the States until Bush was out of office. The moment Obama's victory was declared, they booked their tickets."

Hahahaha!!!!!!

I LOVE this line AND these people! Great story!

Posted by catty1 on May 7, 9:59 a.m.

One of my great-uncles (married to my great-grandfather's sister) is Swedish and he is a HOOT! But then that might have more to do with the fact that he was a merchant marine for most of his life. He does tend to be the quiet one in the group but he has a very sly, and pointed, sense of humor. Not to mention his endearing mangling of common curses: his interpretation of "I'm pissed off!" is "that makes my urine burn."

And 9 times out of 10, uncle Axel has a vodka martini with meals, never milk. Absolut Vodka martinis, of course.;)

Under the Radar Published May 6

Posted by monaghan on May 6, 2:55 p.m.

This worries me. Do wiretappers sit in vans? There's a gray-haired Anglo guy in a white GMC panel van with tinted windows and California plates who has parked maybe 12 feet from the front windows of my beach-area house for many months at all hours of the work-day, always with the van motor running. The van is rented and registered to a parking lot company. Sometimes the guy sits in the front seat, sometimes in the back, often with the sidewalk-facing doors open, and he frequently seems to be working on a computer. (I know he's not that city council candidate who got busted for flashing last year, but who is he and why is he

always here?) Though this has been going on since last fall, in the last month I have called the cops every time I notice that he's showed up again because it seems so weird. After my first call an officer said he checked out okay but asked him to move along because neighbors were concerned that he was casing the area. He told the officer that he liked to eat lunch there and he left — only to return again later that at 4 p.m. And he's been back twice in the last week, once in the morning and once after lunchtime.

Blurt Published May 6

Posted by ONE on May 6, 4:55 p.m.

The problem is NOT the bands but the Jumping Turtle itself. Understaffed and inadequte trained security and mixing alcohol with all age shows. Serving alcoholic beverages without proper reinforcement and only a simple wristband or line

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drawn on the floor does not stop a recipe for disaster especially when there are minors involved, and minors out past curfew...where are the parents? So of course you are going to have some little drunk 17 year old think he is a big man and get his ass handed to him the way his momma should have. They call that liquid courage, as he gets older the little punk can learn about beer googles. If you are going to have all ages shows your best bet is zero alcohol. what about the the music you ask? they dont' call it HARDCORE for nothing. 1..2..3..4.....1..2..3..4.

where's LEE VING when you need him!

Posted by sugarrock on May 7, 8:38 p.m.

how come los angeles can have shows with alcohol and all ages and san diego county cant? this has baffled me for years. i've been to punk shows in los angeles where there was a bar and it was 18 and up and they seem to be pretty civilized. i dont get it.

Posted by magicsfive on May 7, 8:44 p.m.

that's a great question, sugar. i used to be a doorperson (i refuse to say bouncer lol) at a little semi popular nightclub in '89 called Rio's, it was on west pt loma blvd. they served alcohol, but it was an 18 and up club and they just had a section for those 18-20. but everyone intermingled (is that even a word?)

but idk if they have places like that now.

Posted by thunderlips on May 8, 3:36 a.m.

don't recall wanted dead even getting a chance to play that night. as for that dart/ pool bar incident, blame some of their fans, not the band. the gents in wanted dead are a cool bunch. it's the meathead o'side "sharks" that are the problem. always wanting to prove how "down" they are. and cops everywhere (escondido, san marcos, san diego, o'side, etc..) will always hassel the all age punker shows. easy pickens. you don't see them hassling the drunk ass jimmy buffet crowd do you? they have better lawyers. and we all know

ken is trying to shut down the turtle so bands will go to his broom closet of a club.

Posted by DoktorDave on May 8, 10:24 p.m.

The comments here, impress me with how much blame is being placed vs. responsibility being taken.

As far as this article goes, Brayden is the only one that expresses any role the bands and/or the audience may have had in things getting out of hand.

I don't know anything about the incident beyond this article, but I admire Brayden for recognizing, and saying that his perception was different "after sobering up".

Off the Cuff **Published May 6**

Posted by daviddiamond56 on May 6, 3:24 p.m.

Come on the Free Credit Report.com commercials are great!

The band you love to hate! Yeah I guess I do hate those commercials even though I like them because I find myself with that free credit report song in my head for days after... bad as that is - isn't that what good advertising is? Name recognition?

If I ever want a credit report I would think of them first and immediately!

Posted by beatriceYK on May 6, 9:30 p.m.

I'm with you SDaniels! If I never hear BILLY MAY'S voice again it'll be too soon! I can see him talking to his wife and kids at home talking in the same loud, 'grating against my nerves' voice. The teen couple getting all hot from chewing gum in the same room with her parents chewing + kissing? definitely creepy....Viva Viagra's gotta go....not sure Elvis would appreciate it.

The AT+T 'cable vocabulary' guy's voice is awful. I know it's deliberate but it's still a downer to listen to ... and so often! BUT!....The AT+T Asian guy and his clearly tech.challenged friend ROCK..KEEP'EM COMIN'.OH YEA and the pre-SuperBowl comm...The Queen song sung by the nuclear family returning home w/groceries....I must

have seen/heard it six times/hour...do they really have to shove it down our throats like that? It could work against them.

Posted by beatriceYK on May 6, 9:42 p.m.

I guess I'm on a roll now...I love "Real Men of Genius". First time I heard them was in VA visiting my brother so maybe that nice memory tags along for me. I think they sh ask for public submissions and give people ... say..200 bucks if they use their entry. I think you'd have to be pretty creative to make one up.

What's wrong w the 'freecreditreport.com guys? It's a catchy tune and he's cute to boot. Of course, I haven't seen the furry animal one yet.

Posted by SDaniels on May 6, 11:04 p.m.

You caught my drift, beatriceYK! I too have pondered how "Billy Mays" could possibly have a personal life, and if so, does his family jump for the remote, too, heh heh. I have also wondered whether or not he's ever had a hit out on him.

We went over the Viva Viagra guys in another thread—forget which one.

I kinda like the Sham-Wow! guy, magics. Especially when he sells the "Slap Chop" and starts babbling about "tetrazzini, bikini, martini,..." Then he starts pitching the "Graty" with a straight face. He is unabashedly sleazy. "Ya followin' me camera guy?"

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Posted by SDaniels on May 6, 11:14 p.m.

I'll join you on that roll, andrea!

I thought the freecreditreport.com guys were kind of funny each time the new one came out. However, the problem is that anytime you turn on the tube, they seem to be on every other commercial. It is relentless!

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SCARY.

Crasher **Published May 6**

Posted by rgcumbia on May 8, 8:21 a.m.

Bom dia Crasher! I like that part about the guy who had a "flask" belt. You should have told him the 1920's called and wanted him back! Now, he took the flask to a house party, huh? I hope no young ladies took a sip out that flask. Who knows what was in it? Keep them coming crasher. Hilarious!





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Find out if that miniature army that made its way into your kitchen is the invasive Argentine ant, which thrives in California by displacing native ants and disrupting ecosystems. UCSD Biological Sciences associate professor David Holway offers combative strategies. See LECTURES, page 62.

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FAMIGLIA DEL CIRCO

San Diego's own Fern Street Circus celebrates spring at Balboa Park.

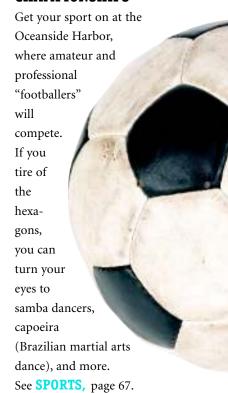
acts, clowns, acrobatics, juggling, and choreographed trampoline jumping, all intended to razzle and dazzle. See IN PERSON, page 61.

FROM WORMS TO DINOSAURS

Caroline Arnold, author of over 140 children's books, helps celebrate Children's Book Week at the Cole Library in Carlsbad by sharing her animal adventures and demonstrating her own book-writing process. See FOR KIDS, page 61.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BEACH SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS



FLORAL DESIGN

From color schemes to symmetry, balance, and shape, floriculture instructor Betty Patterson offers secrets for how to create unique, eye-catching bouquets. See LECTURES, page 62.

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AHOY, MATEY!

"For centuries, sailors have honed their shipboard skills to the cadence of songs recounting the adventure, tragedy, and romance of life at sea," explains the Maritime Museum of San Diego. The museum sail crew will use the Star of India to demonstrate shipboard duties as described by song. See **SPECIAL**, page 65.

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PRESS REWIND '09

See how some of Hollywood's big-time directors began at this film fest presenting student films by Martin Scorsese, Tim Burton, Wes Anderson, Jane Campion, and more. But first, enjoy a funky combo of traditional folk music, electronic synth, and kazoos as performed by Matt Swagler & the Dirty Birds. See FILM, page 58.

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Students of the Digital Audio Composition course at University of San Diego promise "the hippest and newest of sonic experiences" at this electronic-music concert.

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WESLEY THE OWL

Who? Author, biologist, and wildanimal behaviorist Stacey O'Brien will discuss her book Wesley the Owl: The Remarkable Love Story of an Owl and His Girl. See IN PERSON,

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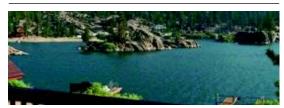
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DANCE

Polynesian Dance Revue Ke Polani Ohana E Kai hosts annual recital of dances from islands of Hawaii, Tahiti, New Zealand, and Samoa, with authentic costumes. Enjoy the "Maori Poi and the fierce haka chant," as well as the Samoan fire knife dance, among others. 760-717-2053. Saturday, May 16, 7 p.m.; free-\$7. San Dieguito Academy, 800 Santa Fe Drive, (ENCINITAS)

"The Great American Song**book Show"** Dance and jazz concert with Jay Berman Trio and vocalist Janet Hammer hosted by Jazz Association of Greater San Diego, 619-818-3572, Sunday, May 17, 2:30 p.m.; \$5-\$12. The Musicians Union Hall, 1717 Morena Boulevard, (LINDA VISTA)

Balkan Singing and Dancing Mary Ann Downs teaches "some of the favorite Balkan dance songs," followed by regular international folk dancing. 619-281-5656. Saturday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.; Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Dance Jam Dance Lindy, East Coast, jitterbug, and swing during "Jam" community swing dance. Dance lessons for all levels before dance (\$40 for four weeks). Admission to dance is free if you take class. Dance only: \$8, 619-291-3775. Friday, May 15, 8 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, (KEARNY MESA)

English Country Dancing Ellen Riley calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. 858-676-9731, Sunday, May 17, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road.

Hot Hustle Dance Party DJ plays hustle, salsa, nightclub two-step, and requests. For singles and couples of all ages. Hustle lesson: 8 p.m. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, May 16, 8 p.m.; free-\$7. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Jean Isaacs 35th Anniversary

Retrospective Concert Enjoy "highlights from an extraordinary body of work. Chosen from over 100 dances," recitals blend current and former company members in presentation, creation of each piece. Current and former company members Liv Isaacs-Nollett, Veronica Martin-Lamm, Terry Wilson re-stage decades of old works for the millennium. Performers: Annie Boyer, John Diaz, Iulio Cantano, Danielle Eldred, James Ellzy, Allison Dietterle-Smith, Trystan Loucado, Daniel Marshall, Bradley Lundberg, Liv Isaacs-Nollet, Minaqua McPherson, Sadie Weinberg, Jim Winker, others, 619-225-1803, Saturday, May 16, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 17, 6 p.m.; \$10-\$35. Don Powell Theatre at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Put on a Poodle Skirt Or possibly a leather jacket for "50s Sock Hop" with Gino and the Lone Gunmen playing music of Bill Haley and the Comets, Buddy Holly, Eddie Cochran, Chuck Berry, Jerry

Reed, Carl Perkins, Richie Valens, Jerry Lee Lewis, Gene Vincent. Swing lesson (8-8:30 p.m.), music for dancing from 8:30-11:30 p.m. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, May 20, 8 p.m.; \$12-\$15. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Women's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

Usual Suspects Band makes music, Steve Barlow calls for San Diego Folk Heritage contra dance. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes, 619-283-8550. Friday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Zumba Happy Hour Certified Zumba instructors Sonia, Deiinira, and April lead two-hour Latin cardio-jam designed to get your heart pumping. DI spins Latin tunes. Cash only. 760-613-9190. Friday, May 15, 6 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Ages 10 and up. Pure Fitness Carlsbad, 6215 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

FILM

Fireproof Film screening benefiting youth group's summer camp fundraising efforts. 619-443-1021. Saturday, May 16, 7 p.m.; free. Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church, 9909 Channel Road. (LAKESIDE)

"Underdogs" High Tech High Media Arts seniors and MCASD host exhibition examining underdogs of society. These 46 students offer sound works and "a diverse array of seven-minute digital works including experimental, interactive, and journalistic styles" with variety of topics, 619-398-8620. Wednesday, May 20, 6 p.m.: free. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard.

Jumping the Broom Wedding cake for everyone! Film premiere from Logo show Noah's Arc, in support of "No on 8" campaign.

Donation: \$5.619-692-2077. Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m. San Diego LGBT Community Center, 3909 Centre Street. (HILLCREST)

Rolling Film follows diverse group of drug users as they cross paths in Los Angeles. 619-819-0236. Saturday, May 16, 11:45 p.m.; \$10. Hillcrest Cinemas, 3965 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Special This "darkly comic riff on our relationships with our heroes and our medicine cabinets" starring Michael Rapaport screens for Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Stand Up for Justice: The Ralph Lazo Story Film tells true story of Lazo, a Mexican-American student in East Los Angeles with many Japanese American friends who were forced to relocate to internment camps during World War II. Eventually Lazo slipped aboard a train, wound up at Manzanar Relocation Camp, graduated from Manzanar High School, and was then drafted.

Japanese American Citizens League hosts screening of this 2004 docudrama, followed by comments by Kay Ochi and Carol Kawamoto. RSVP appreciated: 619-230-0314. Saturday, May 16, 12:30 p.m.; free. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Tajja (The War of Flower) UCSD Heritage Language Program Film Festival continues with Donghun Choi's 2006 film, in room 4301 of Muir College's Applied Physics and Mathematics Building. Fastpaced film is "about a small-town gambler who enters the world of underground gambling to find and take revenge against a man who cheated him," In Korean with English subtitles, "Refreshments are likely." Free parking in lots 207 and 208. 858-534-0693. Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m.; free. University of Cal-



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

Decades-old O'Neill Regional Park near Rancho Santa Margarita has a newer "appendage" — a six-mile piece of the Arroyo Trabuco, a shallow, gradually descending canyon going south toward Mission Viejo. An old fire road along the arroyo stream has been converted into a hike-and-bike trail, making possible an easygoing trip through the canyon. Those on foot may want to arrange a drop-off-and-pick-up scheme and avoid retracing steps by going one-way downhill (north to south). Mountain bikers, though, should have no problem completing the 12-mile round-trip.

Begin at the west end of the Oak Grove day-use area, west of the O'Neill Park office, where the well-marked trail down along the Arroyo Trabuco begins. As summer approaches, not much water can be found in the arroyo bottom. You soon pass under a massive twin



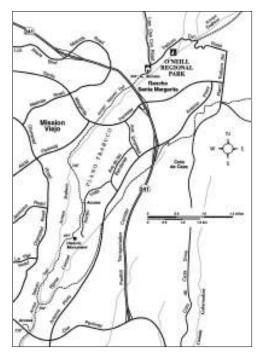
Trail through Arroyo Trabuco

soon pass under a massive twin bridge (Foothill Transportation Corridor toll road, Highway 241) and later pass under another equally huge bridge (Santa Margarita Parkway). As an environmental mitigation for the construction of these bridges, county workers and volunteers planted on the arroyo banks thousands of native trees and shrubs — live oak, sycamore, toyon, mulefat, and willow.

At 1.9 miles, well past the second bridge, the trail swings left across the creek and ascends moderately toward the rim of the shallow gorge and toward a subdivision built upon the sloping

plain to the east, called Plano Trabuco. The plano ("plain" in English) is a broad terrace made up of alluvial deposits cast off of the Santa Ana Mountains. Over recent geologic time, the abrasive floodwaters of Arroyo Trabuco have cut about 100 feet deep into Plano Trabuco's soft sediments, Plano Trabuco acquired its name in 1769. when a Spanish soldier traveling with the Portola expedition lost a blunderbuss (trabuco) there. A string of contemporary place names are descended from the original: Arroyo Trabuco. Trabuco Canyon, and the Trabuco Ranger District the part of Cleveland National Forest that encompasses the Santa Ana

After a moderate ascent, the Arroyo Trabuco Trail sidles up to a residential street called Arroyo Vista, where there is a signed



access point for the trail. Plenty of curbside parking is available here, if you want to plan a shorter trip up or down the arroyo. A mile farther, the trail descends back into the gorge. On the left, before you begin the descent,

ARROYO TRABUCO

Hike or bike down the Arroyo Trabuco floodplain, following one of Orange County's beautiful linear parks.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 80 miles Hiking/biking length: 6 miles one-way Difficulty: Moderate (one way)

notice a small structure accompanied by a historical plaque. This marks the campsite, designated San Francisco Solano, used by the Portola expedition on the night of July 24, 1769.

After the descent, the trail continues for another two miles down alongside the wide floodplain, always staying close to the streambed. This is perhaps the most agreeable part of the arroyo with gnarled sycamores and oaks alternating with grassy clearings. After three stream crossings, the Oso Parkway bridge looms high overhead. Underneath it you can pick up a powerline access road

up the right (west) slope of the arroyo and ascend to reach the shoulder of Oso Parkway. No parking is provided at this end of the trail, though a concrete apron allows westbound cars to pull off the parkway at that spot and pick up passengers.

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.

ifornia San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Terminator 2 See this sequel to *Terminator*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Linda Hamilton, when it's shown for ArtPower.

858-534-TIXS. Monday, May 18, 7 p.m.; free. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Transsiberian Enjoy Brad Anderson's sinister thriller set in Siberia when it's screened for Sun-

day Matinee series. 619-236-5800. Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street.

¡Salud! Conflicting agendas marking quest for global health

traced in this documentary, filmed in Cuba, South Africa, the Gambia, Honduras, Venezuela. In Spanish with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street.

Call to Action Marie-Monique Robin's 2008 documentary *The World According to Monsanto* screens, along with the short *The Story of Stuff.* Discussion follows. 619-236-5800. Wednesday, May 20, 6 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street.

Dude! Stone Late Night Movie series gets underway with *The Big Lebowski*, Joel and Ethan Coen's 1998 comedy starring Jeff Bridges and John Goodman, among many other great actors. In honor of the Dude's favorite drink (white Russian), a "White and Russian" (imperial stout) will be on tap. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and "get comfy." 760-294-7866. Wednesday, May 20, 9 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and

up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Explore the World Around

You The NETWORK hosts debut screenings of *Big Media* and *Constitutional Rights*. "The episodes conclude with inspirational ways for the viewer to take action and stimulate positive changes." 619-299-0902. Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Press Rewind '09 Evening starts with music bridging traditional folk music, electronic synth, and kazoos performed by Matt Swagler and the Dirty Birds. See student films by Martin Scorsese (*The Big Shave*), Tim Burton (*Vincent*), Jane Campion (*A Girl's Own Story*), Wes Anderson (*Bottle Rocket*), and Todd Solondz (*Feeling*), among others. Post-screening conversation with animator Tara Knight. 858-534-TIXS. Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.; \$4-\$7. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (JA JOLLA)

FOOD & DRINK

"Edible Bouquets" Opera singing chef Elizabeth Podsiadlo shares secrets of making edible bouquets, "perfect for any special occasion." Demonstrations of vegetable bouquet and fruit bouquet, plus tips on selecting perfect vegetables. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Hot Off the Grill" Discover "great recipes, preparations, and unique ways of preparing your not so typical foods right on your grill" during class. Start with summery cocktails then roast, brine, and grill all types of foods without dirtying a single pot. Menu items include pizza, sliders, salad, pork loin, "flaming s'more shooters." Fourday advance reservations required: 858-638-1400. Thursday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.; \$45. Behind the Scenes

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Taste Of North County Home-Aid San Diego's seventh annual fundraiser with cuisine and wine from our "finest restaurants," live jazz. 858-646-4752. Thursday, May 14, 5:30 p.m.; \$50. Pardee Homes' Bridle Ridge models, 10525 Gaylemont Lane. (CARMEL VALLEY)

FOR KIDS

"Breathing in a Changing Climate" Uncover link between air pollution, climate change, and our lungs with Scripps researchers and American Lung Association

during family day. See how much air our lungs can hold, test quality of air we breathe through special filter. Also, see how fishes breathe in their watery world. Included in regular admission (free for kids. \$11 adult), 858-534-7336, Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"Collage and Texture: Modern Mexican Art" Family drop-in day program encourages exploration, learning about art on view through interactive games, child-friendly tours, storytelling, art making. For families with kids 6-12. Included in museum admission (free for kids, \$10 adults). 619-231-7092. Sunday, May 17, 1 p.m. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sunlight" Time for family science day with hands-on activities. Included in regular admission (\$6 for kids, \$8 adults). 619-238-1233. Saturday, May 16, noon. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Fireflies: The Story of the Artists of Terezin J*Company tackles production featuring original children's opera Brundibar, described as "an inspiring story of hope and art, with a universal, current message for tolerance, anti-discrimination, and understanding." Fireflies is by playwright/ children's author Charmaine Spencer; music of Brundibar is by Hans Krasa with libretto by Adolf Hoffmeister; English adaptation by Tony Kushner. 858-362-1348, Saturday, May 16, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 17, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; \$13-\$17. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive, (LA JOLLA)

Artist of the Season: Georgia O'Keefe Explore O'Keefe's work through paintings of flowers, animal skulls, abstract landscapes. Using pastel chalk, students (8-15) create a close-up of a flower or a cow's skull, receive a bedding plant for home gardens. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206, Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m.; \$20-\$25. Ages 8 and up. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Can't Catch Me! Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales take stage to present Adventures of the Gingerbread Man around the world. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; and 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, May 14; Friday, May 15; Saturday, May 16; Sunday, May 17; Wednesday, May 20; \$3-\$5. Ages 4 and up. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK

Children's Book Week Celebrations continue when Janie Lancaster, author of Julie and the Lost Fairy Tale, teaches children "to create their own believable characters." Books available for purchase, signing. 760-435-5590. Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m.; free. Oceanside Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

From Worms to Dinosaurs Children's book week celebrated with visit by author Caroline Arnold, whose 140 books include A Wombat's World, A Penguin's World, and A Koala's World. She'll share her adventures, present ideas on writing about science, 760-434-2897. Friday, May 15, 3:30 p.m.;

free. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

From Zebras to Penguins Children's book week celebrated with visit by author Caroline Arnold, whose 140 books include A Wombat's World, A Penguin's World, and A Koala's World. She'll share her adventures, present ideas on writing about science. 760-602-2047. Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m.; free. Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Green Day at the Fleet Become a "greengineer" during second annual family day focusing on renewable energy and conservation. Design and build a solar-powered car, meet local scientists studying impact of climate change. Included in regular admission (\$6 for kids, \$8 adults). 619-238-1233. Saturday, May 16, noon. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

History for Half-Pints: I Love a Parade! Fun for children (three to five years old) includes creation of cardboard kazoo and drum to use in parade around the museum. Space is limited. Requested reservations: 619-232-6203 x129. Monday, May 18, 10 a.m.; \$5. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El

I Love to Read Storytime in celebration of Children's Book Week. 858-454-0347. Thursday, May 14, 4 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Mammal Mommies Meet a Patagonian cavy and a hedgehog during KinderNight program for children three-six years old (with an adult). Animal presentation, craft, story, snack. \$11 program fee

does not include admission to zoo. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. Friday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.; \$11. Ages 3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Nature Explorers Kids (five to ten years old) and their parents learn facts about native fauna, explore changes at dusk, using four senses and flashlights. Reservations: 619-582-6261. Friday, May 15, 7 p.m.; free-\$3. Kumevaav Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Shake Paws! Author Joe Camp, creator of Benji series, will sign his book The Soul of a Horse. Benji himself will be on hand to greet visitors, 858-454-0347, Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m.; free, Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Watery Family Fun What lives in a drop of San Diego Bay water? Find out during family day event with microscope and video screen revealing the answers. Make a plankton design to take home (11 a.m.-3 p.m.). Sign-up for a short cruises on San Diego Bay aboard historic Pilot (\$3). Adults pay regular admission; children (under 13) must be accompanied by adult to enter free. 619-234-9153. Sunday, May 17, 9 a.m.; free-\$14. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

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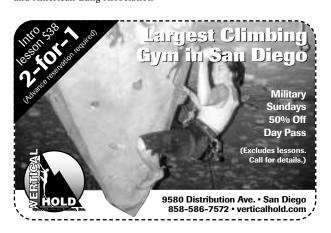
students enrolled in Digital Audio Composition course during electronic music concert. Promised: "the hippest and newest of sonic experiences." 619-260-4171. Monday, May 18, 2 p.m.; free. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Catholic Comedy Night" Comedy night with professional comedian Judy McDonald. 760-547-0706, Friday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Mission San Luis Rey, 4070 Mission Avenue, (OCEANSIDE)

"Do You Believe in Gosh?" Allison Gill performs Mitch Hedberg's final album in tribute to the late comedian, 858-279-2033, Sunday, May 17, 8 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and up. Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

"Famiglia Del Circo" The 2009 Fern Street Circus productions promise performers of all ages showing off their circus talents, skills. See aerialists, acrobats, jugglers, stilt walkers, trampolinists, clowns in this story of the circus family. 619-235-9756. Friday, May 15, 2 p.m.; Saturday, May 16, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 17, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.; \$7-\$14. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

"Get Bach to Work!" Enjoy this comical take on a day in the life of J.S. Bach when the Village Church Children's Choirs present spring musicals by Fred Bock. The Cherub Choir presents "Angels, Lambs, Caterpillars, Butterflies," a tale of the resurrection. 858-756-

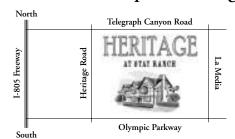






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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

2441. Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m.; free. Village Presbyterian Church, 6225 Paseo Delicias. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

"The Saturdays of May with Matt Curreri" Series centered around Matt Curreri and the Exfriends highlights selection of visual artists, musicians, poets from all over the county. This week: the Exfriends and "the formidable" John Meeks. See "Obstacle Delusion" by painter Floyd Elmore. 76u-230-2680 or 817-235-2404. Saturday, May 16, 7 p.m.; free. Andrews Gallery, 1002 North Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

"We Grow as One" San Diego Children's Choir plans spring concert and silent auction. Tickets: 619-235-0804 or 858-587-1087. Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m.; \$10-\$20. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Ain't Misbehavin' Lively musical revue features nearly 30 students from San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts celebrating the Harlem renaissance. Show includes many songs, piano solos composed or recorded by Fats Waller in 1930s. 800-988-4253. Tuesday, May 19, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; \$2. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Miserly Moms Series author Jonni McCoy offers tips, signs books. 760-435-5600. Friday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.; free. Oceanside Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Voices: Mapping the Hood Dance theater production directed by Eveoke choreographer Ericka Aisha Moore boasts additional choreography by Yvonne Hernandez and transcenDANCE dancers for Art @ the Core: Building Community. Piece combines dance with film, poetry (live spoken word by Kendrick Dial), community videography, oral history, and visual art. Sunday matinees are interactive, designed for youth, families. 619-238-1153. Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; through Sunday, May 31, \$15-\$20. Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Wesley the Owl Meet biologist Stacey O'Brien, author of Wesley the Owl: The Remarkable Love Story of an Owl and His Girl. O'Brien specializes in wild animal behavior. 760-633-2600. Wednesday, May 20, 9 a.m.; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (FNCINITAS)

Author Talk Janie Lancaster — Emily: Out of My Mother's Darkness and Come Before Winter: Stories from Luke — discusses, signs books. 760-435-5590. Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m.; free. Oceanside Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Back to the (Flying) Bridge! Sunset Poets return to reopened Flying Bridge for appearance by Los Angeles poet Brendan Constantine, reading from his new book *Letters to Guns*. Open mike follows. 760-758-2410. Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m.; free. The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Conscious Comedy Explosion "Gemini Jam" featuring the comedic Mooney Twins. 619-564-4425. Friday, May 15, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$12. Ages 18 and up. Upaka Center, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

Crime Author John Sandford discusses, signs *Wicked Prey.* 858-454-0347. Monday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Debut Author Night Meet Deirdre Shaw (Love or Something Like It) and Janelle Brown (All We Ever Wanted Was Everything) when they discuss and sign their novels 858-454-0347. Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Harps and Crystal Bowls Benefit Concert Kathleen Harshorne plays Irish lever harp, Elivia Melodey performs on 45 singing crystal bowls. Funds collected help purchase of "healing music harps for disabled children." Requested donation: \$15.619-422-0209. Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m.; Saint John's Episcopal Church, 760 First Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Light Up America Cheech and Chong return with "countercultural comedy and timeless chemistry." 800-745-3000. Saturday, May 16, 8 p.m.; \$35-\$60. Ages 21 and up. Harrah's Rincón, 777 Harrah's Rincón Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

OUT & ABOUT

INCOMPARABLE! SOPRANO KATHLEEN BATTLE

With San Diego Symphony, Saturday, May 16, Copley Symphony Hall.

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Spring Concert Coastal Communities Concert Band, led Robert Fleming, plans concert featuring virtuoso clarinet soloist Robert Spring. Listen for band's "signature variety of exciting music" such as "Irving Berlin Showstoppers," "Aviator's March," more. 760-436-6137 or 858-793-8258. Sunday, May 17, 2:30 p.m.; \$12-\$15. Carlsbad Community Church, 3175 Harding Street. (CARLSBAD)

Spring Music Concert All levels of school's vocal and instrumental talent, from "up-and-comers" to award winning ensembles, featured in recitals. 619-475-8556. Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, May 20, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$10. School of Creative and Performing Arts, 2425 Dusk Drive. (PARADISE HILLS)

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)

Unending Compassion and Empathy It's what children with severe behavioral problems need, according to child and family therapist Jennifer Kolari, who discusses and signs her new book Connected Parenting — Transform Your Challenging Child and Build Loving Bonds for Life. Question and answer follows. 858-755-3735. Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m.; free. The Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

West Coast Funnies Variety show with Kurt Swann combines sketch comedy with "Daily Show-type current events newscast" surrounding show's centerpiece of professional stand-up comedy, all presented in Tonight Show style. Featured performers this month: Drake Witham and Carlos Kotkin.

760-720-2460. Saturday, May 16, 8 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street. (CARLSBAD)

LECTURES

"An Evening with Judy Chicago" Famed artist/author/feminist Judy Chicago speaks for San Diego Museum of Art's "Evening Encounters: Art, Culture, and Conversation" series. Her career spans four decades; her most famous work, *The Dinner Party*, is described as "a monumental multimedia project symbolizing the achievements of historic women in Western civilization." 619-696-1953. Monday, May 18, 5 p.m.; \$25-\$30. The Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

"Ancestry 101" Randy Seaver explores "the nooks and crannies of *Ancestry.com*, including rarely seen features" for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego (10:15 a.m.). Talk follows user groups meeting for Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic, group on DNA Genealogy (9 a.m.). 619-426-8295. Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.; free. Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Ants Marching" UCSD Biological Sciences associate professor David Holway focuses on "A Biological Invasion in Your Own Backyard." The Argentine ant, one of world's most widespread, abundant, damaging invasive species, thrives in California, where it displaces native ants and disrupts ecosystems. Explore factors underlying success of this notorious invader, learn potential strategies to limit its abundance. 619-255-0203. Thursday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.; free.

San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Art of the Renaissance" Art historian James Grebl continues lecture series. Music plays a major role in Renaissance visual arts. Examine works by artists such as Giovanni Bellini, Giorgione, Veronese, as well as Jan van Eyck, Hieronymus Bosch, Matthias Grünewald. Choral ensemble Pacific Camerata performs Renaissance music relating to the art introduced in lecture. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Thursday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.; \$20-\$25. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Birding Peru" Birdwatching can be an adventure in Peru, home to over 1800 bird species. John Top and Lesley Marples describe their month-long trip, share photographs taken from eastern slope of Andes to Amazon jungle to ruins at Machu Picchu during Buena Vista Audubon Society meeting. Refreshments at 7 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m. 760-439-2473. Wednesday, May 20, 7 p.m.; free. Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. (CARLSBAD)

"Building Circuits: How and Why Do Brain Cells Boogie?" Witness time-lapse "movies" of living neurons engaged in building neural circuits when Shelley Halpain of UCSD speaks for Body Worlds lecture series. Gain appreciation for emerging technologies and central questions surrounding brain circuit development in health and disease. 619-255-0203. Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.; \$5-\$10. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Bushido: Why the Code of the Samurai Matters Today" Learn about the way of the warrior, why "this ancient Japanese code of conduct is important in modern times." Bushido is defined as a unique philosophy that spread through warrior class during Muromachi period. Tony Whetstine of Poway Samurai Martial Arts offers insights on the seven virtues. 619-232-2721. Saturday, May 16, 1 p.m.; \$10-\$12. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

"Colorful Foliage for Your Garden" Susi Torre-Bueno, San Diego Horticultural Society president, speaks for Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society. Learn why and how to use colorful foliage to enhance your garden; talk covers all types of plants, with emphasis

on low-water plants. Variety of plants will be displayed, discussed while Torre-Bueno creates several table-top gardens (to be sold at end of presentation). 760-741-7553. Saturday, May 16, noon; free. Joslyn Senior Center-Escondido, 210 Park Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Cosmic Inflation in Astronomy Randol Aikin of California Institute of Technology describes ongoing research in field of observational cosmology. Aikin's research focuses on measuring direct evidence for cosmic inflation. 619-668-3281. Wednesday, May 20, 7 p.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

"Creating Magic with Succulent Plants" Learn to create "a lush and lovely landscape" with water-wise plants during these classes. Speakers include Debra Lee Baldwin (Designing with Succulents) on May 14, Plant Man nursery owner Michael Buckner on May 21, and horticulturist Patrick Anderson on May 28. The three experts offer panel discussion on gardening with succulent plants on May 30, as well as tour of succulent plantings at Quail Botanical Gardens. Required registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m.; \$80-\$100. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Delivering to the Poor: Improving State Performance in India" Professor Abhijit Banerjee from Massachusetts Institute of Technology speaks in Eleanor Roosevelt College (ERC) Administration Building room 115. Learn "what the state delivers well and what it delivers badly," hear report on randomized experiments trying to improve state performance. RSVP: 858-822-5297. Monday, May 18, 4:30 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Eventos Latinos" Spanish-language adult lecture series promises Alejandro Lopez from Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science presenting "Say No to Chronic Illness," focusing on research on metabolism and health in Guatemalan societies. Included in regular admission (\$8 for kids, \$10 adults). 619-238-1233. Sunday, May 17, 4 p.m. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Five Flavors of Health" Herbal educator Charlotte Tenney leads workshop with plant identification walk, discussion of nutri-









tional and health value of "functional food" plants, and the five flavors of health — sweet, sour, bitter, salty, and pungent/spicy — said to indicate the food's health value. Make salad of wild greens and herbs with fresh salad dressing. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.; \$35-\$40. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Flower Girls" Tell All! "Creating Container Gardens with Drought Tolerant Perennials, Succulents, Unusual Foliage, and Colorful Flowers" presented by the Flower Girls. Get the skinny on container gardening, review basics of soil, water, fertilizer. Variety of planted containers displayed and discussed. Advance registration required: 760-436-3036 x206. Wednesday, May 20, 7 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Following the Golden Thread: Toltec Series of examinations of

Toltec Series of examinations of world religions continues with look at Sufism delivered by Roxane Marie. Each program is unique. Attend as many as you choose. "To study religion is to study oneself." Series ends on Wednesday, June 24. Donation. 619-491-3087. Wednesday, May 20, 7 p.m.; San Diego Center for Spiritual Living, 1009 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Modern Facts on Fertility" Fertility specialist Lori Arnold, M.D., offers an overview on latest fertility treatment options. 858-

626-6945. Wednesday, May 20, 6 p.m.; free. Scripps Mende Well Being Center at University Towne Centre, 4305 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Obama's First 100 Days" Activist San Diego hosts roundtable promising "critical analysis of Obama's early record and discussion of how to ensure a true peoples' agenda triumphs over corporate-centrism." Why are more troops being sent to Afghanistan? Why are Wall Street perpetrators being kept afloat? 619-944-9820. Monday, May 18, 7 p.m.; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Real California Natives"

Kumeyaay tribe member Kristie Orosco helps California Native Plant Society "experience the food, drink and medicine." Meeting in Casa del Prado room 101 begins with tasting of foods including *shaawii* (acorn pudding), miner's lettuce, chia seed mix, as well as manzanita berry tea, lemonade berry tea, chia energy drinks. Learn how the foods are prepared, used. Later, mystery plants identified. 619-294-3868. Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Spiritual Origins of Our World" Author and scholar Brett Mitchell reveals answers to age-old questions when he presents "Cosmology 101." At last! Find out "how everything came into existence." Registration: 760-815-9462. Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.; \$25.

LifeWorks Spiritual Center, 2555 Roosevelt Street. (CARLSBAD)

"The Ecovillage Initiative" Institute of Noetic Sciences and Project Turnaround explain their initiative. Ecovillages are described as "rural or urban human scale settlements, living and learning laboratories where the worldwide quest for sustainability is brought to reality." 858-481-3998. Sunday, May 17, 2:30 p.m.; free. Del Mar City Hall Annex. 235 11th Street. (DEL MAR)

"The Recession Ended March 25, 2009" Architect-developer Jonathan Segal discusses his work, including the Q, his current project in Little Italy. 619-684-8783. Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.; free. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (DOWNTOWN)

What Happens When the Impossible Becomes Possibe? Educator/ "human potential specialist" Ron Stadsklev answers the question for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network). 760-753-2456. Sunday, May 17, 6 p.m.; free. Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

"World Wide Fame: The Art of Distribution" The right deal can make or break a film. Gregory Gardner divulges details of film distribution when SoCal MovieMakers gather. 619-309-7492. Thursday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

A World Famous Skeptic! Author, skeptic Joe Nickell focuses on "Myths and Relics" for Humanist Association of San Diego. Nickell

has published over two dozen books debunking frauds and superstitions. Bring a "pet belief" for Nickell to discuss after presentation. 619-646-2191. Sunday, May 17, 6 p.m.; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Afghanistan Experiences
Colonel Michael Einsidler, USMC,
Retired, speaks for Sons of the
American Revolution. Tickets include breakfast. Required reservations by May 15: 760-743-0034.
Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.; \$8-\$16.
Ramada Inn, 5550 Kearny Mesa
Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Call to Action Friends of San Diego Architecture close season with panel discussion on "building of local cultural, social, and economic value despite San Diego's long-standing aversion to civic building, and the recent public discourse in response to our current economic recession." Moderator Howard Blackson (planner, design consultant) joined by architects Mike Stepner, Rob Quigley, Mark Steele, and urban conceptualist Frank Wolden. 619-224-8584. Saturday, May 16, 9:30 a.m.; free-\$5. NewSchool of Architecture and Design, 1249 F Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Creative Writing Class Author Lisa Shapiro helps writers improve creative writing, including fiction, family history, personal memoirs, and creative nonfiction. 619-588-3718. Monday, May 18, 2 p.m.; free. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON) Floral Design Credentialed floral instructor Betty Patterson divulges "secrets of beautiful, creative displays" for MiraCosta Horticulture Club in room 7001. Refreshments, plant raffle follow. Visitors welcome. 760-729-8172. Saturday, May 16, 12:45 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive.

Goodbye Baja Bishop Pine? Greg Abbott focuses on "Endangered Conifers of Southern California and Northern Baja" for Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series. Did you know that some species of pines and cypresses are almost extinct in our region? "Abbott, will explain how a comet impact 12,900 years ago caused abrupt ecological changes that shifted the vegetation communities of California." 619-575-3613. Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m.; free. Tijuana Estu-

Home Grown: Worms Learn to take care of worms! Part of community gardening series with master gardeners Diane Hollister and Pete Ash hosted by Agri Service, Inc. Reservations: 800-262-4167 x4. Saturday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.; free. El Corazon compost facility, 3210 Oceanside Boulevard. (OCEANSIDE)

ary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian

Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog Open-forum workshop covers topics such as house training, socialization with people and other animals, calmness in home, communication with your dog, basic nutrition, more. For people only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Lifestyle Medicine Dr. John Kasawa simplifies topic of lifestyle medicine — which includes nutrition, exercise, sleep — during lecture entitled "Take Control of Your Health" offered in multipurpose room of Student Services Center. How does lifestyle affect most major diseases? 408-239-7696. Monday, May 18, 5:30 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Rare Glimpses Offered! Senior archivist Jane Kenealy and Chris Travers, director of the Booth Historical Photograph Archive, demonstrate how to conduct research in the library, ways to properly identify source materials that may help in research projects during this research library open house. 619-232-6203 x129. Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.; free-\$6. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Save Time and Money Series of grant-writing and nonprofit development workshops continues with "Program Evaluation Made Easy." Learn to count only what is important to your program and to your funders. Classes offered in room SSC-1. Registration: 619-460-2738. Friday, May 15, 10 a.m.; free. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

UCSD Visiting Artist Lecture Series: Marnie Weber/Jim



The Brothers of the Little Oratory in San Diego & CHORUS BREVIARII SAN DIEGO MAY 2009 EVENTS:

Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 pm

First Vespers of the Feast of the Ascension and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Fr. Carl Gismondi, FSSP, Hebdom. St. Anne's, 621 Sicard St., Logan Heights Sunday, May 24, 3:00 pm

MUSICAL ORATORY - Free "Concert Spirituel" (feat. grand organ music of Durafle, DuPre, Vierne, Tournamiere, et al.)

Alison Luedecke, Organist

St. Joseph's Cathedral, 3rd & Beech, Downtown San Diego (length of concert spirituel, 1 hr. 15 min.)

Monday, May 25, 7:00 pm

Solemn First Vespers of the Feast of St. Philip Neri and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 655 C Ave., Coronado Fr. Carl Gismondi, FSSP, Hebdom.

Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 pm

Solemn High Mass for the Feast of St. Philip Neri Fr. Carl Gismondi, FSSP, Hebdom. St. Anne's, 621 Sicard St., Logan Heights

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Shaw Series continues with talk by duo in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space. Weber's photomontages and videos are said to deal in "half-finished hallucinogenic fantasies." 858-246-0015. Thursday, May 14, 7:45 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Want to Write a Newbery Winner? Author Susan Patron presents "You Can Write a Newbery! Ten Tips for Putting the Ultimate Gold Seal on Your Book" for Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, in Hahn School of Nursing. Patron's novel The Higher Power of Lucky won the award in 2007, 619-713-5462, Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m.; \$7-\$9. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Watercolor Workshop Helen Shafer Garcia presents "contemporary approach to watercolor focusing on the sculptural design of suc-culent plants." Class spends portion of time painting in gardens. Materials list supplied upon registration. Required registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Sunday, May 17, 9:30 a.m.; \$65-\$75. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Who Was "World's First Music Entrepreneur"? David Lewis plays music, discusses G.F. Handel

for LIFE learning group in room 1068 (1 p.m.). Author Nick Yphantides, M.D., discusses his philosophy on eating (2 p.m.). 760-721-8124. Friday, May 15, 1 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

OUTDOORS

The Silk Oak Tree, a fast-growing import from Australia, comes into short-lived glory this month. Golden flower clusters decorate the silvery-green branches, an effect that is particularly stunning when seen in contrast to the blue-blossoming jacaranda trees often planted nearby. A common tree in San Diego-area parks, the silk oak is also a popular street and backyard tree in the older residential areas.

Wildflowers of San Diego County's highest mountains are in bloom this month. Take a walk along any trail above 4500 feet in the Laguna, Cuyamaca, or Palomar mountains and enjoy a palette of colors ranging from crimson red to indigo blue. Among the most common varieties are lupine (blue, occasionally vellow), wallflower (yellow), paintbrush (red), scarlet bugler (red), beard tongue (bluepurple), checker (lavender), woolly blue curls (violet), forget-me-not (white), wild hyacinth (purple), and varrow (yellow and white).

Mule Deer by the Dozens continue to roam through the 25,000acre Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, where the smoldering landscape of October 2003 has given way to thriving shrubbery and some saplings of pine and oak amid the blackened tree trunks. Take an early morning drive down Highway 79 through the park, and you'll likely spot deer on or near the road.

Agaves, or century plants (Agave americana), have been sending up their asparagus-like flower stalks all over the metro San Diego area lately. In warm weather, the tips can rise as much as a foot a day. During summer big clusters of yellow and green flowers should appear on the tops of the stalks, some up to 30 feet tall. After the blooming cycle ends, the spine-tipped, fleshy daggers at the base of the stalk die (after a life of 10 or 20 years, not a century) and the stalk dries up, but suckers usually remain to continue a new cycle of growth, flowering, seed production and death. The smaller desert agaves (Agave deserti), which are native to the western edge of the Anza-Borrego Desert, are now finishing their blooming cycle.

The Planet Venus, now in the second month of its nine-monthlong morning-sky apparition, continues blazing brightly in the eastern sky during early-morning twilight. On the morning of Thursday, May 21, the waning crescent moon hovers several degrees to the left of pinpoint Venus.

"Early Birds, Bugs, and Botany" Naturalist Lee Dezan plans moderate hike, about threemiles long, in search of wildflowers

blooming on trails. Hike encompasses a meadow, two ponds, and a vernal pool. Wear treaded footwear, bring 1-2 liters of water. 760-839-4680. Saturday, May 16, 7:30 a.m.: free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

(Kumeyaay) Playtimes Past During easy 90-minute walk to grinding rocks site along the San Diego River, trail guides will discuss how Kumeyaay children lived and played in this region. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 16, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.; free, Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Birding in Buchanan Canvon Friends of Buchanan Canvon celebrate River Days with birding outing in the canyon. Enjoy viewing many birds — such as California thrashers, woodpeckers, and warblers - who call the canyon home. Wear good shoes, bring field glasses. 619-297-2957. Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.; free. Johnson Avenue, Johnson Avenue at Lincoln. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Critters of Mission Trails Focus on discovery, identification of tracks, scat, other evidence of some of the many animals inhabiting the park who are seldom actually seen. Easy one-hour nature walk starts in East Fortuna equestrian staging area by kiosk at grasslands trailhead (at Mast Boulevard and Highway 52). 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 16, 9:30 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Discover Downtown Escondido

Walking tour led by Escondido History Center guide, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, May 19, 6 p.m.; free. Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Discover Magnificent Beauty!

Nature walks led by trained naturalist. "Marvel at the reawakening vegetation throughout the Reserve and be enchanted by fabulous flowers along the trails." 760-436-3944. Saturdays, 10 a.m.; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Discover the World of Bugs Enjoy easy one-hour nature walk on Oak Grove Loop trail exploring world of insects and other small creatures. Adventure starts in front of entrance kiosk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 16, 12:30 p.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Leapin' Lizards! Learn about these active reptiles and other native beauties and beasts with fascinating facts and interesting lore during guide-led hikes. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 16, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, May 17, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, May 20, 9:30 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail.

Migrating Swallows? Barbara Moore leads Audubon Society bird watching. To reach trailhead, take Highway 52, exit left to Mast, turn left just after you cross bridge at Fanita Parkway. Park on Lake Canvon Drive (at corner of Lake Canyon). 858-755-7133. Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m.; free. Santee Lakes, 9040 Carlton Oaks Drive, (SANTEE)

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, May 15, 7 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego River Days 2009 San Diego River Park Foundation hosts celebration of "culturally and ecologically significant San Diego River." Events showcase our region's namesake river, from guided hikes, nature walks, volunteer river restoration events, more.

Among the many events are a river cleanup in Mission Valley, Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tools, supplies provided. Wear sturdy shoes or boots, clothes that can get dirty; area will be difficult to access. Also planned: birding, canyon exploration, hikes. RSVP, details: 619-297-7380. Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m.; Sunday, May 17, 8 a.m.; free. River Garden, 3270 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Star Party Spectacular The "resident star gazer" shares his powerful telescope to seek Whirlpool Galaxy (M51), Sunflower Galaxy (M63), Black-Eye Galaxy (M64) and Sombrero Galaxy (M104), all in good posi-





tion for viewing. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 16, 7 p.m.; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Sunspot Viewing Join resident star gazer George Varga, who aims to find sunspot activity to share with telescope equipped with a solar filter for safe viewing. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

This Week: Restore an Endangered Habitat San Diego Audubon Society invites volunteers to help at coastal dune/strand habitat restoration site in recognition of Flyway Cities Coalition Week. Work takes place along San Diego River segment extending from I-5 west to river mouth along south edge of Mission Bay Park. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Directions: 619-682-7200, 619-682-7200. Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.; free. San Diego River Restoration Site, Sea World Drive near South Shores Park. (MISSION BEACH)

Twilight Walk in the Park Join trail guides for 90-minute evening walk through grasslands. Learn of changes that occur during dusk and evenings in park, look for wildlife. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 16, 7 p.m.; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Up for a Strenuous Hike? Explore the preserve — "top to bottom" — with Canyoneers. Preserve's 3800 acres extend from Highway 79 just north of Santa Ysabel east to Farmers Road, north of Julian; the Nature Conservancy bought the land in 1999 from its longtime owners. 619-255-0203. Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m.; free. Santa Ysabel Open Space Preserve, Farmers Road & Julian Orchards Road. (JULIAN)

Where Was Wyatt Earp's Favorite Oyster Bar? Find out when San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of historic Gaslamp Quarter. Learn about area's architectural evolution from 1880s dirt streets and saloons to current restorations and adaptive reuse projects. Tours begin at Arts Tix kiosk. 619-232-1385. Saturday, May 16, 9:50 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Ages 10 and up. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Where's the Nearest Oak Woodland? Join Palomar Audubon birders and leader Mickey Nail to explore "this small wilderness area," representing "a fine example of oak woodland habitat." Bring lunch for post-birding picnic. Parking fee. 760-451-9370. Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m.; Wilderness Gardens Preserve, 14209 Highway 76. (PALA)

Work Party in Silverwood Sanctuary Help control "those sneaky invasive plants so the native flowers can bloom" and restore ridgeline trail during work event. Work in old clothes, long pants, boots or sturdy shoes, hats. Work gloves, tools, snacks, water pro-

vided. RSVP: 619-443-2998. Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.; free. Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

SPECIAL

"Fashion Hits a High Note"
Television personality Leonard
Simpson and Lyric Opera San
Diego host "theatrical show of
men's and women's runway high

fashion"; celebrating Lyric Opera's 30th anniversary. Simpson is KUSI's "resident expert on style and fashion;" he has conducted live interviews on red carpets of Academy Awards, Golden Globes, Emmys. Champagne: 7 p.m.; fashion show at 8 p.m. Tickets: 619-239-8836. Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m.; \$35-\$50. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

International Families Support refugee families attending International Rescue Committee's First Things First educational program. Evening includes presentations from students, ethnic Karen dance performance, photography exhibit, short documentary detailing daily trials, triumphs of a refugee. RSVP: 619-641-7510 x259. Saturday, May 16, 5:30 p.m.; \$50. Balboa Park Club, 2150 Pan American Road West (BALBOA PARK)

"Sunset Sundays: Women, Wine and Art" Ansley Rye discusses her work, what inspires her, and the creative process during event hosted by San Diego Fine Arts Society and Hacienda de las Rosas Winery. Meet the artist, enjoy a wine tasting experience, receive "a uniquely labeled bottle of wine signed by the featured artist." 858-205-4354. Sunday, May 17, 5 p.m.; \$25. Fiesta de Reyes, Juan Street at Calhoun

"The Game at Hand" In an effort to encourage cultural dialogue and expose and discuss deeply rooted fears, Escondido artists Larry and Debbie Kline have created a chess game serving as commentary on U.S. involvement in Middle East. One side of game features identical players clad in dark colored burkas, the other is composed of uniquely individual pieces resembling America's cultural icons; during game it becomes evident that it cannot be played fairly.



Must be 18 years of age or older to be in Casino, restaurants and theatre. Please play responsibly.

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Game included in regular museum admission. 800-988-4253. Saturday, May 16, 1 p.m.; \$5. California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

"Walk in My Sandals" Southern Sudanese Community Center of San Diego hosts fundraiser for education of southern Sudanese children. Walkers are asked to raise funds, walk minimum of five miles, symbolic of the miles many Sudanese have walked to escape oppression. Donations accepted. 619-516-3546. Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.; Monroe Clark Middle School, 4388 Thorn Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Ahoy, Matey! Sea Chantey Festival co-hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage on board Star of India includes performances by the Jackstraws, Raggle Taggle, Westlin Weavers, Gilman Carver; shipboard activity demonstrations, raising of sails. 619-234-9153. Sunday, May 17, 11 a.m.; free-\$14. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Arts in Bloom Solana Beach Art Association and Flower Hill host over 40 local authors, fine artists, sculptors, photographers, jewelry artists, more. Hear about creative process behind their work, ways to support arts in education.

At Book Works, learn about "Gardening for the Southern Californian Climate" with Nan Sterman (noon); hear about fiction with Jincy Willett, Lisa Fugard, Laurel Corona, moderator Barbara

Davenport (2 p.m.); presentation, demonstration on "Cooking with All Things Trader Joe's" with Deana Gunn (4 p.m.). Books available for sale, signing.

Children invited to "break tiles and create a colorful floral design' inspired by The Tiny Seed to help create permanent mosaic tile mural at Flower Hill. Also promised: melodies by harpist Amy Lynn Kanner, dance performances by Brazilian and Indian dance groups, more. 858-481-7131. Sunday, May 17, noon; free. Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

Castles of Carlsbad Sixth annual home tour presented by Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation features self-guided tour of six homes. Ticket availability and outlets: 760-602-2060. Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.; \$30, (CARLSBAD)

Charity Connection Over 20 local charitable organizations on hand to answer questions, recruit volunteers. Refreshments provided by Buckboard Catering. 858-882-0214. Wednesday, May 20, 10 a.m.; free. Althea Technologies, 11040 Roselle Street. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Del Mar Quilt, Craft, and Sewing Festival Variety of supplies, notions, techniques for sewing, quilting, needle arts, embossing, more. Workshops, seminars, demonstrations. 858-793-5555. Thursday, May 14, 10 a.m.; Friday, May 15, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, (DEL MAR)

Escondido Street Faire Enjoy live entertainment, over 600 vendors selling wares, international food on Grand Avenue (between Centre City Parkway and Ivy

TRAGIC AND HAUNTING — MADAMA **BUTTERFLY**

San Diego Civic Theatre, through Wednesday, May 20.

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Street). 760-745-8877. Sunday, May 17, 11 a.m.; free. Downtown Escondido, Grand Avenue at Centre City. (ESCONDIDO)

Etched, Fused, Torch Worked Over 30 glass artists show off their

work during Art Glass Association and Art Glass Guild's annual patio show and sale at studio 25, featuring all types of glass items: blown, fused, torch worked, stained, cast, etched, mosaic. 619-702-8006. Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 17, 10 a.m.; free, Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place.

Golden Scissors Awards San Diego Mesa College hosts 28th annual Golden Scissors Fashion Show. The student-run event is organized by fashion design and fashion merchandising programs. Reception (5:30 p.m.), followed by show and awards (7:30 p.m.). 619-388-2205. Friday, May 15, 5:30 p.m.; \$15-\$50. Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Honor Archi's Acres Veterans

"Harvest Project" benefit promises dance, music, art, food, silent auction. Evening features actress/author Mimi Kennedy, live entertainment by CAC Repertory Theatre, contACT ARTS, Librae Dance-Theater-Movement, Madera, Opus Mixtus Post Jazz, Project 423, Santa Monica Contemporary Ballet. Archi's Acres organic farm is home of Veterans Sustainable Agriculture Training program. Suggested donation: \$100. 800-933-5234. Sunday, May 17, 1 p.m.; WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

House of Norway Take in ethnic music, songs, and dances for lawn program at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m.; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Indian Fair and Market Annual event promises art by more than 50 Native American artists from the Southwest and Alaska, including dollmaker Glenda McKay; demonstrations by exhibitors, musicians, dancing, storytellers, children's activities, food (for sale). 619-239-2001. Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 17, 10 a.m.; free-\$5. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

La Jolla Pet Parade and Festival Day includes sidewalk parade (10 a.m.), pet adoptions, Doga (dog and owner yoga) warm-up, as well as "What's That Mutt" guess the "mix" game, contests (cutest puppy, biggest dog, many others), vendors, more. Proceeds benefit SNAP (Spay-Neuter Action Project). Donation per pet: \$45. 619-525-3047. Saturday, May 16, 8:30 a.m.; Pet Parade, Silverado Street at Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Lagoon Day Celebration of "first-ever BioBlitz" in North County promises contests, crafts, games, face-painting, storytelling, guided walks, exhibits, live animal ambassadors, food. At the same time, scientists race against clock to identify the different species of plants, animals they can find; families can observe scientists at work. ask questions, 760-436-3944, Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue, (CARDIFF)

Lux at Night Landscape painter Victoria Adams - who lives and works on Vashon Island, Washington — has created a 50"x50" oil painting based on San Elijo Lagoon during her time as resident artist. Evening promises art, wine, music by singer Steph Johnson. Completed work by Adams is on display through Wednesday, May 20. Donation for nonmembers: \$5. 760-436-6611. Wednesday, May 20, 7 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and up. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Meeting of the Minds "Thinkers Gatherings" planned. Draw a topic out of hard hat or bring your own theories and hold court. 619-523-5540. Mondays, 5 p.m.; free. Reds Espresso Gallery, 1017 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

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

North Park Festival of the Arts Thirteenth annual juried art event along University Avenue (between 30th and 32nd Streets) promises art, entertainment, food, activities for kids, "festival of beers," more. 619-233-5008. Sunday, May 17, 10 a.m.; free. North Park, University Avenue (between 30th and 32nd Streets). (NORTH PARK)

Party in North Park! Art Academy hosts party and open house for students, faculty, and friends during North Park Festival of the Arts. Barbecue, drinks provided; bring side dish, grill item, or appetizer to share. 619-231-3900. Sunday, May 17, 1 p.m.; free. Art Academy of San Diego, 3784 30th Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Patriot's Day Parade Time! TierraFest activities include parade beginning at Serra High School and ending at Farb Middle School (10 a.m.), arts and crafts fair, barbecue dinner (4-9 p.m.), fireworks (dusk), 858-573-2648, Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.; free. Tierrasanta Town Center, 10633 Tierrasanta Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

Pet Rescue Day on the Bay Bring your leashed dog and a new or "gently used blanket or towel" for donation to Helen Woodward

Animal Center, then receive pass for free one-hour harbor cruise on Hornblower Cruises. 619-686-8700. Thursday, May 14, 9:30 a.m.; Hornblower Cruises, 1066 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Prancing Herds of (Model) Horses! Spirited Arabians! Flashy pintos! Horses of Tir Na Nog sanctuary benefit from this show for resin model horse enthusiasts. Spectators welcome, 619-729-0713 or 619-465-6384. Saturday, May 16, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday, May 17, 9 a.m. Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading, 619-298-3422. Saturday, May 16, noon; Sunday, May 17, noon; free. Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Drive, Suite G. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Quilt Show See over 100 quilts during Chula Vista Quilters Guild's annual show. 619-917-4835. Friday, May 15, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.; \$5. Community Congregational Church, 276 F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

R-Rated Trivia Trivial fun returns with mini-games, comedy, and trivia. Cost: \$3 per person. Winning team takes all. "Crowd interaction is encouraged and sometimes mandatory." 619-294-4848. Sunday, May 17, 8 p.m.; \$3. Ages 21 and up. The Wit's End, 420 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

R-Rated Trivia in the North Enjoy trivia, comedy, mini-games. Fee: \$3 per person. Free to play, "with \$25 bar tab up for grabs." 760-944-0233. Monday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and up. First Street Bar and Grill, 656 South Coast Highway. (ENCINITAS)

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

Reformed Government... Does California really want reformation? Deliberate with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m.; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

May 20: Signature Appetizers Chef Larry shares his favorite appetizers that have a "first bite" surprise.

May 21: Sushi Club

Join Sushi Club and enjoy preparing an ever-changing array of sushi. Quarterly class. Chef Mineko Moreno. May 27: "Never Grill a Bad Steak Again"

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River Days Plant Sale San Diego River Park Foundation hosts visit to this five-acre garden and community beautification project featuring native and low-water-use plants. Plant sale benefits garden; docents on hand to talk about volunteer opportunities and the project. Hot dog lunch served (12:30-1:30 p.m.). 619-297-7380. Saturday, May 16, noon; free. River Garden, 3270 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Sicilian Festival The 16th annual festa boasts "sumptuous Sicilian cuisine," Sicilian and Italian music on four stages. This year's headliner is "national accordion virtuoso" Dick Contino. Colorful costumes, lively music and dance, authentic cuisine, kids activities. Lots of food for sale. 619-469-2206. Sunday, May 17, 10 a.m.; free. Little Italy. (LITTLE ITALY)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, May 17, 10 a.m.; free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Sudanese Heritage Celebration Event celebrates Sudanese culture, with live entertainment including fashion show, family activities. 619-527-6161. Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m.; free. Market Creek Plaza, Euclid Avenue and Market Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Tibetan Spring Festival Drikung Kyobpa Choling Medita-

tion Center of Escondido presents Tibetan cultural spring festival and fundraiser. Sacred mystical dance, Tibetan cultural song and dance, blessings and healing ceremonies, and "special puppy circus." 760-738-0089. Saturday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.; \$10-\$20. Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive. (ENCINITAS)

What Needs to Be Fixed? Southwest CV Civic Association meets to "discuss how redevelopment needs to do more to help our communities and the fiscal health of the city." Focus on ideas for improving fiscal health of the city, where pedestrian improvements are needed, how tax increment money should be spent. 619-425-5771. Monday, May 18, 6:45 p.m.; free. MAAC Charter School, 1385 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Zing! Pow! Draw "hot roller derby chix" from San Diego Roller Derby League's Starlettes during Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School. Bring art supplies and draw, drink, listen to tunes, compete in silly contests for prizes. 619-299-7372. Saturday, May 16, 3 p.m.; \$10. Ages 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

SPORTS

(Senior) Hoops Twelve teams take part in Senior Women's Bas-

ketball Tournament, competing all day in NCAA collegiate rules, 3-on-3 half-court basketball. Players range in age from 50 to 80+ years. 619-255-3154. Saturday, May 16, 9:30 a.m.; free. Balboa Park municipal gymnasium, 2111 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

All About Wilson Improve your tennis skills, win Wilson prizes during Wilson Sporting Goods event at resort's tennis courts. On tap: clinic with drills and games, Wilson racquet demos, serve speed testing with radar guns. Serve against former world record holder Mark Littrell. 760-728-5881. Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m.; Pala Mesa Resort, 2001 Old Highway 395.

CSF California Surf Series

Amateur surf competition takes place south of pier. Free for spectators. 760-722-6363. Saturday, May 16, 7 a.m.; free. Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

Dolls versus Dolls! San Diego Derby Dolls round out their 2009 spring season as they take on "the undeniable force" of Los Angeles Derby Dolls in Wyland Center Hall. Doors open at 7 p.m.; bout starts 8 p.m. 619-589-0890. Friday, May 15, 7 p.m.; free-\$20. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Encinitas Sports Festival So many sports, so little time! Orga-

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nizers plan triathlons, duathlon, bike tour (with three distances: 103 miles, 66 miles, 37 miles), 5k run and 1k walk/run, Moonlight Beach Paddle and Swim, sports expo. 760-632-6843. Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m.; Sunday, May 17, 8 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, May 14, 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; free. San Carlos United Methodist Church, 6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard, (SAN CARLOS)

How About Lunch in Bonsall? San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for flat and fast 84mile ride. Bring money for food. 619-473-8513. Sunday, May 17, 8:45 a.m.; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road, (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Jaripeo (Mexican Rodeo) Mexican singer, equestrian Ezequiel Peña on hand for his Jaripeo (Mexican rodeo) show. Also featured: the norteño band Los Morros del Norte, "midget bullfighters," bull riding exhibition with 30 bulls and local riders. 619-264-8783. Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m.; free-\$35. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

La Posta Sunrise Bicycle to Sunrise Highway through chaparral and forest with the Knickerbikers. Bring money for lunch at La Posta Diner following 29-mile ride. 858-279-9863. Saturday, May 16, 9:30 a.m.; free. La Posta, 32337 Old Highway 80. (PINE VALLEY)

Padres vs. Reds San Diego Padres host the Cincinnati Reds. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784, Friday, May 15, 7:05 p.m.; Saturday, May 16, 7:05 p.m.; Sunday, May 17, 1:05 p.m.; \$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Padres vs. Giants San Diego Padres host the San Francisco Giants. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish, Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Tuesday, May 19, 7:05 p.m.; Wednesday, May 20, 7:05 p.m.; \$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Pi Beta Phi Surf Classic Men's and women's open surf competitions with cash prizes, volleyball tournament, food, at western end of Pacific Beach Drive. Philanthropic event raises "funds to eliminate illiteracy." 805-341-0149. Sunday, May 17,6 a.m.; free. Pacific Beach, Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Ray of Sunshine Miramar Walk Take part in 5-mile walk, run, or bike ride around lake to raise money and essential items for Center for Community Solutions. Requested items for donation: baby items, non-perishable foods, bus passes, more. 619-245-8706. Saturday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.; \$5-\$20. Miramar Lake, Scripps Lake Drive at Scripps Ranch Boulevard. (MIRA MESA)

Run for Fun Locate new routes in the city, "test-drive" latest Nike footwear, run with motivated people. Runners, walkers of all levels meet to run their choice of three-, five-, and seven-mile routes, starting from Nike Fashion Valley. 619-294-9385. Wednesdays, 6 p.m.; free, Fashion Valley Mall, 7007 Friars Road, (MISSION VALLEY)

Southern California Beach **Soccer Championships** Many amateur and professional expected to compete. Additional activities: Capoeira (Brazilian martial arts), samba dancing, sponsor exhibits. Free for spectators. 760-473-8329 or 760-390-4774. Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m.; Sunday, May 17, 8 a.m.; free, Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Sun and Surf Quarterhorse **Show** 858-354-4069. Thursday, May 14, 8 a.m.; Friday, May 15, 8 a.m.; Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m.; Sunday, May 17, 8 a.m.; Monday, May 18, 8 a.m.; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Think Global, Run Local San Diego Trail Run Series continues with Mission Driven Eco Run 5k and 10k, promising "challenging all dirt races." Find start at park's equestrian staging area (use Mast Boulevard exit from Highway 52). 619-890-6067. Sunday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.; \$20-\$40. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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, May 16, 8:45 a.m.; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

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

MUSEUMS &

bitions currently on view: "20th Century Photography: Selections from the Wachovia Securities Art Collection,""Divi/nation: Work by Debby and Larry Kline," "Between: Work by Nina Waisman," and "Reel Mothers: Film Video Art and the Maternal." Exhibits address current social issues and reflect on

how historical moments have impacted life in America and world. Through Sunday, June 21, 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

"Carol Panaro-Smith and James Hajicek: Photogenic Drawings" Opening reception for exhibition by this Phoenix duo. Panaro-Smith and James Hajicek work collaboratively using photogenic drawing, one of the earliest photographic processes, discovered in 1839. Closes Friday, July 3. 858-456-5620. Free, Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue), 5 p.m., Saturday, May 16. (LA JOLLA)

"Color Odyssey" Opening night reception for exhibit of 35 collages by artist Frank Leo Vicino, Closes Thursday, July 16. 619-534-8120. Free, Edgeware Gallery (4186 Adams Avenue), 5 p.m., Saturday, May 16. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

"Grossmont College Art Student Exhibition 2009" Opening reception for annual exhibition of ceramics, digital media, painting, drawing, jewelry, photography, sculpture, more. Closes Thursday, May 21. 619-644-7299. Free. Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive), 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 19. (GROSSMONT COLLEGE)

House of Pacific Relations International Cottages are open every Sunday, noon-4 p.m., presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, Children around the World videos screened in Hall of Nations, select cottages open. 2125 Park Boulevard, 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

It's Summer C-Note Time! Event and sale begins with preview days, May 15-16 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.). "C-Note Night" is May 16 (5 p.m.), when original artwork is available for \$100, \$200, or \$300. Pieces are replaced as they're sold. Exhibit closes Sunday, May 31. 619-236-0011. Free, San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado), 10 a.m., Friday, May 15; 10 a.m., Saturday, May 16; 5 p.m., Saturday, May 16. (BALBOA PARK)

"Let Fly" Opening reception for artist John Rogers, whose exhibit of new sculpture and paintings may be viewed through June. 858-459-3917. Free, R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, Suite 201), 4 p.m., Saturday, May 16. (LA JOLLA)

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. Ex-

hibit continues through Sunday,

August 2. 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

"Nine Transient Things" Closing reception for art exhibition by the Infinity Lab, with exhibit of nine three-foot crayon drawings, one 20-minute animation, and one "Blue Chip Special" installation. DJ Dan Camacho mixes "soundscapes on three turntables." Also on display is a "top-secret installation" of a new "Blue Chip [artist] Special." 619-838-7666. Free, Voz Alta (1754 National Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, May 16. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Progressions" Reception for painters Kathryn Gail Ackley and Lvn White, whose exhibition continues through May in Gallery 23. 619-232-3522. Free. Spanish Village Art Center (1770 Village Place), 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 17. (BALBOA PARK)

Rendering Associates Opening reception for third annual group exhibition. Closes Saturday, June 13. 760-943-7440. Free. Rhino Art Company (97 North Coast Highway 101), 8 p.m., Saturday, May 16.

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

San Elijo Lagoon Ecological **Reserve** Nature center's building



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is a "green" facility made from recycled materials, using solar panels, irrigated roof plants, recycled water. Facility features an array of interactive exhibits exploring the natural and cultural history of the San Elijo Lagoon, one of the few remaining coastal wetlands in our area. Guided nature walks offered every Saturday (10-11 a.m.). 2710 Manchester Avenue, 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

"Seventh Biennial Artists" **Books Juried Exhibition**" Opening reception for exhibition; iuror Stanley Strauss, former director of Cerritos Public Library Artists' Books Collection, has selected 26 artists from across the country for inclusion. Also opening: "Seventh Annual SDSU Art Council Scholarship Exhibition" and "Catalogues Raisonné of Artists' Books." Close Saturday, June 20. 858-454-5872. Free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 15. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSICAL

Honors Recital Undergraduate omposition students Cris Eaves and Ray Robles in concert. 858-534-3229. Free. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, May 14. (LA JOLLA)

Pipe Organ Concert Former civic organist Robert Plimpton — currently resident organist at First United Methodist Church in San Diego — is joined by trombonist Tommy Phillips to perform works by Bach, Bernstein, Holst. No offering taken. 619-442-8201. Free.



First Church of Christ, Scientist, La Mesa (8262 Allison Avenue), 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 15. (LA MESA)

Tragic and Haunting San Diego Opera's 44th season closes with Giacomo Puccini's Madama Butterfly. Cast includes American soprano Patricia Racette (who has made Cio-Cio-San her signature role), Uruguayan tenor Carlo Ventre, American baritone Malcolm MacKenzie, Chinese mezzo-soprano Zhen Cao, Taiwanese tenor Joseph Hu, others, Conductor is Edoardo Müller, director is Garnett Bruce. Performed in Italian with English translations above the stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. \$28-\$175. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue), 8 p.m., Friday, May 15; 2 p.m., Sunday, May 17; 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 20.

California International Piano Competition Twelve young concert pianists from Japan, Korea, China, Canada, Lithuania, and U.S. take part in semi-final round of competition on Saturday. Composers represented include Mozart, Chopin, Liszt, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, others.

Final round takes place on Sunday. The four to five remaining competitors will each perform a concerto of their choice. Advance tickets required: 800-988-4253. Free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 10 a.m. & 2 p.m., Saturday, May 16; 3 p.m., Sunday, May 17. (ESCONDIDO)

Spring Fest Spring showcase offers "opportunity to witness exciting and innovative performances by UCSD's extremely gifted music graduate composers and performers." 858-534-3229. Free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD (Russell Lane at Gilman Drive), 7 & 9 p.m., Saturday, May 16; 4, 7 & 9 p.m., Sunday, May 17; 8 p.m., Monday, May 18. (LA JOLLA)

Classical Concert Metropolitan Opera principal clarinet Anthony McGill and pianist Ines Irawati plan concert in support of school's Center for the Arts. 619-704-1140. \$10-\$50. Lincoln High School (4777 Imperial Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, May 16. (LOGAN HEIGHTS) President's Concerts Annual recitals presented by Palomar Symphony, Palomar Chorale, and Palomar Chamber Singers. Program includes Beethoven's "Mass in C." 760-744-1150 x2453. \$8-\$12. Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road), 8 p.m., Saturday, May 16; 8 p.m., Sunday, May 17. (SAN MARCOS)

Incomparable! Soprano Kathleen Battle joins San Diego Symphony to perform Mozart's "Symphony No. 38 in D Major, Prague," selections from "L'Arlesienne Suites I and 2" by Bizet, and American spirituals for Jacobs' Masterworks concert. Reservations: 619-235-0804. \$30-\$300. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Saturday, May 16. (DOWNTOWN)

20th Anniversary Concert MiraCosta College Guitar Orchestra celebrate two decades of guitar ensemble concerts. Students, faculty, guests perform wide variety of musical styles, with look back at highlights from years past. 760-795-6815. \$8-\$10. MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 17. (OCEANSIDE)

The Tenor and the Organist Tenor Enrique Toral joins Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 17. (BALBOA PARK)

Music on the Mesa Enjoy sonatas for violin and piano, pieces for marimba, sonata for flute and piano, tangos for marimba and flute when La Jolla Symphony performs. 858-573-1396. Free. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library (9005 Aero Drive), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 17. (KEARNY MESA)

"Old Masters of Music and Art: Stromenti con Voci" Museum and San Diego Early Music Society present concert "of Baroque voices and instruments" performed by Elisabeth Marti with Stromenti con Voci. 619-232-7931. Free. San Diego Museum of Art (1450 El Prado), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 17. (BALBOA PARK)

California Quartet Works by Chavez, Revueltas, and Beethoven may be heard when quartet performs for Pleasure of Your Company chamber music series. En-

semble members are Bridget Dolkas and Maia Jaspser (violins), Christine Grossman, (viola), Erin Breene (cello). Reception follows. Donations appreciated. 858-538-8158. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 17. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Operatic Delights Conductor Jung-Ho Pak leads San Diego Chamber Orchestra for sampling of "most famous arias and orchestral operatic masterpieces ever written" for Center Pops Concert. Listen for selections from Carmen, Madama Butterfly, Merry Widow, Aida, La Traviata, more. 800-988-4253. \$19-\$37. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 4 p.m., Sunday, May

Festival of Choirs Mount San Antonio Chamber Singers joined by Poway High School Die Lieder Singers, Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals, and Bishop's School Chamber Singers in recital. Offering. 619-297-4366. First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South), 4 p.m., Sunday, May 17. (MISSION VALLEY)

Music on the Point Hollace Jones and Geoffrey Graham pay homage to 24th anniversary of All Souls' organ with concert of organ and harpsichord music. Reception follows. Donation. 619-223-6394 x13. All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard), 4 p.m., Sunday, May 17. (POINT LOMA)

Classical Indian Music Kartik Sheshadri's tabla and sitar students in concert. 858-534-3229. \$10-\$5. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Monday, May 18. (LA JOLLA)

Female Nude Reading Myriad Trio members plan "art-inspired concert" with selections inspired by Robert Delaunay's painting. Demarre McGill (flute), Che-Yen Chen (viola), Julie Ann Smith (harp) will perform Debussy's "Sonata" for flute, viola, harp; along with "a wide range of colorful works written for this wonderfully unique combination of instruments." 619-692-2081. \$10-\$25. San Diego Museum of Art (1450 El Prado), 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 19.

Undergraduate Recital Vocalist Brian Wahlstrom performs. 858-534-3229. Free. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 19. (LA JOLLA)

Eclectic Piano Pianist Pavlos Antoniadis presents "eclectic selection of works" in Warren Lecture Hall Studio A. 858-534-3229. Free. University of California San Diego (9500 Gilman Drive), 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 20. (LA JOLLA)

Live Computer Music Works UCSD "Music 272" students perform pieces involving electronic music and instrumental techniques. 858-534-3229. Free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD (Russell Lane at Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 20. (LA JOLLA)

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Stand Still, Laddie! A

multi-deejay event called Klub Therapy debuts Friday night at the 8Teen Arts and Cultural Center in North Park. It is one of the first allages music events at the venue, which opened last December at 3925 Ohio

ing will be allowed.

Sergeant Dan Plein of SDPD vice says the center will be monitored by the City as it starts to host concerts and deejay shows. He says dancing will not be permitted.

Alma Felan, who opened 8Teen, says it is her under-

the inside track

Street, the space that used to house the Avalon cultural center. The 8Teen center hosts art shows, plays, and bands.

standing that Klub Therapy promoter Bryan Pollard has a license that does permit dancing at the events he stages.



8TEEN'S QUEEN BEE ALMA FELAN

Klub Therapy is billed as Felan says that if she has an "all-ages Gothic/dark-wave to, she will explain to her event" that will return to the patrons that they have to 8Teen center the third Friday stand still while the DJ spins of every month. tracks.

What is unclear is if danc-

space for music and art to an all-ages clientele. Her first, the Hot Monkey Love Café on El Cajon Boulevard, closed in 2006 after a fouryear-long dispute with a neighbor over parking. The second Hot Monkey venue, which was ten blocks away from the first, lasted two years, until noise complaints forced it to close. Felan claims the 8Teen

attempt by Felan to offer a

center can succeed where Avalon could not. Avalon was launched to be a home for artists and musicians by owner Marc Shannon, who said the City kept stonewalling him by keeping the venue's capacity at 50 and forbidding live shows.

"The first week I opened, I was raided by the police," he said last year. "This is one of the worst cities for an independent artist to start a career."

Felan disagrees. She says all the problems with doing events at the Avalon/8Teen center building had to do with getting the place up to health and safety codes and installing the proper fire exits. She says she has spent \$20,000 on improvements to the 90-year-old building.

Felan says the name 8Teen indicates the 18 percent of her profits that will go to the Photocharity organization, a nonprofit that helps homeless

Tragic Tantrum Cabaret

("It's like a play with a circus in it") appears this Saturday at the center.

— Ken Leighton

Bugs in Your Chin Wig

"I wrote the song when he was on that Rock Star Supernova show," says "Dangerous Dave"

Swain of local punk-rock trio the Bugs. Swain's talking about their controversial track "Dave Navarro's Goatee Fucking Sucks."

He used to be in Jane's Addiction/ Now he's on TV trying to earn a buck

He was so much cooler when he was on drugs/ Dave Navarro's goatee fucking sucks

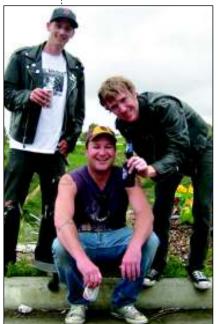
"All that makeup and jewelry," says Swain, "what a

jerk. Where the hell is he getting off wearing all that crap? He's so full of himself. Anyone with any soul would want to tell him to go [screw] himself."

The Bugs may have a problem with their video for the song, which features a couple dozen enlarged photos of Navarro on a screen behind the group as they mock his facial hair. "I keep waiting to hear from his attorney about

the video," says Swain. "I'm sure they wouldn't appreciate us using his pictures without consent. If they do email me, I'm printing it in the insert of the next album."

With tours booked around California and overseas, are the Bugs worried about run-



BUGS NOT REALLY THE FIGHTING TYPE

ning into the rock star? "I'm really not the fighting type. But if he came at me, he'd definitely get a little chin music. I don't really want to [meet him]. He may try to French me."

The band's other songs include "No More Emo Haircuts," "Meth on My Mind," "Lesbo Lesbo," and "Email From a She-Male" (also an amusing video).

Clocking in at around two

minutes each, the songs will appear on the Bugs' upcoming Cabana Records seven-inch vinyl album. "Yeah, that's right, the whole album fits on a seven-inch. And there's still room for another song or two!"

— Jay Allen Sanford

Tick Tick Tick... San

Diego just lost another allages music venue.

Sergeant Glenn Giannantonio of the San Diego Sheriff's Department says that an April 18 show at the Jumping Turtle in San Marcos got out of control and that the club "has been a drain on law enforcement for the past two years." Giannantonio contacted the City of San Marcos with recommendations regarding the venue's entertainment permit, and last week San Marcos city clerk Susie Vasquez announced, "Whenever they have entertainment, it will be 21-andup only." The 250-capacity restaurant/bar hosts local and nationally touring bands. The new entertainment permit took effect May 1.

National bands were introduced to the Jumping Turtle by promoter Sulo King, who now does the booking at Brick by Brick in Bay Park. He says that the Turtle was doing good business, but mixing all-ages fans with booze was a "ticking

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time bomb. I don't know how they got away with it in the first place."

North County band Wanted Dead was playing April 18 when the music was

cut off by the sheriff's department. Lead singer Skillet says he was not happy with the way the barroom blitz was handled.

"Sometimes with all-age shows things go wrong. There is a protocol. You make an announcement that the show is over and you have ten minutes

to leave.... The way it happened at the Jumping Turtle was like a raid. The cops came in and just started throwing kids around.... It was frustrating for me because we paid for double security."

Skillet explains that his band paid the Jumping Turtle \$700 for extra security, which

was mandated by the bar. He says that security was not doing its job. "I saw some people who were thrown out who ended up coming back in.... The [sheriff's deputies] said they came because the show was getting violent, but in fact they were the ones who came in like gangbusters."



THAT PLACE WAS A TIME BOMB (SULU KING)

Requests for comments from Jumping Turtle owner Matt Hall and talent buyer Joe Troutman were not returned.

— Ken Leighton

The Gig Is Legit! "It was our first gig outside of San Diego," says Guava Belly singer-guitarist Dan Hammer



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OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: GOLDEN HILL

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

of the band's April 22 set at the Roxy in L.A. "The offer was to play a reggae night, provided we could bring about a hundred fans on a Wednesday." Not knowing many people in L.A., the band chartered a bus to bring around 50 hometown friends.

"[The Roxy] is painted all black on the outside, as well as the inside, and yes, there's a stage curtain.... The gig is legit!" Hammer exclaims. "They even provided a green room with a fridge full of beer. We cracked beers in the unearthly, ultraviolet backstage light with one of the other bands, and they asked, 'What kind of reggae do you guys play?""

The Roxy show was the first time Guava Belly was

billed as a reggae act. "We have nothing against reggae, and we accent some of the same beats as reggae bands

Hammer said that during sound check, bassist James Traer had a battle of wills with the Roxy soundman

LONG WAY TO GET TO L.A. (GUAVA BELLY)

I've heard, but that doesn't mean we're reggae. I mean, we're influenced by whiskey, too."

"about whether or not he could rest a beer on one of the house amps. They maintained it would spill. [Traer]

acknowledged that though it was a risk, it was one he was willing to take in order to make sure it was always within arm's reach."

The band entertained 250 people, hitting their guarantee. "With the exception of one near catastrophic slip on the wet patch of beer the bass player spilled, the gig was pretty much as good as we could ever do. Even the reggae bands nodded their approval.

"And only one of our fans got drunk and missed the bus home"

Guava Belly appears at the Belly Up May 30.

– Jay Allen Sanford

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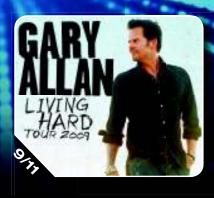














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CEANTE This Week In Music

Thursday 14

Doves alight tonight at House of Blues. The Manchester trio trade in anthemic pop like Coldplay and Oasis, but without the Grammys, Mercurys, or tabloid-drama pomposity. Still and all, these three gritty songsmiths — brothers Jez and Andy Williams and childhood mate Jimi Goodwin — have owned the U.K. album charts over their ten-year career, dropping two number-one debuts and four top tens. The fourth is this year's well-received Heavenly Records crit-hit Kingdom of Rust, a fuzzsoaked percolator that'll float them right where they want to be — just above the mainstream... The night of the great unsung continues over at Casbah, where Earthology act Cloud Cult drifts in behind its latest, Feel Good Ghosts, The Minneapolis big band is known for its Flaming Lips-like experimental shifts and deconstructing pop modalities. The band's Advice from the Happy Hippopotamus (2005) and The Meaning of 8 (2007) stand as two of the decade's hidden gems. With Seattle's Say Hi (née Say Hi to Your Mom) and "happy hardcore" quintet **Ice Palace** (also from the great state of Minnesota), this indie hattrick is hands down the Middletown mainstay's gig to get to this week.... Bar Pink gets Extra Golden. The Thrill Jockev collective cures American funk



DOVES AT HOUSE OF BLUES

with Afro beats and psychedelia. A lot to swallow? Check the Space takes from this year's *Thank You Very Quickly* for a primer... Brick by Brick stages San Diego's granola-fed reggae dub dudes the **Devastators** and **Israel Maldonado Band**. Who let them out of O.B.?

Friday 15

Belly Up books an art-rock one-two punch that'll lay you out, music fan, when Glasgow's post-rock instrumentalists **Mogwai** join Angelino psych-rock act **Dead Meadow**. Meadow's strummy myths off of last year's *Old Growth* should be the perfect

shoegaze-y distraction to set up the wallop Mogwai packs in its prog-y instrumental metal Think Slint without vocals or get your hands on Rock Action or Happy Songs for Happy People.... No? Suit yourself — ya got Brooklyn's bombastic thrashers Tombs with L.A. drones Isis at Casbah...San Diego heavies **Sprung Monkey** and Mower at

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MOGWAI AT BELLY UP

Schuur at Anthology...and, like, 50 bands playing the Soma Big Show (*somasandiego.com*). I think they're kicking off their anniversary week or something. No? What the hell do I know...

Saturday 16
Cute and cuddly. Da Bears beat it to Beauty Bar

with Classics Never Die/Cowardly Cobra to ink a review. "It's swell." (That's the short version; more in next week's Hometown.) Give 'em a spin if yer into upbeat lo-fi pop like sunshine-y Pavement. The indie kids'll split the bill with the Fascination, who are also neat-o, though more Manchester than Santa Rosa... Barroom rocking throwbacks Big Sandy, Deke Dickerson, and the Ecco-Fonics get their whammy off on Casbah's main stage while Graceland goes in the Atari Lounge.... San Pedro garage-pop peeps Underground Railroad to Candyland, out to tout the shout-along rave-ups off Recess Records

Saturday night. Spent the better part of the week

debut *Bird Roughs*, stop in San Diego this weekend. They'll roll on Soda Bar Saturday night and appear at North Park's Festival of the Arts on Sunday.... L.A. MCs **Grouch & Eligh** hit the beach at Canes behind their first collaboration, *Say G&E*, which dropped in April.

Sunday 17

As mentioned, it's time for this year's North Park Festival of the Arts, which is a good way t'spend the day if you're into cruising crafts and fair fare. Recommend you linger 'round the Bar Pink stage for Sunday's superior sets. You get **Kill Me**

Tomorrow, Creepy Creeps, Underground
Railroad to Candyland, and
Drowning Men.... When the sun
sets on that, Swede (rhymes with
twee) pop star Loney Dear will
drop by the Loft at UCSD.

Monday 18

Because I'm Awesome. You'll believe bassist Kelly Ogden when she belts the title cut. Her L.A. pop-punk trio the **Dollyrots** appear at Bar Pink Monday night behind a similar, she-punk–fronted SanFran band, **Action Design....** Seattleite punk-rawk novelty acts **Steel Tigers of Death** and **Android Hero** roll into Ruby Room with local hosts **China**

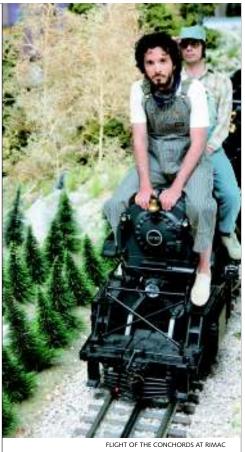
Clippers. It looks like the Clippers have taken over Monday nights at the Hillcrest hideaway.

Tuesday 19

Aussie indie-pop duo **An Horse** and hometown hits **Calico Horse** gallop into Casbah Tuesday. **Pilot Speed** also on the bill... Soda Bar stages locals **Old In Out** and **Braaiins!** with the aforementioned Nor'westers **Steel Tigers of Death** and **Android Hero**, who are apparently making hay while they're here. Nice.

Wednesday 20

"If we don't come back, just call us on the Ouija board!" invokes David Johansen on the **New York Dolls** latest 'Cause I Sez So, but you can put that board away, rockers, because the Dolls will hit Belly Up with East Coast grit Wednesday night. The glam-punk icons have been off and on for over 30



vears, dropping four discs in that time, but with the Dolls it's always been about quality, not quantity, and I Sez So spares nothing, proving that 2006 comeback One Day It Will Please Us to Remember Even This wasn't a fluke. With all the swagger of the Stones and thunder of the Who...hot damn, 60 may just be the new 30. Ontario trio the Cliks will set the Solana Beach stage.... I can't earnestly condone any other Wednesday sets, but the latest TV-stars-turnedrock-stars, Flight of the Conchords, land at RIMAC, and they've apparently got some critical cred to go with their commercial appeal. Looks good on the New Zealanders.... Ruby Room hosts podcast station X1FM's Local Gold, with golden locals **Team Abraham**.... And House of Blues has electroclash performance act Fischerspooner. They're the New York duo that had that one dance-floor hit that time.

— Barnaby Monk

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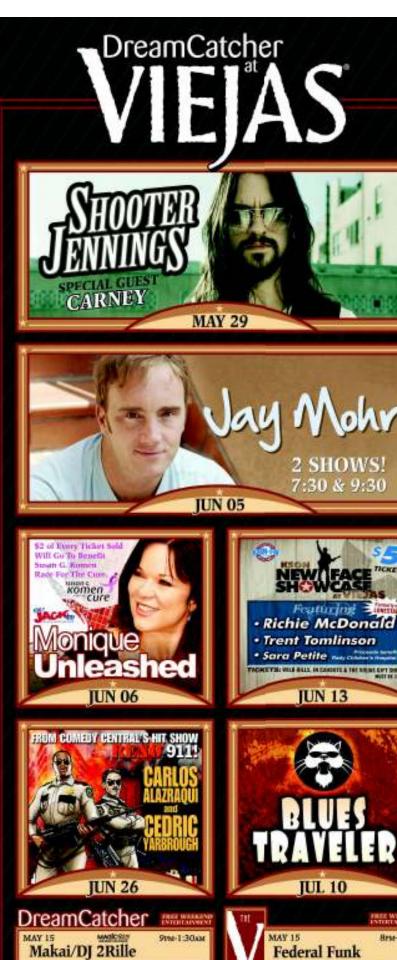
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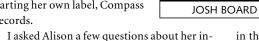
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From Parlor to Parking Lot

"There was a vibrant bluegrass community in Southern California in the '70s."

lison Brown went from playing banjo outside of Shakey's Pizza in La Mesa to performing with Alison Krauss + Union Station, being named the Banjo Player

of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association, and starting her own label, Compass Records.



I asked Alison a few questions about her instrument and her days in San Diego.

How did you become a banjo player?

"There's not much that was cool about the banjo in the mid-'70s. Most students at La Jolla High School were more into being surfers and surfer chicks than banjo pickers. But I was really drawn to the sound of the instrument when I first heard Earl Scruggs's *Foggy Mountain Banjo* album, and when we moved from Connecticut to San Diego in 1974 I fell in with the San Diego Bluegrass Club.

"There was a really vibrant bluegrass community in Southern California in the '70s. There used to be banjo/fiddle contests nearly every weekend. The first contest I ever entered was in Old Town. The next one was at Balboa Park. I'll never forget going to Lou Curtiss's shop Folk Arts to collect my prize for the banjo contest; I still have the hand-drawn picture of a banjo with the words 'First Prize!' that he sketched for me on a piece of manila paper while I waited.

"I also have very fond memories of the parking-lot jam sessions at the Shakey's Pizza parlor in La Mesa. Lots of great local bands — Pacifically Bluegrass, Pendleton Pickers, Damascus Road — played sets on stage while several cir-

cles of pickers jammed outside in the dark, scattered among the parked cars. That's really where I cut my teeth on the bluegrass repertoire.

"And I tuned in every Sunday night to Wayne

Rice's *Bluegrass Special* on KSON. He's still on the air and probably has one of the longest running bluegrass radio shows

in the country. So, as it turned out, San Diego was a great place to learn to play bluegrass, even though that might sound a little counterintuitive."

Did "Dueling Banjos" in *Deliverance* help or hurt the banjo? Because of scenes like that, many think of the banjo as a hillbilly or humorous instrument.

"You're right. I think there are more jokes about banjo players than about accordion players and blondes combined. A lot of the time when I play a fast tune I realize that most people probably hear it as background music for a bank robbery or high-speed car chase.

"Seriously though, it is a challenge trying to overcome the hayseed image of the instrument. Thanks to all those *Hee Haw* reruns, I think folks will always associate the instrument with its rural Appalachian roots. But the banjo has a much more varied and interesting history than that. For example, the instrument was there at the birth of jazz. It was a popular lady's parlor instrument at the turn of the 19th century. And it originally comes from Africa. It is an instrument which, in the right hands, is suited for a lot of different kinds of music. That's something that I try to bring across in

my writing as well as our live show."

Does it bother you that a genre like bluegrass or Americana isn't more popular? How difficult is it getting radio stations to play your stuff?

"I recently had a radio station tell me they couldn't add our new album because it had 'too much banio.' I wonder what they were expecting. Honestly, it's tough for any kind of instrumental music to get commercial radio airplay these days. But we tend to find a lot of support at public radio and community radio."

How did the Alison Krauss gig come about?

"Alison and I met through a mutual friend whom I'd known when I was in

college at Harvard. When I was thinking about taking a hiatus from my investment banking job in the late '80s, I got in touch with Alison to see if she might be interested in putting together an all-female band for a recording project. That recording project never happened, but our conversations led to an invitation for me to fill in with her group for a couple of weekends. And that led to a three-year stint with Union Station.

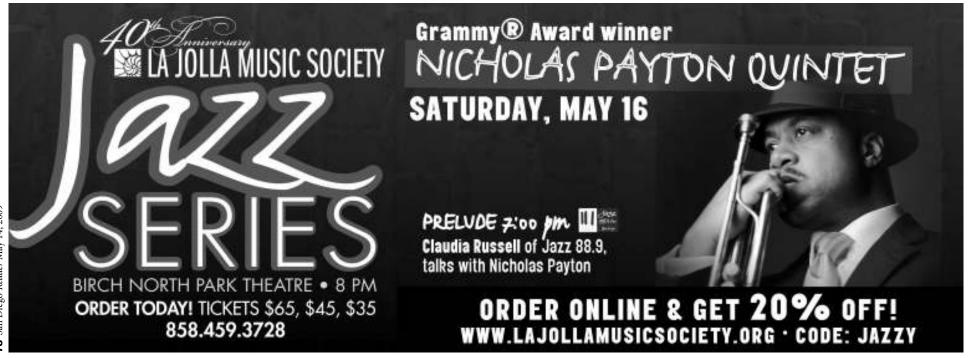
"The banjo I used on the Krauss album I've



Alison Brown

Got That Old Feeling was the first real banjo I bought, from Stelling Banjo Works, which used to operate in Spring Valley. I saved up winnings from local banjo/fiddle contests to buy it. I played that banjo for years. So, there has been a taste of San Diego in almost everything I've done since the beginning."

The Alison Brown Quartet (with Joe Craven) performs at Anthology in Little Italy on Thursday, May 14. ■













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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

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

Thursday, 9 p.m. — Open Stage.
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Ages 21 and up.

Friday, 7 p.m. — 80z All Stars.
With Fleetwood MAX.
Cover/pop/rock. \$15.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — Great White.
Rock.

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

Thursday, 8 p.m. — Jot Flames. With Bygmyke, Chosen, and Real J. Wallace. Hip-hop/rap.

${\bf Acoustic Music San Diego:}$

4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Gandalf Murphy & the Slambovian Circus of Dreams. Folk-rock. \$20. Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Eric Bibb. Folk/blues. \$20. Saturday — The Grascals. Bluegrass/country. \$20.

Alpine Inn: 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Thursday — Kemosabe. Covers/pop/rock. Free. Friday, 9 p.m. — Nemesis. Covers/pop/rock. Free. Sunday, 7 p.m. — Kemosabe. Covers/pop/rock. Free.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — The Alison Brown Quartet. With Joe Craven. Jazz.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Diane Schuur. Jazz piano/vocals. *Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Ruthie Foster. Blues. \$18. *Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Charles

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Charles McPherson. Jazz. \$18.

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

Bar Pink: 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194.

Thursday, 10 p.m. — Extra Golden. Tropical/funk. \$5. Ages 21 and up. Friday, 10 p.m. — The Styletones. Funk/soul. Ages 21 and up. Saturday, 10 p.m. — Neon Beat. Featuring DJ Junior and Mr. Atari. Ages 21 and up.

Monday, 10 p.m. — The Dollyrots.

With the Action Design. Pop/punk/rock. Ages 21 and up.

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

Thursday, 9 p.m. — Jonathan Coulton. Acoustic.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Mogwai.
Experimental rock.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The New
York Dolls. With the Cliks.
Punk/rock. \$20-\$22. Ages 21 and

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 858-534-FISH.

Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Eve Selis. Acoustic/country/pop. \$20-\$25. Ages 21 and up.

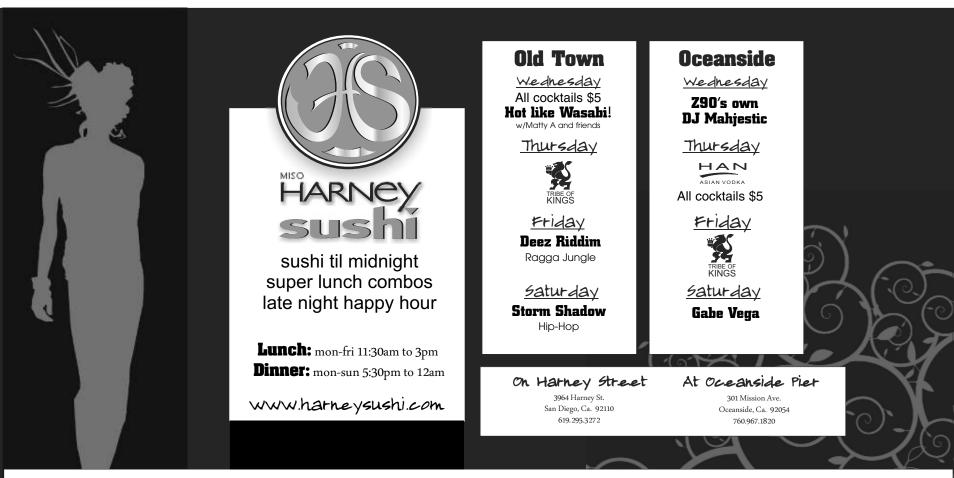
Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Avenue, North Park, 619-239-8836. Saturday, 8 p.m. — The Nicholas Payton Quintet. Jazz. \$35-\$65.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — The Paragraphs. With Heavy Glow and Nerve Meter. Rock. \$5.

Bodacious Living Yoga Studio and Boutique: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #205, Carlsbad, 760-720-9642. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Larisa Stow & Shakti Tribe. With Shantala. World. \$20-\$25.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Thursday, 9 p.m. — The Devastators. Reggae. Ages 21 and up.

Friday, 9 p.m. — Without Papers. With Feisty Piranhas. Rock. Ages 21 and up.



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Sunday, 6 p.m. — Acoustic Alliance. Various acoustic singersongwriters. \$8.

Café Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979. Wednesday — Orquesta Hablando Salsa, Salsa,

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk. Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Still Time. With DropJoy, Grizzly Circus, and Kontious & the Ko-Op. Reggae. \$8-\$10. Ages 21 and up. Friday, 8 p.m. — Sprung Monkey. With Mower, Electric Dynamite, and Negative Filter. Rock. \$15. Ages 21 and up. Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Grouch & Eligh. Rap and hip-hop.

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

Thursday, 8:30 p.m. — Cloud Cult. With Say Hi. Indie/pop/rock. \$12. Ages 21 and up. Friday, 8:30 p.m. — Isis. With guests. Experimental/metal. \$15. Ages 21 and up. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. — Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys. With Deke Dickerson and the Ecco-Fonics. Country/rockabilly. \$14. Ages 21 and up. Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Fever Sleeves. With Marasol, Lands on Fire, and

punk/rock. Ages 21 and up. Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, 858-534-2311. Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Los Hollywood, With Radiante, WeatherUnderground, Vankioje, Panorama, and Son Sin Fronteras.

This Is Not My Life. Alternative/

Rock. Coronado High School: $650~\mathrm{D}$

Avenue, Coronado. Saturday, 8 a.m. — Coronado JazzFest 2009. Featuring performances by over 20 local schools. Free.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.

Thursday, 6 p.m. — The King Fish Turner Band. Rock/R&B. Friday, 6 p.m. — Friends & Enablers. Sunday, 5 p.m. — Jerome Dawson. Iazz

Sunday, 1:30 p.m. — Steamers. Americana.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050

Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Nine Inch Nails. With Jane's Addiction and Street Sweeper. Alternative/rock.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1161. Sunday, 2 p.m. — Ezequiel Peña.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. - FX5. Covers/standards/dance.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Scott Feiner and Freddie Bryant. Brazilian/jazz.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.

Friday, 8 p.m. — The Ramblin' Outlaws. With Whiskey and guests. Country/punk. Free. Ages 21 and

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Solis. With Kasket Krawlers, Filthered

Aggression, and Sweet Deal My Cassette. Punk. Free. Ages 21 and

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: 544 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-9840. Friday, 9:30 p.m. — Borstal Boys. Celtic/punk.

Greene Music Recital Hall: 7480 Miramar Road, Suite 101,

Mira Mesa. Saturday, 7 p.m. — Whisperings.

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Nevue, Christine Brown, Blues/jazz/soul, \$20-\$10.

Hope United Methodist

Church: 16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-5840.

Sunday, 4 p.m. — Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir. Gospel.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. Thursday, 8 p.m. — Doves. Rock/alternative.

Norteño/Tejano. \$42-\$62. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. — Kevin Devine. With Wild Light, Miniature Tigers, and Brian Bonz. Alternative. \$10.

Sunday, 8 p.m. — Soulive. With the Shady Horns and Nigel Hall. Jazz/funk/rock. \$13-\$30. Monday, 7:30 p.m. — Tech N9ne. Hip-hop. \$20. Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Fischerspooner. Electronic/dance.

Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College: 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos, 760-744-1150.

Monday, 8 p.m. — Palomar Jazz Vocal Ensemble. With special guest Dean Brown. Directed by Steve Steinberg. Jazz.

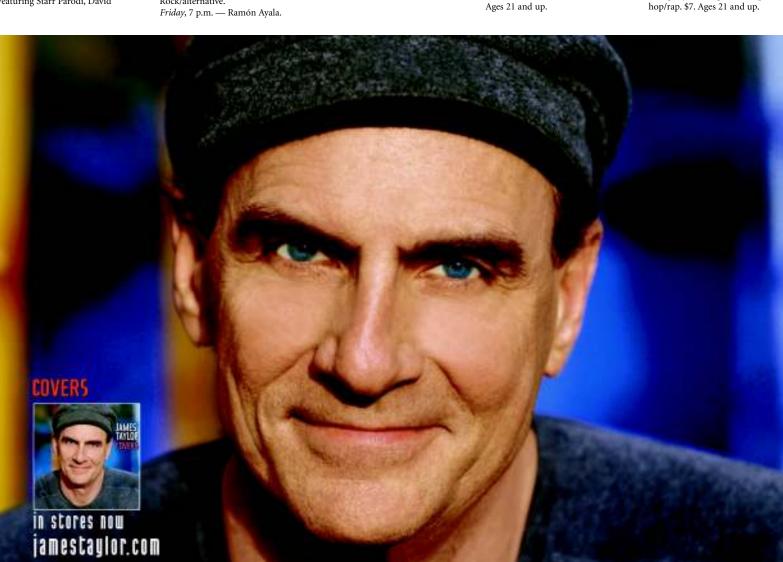
Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — The Sound Doctors. Oldies/Latin/soul. \$10. Ages 21 and up.

Friday, 8 p.m. — Steely Damned. Steely Dan tribute band. Covers/standards/rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Mar Dels. Covers/standards/pop.

Monday, 7 p.m. — Chet Cannon's Blue Monday Blues Party. Blues.

The Kava Lounge: 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-543-0933 Sunday, 8 p.m. — Louis Logic. With the Let Go, Tulsi, Left IN

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Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Thom Lyons.

With Phil Bellante and Tim Mudd. Acoustic/alternative. Friday, 9 p.m. — Josh Damigo. Country/pop/rock. \$10. Saturday, 6 p.m. — Allison Lonsdale and Eben Brooks. Acoustic/alternative/rock. Free.

The Living Room Coffeehouse: 5900 El Cajon
Boulevard, College Area, 619-286-8434.

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. — Tony Taravella. Jazz.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD. *Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — Loney, Dear.

Folk/indie. \$10.

McDini's: 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — DJ Dizzy. Funk.

Friday, 5:30 p.m. — Ramzy Funk. Funk.

Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — Pali-Roots. Reggae.

MiraCosta College Theatre: One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, 760-795-6815.

Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. —
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Mission Beach: From Pacific Beach Drive to the South Mission Jetties on Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 619-221-8900. Saturday, noon — Summer Music Fest and Coming Out Party. Featuring Pine Mountain Logs, Cash'd Out, Split Finger, Grag Camp and Defektor, Eve Sellis, and OU812. \$10-\$15. Ages 21 and up.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Johnny Favorite. Rock.

Music at Mueller College: 4603 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-507-7223. Friday, 8 p.m. — Thom Lyons. Acoustic/alternative.

The Musicians Union Hall:

1717 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-229-1610. Sunday, 2:30 p.m. — "The Great American Songbook Show." Dance and jazz concert with Jay Berman Trio and vocalist Janet Hammer hosted by Jazz Association of Greater San Diego. 619-818-3572. \$5-\$12.

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

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O'Harleys Sports Bar & Grill: 13437 Community Road, Poway,

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Ocean House: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729 4131.

Friday, 9 p.m. — Bandemic. Covers/standards/rock, \$5.

Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077. Monday, 8 p.m. — Willovealot

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: 301 Pier View Way,

Oceanside, 760-757-2827. Friday, 9 p.m. — The Trouble Makers Band. Rock. Free. Saturday, 9 p.m. - Jungle Juice the Band Rock Free

Sunday, 4 p.m. — The Blues Man Band. Bluegrass/roots. Ages 21 and

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-

270-4030. Friday, 9 p.m. — The Pheromones

Rock/soul/blues. Saturday, 9 p.m. — Rhythm & the Method. Acoustic/blues/rock.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-284-3323

Wednesday, 9 p.m. — The Secret

Samurai. Rock/surf. Ages 21 and

Rimac Arena: 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Flight of the Conchords. With Arj Barker. Comedy/funk/rock. \$35.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7372. Sunday, 10 p.m. - Tori Roze and the Hot Mess. Jazz/rock. \$5. Ages 21 and up.

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Casino: 25575 Highway 79, Santa Ysabel, 760-787-0909. Friday, 7 p.m. — MoonDance. Classic rock/R&B/soul.

Schroeder's at Tango Del

Rey: 3567 Del Rey Street, Clairemont, 858-794-9044. Thursday, 7 p.m. — Ric Henry and Loren Salte. Cabaret. \$20. Saturday, 8 p.m. — Sandy Campbell and G. Scott Lacy. Cabaret/jazz.

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

Thursday, 9 p.m. - Marasol. With Traindodge and Japanese Sunday. Alternative/punk/rock. Monday, 9 p.m. — Di Nigunim. With the Zydepunks and la Ballena De Jonas. Acoustic/experimental/

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

Friday, 7 p.m. -— The Hoedown. With Northwall, Vanguard, and more. Metal/rock. \$10.

Spreckels Organ Pavilion: 2211 Pan American Road, Balboa like Fischerspooner.

Stage Saloon: 762 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-696-9436. Thursday, 10 p.m. - Dazed and Confused. A tribute to Led Zeppelin. Free.

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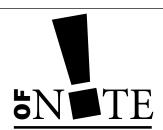
FISCHERSPOONER: House of Blues,

Wednesday, May 20, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

No one wants to see a show where everyone onstage is standing motionless behind a keyboard. For years, electronic-music acts have struggled with different ways to address this — with varying levels of success. They've tried putting live musicians onstage, even when they don't technically need them. They've tried putting robots onstage. They've tried dancers and elaborate stage sets. At the pop end of the electronic-music spectrum, this often leads to concerts where a starlet lipsynchs to a recording while frantically shaking her body through choreographed routines that are half strip-club and half gym workout. At the more avant-garde end, it leads to a band

classically trained musician Warren Fischer and experimental dramatist Casey Spooner, Fischerspooner performs with as many as 20 people onstage. They've been known to feature chorus girls spitting blood, feathered headdresses, tear-away costumes. and some heavy-duty choreography. (And, yes, there's some lip-synching, too.) For the current tour, the band has worked out a routine it says is inspired by vaudeville and Japanese Kabuki. Does all **FISCHERSPOONER** this overshadow the music? To some extent it does. But

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Wednesday, 20th: Ghost Riders in Disguise

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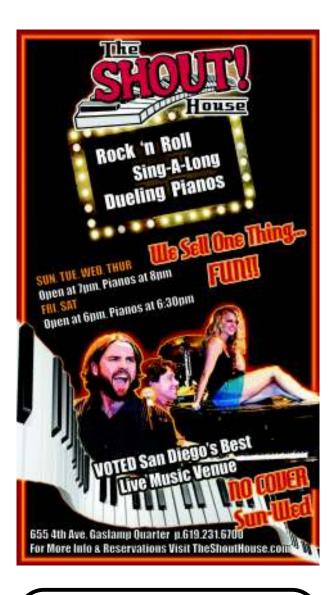
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May 30 — Turn the Page.

June 6 — RDG.

June 14 — The Michael Schenker Group. June 25

 Local Band Showcase. June 26 - Sean Paul.

AcousticMusicSanDiego:

4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. May 22 — Ian Tyson. May 23 — Roy Žimmerman. June 5 - Slaid Cleaves and Eliza Gilkyson.

June 17 — Marshall Crenshaw.

Andrews Gallery: 1002 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. May 23, May 30 — "The Saturdays of May with Matt Curreri.'

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. May 21 — Luka Bloom. May 24 — Candy Duffer. May 27 — Benefit for the

Grossmont Music Department. May 28 — Graham Parker. May 29 — The Flatlanders.

May 29 — Detroit Underground. May 30 — Stepping Feet.

May 31 — Peter Sprague. Iune 19 — Candve Kane.

June 20 — Hiromi.

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum: 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, 760-941-

August 21, August 22, August 23 — Summergrass Festival.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.

June 17 — Darrell Grant. July 16 — Minsarah Trio.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. May 30 — Bijan Mortazavi. May 31 — Mariachi los Camperos de Nati Cano. June 26 — Benefit Jazz Concert

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May 22 — Monsters from Mars.

May 24 — Killola May 27 — Commune.

May 29 — The New Fidelity. May 30 — Tippy Canoe.

May 31 — Sir Richard Bishop. June 4 — The Woggles.

June 6 — Telegraph Canyon Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 5N■TE

BY DAVE GOOD

The Cliks (not to be confused with the Clicks, a three-woman punk outfit from Brooklyn) are a "queer-identified" (this from the band's management) Toronto power-pop trio. They are fronted by a transgendered androgyne whose name was Lilia Silviera but who now goes by Lucas. The band's lineup went through some early shakeups, but the Cliks stabilized and found critical success following the release of their debut CD Snakehouse. Fans included Ian Astbury (the Cult) and Cyndi Lauper, both of whom booked the Clicks to open their respective tours.

The Cliks are Silviera's invention. He is the band's main songwriter. Silviera may identify as a male, but his voice remains all-girl. Silviera is reminiscent of other androgynous rockers, but the act is weighted with a hard honesty that goes way beyond costumes. Silviera isn't pretending. He has had a full mastectomy and is on to surgically crossing over all the way.

Silviera's father is Portuguese and is said to have been an Elvis impersonator. In that there is a bit of the father-child handoff. Silviera too brings something of a studied Elvis swagger and snarl to the stage. The current lineup of the Cliks includes Morgan Doctor and Jen Benton. They are a flat-

out rocking sweat-fest with two albums full of power chords and rock harmonies behind them that could easily fill up the big empty spaces of an arena. Consider a more har monized, hook-filled Joan Jett/Pretenders sound — sexy, potent, energized in a hipshake guitar-slamming way.

Snakehouse was all about breaking up; Dirty King, their latest, is an about-face, delving into the daily muck of living with a relation-

ship. The band's urgency and authenticity resonate with me — even though Silviera has refrained from taking hormones in order that he preserve his feminine vocal chords, when he sings "I'm not your boy," I believe it. New York Dolls headline.

CLIKS: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 20, 8 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$20; \$22 day of show.

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May 23 — The Dabbers. June 24 — The Wanteds.

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

May 21 — M83. May 22 — The Virgins. May 23 — Morrissey's 50th

Unhappy Birthday Celebration. May 28 — Laura Roppé. June 4 — Jackie Greene.

June 5 — Fiesta del Sol Kickoff

June 10 — The Church. June 16 - King Sunny Adé.

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534-FISH. June 17 - Shawn Mullins July 15 — Steve Poltz.

August 19 — Jack Tempchin. Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. May 23 — The Shamey Jays. May 28 — Paul Roberts.

June 4 — King's X. June 14 - Joey Harris & the June 25 — Uli Jon Roth.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

May 21 — Project Blowed. May 22 — The Wailing Souls May 22 — 40 Oz. to Freedom.

May 23 — SOIA.

May 24 — Atomic Punks/Dazed and Confused. May 28 - Parker & the

Numberman. May 29 — Hot August Night.

May 30 — Major Healy.

June 5 — Stranger. June 7 — The Legendary Shack Shakers.

June 13 — Peter Murphy.

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

May 22 — The Dears. May 23 — The Obits. May 28 — The Riverboat

Gamblers. May 29 — The Answers/Hair Theatre.

May 30 — St. Vincent. June 2 — Big Business. June 6 — The Slackers. June 21 — The Queers. June 22 — Chairlift.

June 27 — Swim Party. Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, 858-534-2311.

May 29 — The Spits. Claire de Lune: 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845. June 7, July 5 — Heroes Against

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June 20 — Yanni.

July 18 — Il Divo. July 19 — Joan Sebastian.

August 20 — Green Day. August 21 — Kings of Leon.

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June 14 — Los Tucanes de Tijuana.

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June 17 — Bret Michaels.

June 18 — David Cook.

June 19 — Loretta Lynn. Iune 20 — David Archuleta.

Iune 21 — La Arrolladora Banda Limón.

June 23 — The Guess Who.

June 25 — The B-52s.

Iune 26 - Switchfoot.

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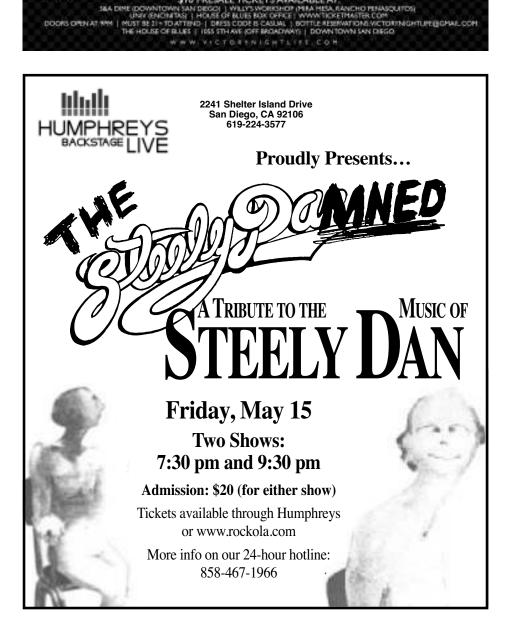
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as i hear it

Artist: Manic Diffusion Song: "Mr. Badd Guy" (from the CD Orange Rhymes)

Heard By: Lincoln Lee, Fashion Valley



I thought it was good. It's not my type of genre, but I liked the solos, the riffs, and the bass lines. It's one of those songs that you could probably play on Rock Band. It's contemporary rock, but you

can tell there's a new twist on it. They used a drum machine or mixer, which I like. It has a good melody. I liked the bridge a lot. The vocals could have been played up a little more. You can see a Red Hot Chili Peppers [influence] with the fluctuations of the vocal tones and how [the singer] tries to belt it out. For an independent group, they're really good, but I don't know if they'd hit platinum or gold.

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Artist: The Ambassador

Song: "A New Season" (from the CD The Ambassador Presents...)

Heard By: Jimmy Russell, Ocean Beach



Jimmy Russell

ence of something mellow.

That was pretty good. I'd describe the style as a mellower, West Coast reggae, leaning more toward Long Beach Dub All-Stars as opposed to Sublime. There were a lot of different glimmers of percussion. It sound-

ed as if there were some bottles in there getting hit by some sort of apparatus. The bass was really loud, which was good; it played around a bunch, kind of like the Specials. They would do really well in the beach area. I'm not sure how mainstream it would be. That would be a good song for drawing...maybe while under the influArtist: Necrolepsy

Song: "Rise of the Beast" (from the CD

Rise of the Beast)

Heard By: Melissa Meyer, South Park



Melissa Meyer

I thought it was okay. It kind of lost me toward the end. It was as if they were trying too hard. The only other death metal I know is, like, Burzum and that kind of stuff. This is, like, California death

metal/screamo shit. Their breakdown was kind of like in hardcore, where you have vour slow breakdown movement. Vocally, they kind of switched it up. It went from creepy, low Goth vocals into screamo stuff. They had a good rhythm going on. Everything was crisp and clear, so I'd say it was recorded well. I think death metal has almost a cult-like status, so it's hard [for bands like this to break through, but I can see them having somewhat of a mediocre college-scene following.

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Fannie's Nightclub: Thursdays, 8 p.m.: DJ Mick B. Spins hip-hop tunes. Mondays, 8 p.m.: Tropical Monday. With DJ Undaground. Free. Wednesdays, 8 p.m.: Hip-Hop Night. Hip-hop/rap/reggae. 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204.







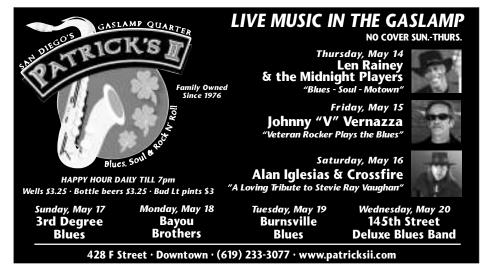


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The Fleetwood: *Saturdays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. 639 J Street, Downtown. 619-702-7700.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesdays*, 9 p.m.: Hot Like Wasabi Wednesdays. With DJ Matty A. Electronic. 3964 Harney Street, Old Town. 619-295-3272.

Hawthorn's Restaurant:

Wednesdays: DJ Kiki. 2895 University Avenue, North Park. 619-295-1688.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m.: DJ Kool T. Spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. Ages 15 and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

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Room: Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 p.m.: Wall Street Bar. DJs and dancing. 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

McDini's: *Tuesdays*, 9 p.m.: '90s Throwback Tuesdays. Hosted by Zerland of Pali Roots. 105 East 8th Street, National City. 619-474-6771.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach:

Saturdays, 9 p.m.: What's Good. DJs Enigma and Cisco. Hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. Free. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

The O Room: *Friday*, 10 p.m.: DJ Fancypants. '80s/electronic/hip-hop.

Free. 630 Fifth Avenue, Downtown. 619-501-6550.

On Broadway: *Saturday*, 9 p.m.: Morgan Page. House. 615 Broadway Avenue, Downtown. 619-231-0011.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill:

Wednesdays, 10 p.m.: DJ Tony. 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: Mondays, 6:30 p.m.: Metal Mondays. Metal all night long. 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-2827.

RT's Longboard Grill:

Wednesdays: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030.

Riley's Music Lounge:

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p.m.: DJ KA. Spins hip-hop and reggaeton. \$5. 4076 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-470-8000. **Satin Lounge:** *Thursdays*, 9 p.m.:

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Sixty-Seven Bar and Grill:

Thursdays: Tattoo Thursdays. With DJ Viktor and DJ KB. *Fridays*: DJ Tony Sleeze. Spins Top 40 and hip-

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Talk About a Star



New York Dolls play the Belly Up Tavern on May 20

There was a time when I was an ambitious, snotnosed, obnoxious young dude just getting into the radio business. Not much has changed, but I digress. Around that time, I became interested in finding out just what the heck was going on in the New York scene a decade before I was born. Inevitably, certain names came bubbling up, like Patti Smith and Lou Reed. As I dug deeper, I discovered bands like the Dictators and, yes, the New York Dolls.

The New York Dolls had a bit of a resurgence a few years back, complete with a reunion and some new tunes. I feel fortunate to have been able to see the Dolls at San Diego's Street Scene back in 2006.

I remember the crowd as the Dolls were about to hit the stage... It was nearly twilight, and at that point in the Street Scene festivities most people seemed to be more interested in waiting in line at the beer garden than seeing the last two original members of the Dolls rock it. The fans who did show up to get a glimpse of David Johansen and Sylvain Sylvain ranged in age and ethnicity. It seemed that there were equally as many 17-year-old kids in Ramones shirts as there were aged rock enthusiasts.

Nonetheless, the Dolls were punk before anyone ever coined the term punk. They were glam before glam.



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Spin Nightclub: Friday, 9 p.m.: Bad Boy Bill. House/electro. 2028 Hancock Street, Midway District. 619-294-9590.

Static Lounge: Saturdays, 9 p.m.: Club Backbeat. Hip-hop/rap. \$15-\$20. Ages 18 and up. Friday, 9 p.m.: Tiki Lounge. \$15-\$20. 634

Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-

True North: *Fridays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3815.

U-31: *Thursdays*: Mark Marcelo and Big Willie Styles. With Richy the Kid. '80s/'90s/hip-hop/booty bass. *Fridays*, 9 p.m.: Feel the Noise. Local indie/electro/dance-rock with Gabe Vega and Saul Q. Ages 21 and up. *Sundays*, 9 p.m.: Tribe of Kings. Featuring DJs Jestor, Peril, Dash Eye, Unite, and Rashi. Reggae. Ages 21

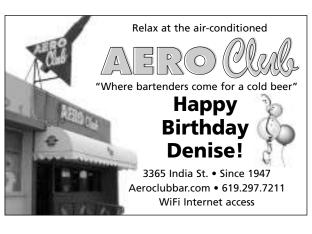
and up. 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-584-4188.

Whiskey Girl: Fridays, 9 p.m., Saturdays, 9 p.m.: DJ Marc Thrasher. Mixes music videos. Sundays, 9 p.m.: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. Mondays, 9 p.m.: U-Call-It Mondays. With DJ Marc Thrasher. Tuesdays, 9 p.m., Wednesdays, 9 p.m.: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. 600 Fifth Avenue, Downtown. 619-236-1616.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Sundays*: Night of the Cookers. Listen to clas-

sics and favorites from personal jazz record collections. Ages 21 and up. *Tuesdays*, 9 p.m.: Friends Chill. Board games and mellow grooves every Tuesday night. Free. Ages 21 and up. 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: Thursdays, 9 p.m.: Almost Famous Thursdays. Electro/funk/house. Fridays, 10 p.m.: Red Carpet Fridays. Dance/top 40. Saturdays, 9 p.m.: Special Screening Saturdays. Featuring rotating DJs. 750 Fifth Avenue, Downtown. 619-233-0500.











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Pal Joey's: *Sunday*, 7pm-close: \$1 shots.

BALBOA PARK

The Prado: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$3.50 wells, pints, house wine, house margaritas. Lounge only.

BANKER'S HILL

Azuki Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$.50 small sake w/ large beer, \$5 house wine, sangria, saketini.

CARLSBAD

The Alley: *Every day*, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

Boar Cross'n: *Thursday*, 8-9pm: \$1 Bud & Bud Light. *Friday-Saturday*, 8-10pm: \$1 Bud & Bud Light.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$3 wells, beer, margaritas.

Fenway's Sports Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm, 10pm-12am: \$3 domestic, house wine. \$3.50 margarita, Cape Cod. Saturday-Sunday, 10am-6pm: \$3 domestic, house wine. \$3.50 margarita, Cape Cod.

Greek Village: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday,* 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

CARMEL VALLEY

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, house margaritas.

Twenty/20 Bar & Grill in the Sheraton Hotel: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink, 3-oz. martinis.

CHULA VISTA

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7 pm: \$2 margaritas

Veni Vidi Vici: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6pm: \$1 off all drafts, wells.

CLAIREMONT

Viva Vino: *Monday-Saturday*, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

COLLEGE AREA

Marie Calender's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1.95 drafts, \$2.50 wells, \$1.95 drafts, \$3.50 house margaritas. Saturday-Sunday, \$2 Bloody Mary and mimosa with purchase.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, \$1 drafts

CORONADO

Tent City Restaurant: *Monday, Wednesday,* 1/2-price bottles of wine. *Tuesday,* 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 house wine. *Thursday,* 3pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 house wine. *Friday-Sunday,* 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 house wine.

DEL MAR

Bully's: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm, 10pm-12am: \$2.75 bottle beer, \$4.50 wells, pints, \$5 well+juice, \$6 wine by glass. *Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottle beer, \$4.50 wells, pints, \$5 well+juice, \$6 wine by glass. *Sunday*, 10pm-12am: \$2.75 bottle beer, \$4.50 wells, pints, \$5 well+juice, \$6 wine by glass.

DOWNTOWN

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$5 Imperia vodka, \$4 local beer, \$6 wine.

The Bitter End: *Every day*, 5-7pm: all drinks 1/2-price.

C-Level: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-5pm: \$3.50 Bud Lite, Karl Strauss, Stone IPA, \$5 specialty drinks, wells, house wine.

Café Sevilla: Monday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. Tuesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. Wednesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price martini. Thursday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangrita. Friday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price garabato. Sunday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangria.

Candelas: *Every day*, 5-7pm: all drinks 1/2-price.

Downtown Johnny Brown's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 pints of the day. *Sunday*. \$3.50 local pints.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. Friday and Saturday, 11pmclose: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. \$4 Jäger, Bacardi, Svedka.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.50 wells. Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$3.50 wells, Saturday-Sunday, 9am-5pm: \$3.50 wells.

The Fish Market: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: \$3.75 draft, \$3.95 wells, \$2.95 domestic beer.

The Fleetwood: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday,* 5-6pm: \$4 calls. *Wednesday,* 5-6pm: \$4 calls. 5-7pm: 1/2 off wine bottles.

Fuddruckers: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine. *Saturday*, 10pm-midnight: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 pints, house wine, wells (vodka, gin, rum).

La Gran Tapa: Tuesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. Wednesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, 1/2-off select bottles/wine. Thursday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, \$10 pitcher sangria/draft.

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm, 10pm-12am: \$2 Bud Light/Coors Light drafts, \$3 margaritas, wine, wells, sangria.

Hive Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$2.49 large sake, \$1.99 drafts (+ \$.99 for sake bomb).

Jewel Box: *Monday*, \$2 PBR drafts. *Wednesday*, 6pm-2am: \$5 Jäger bombs w/ military ID. *Thursday*,

8pm-2am: Industry Night. \$3.75 calls. Must show apron/pay stub.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

La Fiesta: Every day, 5-7pm: 1/2-price calls, wells, tap beers, house wine, house margaritas.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge: *Every day*, 5-7pm: \$5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini, large Sapporo, house wine.

O'Brothers: *Every day*, 3:30-6:30 pm: \$5 glass of wine, 24-oz. organic beer \$7.

Patrick's II: Every day, 10am-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$1 off calls. \$3 Bud drafts, \$3.75 import bottles.

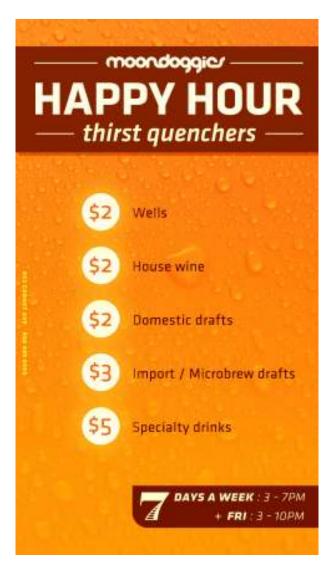
RA Sushi: Every day, 10pm-midnight: \$3 wells. \$4 cosmos, Kirin, house wine, apple martinis.

Rock Bottom Brewery, Downtown: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis. Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis. Sunday, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee, 12-9pm: tasting flights.

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.





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Tivoli Bar: Every day, 4-7pm; \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-8pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$2 off wine.

Main Tap Tavern: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls, Sunday, all day: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls.

ENCINITAS

The Calypso Café: Every day, 5-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

ESCONDIDO

Holiday Wine Cellar: Monday. 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 wine tasting. Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 beer tasting.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: Monday, all night: \$1 off all drinks. Tuesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks.

GRANTVILLE

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts, \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

HILLCREST

Cafe Eleven: Every day, 2-6pm: \$4 house maragritas, \$3 wells, house wine, bottled beer.



Café Bleu: Monday, \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. Tuesday-Saturday, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Wine Steals: Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2 Bud Lite on tap. \$5 martinis. Saturday-Sunday, 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm; \$1.25 off draft, \$1 off glass of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/draft beer.

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Beauty Bar: Monday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. Tuesday, \$4 bombs, \$5 Brunettes/Blondes, \$4 Three Olives, Wednesday-Thursday, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles Friday, \$4 bombs \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. \$3 Fernet.

The Kensington Club: Every day, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: Monday, 3pmclose: \$5 fine wine. Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine.

LA JOLLA

Beaumont's: Every day, 4-7pm: \$3-5 cocktails, wine, beer.

Clay's La Jolla: Every day, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 sangria, \$6 house wine.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beers.

La Jolla Brew House: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm; \$3 wells, house drafts. \$4 house wine. \$5 premiums.

La Jolla Rancherita: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4 wells, \$2.50 domestics, \$2.75 imports.

The Shack Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm: \$1 wells, domestic taps.

Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells.



LA MESA

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 2-6pm, 10pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts, \$3 off bottled wine. Saturday-Sunday, 2-6pm: \$1.50 off drafts, \$3 off bottled

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 off all cocktails, wine, drafts.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics. \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperiala.

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: Every day, 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, Wednesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis. Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis. 1/2-price wine.

Illume Bistro: Every day, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 draft, wells, \$5 wines, \$7

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm, 9 pm-close: \$1 pints, mixed drinks. \$2 off tall beers, \$3 off

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

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: Monday-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: Every day, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.

Starlite: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. Sunday, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bot-

MISSION VALLEY

The Handlery Hotel and Resort: Wednesday, \$3 wells, beer, house wine

In Cahoots: Wednesday, \$2 drinks. Friday-Saturday, \$2.50 Coors/Coors Light. Sunday, any drink \$2.50.

NATIONAL CITY

Lai Thai Restaurant: Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: Everything 1/2off.

NORTH PARK

Apertivo: Tuesday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 glass of wine. *Sunday*, 5-6:30pm: \$2.75 glass of wine.

Crazee Burger: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers of beer, \$3.99 Pinot Grigio, Reisling, Nero d'Avola, Tempranillo. Friday-Saturday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers of beer, \$3.99 Pinot Grigio, Reisling, Nero d'Avola, Tempranillo.

Cricket's Pub and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$2.75 domestic bottles, wells, \$4 margaritas.

Lips: Sunday, \$5 homojitos.

Toronado: Monday, 6-10pm: \$3

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: Monday-Friday, \$2 off glass of wine, \$3 margaritas. Saturday-Sunday, 10am-3pm: \$2.50 mimosas. \$5 Manmosas. \$4 screw $drivers, tequila \, sun rises, greyhounds.$

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.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$2 cans of Tecate.

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. Satur day-Sunday, 12-7pm: \$7 pitchers.

The Australian Pub: Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. Sat-urday, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. Sunday, \$3 Bloody Marys.

Costa Brava: Every day, 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.

Moray's Lounge: Monday, all day: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. Tuesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine

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: Every day, 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 domestic drafts. Tuesday, \$6 wine carafes, beer pitchers. Saturday, \$2 bottled beer of the month. Sunday, \$5 domestic beer 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

POWAY

Phileas Foggs Bar & Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pint/\$11.95 pitcher, \$13.95 bottle wine.

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Capri Blu: Every day, 3-7pm: 1/2price drafts, wells.

Carvers: Monday-Friday, 2-6:30pm: \$2.75 beers, \$3.95 wells, \$4.25 house wines, \$4.75 well martinis/manhattans

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Cavaillon: Tuesday, Wednesday-Thursday, Sunday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off beer, glass of wine.

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The Jumping Turtle: Monday, PBR: \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/pitcher. Tuesday, \$2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. Wednesday, \$4 drop drinks. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$3 Jäger. 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.

Pacific Coast Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: \$5 gold margaritas, \$1 off draft, wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine bottles.

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: Every day, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

Whistle Stop Bar: Every day, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells,

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.



Poor Little Devil

"Their whole body is one big sex organ. That's the part you eat."

ED BEDFORD

lunk! Man. Umberto Falcone's kinda surprised I've tossed the bocce ball anywhere close to the jack. Call it beginner's luck.

Luck: Guess that's how this whole sea-

urchin thing started too. Though now that I think about it, it really began when Umberto and the guys, Vito and Banny, spotted me hanging around the bocce courts at the Farmers' mercato here in Little Italy, waiting for Carla. "Come and try," Umberto said.

"Our fourth guy hasn't arrived yet." So I did.

As we play, we get to talking about what a heckuva market this is. "It has everything," I say. "Have you tried the sea urchins yet?" Umberto asks. "We eat them all the time. Very good for you."

There was a twinkle in his eye, but it didn't quite register, and I plum forgot all about it until later, after I'd filled up on paninis and found myself down at the market's other end, outside La Pensione hotel.

That's when I spot Heidi and her daughter Rosemary chasing a lone spiny sea urchin across their market table. It was spike-walking, trying to escape, poor little devil. "Last one," Heidi says. "We're just starting to pack up. Would you like this?"

I look around. Still no sign of Carla, so I say yes.

"For here or to go?" she asks.

"Here," I say. But I'm not prepared for what happens next.

Heidi grabs the urchin (seems the word

actually means hedgehog) with a gloved hand, feels for a soft place to stab, and then, oh, man: cuts out the mouth. It's a circle of five bony little teeth. The urchin uses them to chew on giant

> kelp fronds. Suddenly, this is personal.

"These teeth," says Heidi, holding them up, "are called 'Aristotle's lanterns,' because Aristotle wasn't just a philosopher. He was also a biologist, and he described these as looking like

the bone lanterns the Greeks used back then."

Now she's splitting the shell in two. The little guy must be dead, musn't he? But one or two spines are still moving...She pours out the seawater from inside, then starts separating the greeny and browny-black and orange squishy stuff. I don't even want to know what the parts are, but she tells me anyway. Some is freshchomped seaweed, some waste, and "They call the rest, the orange parts, roe, like eggs — but actually they are gonads. Sex organs. Their whole body is one big sex organ. That's the parts you eat."

She lays the orange gonads out on a paper plate, has me spritz them with a slice of lemon, and hands me a plastic fork.

It's...interesting. I'm thinking sheep's brains. Sweetmeats. Or, yes, like roe. You could imagine fish eggs. Caviar. Mild, salty tasting. They almost slip down like oysters.

"What do you think of them?" I ask

"I don't know," she says. "I can't bring

myself to eat one."

"These are red sea urchins," Heidi says. "They're local food, Pacific-coasters, By eating them, we're doing the giant kelp a favor, and eating locally means a smaller carbon footprint. Don't worry, there are plenty more where he came from."

"Most customers don't actually eat them here," says Rosemary. She says they like to take them home and cook them into a chowder, or bake them, or put them in scrambled eggs. Easier to deal with that way.

Turns out that Rosemary's dad and Heidi's husband dive and catch the urchins 80 feet down in the kelp beds off La Jolla. There are about ten fishermen who do this. They call themselves San Diego Kelp Bed Products.

So I have to know: how about that "aphrodisiac" claim?

"Well, the local Italians here are mad about them," Heidi says. "Also, because these sea urchins can live to 100, 200 years, people believe it'll promote a long life."

I can't believe this. It's Biblical. These little creatures must be the longest-living animals on earth. I'd feel awful eating one of them.

"Don't feel bad," says Heidi. "If we left them alone, they'd eat the whole kelp forest because there are no sea otters left to control the population. It would be a desert out there. The limits are strict, so they won't fish these out."

Heidi says sea urchins have been on this earth five times as long as us humans. Huh. We



probably were these spiky walkers, back in the day. Like, Grandpa! We meet at last!

I slurp the last orange slab of gonads. Hmm...almost buttery, flavored by the salt sea. I hand over \$3.50.

That's when I spot Carla, a little farther up the mercato. She's at Viva Pops, the organic fruitand-herb popsicle stand. Carla's trying to decide between "Lavender Lemonade," "Peach Ginger," and "Nectarine Basil."

"Oh, Ed," she says. "Just in time. Do you have \$3? And which should I choose?"

"Uh, peach ginger," I say. "But, darling, why don't we just go home? Wanna tell you about the lanterns of Aristotle."

"Ooh... The lanterns of Aristotle sounds muy romantica. Say, how come you're being romantic? You've been flirting with someone, right?" ■

The Place: Heidi's Urchins, at Little Italy Mercato, Date Street, at India, Little Italy; 619-733-6315; market tel: 619-233-3898 **Type of Food:** *Urchins*

Prices: \$3.50 per sea urchin **Hours:** 9:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Saturdays

Nearest Bus Stops: *India and Cedar (northbound); Kettner and Cedar (southbound)*

Nearest Trolley Stop: County Center/Little Italy, at Cedar and Kettner













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RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a midrange entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$29; very expensive: more than \$30. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

BEACHES

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-ofthe-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraiche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh-fruit crèpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M.

Café Athena 1846 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par taramasalata), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. Sister location in UTC.— N.W.

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating

in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W.

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, re-tailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahimahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish-and-chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of din nertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an ob-session with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — A.M.

Hoboken Pizza & Beer Joint 1459 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-7766. Yes, they have lots of standard Italian food here, but most people come to this East Coast outpost for one of two things: thin-crust East Coast—style pizza or inch-thick, square Sicilian pizza. They claim to take eight hours preparing the dough, and it

shows in the crust's airiness and, best of all, its crunchy outside. Also good: they paddle-slide your slice into the oven to finish it off, fresh and hot. A good time to come by is late Friday or Saturday, after the other bars close and the guys here crank up some classic rock. Open daily till late. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue/restaurant eat at the prix-fixe preshow dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheater. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and Prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling - it's a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there's no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Preshow prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — N.W.

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the

only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multigenerational, sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. —

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive, La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Midweek specials, \$40. No corkage fee any night. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door.

Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Noisy when crowded. Easiest route: Make a right from west-bound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Dinner Sunday through Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. — N.W.

Nine-Ten 910 Prospect Street, La Iolla, 858-964-5400, Chef Jason Knibb's level of craftsmanship shows a culinary sophistication that would be at home in San Francisco or New York. You'll find adventurous, seasonal cuisine emphasizing fresh local produce (much of it organic or sustainably raised), naturally raised meats, and wild seafood. It's not iust the food that's fresh - the ideas are, too, and the flavor matches are flawless. The wine list is superb, and new personnel in the front of the house have brought up the standard of service. Validated valet parking, full bar. Reservations urged. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is



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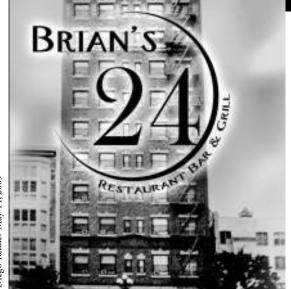
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a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388, Tijuana, 664-685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate - and drank vino tinto - here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), bacalao (cod fish) à la Vizcaina, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus Vegetarian upon request. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate.— E.B.

La Escondida Santa Monica #1, Tijuana, 664-681-4458. This hidden (escondida) mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River Valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more inter-



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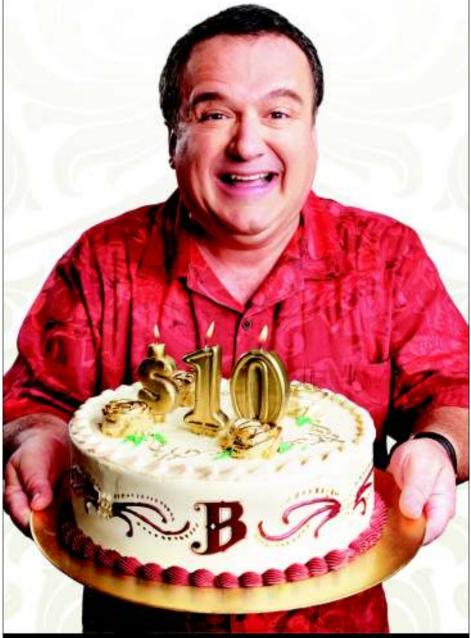
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esting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (cacerola de mar the tambor (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork); or the roasted baby Monterrey goat (cabrito tatemado). Desserts include the house especial, mango and ice cream with rompope (Mexican eggnog), and *crepas de cajeta* con nieve, crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. Vegetarian on request. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the Rev del Pollo sign. The La Escondida entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate

Los Pelicanos Calle del Cedro 115 #45, Rosarito, 661-612-0445. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less-gifted) sister, with a shorter menu and perhaps less-careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Vegetarian upon request. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — *N.W.*

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and Third, Tijuana. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, *carne asada*, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

CENTRAL

African Spice Restaurant 4348 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-342-5945. This is located in a big social/commercial/religious center for Somalis. The great thing is that whateveryou're eating, seven dollars will cover. You can have as much rice, salad, spaghetti, goat meat, beef, fried chicken, roast chicken (and lamb and tilapia when available) as you can fit in your polystyrene box. And of course a banana to break up and mix in. In Somalia, bananas go with everything. For breakfast try their excellent *injera* (spongy fermented Somali bread) and sambussa (deep-fried spring-roll-type triangular pastry pockets with spices, vegetables, beef, or chicken). Open 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 171, Banker's Hill, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), eggplant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on

rye. Open for breakfast, lunch, and justafter-work dinner weekdays. — *E.B.*

Bali Thai Café 407 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the tom kha koong (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstandingly authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the richly tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing soto avam (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goring* (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio, Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Low moderate. - N.W.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-238-0101 In a comfortable setting the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The Bandar Special entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, or beef), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now in cludes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. - N.W.

Beach City Market 3 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-232-2491. Is this the nearest thing to an actual café downtown? Where you can sit outside and slurp coffee or have a full meal and watch the world pass by? It tries hard to be, even though it's fast deli food. Your sandwich comes in butcher paper. Soup pots are cardboard. You can buy wine, but you can't drink it here. Why? Other Horton Plaza tenants won't allow it. Still, soup-and-sandwich deals give good, generous portions, like minestrone and the Londonport roast beef sandwich flavored with port, white herbs, and spices; or the Deluxe, roast beef with horseradish. Open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint 4577 Clairemont Drive, Claire mont, 858-483-9500. Aussie food? Nope. The Boomerang idea is that ou'll always come back for more." Although maybe they are thinking Aussie with their extensive create-your-own burger options, which include fixings like horseradish, artichoke hearts, car rots, cranberries, cheeses, and mushrooms. Their bright idea: chop and tuck these items into your raw burger meat like a joey into mama roo's pocket. Add imaginative sauces (Thai peanut, chipotle pepper, citrus, others). Result: great-tasting burgers. They're a bit pricey, maybe because they use only 100-percent Angus hormone-free beef." But that means they can safely cook your burger rare. Rare! That's enough to boomerang anyone back. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway, Downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown senior center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage-link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred

by oily, low-grade mozzarella and notso-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Café de L'Opera 1354 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-234-0425, Catherine de' Medici brought her macaroon recipe to Paris in 1533. Thierry Cahez brought the same recipe to downtown San Diego in 2007. Customers have been swooning ever since. Well, this customer anyway. Cahez, a well-known pastry chef, has made a specialty of the delicate, golf-ball-sized, almond-based cookies. But the pâtisserie he opened also features breakfast pastries like chocolate-filled croissants and lunch items like little square French pizzas, croque monsieurs (toasted cheese sandwiches with ham), croque madames (croque monsieur plus an egg), and sandwiches. His pastries are exquisite, and the place has a genuine French feel to it. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday); closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Le Cake Château 1152 Seventh Av-

enue, Downtown, 619-325-0977. This feels like a real French pâtisserie. For starters, the display cabinet has beautiful golden flaky croissants, plus pastries too arty to eat. They do breakfast, but at lunchtime the place is abuzz. You gotta try their version of the croque monsieur (grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich covered with a Mornay sauce), or crêpes with, say, blueberries and sweet cream cheese. The grilled chicken Caesar wrap is good, but it's their originality with simple items that'll turn you on. Like the onion roll loaded with marinated mushrooms, roasted peppers, caramelized onions, goat cheese, and caper mayonnaise. Or a dessert carrot cake with "pineapple raisins." Don't ask. You have to try it. Open daily except Sunday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Commonwealth Café 3408 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-2233. We're talking retro here, newly built but old looking. And it works. You and the Fonz could sit together comfortably and groove to the same music and pretty much the same food. Burgers are traditional here (double, western, double western, chili size) and their fries, like the old days, are handcut and come separately, curly or straight. The Blue Potato (baked potatoes with bleu cheese) or chili-cheese potatoes are almost a meal in themselves. They also have hot dogs with all the fixings and corn on the cob. The Virginian ("Commonwealth") owner's idea: to become the neighborhood hangout. Seems to be working. If you like sweets, try the homemade pie or fudge brownies. Noon to midnight, seven days; opens 8 a.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported wholehog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar 8970 University Center Lane, University City, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girls" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's Brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass, and

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Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue, Down-

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy

town, 619-232-0225. The Italian steak house fare here centers on dry-aged Prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indif-ferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50 but roars up to the stratosphere of firstgrowth Bordeaux, super Tuscans, and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-ac-count pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up- or downstairs). Reservations urged but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W.



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party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush pup-pies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday) Moderate to slightly expensive. - N.W.

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street Old Town, 619-295-3272. This original location serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi, just a few steps from

Old Town's nonstop tacos and margar itas. The huge new Oceanside branch is "all green," built with sustainable materials. Both are trendy spots drawing mainly under-35 scenesters, with DIs turning up the amps and a vast choice of sakes (including a whole specialized sake bar). The menu offers sushi (heavy on the party rolls), sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tem-pura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Lots of vegetarian dishes. Patio dining available in good weather. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ Tuesday through Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. -

Hub Market & Deli 748 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-544-1917. You could walk past this place day after day and not notice it. But the deli in the back does big business making one of the more-famous hot pastrami sand-







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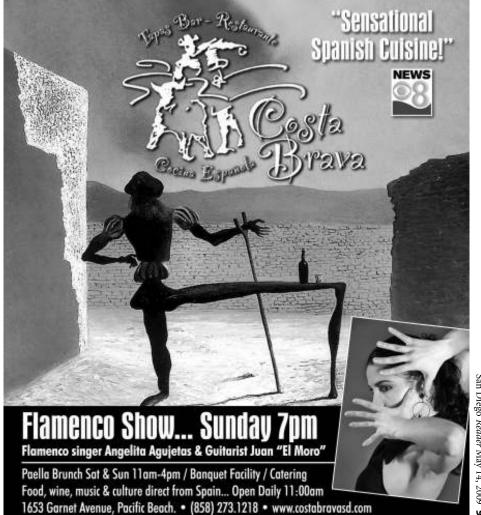
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wiches in the Quarter, judging by the lines. The culture in here is essentially Back East, but they'll make "California compromises" like putting lettuce and tomatoes with the pastrami. Breakfast? Few finish their giant three-egg breakfast special burrito, with a sausage patty and two hash brown patties inside. No tables, so where to eat? Try Starbucks around on Fifth. If you buy a coffee, Starbucks doesn't mind. And suddenly you're dining in the Gaslamp...but cheap. Open morning till late night, daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Jack's Barbecue 1290 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1644. They say this place is lifted straight out of Kansas City. It's sort of unexpected up here in spiffy Uptown Hillcrest. But even though these guys don't have the traditional split-drum smoker out front, they do produce the real stuff. Jack's Sampler (four-bone baby-back ribs, one half chicken, one portion of BBQ beef, fries, and slaw) is a good intro. Or pork-rib tips or just a Cajun sausage sandwich (with french fries or sweet-potato fries or onion rings) or one of Jack's chili cheeseburgers with bacon. They also serve Boca veggie burgers. Lots of families on the week ends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Japanese Tea Pavilion 2215 Pan American Way, Balboa Park, 619-231-0048. One way or another they have been serving Japanese food here since 1915. Yes, it's usually crowded, and most go for the clichéd item, teriyaki rice bowl with beef skewers. But the teriyaki bowl with salmon, the sweetish udon soba noodle soup with tofu kitsune, and even the California sandwich piled high with "krab" meat are good and feel Japanese, especially out on the restaurant deck over a canvon. With

Japanese flute music playing, the trees and the noodles, you really feel in a Japanese space. Try kona-cha green tea for the nearest taste to tea ceremony tea. Open 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Joe's New York-Style Deli 3401 First Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-295 7666. You enter a time machine: a cavernous concrete-floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acornshaped hanging lights, and a big oldfashioned cooler-counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display cases carry olives, pâté, Ryvitas. A sawed-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines, Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boar's Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily. -

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza? That's what Lefty claims his "king of all pizzas" weighs at his often-crowded little corner pizzeria. Truth is, you can't help but be drawn, especially at night, to the little ribbon of lights framing the sidewalk canopy with its tables and benches. Lefty is determined to bring "the real Chicago" to San Diego. So of course we're talking deep-dish pizzas, as well as some thin and crispy. But the ultimate is his "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, eight-pound monster that needs one hour's "make and bake" time. They also do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches, and a decent Lefty's Carbonara (spaghetti, eggs, bacon, Parmesan, and cream). Open lunch and dinner six days, closed Mondays. -

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge 801

1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring, in addition, Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusioncuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moder-

Old World Deli & Café 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves northern European food. Their Great Grilled Grueben - homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, gemütlich. Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Osetra Watergrill 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800. Osetra Fishhouse first opened as the showiest, glitziest, and probably most expensive restaurant in San Diego, with Las Vegas looks and a chef from there as well. Now it's renovated and sobered up with quieter decor, slightly lower high prices, and a slight name change to tell the world that it also cooks meat. The original frenzies-of-fusion chef has been replaced by a Sicilian chef from the same owners' Panevino a few blocks to the south. Appetizers still lean toward Asian, but most entrées now are moreor-less Italian. There's a new tapas lounge on the first floor - where it's possible to graze without risking bankruptcy — and a grand selection of wines available not only by the glass but by the 375 ml. carafe. The restaurant no longer serves the precious, en

dangered Caspian caviar it's named for. having switched to an equivalent California-farmed sturgeon product (at the same steep tab). Still, the appeal remains primarily to expense-account patrons who enjoy throwing money around in an atmosphere offering two floors of loud ambient music and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch down precious bottles. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service; others take their chances and may meet a chill. Disabled access to first floor only. Full bar, Dinner nightly to at least 10 p.m. Business-casual dress. Very expensive. — N. W.

The Palm 615 J Street, Downtown,

619-702-6500. This upmarket chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest family-operated whitetablecloth restaurant in the country, and it's spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point — business travelers with contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, dry-aged and wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Other good dishes are shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the Slater Special, which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don't eat meat, but do eat gar-lic? Try clams and shrimp *posillippo* and scare off the vampires. All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean macchinettas make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass; full bar. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive.— *N.W.*

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-233-7800. Behind all the Panda Express fast-food stops is the smaller, more serious Panda Inn chain

which originated many of the now-familiar dishes of semi-Americanized Mandarin cuisine (they claim to have invented orange chicken, and their version is vastly better than those at the 99-cent joints). Tofu with eggplant and Mongolian Hotpot, a meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage, are among the more authentic choices. Preparations here are generally clean and greaseless with well-balanced flavors; spicy dishes are moderately hot unless you request otherwise. It's not the spot for high adventure, but it does offer dishes for all tastes. Moderate-priced banquet menus make this a good choice for family gatherings. Full bar. Validated parking in Horton Plaza garage; heated patio seating in dry weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Lunches inexpensive, dinner moderate.

The Philadelphia Sandwich Company 3904 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummers' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffulletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions, and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise po-tato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. -

The Prado 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space

at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana tres leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum crawl and offers ethereal fried ovsters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix-fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. -

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cui-sine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not wheelchair accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive.

Saffron Noodles and Saté 3737 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei



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Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing-arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tom Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of 1-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Seau's 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau's extravagant multivenue sports pub is major-league fun - a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s' McLuhanite media art show with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream, something-for-everyone choices including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — $\hat{N}.W$.

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese apetizer restaurant is top quality. *Amaebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — *N.W.*

Tamale Cart 1852 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales - classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the champurrado drink: milk mixed with masa ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanishspeaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Tom's Chinese BBQ 4414 University Avenue, Suite A, City Heights, 619-

563-8225. You want Chinese? Real Chinese? This is the spot, if you can handle it. The roast ribs, roast pork, and BBQ spare ribs are excellent. So is pork fried rice and the dim sum. But you should also try pig's rectum and the duck's feet, stomach lining, ears, and wiggly small intestines. A family from Hong Kong and Canton runs it. And yes, you can eat there, if you can fit at the one small table by the counter. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Caion Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers - Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) aren't exactly chug-suds. Crusts white or sweetly robust whole wheat are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Inexpensive. — A.M.

Zócalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spin-off of the Brigantine chain features Pacific coastal cuisine, an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconutshrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial tapas sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages alfresco dining year round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight

draft beers, and California wines, including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

NORTH INLAND

Arterra 11966 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-369-6032. Celebchef Brad Ogden was the original top toque, formulating the "green cuisine" menu emphasizing local, sustainably raised ingredients (natural meats, Chino Farms veggies, etc.). His more venturesome young successors have made hay with the idea, creating a bolder, more daring cuisine, offering treats for both the palate and the mind, moments of wonder and delight. (But it's still a perfect place to take your boss to dinner.) In fine weather, a blithe patio offers more casual (but still serious) eats; other options include a sushi bar and happy hour bargain bites at the bar. But you never get enough of the signature corn mini-muffins, and at busy times, waiters may be spread too thin for optimum service — little details that nudge you with Marriott's tight corporate fist. A top-heavy, bottom-shallow wine list may wipe out your wallet even if the food doesn't. Three meals daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Athens Market Café 11640 Carmel

Mountain Road, Suite 124, Carmel Valley, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Mar-ket, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the saganaki, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with *mezedakia*, a big oval sampler of dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), lokaniko (a delicious Greek sausage), spanakopita (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cucumbers, tzatziki dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef) goes down well too. Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Bamboo Hut 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo Over 900 more restaurant listings at SanDiegoReader.com



chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi poké and excellent chicken katsu; the kalbi short ribs are tough, though. Plate

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Antique Thai Cuisine, Midway District

Stella and I went to Antique Thai early on a Thursday evening. Only a couple tables were occupied; the place was pleasantly quiet. She ordered the chicken fried rice; I ordered the veggie thin noodles and a Thai beer. The orders arrived speedily; the fastest slow food in town. Stella declared her meal delicious. Mine was too, and the beer frosty, cold, and hypereffervescent. I tried her fried rice and decided that next time I'd order the veggies on that instead of noodles. Next time was a week later on a Saturday evening. I was concerned about getting a table. No reason, as again most were unoccupied — a surprise, but what does that say about the economy? This time I was with Carol. (Carol, if you're reading this, Stella and I are just friends.) She ordered the chicken mango curry and a white wine; I ordered the veggie fried rice and a beer. Again, the food arrived in a flash and was fresh and hot. Carol's dish was served bubbling over a flame, to be ladled over white rice. I tasted it. Too spicy for me but perfect for her cauterized taste buds. The bouquet of her wine suggested pears; a sip confirmed that. Delicious. My dish was an ideal medley of snappy carrots, broccoli, onions, and channeled cucumber slices over seasoned rice. This is the dish I will go back for time and again. Had our waitress been as attentive as she was cheerful, I would've ordered a second glass of wine. Also, she wouldn't have brought us someone else's bill. All in all, Antique Thai is a warm, inviting restaurant that deserves to have every table occupied every evening. It also deserves to have customers more couth than the two men at two different tables wearing baseball caps. By **manninc**, 4:46 p.m., May 5, 2009

Mario's de la Mesa, La Mesa

Best Mexican food in San Diego. Tastes authentic and the prices are reasonable. Tastes like my Grandma from Puerto Vallarta is in the kitchen cooking. I definitely would suggest this place. By HYPERLINK "http://www.sandiegoreader.com/users/gorgeous_chik7/" gorgeous_chik7 1:08 p.m., May 5, 2009

La Especial Norte, Cardiff

They even have a special chicken soup if you are sick. Says so right on the menu. Not FDA approved, but it works. And then go back and enjoy everything else on the menu when you're feeling better.

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Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant 201 Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-480-5565. "Revels," as the locals pronounce it, offers zesty, careful cooking with some unusually authentic flavors. The Michoacán-style carnitas (available in sev-eral "stuffed" dishes as well as an entrée) are outstanding for their moist smokiness, and the house's slightly crunchy fresh-tomatillo version of salsa verde is exciting. Seafood is necessarily frozen (given the inland location), but is handled tenderly. Late breakfast through dinner daily. Breakfast specials Saturday and Sunday until noon. Inexpensive to low moderate, with some three-course seafood dinners high moderate. — N.W.

El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the menudo, cooked in a threefoot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. -

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Joey Maggiore doesn't produce Southern "Q" so much as So-Cal "Q" — more an homage to Memphis than anything you'd find in Memphis itself — but the tables include paper towel dispensers instead of napkins, a clear signal to go ahead and get messy. All the meats are

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Wayside Café 507 South Main Avenue, Suite E, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old lube bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain piles of red-skinned homefries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

NORTH COASTAL

Joe's Crab Shack 314 Harbor Drive, Oceanside, 760-722-1345. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. Also in Pacific Beach, Mission Valley, and downtown. — N.W.

Johnny Mañanas 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-white-red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and rice, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is muy popular, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheese-

What the Chef Eats

CALIFORNIA SPINY LOBSTER WITH SANTA BARBARA CHANTERELLES

BY MARK KROPCZYNSKI

Executive Chef, Grant Grill

My kids (aged 15 and 9) will eat whatever I put in front of them. They've had duck confit, lobster, chanterelles, and all kinds of fish. We put it down and they try it. Mostly it seems to work. A few years ago, I had so much tuna I didn't know what to do with it. There was a farmer in Lompoc who raised rabbit and wild boar, and he told me, "Listen, I'll trade you tuna for rabbit. Send me as much tuna as you want." So I did. It's always fun if someone has an abundance of one thing

for another.

One night my wife was away and the kids, who had a friend over. asked what was for dinner. I told them chicken, but actually, it was the Lompoc rabbit. I had it packed in thyme and salt and pepper and I grilled it up and served it with Yukon gold potatoes. Their friend had seconds and said it was the best chicken he ever had, to which my son proudly said, "My dad is the best chef ever." That was awesome. Then I told the three of them the truth:

"You just ate rabbit." Rabbit has its own taste and it's very mild. Well, I guess you could say it's a lot like chicken.

I'm from Michigan.

Now, living in California — in the land of plenty — it's foolish not to use fresh ingredients. I love to fish and dive in the area, so we have fresh fish a lot. I get tuna and I put it on the grill with balsamic and olive oil or make sushi. I think for most chefs — we work so many hours in the hotel and restaurant — sometimes the simplest



things are the best. I love pot roast, braised meats, that kind of thing. It's easy, and I can make it and reheat it when I come home late at night. It's nice to have a bite here and there. I also love bread and cheese. I eat that like it's going out of style at work.

When I lived in Santa Barbara, I dove and fished a lot. And I picked

burger. Open daily. Inexpensive. —

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti a cartoccio (baked in parchment) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include torta alla nanna, a

rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. The grill features a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the Bag of Bones (house-

smoked pork ribs), and whatever fruit creation is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s' Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions

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Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh uni, world-beating silky toro. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a partner restaurant to Hillcrest's Arrivederci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*





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What the Chef Eats

chanterelle mushrooms in the coastal oaks near Santa Barbara. You can find chanterelles in dark, damp soil up to about 3000 feet. Early spring is the perfect time to find them, too. I serve lobster and chanterelles with braised greens and a side dish.

INGREDIENTS SERVES 2

2 spiny lobsters, or roughly 2
pounds of lobster-tail
meat total (rock lobster
can also be used)
1 oz olive oil

3 oz pancetta, small dice 8 oz chanterelles, sliced (morels, lobster mushrooms, or

maitake mushrooms can be substituted)

2 tsp shallots, fine dice

4 oz Riesling (or white wine) 2 oz chicken stock

4 oz cream

1 tsp butter lemon juice to taste

2 Tb chopped parsley

HOW TO DO

Cut the lobster in half vertically, from head to tail, and remove the lobster-tail meat from the shell. Cut lobster into cubes and season with salt and pepper.

Using a medium sauté pan and a splash of olive oil, begin to saute the pancetta. Once the pancetta begins to brown, add the seasoned lobster meat. Sear the lobster on all sides while you continuously stir the pancetta to prevent burning. Remove the lobster from the pan and add the chanterelles or mushrooms. Saute the mushrooms lightly, then

add shallots. Deglaze with Riesling and allow the liquid to reduce to about half. Deglaze with chicken stock and reduce again about half. Add cream and bring to a boil, then finish with butter, lemon juice, and parsley. Adjust the seasonings with salt and pepper. Serve with braised greens or a side dish of your choice.

To get other recipes from local chefs, go to sdreader.com.

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does, You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focacia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the Caprese sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W.*

SOUTH BAY

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill 311 Palomar Street, Chula Vista, 619-426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The papa relleno is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. Seco de cabrito features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with cancha, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Breakfast and dinner daily, lunch weekdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure alfresco with a glass of wine (40 wines by the glass available), sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good—and vegetarian — special to ask for is the werdure pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghettini. Dog-friendly, too! Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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The Tin Fish 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into

burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. With a call, they'll give you a lift from the parking lot to their restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center, with live music during summer. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to





EAST COUNTY

Greek Town Buffet 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, ves. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, spanakopita, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the decor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken sou-vlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad...or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Grossmont Student Center Cafeteria 8800 Grossmont College Drive, Grossmont College, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont's single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standard-issue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage-and-tater-tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It's quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Mario's de La Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the burro (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the menudo) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all,

everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the carne asada; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca Sonora style" (dryroasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A M

The Neighbor's Pub and Grub 561-8890. This tiny place is like one of those small "locals-only" watering holes that you sometimes see on TV sitcoms. The fellowship is real here, with friends showing up about the same time each day and especially on Saturday for karaoke. Half the wall's bricks have been painted with messages, many to GIs overseas. The food is simple, filling, and inexpensive. And if you ask nicely, you may get a way-big portion of the daily specials such as the meat loaf, roast beef, fish-and-chips, or pork tenderloin. Also the standard bar foods like chili, hot wings, corn dogs, jalapeño poppers, fried mushrooms, and mozzarella sticks. 9 a.m. to 12 midnight daily; till 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Owl Café 674 Main Street, Imperial Valley, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef and chickenfried steak. Open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — FR





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Character from Costume

"People can't tell the Payless from the Elie Tahari's."

fitting session with costume designer Jennifer Brawn Gittings begins to look a lot like Christmas. She hauls racks of clothes and boxes of shoes to Diversionary Theatre's small

dressing room, where the four actors in *The Little Dog Laughed* await their outfits. Gittings — nicknamed JBG — unhooks a slinky, floor-length crimson gown and hands it to an actor. She opens

two boxes of shoes for another. "Try this," she says to Bryan Bertone, who plays Alex, a hustler/rent boy. He dons a black leather jacket with two white, horizontal racing stripes across the front. Gittings steps back, shakes her head. "It's him," she says, "but if you wear that for two hours, I'll get sick of it."

She hands Bertone a black canvas Rogue jacket, so distressed it reads brown, with a mandarin collar. The look is more street, more Alex. "Work okay?"

"A little warm-ish."

"Fixable."

Karson St. John, who plays Diane, a cynical Hollywood agent, comes back in the red gown. Not happening: "Diane should look stunning and elegant," says Gittings, "not slinky-glitzy, not mistaken for an actress. We can do better."

Two actors ask if they can buy costumes after the show closes. Gittings doesn't say, for two reasons: she'll have to return the rejects ("trouble

with thrift stores: no return policy; place like Marshall's: you aren't happy, bring it back"); and many theaters sell costumes to actors at 50 percent of what the designer paid. But sometimes the company

will want to keep an item in stock and may not make that decision until the run concludes.

Kelly Iversen, who plays hip, world-battered Ellen, falls for a pair of burnt-orange flannel heels trimmed with satin bows. "I WANT these," she says. "What were they, \$80, \$150?"

No reply. Gittings is too busy checking the shoes against her image of Ellen, whose despair expands by the hour. Something this warm, Gittings decides, "hints at bright spots in her future. Her colors should darken and lose chroma as she descends.

"Seven dollars at Payless," she adds, taking the shoes back. The difference between the eye-appeal and the cost pleases her. *Little Dog* is a fashion-conscious play. But she must "create a Neiman Marcus look on a T.J. Maxx budget."



Jennifer Brawn Gittings

Even before she won the 2008 Craig Noel Award for costume design — Diversionary's *Scrooge in Rouge* — Gittings has been one of San Diego theater's most in-demand designers. "JBG's my favorite collaborator," says Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, artistic director of Moxie Theatre. "I call her 'story girl' because her attention to story-telling and play analysis often keeps the team on the right path. I love the way she collaborates with other designers. It's amazing. She's completely focused on costumes but fully aware of the big picture."

Gittings has a BA in theater arts from UCLA and an MFA from Rutgers in scenic and costume

design. Of every character she asks: "Where would this person shop?"

She shops all over and relishes "the thrill of the hunt," finding designer clothing for less than designer prices. Among her discoveries for *Little Dog*: "gorgeous" Helmut Lang pants and a black, silk satin, Badgley Mischka corset, both for 90 percent off. With every show, though, individual pieces may have been built, rented, pulled from stock, or purchased, Gittings strives for a cohesive look. One goal with *Little Dog*: "People can't tell the Payless heels from the Elie Tahari's."

Many a colleague has asked to ride along when Gittings shops, but she prefers to travel light. She



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knows when stores close and makes her rounds accordingly: before 9:00 p.m., before 10, midnight. When she's at home, with husband Chris and 22-month-old son Oliver, she's often "ripping." She pours through magazines, catalogues, ads, newspapers, tearing out images of fashion, make-up, hairstyles for her "visual library," a file cabinet loaded with rippings from ancient Egypt to the 21st Century, the latter having six thick folders.

"Our house rule: no ripping when Chris is asleep. Then I use scissors."

In a preproduction meeting, Gittings and director Robert Barry Fleming shared ideas. They also suggested current references. Ellen, for example, reminds Gittings of Lily Allen. The British pop singer has "a surprising amount of emotional baggage for someone 22 — a total train wreck. Then in the end Ellen becomes all Katie Holmes — and, like, yayyyyy!"

Gittings has designed for various periods. With contemporary plays, she says, "a designer receives a lot more input, which may or may not be appropriate for the storytelling." Gittings tries to keep things in context: costumes reflect how characters "present themselves to the world," their mood, thoughts, aspirations, background. "An actress told me once, 'I can't wear that color. I'm a spring.' I just smiled and replied, 'I understand, but your character is a winter."

Douglas Carter Beane's "comedy of contemporary manners" pits personal dreams against The Dream. The four characters have a near pathological aversion to happiness. Like the people in Beane's hilarious As Bees in Honey Drown, Mitch stands at the cusp of fame. But will the award-winning movie star choose what everyone's supposed to want the white-bread, Tinseltown ending — or admit to yearnings he's kept sealed away?

The play moves from winter in New York to sunny Southern California. "That's two color worlds," says Gittings, "so it's high fashion on both coasts." New Yorkers, she adds, don't dress like Sex and the City. "In cold weather they wear neutrals, especially people who walk to work and want to hide the grime: so grey, blue, and black, and no enhancing colors."

Little Dog allows Gittings to use two approaches to costume design: "character at once" and "layering." In the former, when an actor walks on stage, "you get it." For Scrooge in Rouge's 28 costumes, everyone knew the Dickens story. So she parodied that expectation. Fezziwig, for example, wore exaggerated tartan plaid pants, goofy buckled shoes, and bright teal green cutaway coat with red buttons.

"And he's drunk as hell at a party."

In Little Dog, Alex, the rent boy, changes least. "He is what he is," says Gittings, who gives him a "character at once" look: the Rogue jacket with the mandarin collar, tight jeans, scarf, "hoodie." The one debatable point: should he wear socks with his black tennies?

"Socks aren't sexy," says Gittings. "It's hard to look sexy if you're standing in your underwear with your socks on," which Alex does in Act one. Although New York males would certainly wear them in winter, even in dishabille, "here's an instance where the aesthetic wins out over the practical. No socks."

"Layer" design, says Gittings, is the opposite of "character at once": costumes reflect ongoing changes. In Little Dog, everyone starts with a veneer that conceals their turmoil — and that slowly cracks. "So you begin with clothes that reflect the surface, then chip

Mitch, the movie star, almost changes completely. "He'll always have a tailored silhouette," says Gittings, who starts him in a modern tux — "but one Johnny Depp might wear, not Martin Scorsese" - then gradually shifts to a lighter palette in California.

Diane, the agent/wannabe producer, has a "power silhouette," says Gittings. "She's all pulled together in a slick, highmoney look." Even her spiked shoes reflect status. "The richer

you are in New York, the less vou have to walk - thus, the higher the heel.

"Costumes should support the actors and the story," says Gittings. "The focus should always be up here" — she waves a hand across her face. For this reason, after a careful discussion, Gittings and Karson St. John decided to tone down Diane's flashy nail polish to a less upstaging hue.

Little Dog roars with ironies, including one for Gittings. Amid her countless choices and fine-tuning of 19 costumes, the last scene throws her overall design for a loop. "Costumes should support the characters, right? Well two of the outfits, believe it or not, must break all the rules. They should actually look like costumes!" ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Bed and Sofa

Polly Pen (music) and Laurence Klavan (lyrics) turned a black-andwhite, silent Russian movie (1926) into a musical in which the characters sing rather than speak. Kolya invites Volodya, a homeless WWI war buddy, to share his cramped, Moscow apartment. Kolya and wife Ludmilla take the bed, Volodya the sofa — for a while. Then Ludmilla and Volodya fall in love — for a while. The story, which moves with sharp, Chekhovian twists, is also a

political allegory about how revolutions, like the men in Ludmilla's life, "go round in circles." In the exquisite Cygnet Theatre production, directed by Sean Murray, Jordan Miller (Volodya) and Lance Arthur Smith (Kolva) boom with operation voices. But Colleen Kollar Smith is special as Ludmilla. Her flickering silent-film eyes are as coloratura as her voice. With a mere look, she brightens or darkens Andrew Hull's striking set — shades of gray from charcoal and pewter to softer, smokey hues (which Eric Lotze has lit brilliantly). Corey Johnston's appropriate costumes break the the color scheme at just the right moment. As if from the clouds overhead or the heaven beyond, the late Priscilla Allen narrates with her un-

forgettable voice. Critic's Pick.

CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. THURSDAYS 8 PM FRIDAYS 8 PM SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 31.

Chapter Two

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents Neil Simon's most autobiographical work, a "dramatic comedy about two not-so-young lovers who struggle "to commit or not to commit." Craig Huisenga directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH 858-578-7728, FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATUR DAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 13.

Charley's Aunt

Grossmont College concludes its season with Brandon Thomas's durable farce about Charley, his wealthy aunt from Brazil, his girlfriend, and his school chum who disguises himself as said-same aunt. Henry J. Jordan directed. STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, 8800 GROSS-MONT COLLEGE DRIVE, EL CAJON. 619-644-7234, THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRI DAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 16

Claire Voyant

Avo Playhouse hosts a new play by Steven Oberman about a clairvoy ant struggling with her abilities in San Francisco, 1975, and caught between psychic identical twins,

one super evil, the other the oppo-

AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, 760-724-2110, THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY

The Glass Menagerie

Tennessee's back in town! But Lamb's Players offers a mix of smart and questionable choices. As Amanda, the controlling mother based on Williams's own, Deborah Gilmour Smyth plays the chattering magpie, and some speeches flow like arias. Amanda, however, also had a smidge of the harpy, missing from this portrayal. As Tom, Sean Cox blasts speeches, an over-the-top, ungentlemanly caller approach that makes Williams's surrogate more irritant than advocate. Though unsure about the degree of her "defect," Sarah Zimmerman locates Laura deep within herself, like a diving bell in a murky sea. Her visit with the Gentleman Caller (Jason Heil, ripped from an Arrow shirt ad) is quite touching. The fourth wall of Mike Buckley's set, autumnally lit by Nathan Peirson, has an airy, expansive feel, a far cry from the claustrophobia Williams wanted, and that Amanda instills when she terrorizes her children with good intentions. Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, 619-437-0600. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY

The Hit

Mike Buckley's lite, entertaining romantic comedy has one of theater'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





The Price

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. 619-234-9583. FRIDAYS, 4 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATUR-DAYS, 4 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 31.

Lend Me a Tenor

The show must go on, in Ken Ludwig's behind-the-scenes opera farce, even though visiting star Tito "Il Stupendo" Merelli is supposedly dead. Bob Christiansen directed the OnStage Playhouse production.
ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787.
THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 6.

The Little Dog Laughed

Diversionary Theatre stages Douglas Carter Beane's "contemporary

comedy" about the scandalous world of Hollywood celebrities, including a movie star locked in the glass closet. Robert Barry Fleming directed.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK
BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619
220-0097. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M. MONDAYS,
7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 31.

Mapping the Hood

Art at the Core: Building Community presents a multimedia dancetheater piece about the stories and people of the sister communities City Heights and North Park. www.artcoresd.org.

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National Comedy Theatre

AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAYS, 8 P.M.

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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.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. FRI-DAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 9:45 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Old Wicked Songs

North Coast Rep presents Jon Marans's drama about a young piano prodigy's block and the aging musician who tries to reignite his talent. David Ellenstein directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 31

The Passion of El Hukl Hogancito

For one performance only, UCSD's Cross-Cultural Center presents Jason Magabo Perez's "multimedia literary performance," in which he "wrestles with authorship and manic obsession, pays homage to childhood heroes, and highlights the FBI's racist criminalization of two Filipina nurses (one of whom was his mother)." 858-534-9689. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DRIVE, UCSD. 858-534-2230. MONDAY, 7 P.M.

The Phoenician Women

Euripides's longest play performs revisionist history on Aeschylus's Seven Against Thebes and Sophocles's Oedipus cycle. Exiled Polynices brings an army of Argives, to seven-gated Thebes, to battle his brother Eteocles, who worships tyranny as a god. Everyone, including a Greek chorus of Phoenician woman on their way to Delphi, suffers as a result. What Euripides supplies, missing in the originals, are the psychology and motives behind the decimation. Marianne McDonald's translation features crisp, interlaced dialogue and ranks among her finest. And the Theatre, Inc., production, visually at least, ranks among its. Actors in Middle

Eastern dress perform before an ancient, concertina-wired wall bombarded by Scud missiles. The acting, however, is as divided as the brothers. Fred Harlow commands the stage as Tiresias and Oedipus, blind men who see clearly. Young Benjamin Shaffer, in a cameo as self-sacrificing Meneoceus, provides refreshingly clear speech. But many in the cast garble important lines: they talk to the floor, or mumble, or (especially the chorus) zip so fast that key information is lost

Worth a try.

THEATRE, INC., 899 C STREET, DOWN-TOWN. 619-216-3016. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 31.

The Price

As part of its "Classics Up Close" series, the Old Globe Theatre stages Arthur Miller's drama about brothers trying to determine the value of their father's legacy. Richard Seer directed.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 8 P.M. SUN-DAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 14.

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 directs. COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 24.

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.

Suds: The Rocking '60s Musical Soap Opera

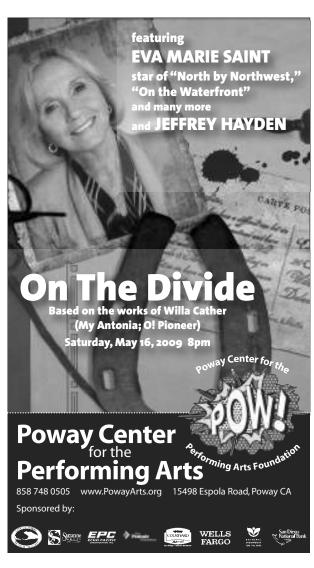
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Rep and now hailed as the first
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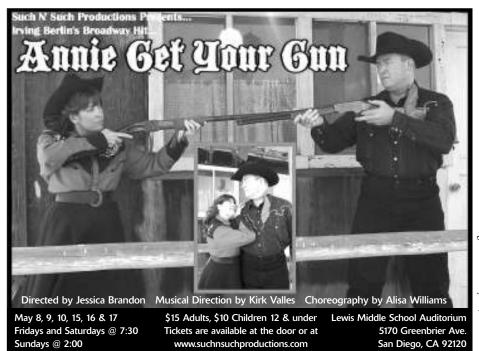
Veronica's Room

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 AVENUE, ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 17.







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Angels and Demons — The Dan Brown suspense best-seller, starring Tom Hanks, Ewan McGregor, and Stellan Skarsgard, directed by Ron Howard.
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Anvil: The Story of Anvil — Sacha Gervasi's wily documentary on an obscure Canadian metal band, still sticking together and struggling for acceptance twenty years past their stumpy peak. It would no doubt have brought to mind Rob Reiner's rock mockumentary, *This Is Spinal Tap*, even had the drummer in Anvil not been named Robb Reiner, and even had the band not paid a reverential visit to Stonehenge. Though the laughs here may be fewer and smaller, the poignance is unmatched: "Family's important shit, man," gushes the lead singer, "Lips" Kudlow, when his big sister



Anvil: The Story of Anvil

ponies up the financing for a new album. 2009.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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.

• (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 survivalof-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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10, FROM 5/15; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6, FROM 5/15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Enlighten Up! — Kate Churchill's breezy, informal documentary sets up a completely artificial situation to document. The filmmaker, a seven-year yoga practitioner, or in

other words a bare tyro, wants to test the transformative powers of the practice, picks as a guinea pig a photogenic newbie of the opposite sex (a self-described "godless guy from New York City"), and lays out for him a round-the-globe smorgasbord of yoga disciplines: a healthier sort of Super Size Me. The gathered evidence, we can see right off the bat, is going to be not just anecdotal, but a single, extended, meaningless anecdote. Constantly checking to see whether a transformation is taking place ("I don't expect any earth-shattering changes," predicts the skeptical subject) scarcely seems conducive to transformation. And no seeker is likely to find out how far he can progress on a path when he keeps jumping to a new path after every few paces. What Churchill ends up documenting more than anything else is modern American restlessness, her own included. Nevertheless, we vicariously encounter a number of gurus, some of whom are surely the real deal and others of whom are surely not. To watch our complacent hardhead make the rounds is to feel a pang for the wasted opportunity and in particular for any envious spectator who would have cut off a toe to be in his shoes.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/15)

Every Little Step — Adam Del Deo's and James Stern's documentary on auditions for a Broadway revival of *A Chorus Line*.

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, inas-

much 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.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Fighting — A polite Alabama hick makes his rapid way in the New York underground of bare-knuckle boxing, a lazy daydream with pretensions of toughness. The dialogue periodically dries up, leaving the actors floundering. Channing Tatum, Terrence Howard, Zulay Henao, Michael Rivera, Luis Guzman; directed by Dito Montiel. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-NADE 24)

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past — Dickens's Christmas Carol rewritten as a sex comedy, holding gallons less water. The girljuggling glamour photographer, a seriously slimy Matthew McConaughey, learns overnight that he is, and always was, a onewoman man. Jennifer Garner is the highachieving hardbodied hottie who has been cooling her heels for the heel. With Michael Douglas, Breckin Meyer, Lacey Chabert, Robert Forster, and Anne Archer; directed by Mark Waters. 2009.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Gigantic — Relationship comedy by first-time filmmaker Matt Aselton, with Paul



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(KEN, FROM 5/15)

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/Milev, 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 Vanessa Williams; directed by Peter Chelsom. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: PLAZA BONITA 14)

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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Is Anybody There? — Retirement-home pablum about the warming relationship between an inquisitive eleven-year-old (interested in ghosts, interested in "what happens") and the old crank, formerly The Amazing Clarence, who takes over the boy's room. Vibrant color photography by Rob Hardy, and a vibrant performance by Michael Caine, perhaps too vibrant for the role. With Bill Milner, Anne-Marie Duff, and David Morrissey; directed by John Crowley. 2008.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 5/15; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Lemon Tree — The Middle East conflict narrowed down to the arena of a half-century-old lemon grove that a Palestinian widow has inherited from her father and that borders the new residence of the Israeli Defense Minister. The fruit was there first, and the minister moved in next door, and the Secret Service sees in the dense foliage "a real and imminent threat" and orders the grove to be expropriated and uprooted. An international incident percolates. The small, and more importantly the nonviolent, scale of action allows for detachment as well as drollery. No one on either side is made ridiculous, which no doubt holds down the humor but not the absurdity. (See, for instance, the early-morning wonder of a watchtower hovering in the air above the grove and dropping into place by crane.) While the film is Israeli in origin, it bends over backwards to be fair and balanced, not in the sense of Fox News but in the sense of Webster's. It perhaps bends so far as to lose its balance. The sympathy, seemingly by its own gyroscope, tilts a little toward the Palestinian, if for no other reason than that

she's played by Hiam Abbass, whom you might remember as the mother of the detained drummer in *The Visitor*. If you do, you'll especially remember her dignity. With Ali Suliman, Rona Lipaz-Michael, Doron Tavory; directed by Eran Riklis. 2008.

The Limits of Control — Isaach De Bankolé stars as a hired gun on a mysterious errand in Spain, written and directed by Jim Jarmusch.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/15)

Management — Roundabout romantic comedy starting with a travelling saleslady at a mom-and-pop-and-son motel in arid Arizona, where she catches the eye and the fancy of the socially inept son. The operational details of the Kingman Motor Inn are ingratiating, but the relationship details are grating. Steve Zahn's "growth" from a stunted nudnik takes a good long while, and in the meantime Jennifer Aniston has difficulty making sense of her role. With Margo Martindale, Fred Ward, Woody Harrelson; written and directed by Stephen Belber. 2009.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HILLCREST CINEMAS, LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; FROM 5/15)

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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14) Next Day Air — Crime comedy with Donald Faison, Mike Epps, and Mos Def, directed by Benny Boom.
(CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14)

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.

• (GASLAMP 15)

Obsessed — Sort of an interracial *Fatal Attraction*, except the attraction is all one

way. The hot blond temp — "I think you mean 'temp-tress' " — sets her cap for the married Executive V.P. the first time they share an elevator. Her great sin is obviousness, his is thus obtuseness, and the film's is timidity. With Idris Elba, Beyoncé Knowles, Ali Larter, Jerry O'Connell, Bruce McGill, and Christine Lahti; directed by Steve Shill.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HOR-TON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Rudo y Cursi — Facile soccer fable about two bumpkin brothers from rural Mexico who take their sibling rivalry all the way to the big time: money, celebrity, a supermodel, drugs, gambling, the usual. The feature directing debut of Carlos Cuarón, brother of Alfonso, shows off an unsteady camera and damp lighting, but also a couple of definite assets in Gael García Bernal and Diego Luna. 2008.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; HORTON PLAZA 14;







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C.R.A.Z.Y. is one of the best French Canadian films ever! This epic film follows the relationships of five brothers and their parents, told specifically through the eyes of the son who is struggling with his identity. This cerebral and beautiful film won multiple deserved awards for its acting, screenplay, and direction.

Praised for its no-nonsense approach to intolerance and hostility, *Hate Crime* is a brutally honest independent film that deals with homophobia on all levels. The performances and screenplay elevate the tension in what surely is still a topical theme in the world today.

C.R.A.Z.Y. (Canada) 2005, TVA Films List price: \$24.90 HATE CRIME (USA) 2005,

Image Entertainment List price: \$9.99



Donnie Darko

MATT HABECKER

Executive director, FilmOut San Diego

Pedro Almodóvar's *All About My Mother* offers a story of a single mother (the amazing Cecilia Roth) in Madrid whose only son dies on his 17th birthday. When she goes to Barcelona to find her son's father — a transvestite named Lola — the drama unfolds. The film plays more like a Spanish "telenovela" than your run-of-the-mill foreign drama.

Donnie Darko is a psychological thriller with a massive cult following. The film depicts the existential journey of Donnie as he seeks the meaning and significance of his troubling end-of-the-world visions. Great script and acting. It features an eclectic cast, including Jake Gyllenhaal, Mary McDonnell, and Drew Barrymore. I never get bored watching this film.

ALL ABOUT MY MOTHER (Spain) 1999, Sony Pictures

List price: \$19.99

DONNIE DARKO (USA) 2001, Twentieth Century Fox List price: \$19.98



The Fifth Element

KALEB JAMES

Volunteer director, FilmOut

Baz Luhrmann's Moulin Rouge is a visual feast and a 21st-century opera managing somehow to be particularly eccentric yet still deeply personal. Moulin Rouge has a genuine emotional core that is about being true to yourself (and your heart) despite oppression or opposition. Genuine performances by Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor help the viewer get lost in this beautiful and timeless tale.

The Fifth Element is a perfect mix of action, science fiction, comedy, suspense, and romance. Spot-on casting of Milla Jovovich, Ian Holm, Gary Oldman, and Chris Tucker help hold the creative elements of the plotline together. The eternal tale of good versus evil has never been displayed in a more pleasing, comical, or vibrant way.

MOULIN ROUGE

List price: \$19.94

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THE FIFTH ELEMENT (France)
1997, Sony Pictures

(Australia/USA) 2001, Twentieth

mentor. 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. The compensation she provides, although not small, is not sufficient. Zac Efron, Matthew Perry, Thomas Lennon, Michelle Trachtenberg; directed by Burr Steers. 2009. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10)

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 sameness. Slickly done, nonetheless. 2009.

Slumdog Millionaire — Feverish daydream, partly amorous, partly avaricious, around an unschooled Bombay teenager who, hoping to reconnect with his childhood sweetheart, climbs toward the top prize on the Indian Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? It breaks down into three time zones, shuffled together in a jumble: the game show itself, the torture and third degree of the contestant by police who presume he's cheating, and the flashbacks to the life experiences that explain how he could answer the questions. Much squalor and brutality, but filmed by Danny Boyle with a heedless, almost uncaring, exuberance and exhibitionism. Dev Patel, Freida Pinto, Irfan Khan. 2008.

★ (GASLAMP 15

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

 $\textbf{The Soloist} - A \ \textit{Los Angeles Times}$ columnist (Steve Lopez by byline) finding a story in a homeless schizophrenic classical musician, and making something of it, is quite different from a team of filmmakers finding the same story predigested. What they chiefly make of it is a couple of outsized performances by Robert Downey, Jr., and Jamie Foxx. Director Joe Wright devises a nice subjective effect when the cellist's solo part is joined in his mind's ear by a full orchestra, drowning out the passing traffic in a freeway tunnel. But the accompanying birds soaring over the city are a bit much. As are the Jupiter-landing psychedelic lights accompanying a rehearsal of the L.A. Philharmonic. A sprinkling of flashbacks to How He Got Here adds little but filler. With Catherine Keener, Tom Hollander, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Stephen Root. 2009.

Star Trek — Enjoyable prequel, thirty vears after the same-named debut of the series on the big screen. The chaotic and incoherent prologue might somewhat smother the emotional punch of the birth of James Tiberius Kirk at the same moment as his father's death, but the reintroduction of the old familiar characters — the assembly of the changeless crew for the maiden voyage of the U.S.S. Enterprise — can't help but be fun for initiates. Chris Pine's Kirk, sounding as though modelled on no weightier a prototype than Christian Slater, starts out an obnoxious punk and fails to advance very far beyond that. Zachary Quinto's Spock, on the other hand, has some big ears to fill and fills them fully, achieving that elusive goal of undemonstrative intensity. If it's fair to say that the film, rather than stand on its own, benefits from the groundwork of its forerunners - if it safely and securely goes where others have gone before — it would also be fair to object that the speedy evolution of special effects since the last Star Trek outing, seven years previous, serves to render the "ensuing" adventures anticlimactic. Topping what came before — a petty enough creative impulse in the first place is in effect topping what came "after." That may not constitute disrespect, but it constitutes disproportion. Director J.J. Abrams's preference for the rambling Steadicam and the trembling closeup reveals him further to be a man of trend as opposed to a man of tradition. With its gigantic hands-of-Freddy-Krueger enemy spaceship, its Mad Max-y tattooed heathens, and its gratuitous CG monsters, the film is, by the standards of the franchise, skimpy on ideas, apart from a bit of time-travel abracadabra that enables Spock to be two places and two ages at once. Which is to say, enables Leonard Nimoy to play a part. Karl Urban, Anton Yelchin, Zoe Saldana, John Cho, Simon Pegg, Eric Bana. 2009.

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State of Play — The Americanization of a BBC miniseries qualifies as a rippedfrom-the-headlines thriller, and from more than one type of headline: the political sex scandal, 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 doubt ful whether this either enhances or erodes the main business of generating thrills. Those are generated aplenty, even if, in the end, the plotting descends into mechanical trickery for its own sake. By then the discriminating moviegoer should be in a frame of mind to take what he has got. With Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck, Rachel McAdams, Helen Mirren, Robin Wright Penn, Jeff Daniels, and Jason Bateman; directed by Kevin Macdonald, 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Sunshine Cleaning — Thin slice of American nutloaf, the main ingredients of which are two Albuquerque sisters partnered in the business of "Crime Scene Cleanup." (A pre-credits shotgun suicide

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LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 5/15)

17 Again — Second-chance fantasy that, through the agency of a bewhiskered supernatural school janitor, sends the middleage-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 ageinappropriate 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 tor-





★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Taken — A ring of Albanian white slavers (Middle Eastern buyers) has the bad fortune to shanghai the virgin daughter of a retired American superspy — "I was a preventer," he understates - on her first morning of vacation in Paris. There is no satisfaction in the quick-as-a-blink detective work that leads him to them, only satisfaction, for those who can take it, in watching him mow them down, a Weedwacker in a field of dandelions. (Too late to "prevent" the kidnapping, but not too late for the defiling.) Nor is there satisfaction in watching an eye-lifty Liam Neeson playing Steven Seagal. Nor in watching the native director, Pierre Morel, sell out his country on top of himself. Catharsis, you learn anew, can't

come out of crud. A hot shower afterwards would be your closest approximation. Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen, Olivier Rabourdin. 2009.

• (GASLAMP 15)

Tyson — The rise and fall of Iron Mike in his own words: Brooklyn, Cus D'Amato, the heavyweight belt at twenty, Robin Givens, Buster Douglas, Desiree Washington ("that wretched swine of a woman") and the three-year prison term for rape, the tattoos of Che and Mao, the Muslims, Don King ("a wretched slimy reptilian motherfucker"), Evander Holyfield and his bitten ear, etc. Director James Toback, who had known Tyson for over twenty years and had used him previously in Black and White, gets him to talk and talk, a virtual monologue with no audible questions, amounting to a talking-head movie tricked up with split screens and switched camera angles (a clumsy stab at multifacetedness) and of course archive footage and photos. A supplement to, rather than a replacement for, Barbara Kopple's Fallen Champ (which went only as far as the imprisonment, already a ways into mid-fall), it has plenty of psychological if not cinematic interest, never more so than when the lisping warrior's throat closes up and throttles his words, and it could well win some unforeseen compassion for him, even if we still wouldn't want to remove the barrier of the movie screen. 2009.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/15)

X-Men Origins: Wolverine — The pre-

quel seeks to answer all your questions, assuming you had any, as regards where and when and why the titular superhero got his switchblade knuckles, his leather bolero jacket, his pent-up rage, his blank memory, among other esoterica. Starting back in 1854 (heavy sigh), two mutant brothers, aging up to forty and no further, fight side by side through the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Vietnam War — "That's enough!" - and thereafter fight head to head for a run-of-the-mill revenge motive, a slaughtered girlfriend. In the build-up to the main event, the already immortal avenger (Hugh Jackman, oiled, watered, undershirted, shirtless, briefly pantless) is made indestructible for military use - a metalized skeleton — and then targeted for destruction when he refuses to be used. The end, by which is meant the coda after the full scroll of credits, reminds us that if there's still a megabuck to be made, there's no end. The style of the film, far from suited to a simple prelude, might be described as apocalyptic hyperbole. It could make you tired in itself, or suicidal at the thought of forthcoming backstories for the rest of the X-Men and -Women. With Liev Schreiber, Danny Huston, and Ryan Reynolds; directed by Gavin Hood. 2009. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS

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X-Men Origins: Wolverine 2009

From wearing a top hat and tails and singing and soft-shoe dancing with Beyoncé while hosting the Academy Awards to playing a raging, revenge-seeking, mutant monster, Hugh Jackman has set the bar about as high as it can go for movie-star talent. You can pay \$6 for about a three-minute roller coaster ride at Belmont Park or for \$5.50 you can catch a matinee of the latest and best X-Men blockbuster, X-Men Origins: Wolverine, which leaves you physically reeling from action and audio special effects that repeat the first big drop on the Big Dipper for an hour and 48 minutes. By alansegal 5:16 p.m., May 2, 2009

Star Trek 2009

The future not only begins with the new Star Trek movie but I predict it's the start of another long run. My first take was that they did their homework. That is so important in the making of any movie. If you do your homework you will get an A or 5 stars. The young Kirk played by Chris Pine was quite incredible, not to mention all the other cast members all starting out at a young age. What a movie! The only slightly older actor, Karl Urban, played the part of Leonard "Bones" McCoy, who was older in the original TV series, thus reflected in this new movie. (Karl is from Doom and Lord of the Rings fame.) We are almost talking about kids, where Chekov is 17, played by Anton Yelchin, who is actually 20, so that's pretty close. I've always loved Anton in his entire young career and he is, in fact, an immigrant from Russia. Then the perfectly chosen Spock who is played by Zachary Quinto (where did they find this guy?) — wow! The young Spock couldn't have been better. At 32 he looks remarkably young; this is a good thing for this part. Sulu is also well-casted and played by John Cho from Harold & Kumar fame among other movies. I really liked Bruce Greenwood's roll as Captain Christopher Pike, a very well-placed role. I can't leave out Captain Robau of the Enterprise played by San Diego's own Faran Tahir. Then there's Uhura, played by Zoe Seldana, who was quite romantic with Spock — that might have shocked some hardcore Trekkies. Scotty's role is played by Simon Pegg, the hot-headed British actor, and he does the perfect job of Scotty. If you are the slightest Star Trek fan you won't be disappointed. J.J. Abrams directed this one, which should bring him up the ladder in directing. I almost forgot, you will love Leonard Nimoy playing the future Spock. This movie just makes you happy — that's all I can say about it. I've seen it twice now and it was well worth it. By richinsd 2:44 p.m., May 8, 2009

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past 2009

This was just basically the movie Christmas Carol with Ebenezer Scrooge being substituted out for a sleazebag womanizer played by Matthew McConaughey. The story is not original; the script is kind of cheesy and it falls short in the laugh department. It's watchable but not memorable in any way. Michael Douglas was probably the lone bright spot and provided some much needed comic relief to an otherwise nonhumorous romance-comedy movie.

By **spooks69** 11:29 p.m., May 9, 2009

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Crank: High Voltage (R) Fri. (12:25, 2:40, 4:55) 7:10, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 4:55, 7:10, 9:35; Fast and Furious (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15; **Obsessed** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 5:00) 5:13; **Obsessed** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 3:05, 5:35) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; **Rudo y Cursi** (R) Fri. (12:55, 3:20, 5:45) 8:10, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:30; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:15, 5:40) 8:05, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:30; **Star Trek** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:30, 10:25 Fri. (12:40, 1:10, 2:10, 3:35, 4:05, 5:05) 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 1:10, 2:10, 3:35) 4:05, 5:05, 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 9:55; **Sunshine Cleaning** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:10) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:10, 7:00, 9:30; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 2:00, 4:15, 4:45) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:30, 2:00) 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons; Earth; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past; I Love You, Man; Management; 17 Again; The Soloist; Star Trek; State of Play; X-Men Origins: Wolverine

La Jolla Village

Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) **Enlighten Up!** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Lemon Tree (NR) Fri. (1:30, 4:00) 6:45, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:00, 6:45, 9:15; Rudo y Cursi (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:15) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; **Tyson** (R) Fri. (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

MIRA MESA

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons; Earth; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past; I Love You, Man; Next Day Air; Obsessed; Rudo y Cursi; 17 Again; The Soloist; Star Trek; State of Play; X-Men Origins: Wolverine

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Angels and Demons (PG-13) (10:00 10:30 1:00 1:30 4:00) 4:30 7:00 7:30 10:00 10:30; **Star Trek** (PG-13) (10:15 11:00 1:15 2:00) 4:15 5:00 7:15 8:00 10:15 10:45; **X-Men Origins:** Wolverine (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:15 7:45 10:15; No 10:00 Sat. & Sun.; No 5:15 & 7:45 Tues.; **The Soloist** (PG-13) (11:15 2:15) 4:45 7:45 10:45; No 11:15 Sat., Sun., Mon. & Wed.; No 4:45 Wed.: No 7:45 Mon. & Wed.: Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Tues.

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons; Earth; Fighting; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past; I Love You, Man; Knowing; Monsters vs. Aliens; Next Day Air; Obsessed; Rudo y Cursi; 17 Again; The Soloist; Star Trek; State of Play; X-Men Origins: Wolverine

STATE UNIVERSITY

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Gigantic** (R) Fri. (4:50) 7:15, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **Anvil: The Story of Anvil** (NR) Fri.-Sun. 9:40p.m.; **Every Little Step** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 4:35) 7:00, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 4:35, 7:00, 9:20; Is Anybody There? (PG-13) Fri. (2:15, 4:55) 7:20 Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 4:55, 7:20; **The Limits of Control** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:25) 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:25, 7:30, 10:10; **Management** (R) Fri. (2:25, 5:05) 7:40, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (2:25) 5:05, 7:40, 10:00; **Sin Nombre** (R) Fri. (2:05, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (2:05)

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Call theater for program information

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Amazing Journeys (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Animalopolis** (NR) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00: Forces of Nature (G) Sun. 6:00p.m.; Ring of Fire (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 9:00p.m.; Under the Sea (G) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00

San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) Ocean Oasis (NR) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information.

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (877-789-6684) Angels and Demons (PG-13); Ghosts of $\textbf{Girlfriends Past} \ (PG\text{-}13); \textbf{Management} \ (R);$ Monsters vs. Aliens (PG): The Soloist (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); X-Men Origins:

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

Angels and Demons (PG-13) Fri. (10:30,

11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:00, 4:50) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:35, 11:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:30 11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15) 4:00, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30,

8:00, 10:10, 10:35, 11:00; **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) Fri. (10:55, 1:30, 4:05) 6:45, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:30) 4:05, 6:45, 10:00; **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG) Fri. (10:35, 1:15, 4:20) 6:50, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 1:15) 4:20, 6:50, 9:45; **Next Day Air** (R) Fri. (11:40, 1:55, 4:15) 7:05, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 1:55) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; **Obsessed** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:25, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:25) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; **Rudo y Cursi** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:25, 5:10) 7:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:25) 5:10, 7:45, 10:25; **The Soloist** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 2:05, 4:45) 7:35, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 2:05) 4:45, 7:35, 10:30; **Star Trek** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 11:05, 11:25, 11:45, 1:35, 2:00, 2:30, 4:10, 4:30, 5:00) 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 8:05, 9:40, 10:05, 10:30, 11:05 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 11:05, 11:25, 11:45, 1:35, 2:00, 2:30) 4:10, 4:30, 5:00, 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 8:05, 9:40, 10:05, 10:30, 11:05; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13)

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Call theater for program information

2:10) 4:25, 4:55, 7:20, 7:50, 10:20, 10:50

Fri. (10:50, 11:20, 1:40, 2:10, 4:25, 4:55) 7:20, 7:50, 10:20, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 11:20, 1:40,

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Angels and Demons (PG-13) (10:00 10:30 1:00 1:30 4:00) 4:30 7:00 7:30 10:00 10:30; **Rudo y Cursi** (R) (10:00 3:00) 8:00 10:30; **Earth** (G) (10:00 12:15) 5:15; **Star Trek** (PG-13) (10:15 11:00 1:15 2:00) 4:15 5:00 7:15 8:00 10:15 10:45; **Next Day Air** (R) (11:30 1:45 3:45) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) (10:15 11:15 12:45 2:15 3:15) 4:45 5:45 7:15 8:15 9:45 10:45; No 11:15, 2:15 & 4:45 Sun.; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13) (12:30) 5:30; Obsessed (PG-13) (12:00 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Fighting** (PG-13) (2:30) 7:30 10:00: Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only

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Otay Ranch 12

ake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past; Obsessed; 17 Again; The Soloist; Star Trek; X-Men Origins: Wolverine

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
Angels and Demons; Earth; Fast and Furious; Fighting; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past; Monsters vs. Aliens; Next Day Air; Obsessed; Rudo y Cursi; 17 Again; The Soloist; Star Trek; X-Men Origins:

Rancho Del Rey 16 East H Street (619-216-4707) Angels and Demons (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:30, 1:35, 3:30, 4:40) 7:00, 7:45, 10:05, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 1:35, 3:30) 4:40, 7:00, 7:45, 10:05, 10:50; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 Sat. Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Hannah** Montana: The Movie (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:00, 3:25) 6:50, 9:20; **Management** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:20, 4:50) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 4:50, 7:25, 9:50; Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:00, 4:20) 6:45, 9:05 Sat.-Sun (11:35, 2:00) 4:20, 6:45, 9:05; **Next Day Air** (R) Fri. (12:15, 3:10, 5:30) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 3:10) 5:30, 7:40, 10:15; **Obsessed** (PG-13) Fri. (10:55, 1:40, 4:30) 7:35, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:40) 4:30, 7:35, 10:20; **Rudo y Cursi** (R) Fri. (11:00, 1:45, 4:15) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:15, 7:05, 9:35; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:10, 3:45) 6:55, 9:25; **The Soloist** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:35, 4:25) 7:15, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:35) 4:25, 7:15, 9:55; **Star Trek** (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 11:05, 12:40, 1:25, 2:05, 3:35, 4:20, 4:55) 6:35, 7:10, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 11:05, 12:40, 1:25, 2:05, 3:35) 4:20, 4:55, 6:35, 7:10, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10, 10:45; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 12:00, 2:10, 2:50, 4:45, 5:25) 7:20, 8:00, 9:55, 10:35 Sat. Sun. (11:20, 12:00, 2:10, 2:50) 4:45, 5:25, 7:20, 8:00, 9:55, 10:35

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons (PG-13); Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13): Hannah Montana: The Movie (G); Next Day Air (R); Obsessed (PG-13); 17 Again (PG-13); The Soloist (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13)

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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (877-789-6684) Angels and Demons (PG-13); Earth (G); Fighting (PG-13); Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13); Hannah Montana: The Movie (G); Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); 17 Again (PG-13); The Soloist (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); State of Play (PG-13); X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13)

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Vallev Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information.

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Angels and Demons} \ (PG\text{-}13) \ (10:00 \ 1:00 \\ 4:00) \ 7:00 \ 10:00; \textbf{Earth} \ (G) \ (10:00 \ 12:15) \ 5:15; \end{array}$ No 10:00 Sat. & Sun.; **Coyote Canyon Loser** (PG) (10:30 12:30 3:00) 5:30 7:30 9:45; **Star Trek** (PG-13) (10:15 11:00 1:15 2:00) 4:15 5:00 7:15 8:00 10:30 10:45; **X-Men Origins:** Wolverine (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13) (2:45) 7:45 10:15; Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun.

only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Tues. No 10 am-3:45 pm shows Mon.-Thu.

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Angels and Demons (PG-13) (10:00 10:30 1:00 1:30 4:00) 4:30 7:00 7:30 10:00 10:30; **Star Trek** (PG-13) (10:15 11:00 1:15 2:00) 4:15 5:00 7:15 8:00 10:15 10:45; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) (10:15 11:30 12:45 2:15 3:15) 4:45 5:45 7:15 8:15 9:45 10:45; **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **The Soloist** (PG-13) (12:00 2:45) 5:30 8:15 10:45; **Earth** (G) (10:00 12:15) 5:15; **17 Again** (PG-13) (2:30) 7:45 10:15; **State of Play** (PG-13) 7:00 10:00; **Monsters** vs. Aliens 3D (PG) (11:15 1:45) 4:15; Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Tues.

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information.

VISTA

Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469) Call theater for program information.

NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Angels and Demons (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Earth (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:40, 2:45) 7:30; **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (5:00) 9:35 Sun. 9:35p.m.; Star Trek (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:05

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



Angels and Demons (PG-13) (10:00 10:30 1:00 1:30 4:00) 4:30 7:00 7:30 10:00 10:30 Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13) (2:45) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; No 10:00

Sat. & Sun.; Star Trek (PG-13) (10:15 11:00 1:15 2:00) 4:15 5:00 7:15 8:00 10:15 10:45; X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 4:45 5:45 7:15 8:15 9:45 10:45 **Earth** (G) (10:15 2:45); **17 Again** (PG-13) (12:30) 5:15 7:45 10:00; No 7:45 17 Mon.; Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30); Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Tues.

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



Angels and Demons (PG-13) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; **Management** (R) (10:30 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Is Anybody** There? (PG-13) (10:15 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30: The Soloist (PG-13) (10:45) 4:30: State of Play (PG-13) (1:30) 7:30 10:15 No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Wed

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Call theater for program information.

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)



Angels and Demons (PG-13) (10:00 10:30 Trek (PG-13) (10:15 11:30 1:15 2:15) 4:15 5:00 7:15 8:00 10:15 10:45; **X-Men Origins:** Wolverine (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:15 7:45 10:15; No 10:00 Sat., Sun., Mon. & Wed.; No 5:15 & 7:45 Wed.; **Thomas and Friends: The Great** Discovery (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Tues.

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

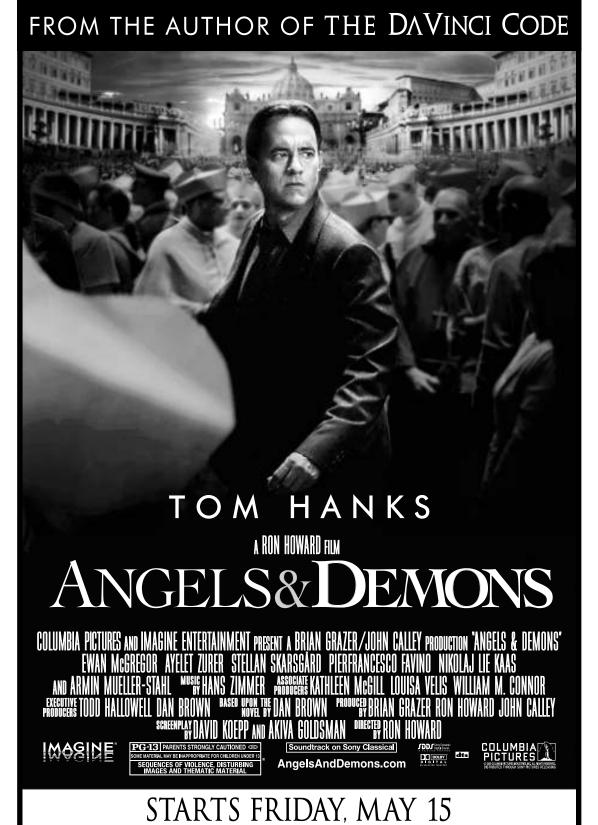
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)



Angels and Demons (PG-13) (10:00 10:30 1:00 1:30 4:00) 4:30 7:00 7:30 10:00 10:30; Star **Trek** (PG-13) (10:15 11:00 1:15 2:00 3:00) 4:15 5:00 6:00 7:15 8:00 9:00 10:15 10:45; **Next Day Air** (R) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) (10:15 11:30 12:15 12:45 2:15 2:45 3:15) 4:45 5:15 5:45 7:15 7:45 8:15 9:45 10:15 10:45; **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Obsessed** (PG-13) (11:45 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **17 Again** (PG-13) (10:45 1:15 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:45; **The Soloist** (PG-13) (10:45 1:45) 4:30 7:00 9:30; No 10:45 Sun. & Wed.; No 7:00 Mon. & Tues.; Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) (10:30 12:45); Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery $(G)\ 10{:}30$ am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Tues.

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Angels and Demons (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:45) 4:15, 4:45, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40; **Fighting** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 4:20) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 4:20, 7:10, 9:40; **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:40) 6:00, 8:20, 10:40; **Management** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:20, 4:40) 7:25, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 4:40, 7:25, 9:45; Next Day Air (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55) 6:05, 8:15, 10:25; Obsessed (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:20; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:50) 6:55, 9:30: The Soloist (PG-13) Fri. (10:50, 1:25, 4:10) 7:05, 9:55 Sat. Sun. (10:50, 1:25) 4:10, 7:05, 9:55; **Star Trek** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:35, 4:05, 4:35, 5:05) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:25, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:35) 4:05, 4:35, 5:05, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:25, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30) 6:50, 7:20, 9:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 2:00) 4:00, 4:30, 6:50, 7:20, 9:20, 9:50



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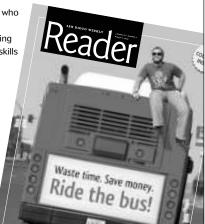
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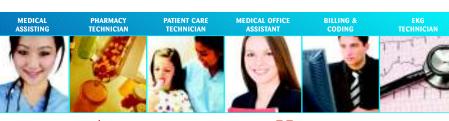


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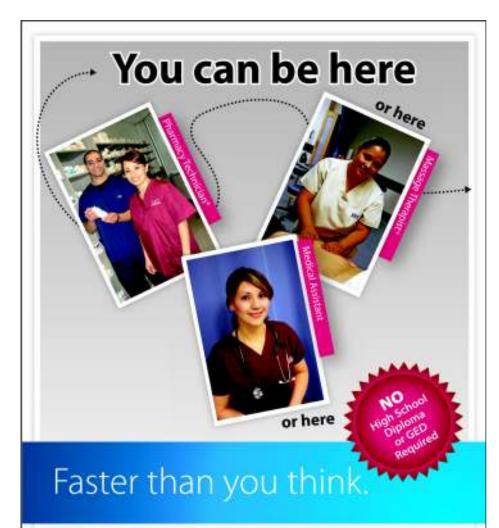
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Valerie Locke Clerk Hillcrest

My manager has. There was a key that kept sticking in my car door. I didn't want to have these major repairs on it and have the door taken apart. My boss said he could fix the problem. He put this stuff - I think it was graphite - all over the door. He ended up taking the door apart and the key still got stuck. And even after multiple car washes, I couldn't get that stuff off the door. I ended up calling a locksmith to fix it.



Marc Rosenberg Business Owner University Heights

had a probate lawyer when my mother died. At the time I had cirrhosis and hepatitis. I needed a liver transplant and he thought I was going to die. I thought I signed the papers, but three years had passed and they weren't turned in. And he had me sign something that gave him power of attorney. He wanted my house and my bar. I had to hire another lawyer to fix that problem, and I ended up reporting him.



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This guy over here had knee surgery that made his leg worse. I don't think he wants to be in the paper. I'm guessing there are also lots of people that have tattoo coverups that were worse. With me, I had problems with a boat. The engine quit working and it started sinking. I had friends that knew a lot about boats that were tinkering with it and they just made the problems it had

a lot worse.



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I had a problem with debt consolidation. I ended up then trying to do it myself. I was having prob-lems with the Chase Bank, trying to pay down \$4700 on my card. I wanted them to lower the interest rate from over 25 percent to a reasonable 9 percent, like every other card. They refused to lower it, which leaves me the option of bankruptcy or paying debt until I go to the grave. And I'm 60 now. I had never been late with a payment either.



Danielle Davis

Student

Rancho Bernardo

■ had a few videos from my childhood. My dad had made videos of my brothers in Little League baseball and a few of my dance recitals. But the video from my sweet 16 birth-day party had gotten messed up. When I'd play it in the VCR, back when VCRs were more common than DVD players, it would make weird sounds and stop for no reason. I had a friend that considered himself great with anything electronical. He took the tape apart and ended up ruining it. Needless to say, we aren't friends anymore.

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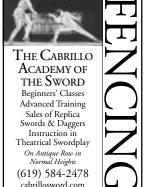
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3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m., Monday.

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And now for the really small print:

1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

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. "That's rich!"
- 5. Yearbook div.
- 8. Last one affected by a strike?
- 14. Hertz rival
- 15. Where Cubs and Bears play: Abbr.
- 16. "Relax, soldier!"
- 17. She played Plenty O'Toole in "Diamonds Are Forever"
- 19. Bloodstream defenders

- 20. Cookie fruit
- 21. Law partner?
- 23. Brickell and Falco
- 24. Summer sidewalk sight
- 27. Conditions
- 28. Loc. of the 2009 American Crossword Puzzle Tournament
- 29. Isolated
- 32. "____ there, done that"
- 34. Through with
- 38. Traditional end of summer
- 41. Ado
- 42. Greek war god
- 43. Tries, as patience
- 44. Super Bowl played at Dolphin Stadium
- 45. Narc's find
- 46. Trailing
- 53. Mideast city whose name can be anagrammed to ARABS
- 54. ____ better (outdo)
- 55. Lummox
- 57. How some kids spend the summer
- Judging by their beginnings and ends, the middle portions of 17-, 24-, 38- and 46-Across
- 61. ____ scholar
- 62. Educ. test
- 63. Egg
- 64. Abhor
- 65. Leb. neighbor
- 66. Cartagena coin

Down

- 1. 50%
- 2. Be of service to
- 3. Depend (on)
- 4. Blind ____ bat

- 5. Looks down on
- 6. Valerie Harper sitcom
- 7. Agreed (with)
- 8. Tit for _
- 9. And so on and so forth
- 10. "I ____ vacation!"
- 11. Politician who became Fey-mous in 2008
- 12. Marooned, perhaps
- 13. 1987 Costner role
- 18. Stereo component
- 22. Extends, as a lease25. One barred from a bar
- 26. "Auld Lang ____"
- 29. TV's Michaels and Roker
- 30. Back muscle, for short
- 31. Geisha's waistband
- 32. Revealing
- 33. Dollar bill symbol
- 34. Giraffe relative
- 35. Irritate
- 36. Austin-to-Boston dir.
- 37. Byways: Abbr.
- 39. "The Burning Giraffe" painter
- 40. Marked permanently
- 44. Annual competition since 1995
- 45. Writer
- 46. Wood shop tool
- 47. Wide tie
- 48. 52-Down, e.g.
- 49. ____ body (cell part)
- 50. Tusked grunters
- 51. Gullible
- 52. Not quite a C
- 53. Shakespeare, e.g.
- 56. "Sesame Street" giggler
- 58. West Coast hrs.
- 60. Snappy dresser

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos, 18. "Games, Blouses." Mary Arana, Encinitas, 18. "I love

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 18.
"7 is a blackbird who pecked poor Johnny's nose!"

Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 18. "Pigs've ruined our honeymoon cruise. Viva Las Vegas!" Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 18.

"Those boats rock, babe. Let's get to rollin'."

Charlotte Brown, Clairemont,

18.
Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 18.
E.T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 18.
Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch,
18. "Happy Mother's Day, Sue. Xoxo
from Nik and Katrina."

Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 18. Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 18. "Happy Mother's Day. Go Carol."

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 18. "More T-shirts for crossworders!"
D. Faulkner, University
Heights, 18. "As I was
saying...keep pedalling for health."
Rand Feura, Santee, 18.
Justin Finke, Sorrento Valley,
18.

Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 18. "Paint your home exterior.
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estimates."
Ron Meyer, Santee, 18. "Hi
honey. I love you."
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 18.

"Train your kids...sdmrm.org.

Jim Odell, Vista, 18. "Would you dispute Putin if he said Socialsim doesn't work?" Julie Osburn, North Park, 18.

"Michael Faught, thanks for encouraging me on a weekly basis!"

Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 18.
"Happy Mother's Day, Anita."
Gil Patricio, San Diego, 18.
"Once again, I'm speechless."

Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens.

John Pertle, Santee, 18. "Receive God's free aift: beli

"Receive God's free gift: believe in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 18. "Don't take life too seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway"

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 18. "Save San Diego's water - move to Minnesota." Eddie O Spaghettio, Coronado, 18. "143U15! Triple damn! I've grown accustomed to her...placard? CIUM21."

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Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 18. "Unenforceable laws are the termites

of justice." **Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 18.**"Happy Birthday, Tim. My one and

only forever!"

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 18. "Ice
down some Corona and head for

Sedona - we did!"
Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside,
17. "Having a special Mother's Day
this week."

Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 17. "Thank you for the gardens." Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont,

Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 17. Leslie Chase, Campo, 17. "The world's most precious gem is..." Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 17.

Vince Cuseo, Vista, 17. "Gimme four fried chickens and a Coke."

"Miss Joann's class: thanks for the

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 17. "I think everyone should have the right to my opinion!"

Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 17. Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 17. "Creak...shuffling...gasp...whoosh...spl at...no!"

Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 17. "Thanks to April and Joy for helping on this one."

Ron Hootman, Santee, 17.
"Hoot 101: Never heard a word of scorn in referring to unicoms."
George Jackson, Oceanside,

17.
Jim Koziol, UTC, 17. "Great save,

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 17. "A little tougher than usual." Lane and Gaby Litke, Chula

Vista, 17. **■** Kyle Matzke, Vista, 17.

"Props 1A-1F, more lies and deceit from Sacramento politicians!"

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

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 Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 17. "Here we go! Robert Phillips, Downtown, 17. "Did you censor me? Ken Ken beats Sudoku. Ken Ken!"

Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 17. Matt Read, La Mesa, 17. "Just say "No" to Sacramento."

Tom Somich, Clairemont, 17. Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 17. "P-town 4 life

Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 17, "Hev Ms. Ponder. Thanks for bbeing such a good neighbor!"

M. Zimmermann, Vista, 17. "Your iob - Google www.gopnot4me.com Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 16. "Have a quick recover Mark

Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 16. "Thrive. KP.org"

A.T. Certik, Bonita, 16. Jon Connor, Oceanside, 16. "And I will strike down upon the

Earth with great vengeance." Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 16. "Not up to DLW's usual standards."

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 16. "Mr. Wilk, you must dojo banjo in Sadr with bawdynabobs!

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 16. "/ missed you so much my love. Pooh. Marie Grace, College Area, 16. "Hi Vanessal"

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 16. "Go

Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 16. Richard Hutchings, Santee, 16. Sara Khwaja, Poway, 16. "4,400 miles on a hike and a had knee Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 16.

"Back on the Reader Surf Team! Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 16. "Vote NO on 1A through 1F. Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 16.

"We need healthcare reform! Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 16.

"Hey John. We "oops" last week." Bill Pischke, Ramona, 16. "Bon Voy-orange! Kuai here we come! Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Valley, 16.

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 16.

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens,

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 16. "Most nudists are people you don't want to see nude!

Gavle Studer, Mission Valley,

Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 16. Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 16. Ken A., Ocean Beach, 15. "Oh no! I have writer's block.

Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 15. "I was overserved. You know who you

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 15. "What's the saying - you can't serve two Masters? Sudoku

Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 15.

John L. Drehner, North Park, 15. "There's no word for "privacy" in

Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 15. "Hana in there, Mike - better days are ahead!"

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 15. "Happy St. Brendan's Day! Kiera! Rodo!

Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley,

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 15. "Send a shirt to my mother!"

James C. Nelson, El Caion, 15. "Go Padres.

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 15. "Happy Birthday, David! Today you are a woman."

Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 15. "He who is not busy bein' born is busv dvin'.

John Prince, Serra Mesa, 15. "Leave, don't leave me the organic earth said to mankind."

Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 15. "Javbeas + Cuvvies = forever!Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 15. Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 15.

"Congrats GWU grads!" Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 15. "SCB!"

Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 15. Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 14.

"Superalue is forever. Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 14.

Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 14. "I hope Emilie's straw gets fixed fast." Jim Corbett, San Diego, 14. Ellie Hoev, Spring Valley, 14. "/

Billy Horton, Santee, 14. Gerard Hoskins, Bonsall, 14. "Be more persuasive www.vlaue.com

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 14. "hope you have a nice visit and fun mv mom."

Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 14. "Happy Birthday, Devon!" Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 14. More job creation: Cujo bites Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 14. "RIP Aunt Deborah."

Wally Chapman, Chula Vista,

Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 13. "Can't screw - might as well mow the lawn '

Willie McGee, San Diego, 13. "Dojo for the shirt."

Alex Moran, San Diego, 13. "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. Rut this wasn't it "

Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 13. "Dog won't stay in sidecar? That's a deal breaker ladies!"

Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 13. Dave Washington, La Jolla, 13. "God is love"

Steve and Dawn, North Park, 13. "Gogetajobtoday."

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 12.

"Crosswords and Sudoku! Whoo! Bruce Bell, South Park, 12, "A// my answers were correct last week, so what's up?"

Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 12. "A// my love, Eric."

Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 12. "P. 216 is a chickenhead bee.

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 12. "Happy 50th B'day to my brother, Babe.

Joaquin Guerrero, San Marcos, 12. "These neo-commies want what's

in your purse and wallet! Scott Heimer, Mission Valley,

Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 12.

"Do you come from a land down under?

Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 12. "Sun. swim. surf. sizzle...Hallelluiah!"

Aleksa Mendive, Normal Heights, 12. "I got nuthin'.

Stephen Wilder, Rancho

Bernardo, 12. "Government is most effective by staying out of the econ-

Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 11. You lost my last puzzle.

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Joy F. Fernandez, Chula Vista 11. "No sibling rivalry here! Thanks for the assist, Alfred!

Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 11. "Still in search of that elusive T-shirt." Terry Golden, Clairemont, 11. Linda Millsberg, Santee, 11. G.R. Morse, San Diego, 11. Parrish is remembered.

N'Namdi Sikumbuzo, Serra Mesa, 11.

Jack Tripp, San Diego, 11. "LST 808, torpedoed, may 18, 1945. **Woody Anderson, Carmel** Valley, 10. "I've heard of baud and

bawdy, bawd's new to me! Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 10. "Go Padres, far and fast." Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 10.

get all the girls." Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 10.

Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 10. "/

Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 10. "What's another word for thesaurus?" Donald Millsberg, Santee,

Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista, 10. Dustin Beabout, Temecula, 9. "Welcome home!

Steve Gunsolley, Normal **Heights, 9.** "Paraphrasing Aldus Huxley. Religion: a consciously accepted form of make-believe

Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista. 9. "Who drives with their parking brake on down Orange Ave.?"

Dara Hetzel, Escondido, 9. Stephanie McNicol, Rolondo, 9.

"To the greatest of Scottish imports: Happy Anniversary, Loverman, Karen Steepy, Bonita, 9.

Jim Hitchcock, Chula Vista, 8. "Gotta admire Nancy's chutzpa. I deny therefore I Dem.

Gail Jones, El Cajon, 8. "Happy Mother's Day. Steve Kassiotis, San Diego,

8. "He hates these cans. Everybody get away from the cans.'

Adam Roberts, San Diego, 8. "If you come to a fork in road, take it!" Henry Romero, San Diego, 8. "I found an angel named Mei Ling." **Brian and Suzanne, Point** Loma, 8. "I'm eating my own

Spanky's Toilets , Carlsbad, 7. "Spank this! www.spankysps.com" Mike Van Nordheim, Poway, 7. "Today's drama makes tomorrow's comedy."

Rick Chambless, San Diego, 6. **Howard Donnelly, Mission** Valley, 6. "Kill the body and the head will die

Jane Reilly, University City, 6. Susan Williams, North Park, 6. "Were in this together, Andrew!

Carlos Chamberlain, Bonita, 5. "Amanda is graduating from Hofstra. Robin Coulthard, Lakeside, 5. Debbie Finch, La Mesa, 5. Tammy Lin, San Diego, 5. "It's

all about karma. Jean Marie and Jayne N., Allied Gardens, 5. "Happy Mother's Day, all.

P.J. Patel and Steve Thomas, Mission Valley, 5. "JamboreePet-Care.com: Professional, affordable dog and cat sitting, dog walking. Leah Dadich, Pacific Beach, 4.

"Thanks for the help, a Jamo on me.

Sandra Groves, Bonita, 4. Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 4. "4, but 3 is my favorite NASCAR number!"

Ana Jacala, Downtown, 4. "Thanks Eli!"

XO."

Sunny Nelson, El Caion, 4, "Go Lakers

Avril Varga, Poway, 4. "Rhubarb pie and custard for

Becky and Thomas, La Jolla, 4. "Little one, big head!

John Clapp, Lakeside, 3. Danny Day , Ocean Beach, 3. "Make sure to smell your local homeless drifter today."

Jason Kron, Lakeside, 3. "Stop the Sunrise power link, just make Cox run cable."

J. Roncelli, Encinitas, 3, "/+P. I'm the luckiest girl to have you!

Steve Sims, Carlsbad, 3. "Come and see the violence inherent in the

Fallyn Smith, Ocean Beach, 3. "No Randy. I don't want to go

"treasure hunting" for garbage Kristin Stuart, Normal Heights,

3. "Only anarchists are pretty. Julie and Jacqueline Angelini, University Heights, 2. "2 hour medium, 2.5 hours later SF '09. Woohoo!"

Lidia Ayala, Golden Hill, 2. "Yav. Chris didn't use a pen!"

Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 2. "Count your blessings and be thak-

Montana Eury, San Diego, 2. "When no discriminating thoughts arise, the mind ceases to exist. Rhona Fulling, San Diego, 2. "Si es puede Pablo."

Butch Rosser, Chula Vista, 2. "Thanks, Pat!"

Travis Buck, Ocean Beach, 1. "The name's Travis Buck, ladies. And

Joseph DiMuro, El Caion, 1.

John Fonte, San Diego, 1. "Spoop mgoop! Heyheyhey

Clinton Goeb, San Diego, 1. 'Wah hah! I'm gonna win! Justin Kaise, La Mesa, 1. "I just

remembered, I have amnesia. Fred Longworth, Normal Heights, 1. "Why is this briefcase

Isiah Monroe, Spring Valley, 1. "Bless you Mom, every day. William Nowtinick, Allied Gardens, 1. "Some people are aood at talkina."

Betty Olson, Linda Vista, 1. Barry Schwartz, Rancho Bernardo, 1. "2nd honeymoon for

seniors - Viagra Falls." Christina Tretiman, Serra Mesa, 1. "My cat's breath smells

Kyle and Aaron, Lakeside, 1.

"I'm in the machine!

Kate Towend and Tony, Point Loma/Mission Valley, 1. "Give America back to the people!

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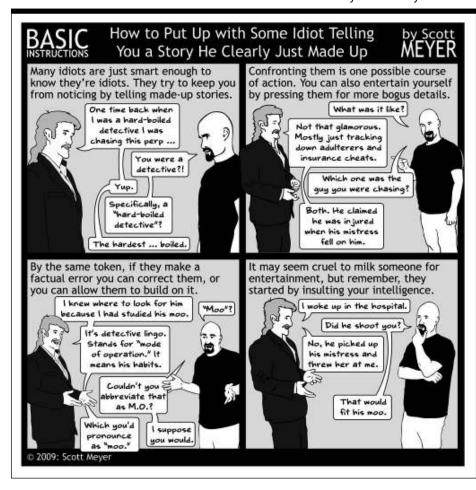
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- 2. Way Back When. Matthew Alice pointed out the true color of what body fluid?
- 3. What current film's premise does Barbarella liken to a nightmare?
- 4. Josh Board asked comedic actor Fred Willard about his work with Martin Mull on what show?
- 5. According to this week's Best Buys, how much sun does a sun screen block?
- 6. Which rock star's goatee does the band the Bugs take issue with?
- 7. 'Cause I Said So, according to Barnaby Monk, confirms the comeback of which seminal glam-punk
- 8. "Their whole body is one big sex organ," Ed Bedford finds out. What animal is he told has this trait?
- 9. In what year did Plano Trabuco acquire its name, according to Trailmaster Schad?
- 10. Tom Gores, new owner of the Union-Tribune, used to go by what first name?

Last week's answers

- 1. Malcom Gladwell's Tipping Point. (p.80)
- 2. Eleventh grade. (p.68)
- 3. The Spruce Street Forum. (p.76)
- 4. Eighty-three, (p.24)
- 5. Sonny Sandoval from P.O.D. (p.70)
- 6. Milk. (p.22)
- 7. "A nobody." (p.108)
- 8. Eggplant. (p.90)
- 9. Joey Burns. (p.82)
- 10. Charles Thompson. (p.74)

Last Week's Winners:

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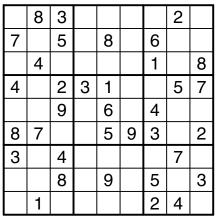
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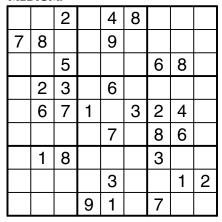
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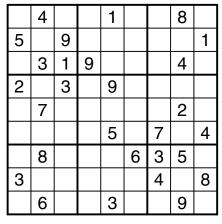
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Jo Mujica, San Diego, 2. "Easy took less tham 30 minutes! Thanks for the T-shirt!

Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 2.

beards? That isn't funny."

Katrina Alcantara, San Diego, 1. "First time."

P. Drake, Rancho Bernardo, 1. "Quack a doodle do, Pea loves vou!"

Vangie and Joy Happy Mother's Day!"

Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 1. "Ate Joy in da

Carl Sr. Grubert, San Diego, 1. "So easy even I can do

Jim Koziol, UTC, 1. "Lukie shoots and scores! Alfe Lim, San Diego, 1. "Old school still jams. Don Morton, Solana Beach, 1. "Good fun while riding

Colleen Porter, La Mesa, 1. "Co-grafix."

Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 1. "I thought you had to complete all four to submit."

John Prince, Serra Mesa, 1. "The fields of Eden are full

Danny T., 1. Westie, San Diego, 1.

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Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 2. "Vote No on all the props." R.M. Read, San Diego, 2. "Me austo el mediano. Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 2. "Thanks for T-shirt. Readers

Eric Anderson, Escondido, 1. "Stuff! Great to do after reading Matt's political column.

Paul Boland, Bay Park, 1.

Leslie Chase, Campo, 1. "Word person tries again." Kara D., Oceanside, 1. "Kristi is the best CT! Thank

Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 1. "This one's for you Kar-

Sally Lukes, Serra Mesa, 1.

Louise Newland, San Diego, 1. "Thank you." Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 1. "Live and let it live." and Becky Thomas, La Jolla, 1. "Ran out of time!" Ginger Truschke, San Diego, 1.

HARD:

Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 2.

Jennifer Stowe, San Diego, 2.

Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 2. "Does Sudoku mean fun

Julie and Jaqueline Angelini, University Heights, 1. "FG- every moment with you is a dream come true. Danielle Beeson, Lakeside, 1. "Jay, thank you and I

truly love you! XXOO!" Mike Gomez, Santee, 1. "Bring on the next one. Yung Che Lin, Rancho Penasquitos, 1. "Sudoku is

Alan Schwarz, Clairemont, 1. "I don't want to be a pop

Daniel Aames, Carmel Valley, 2. "Hello Michael Nixon, Corev Garcia, Chloe Spears and Ana Fitzpatrick. Joe Arbusto, Rancho Penasquitos, 2. "We need more T-shirts each week for us evil contenders!"

Dustin Beabout, Temecula, 2. "Sudoku and crosswords too! Reader is the magazine for you!"

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 2. "Neoteny recapitu-- most of the time!

Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 2.

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 2. "Okay, just do one of the four. I'll stay evil!'

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 2.

Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 2. "Felia Dia de las Madres a todas las Madrecitas!

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 2. "This is fun!" Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 2. "I love Sudoku puz-

Patrick Henson, Lakeside, 2. "Bumblebee tuna." Richard K. Johnson, La Jolla, 2.

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 2. "Kiera! Bodo! Happy

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 2. "No, Barbara didn't help." Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 2. "Evil is better when

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 2. "Spending too much time on puzzles?...SDMRM.ORG.

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EVIL:

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 1. "How 'bout

Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 1.

James Downer, Oceanside, 1. "I love Sudoku."

Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 1. "Forgot to wish April,

Fred Figueroa, Downtown, 1. "Snack a doodle dandy."

Chris Siemens, Grantville, 1. "For the love of Brenda."

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Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 2. "The Reader Rocks!"

Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 2. "That was wicked evil!"

Mark Kaplowitz, La Jolla, 2.

St. Brendan's Day!

Lerma, San Diego, 2.

P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 2. "As evil as my nephew

William Nowatnick, Allied Gardens, 2. "And my mind derails, as the wind calls my name MIchael Panther, Point Loma, 2. "Ask me about your

birthday present. Gregory Parsons, Carlsbad, 2. "I love you Christine,

John Pertle, Santee, 2. "On the topic of evil: Genesis 6:5: Jeremiah 17:9. Robert Phillips, Downtown, 2. "It's just for a shirt. I pre-

Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 2. "Evil was an understatement

Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 2, "Sleep is a symptom of

caffeine deprivation Alan Schwarz, Clairemont, 2. "I don't want to be a pop culture junkie!"

R. Sloan, Normal Heights, 2. "Less evil this week."

Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 2. "Saving water should be Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 2. "Bunch of 'evil' show offs!"

Linda Webb, Golden Hills, 2. Susan Williams, North Park, 2. "IMHO Hard was more

evil than Evil." Pat Witman, South Park, 2. "You're good Phil. Really

Ken Simmons, San Diego, 2.

Barry Xin, San Diego, 2. Lidia Ayala, Golden Hill, 1. "One more for SC, none for

Anthony Balanguer, Chula Vista, 1. "Hey, whatcha got

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 1. "It's a twister! It's a

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries

Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 1.

Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 1. "Numbers, words...Yes, we can!"

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 1. "First words, now numbers. Where do the addictions end?"

David Bruce, Hillcrest, 1. "Mee Shim! San Diego's best

Alan Burrows, El Cajon, 1. "Carol, was your entry

Clyde Christie, East Village, 1.

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 1. "Now I understand the

rules, do only one puzzle. Pat Clarkson, San Diego, 1.

Jahari Colon, San Diego, 1. "After all the failed

attempts, I finally succeeded.

Amna Cornett, Mission Hills, 1. "Not as bad as last

Richard Crowe, San Diego, 1. "Happy B-Day Susan! You're the best mom ever!

Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 1. "Where do I go from here?"

Kek D., Poway, 1. "T land or bust.

Mike Golden, San Diego, 1.

Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 1. "You just got pwned!" Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 1. "No on 1A-F."

Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 1. Ana Jacula, Downtown, 1.

Steve K., Ocean Beach, 1. "Am I evil? I am man, yes

Peter Meter, La Mesa, 1. "On On."

Daniel Krawczak, Santee, 1. "Sarah vou're the best!

David Lamm, San Diego, 1. "Touched by His Nood-

Fred Longfield, San Diego, 1. "Wow, this was fun." Julio Magno, San Diego, 1. "US Postal Sudoku Master

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 1. "Stand up! No on 1A through 1F!

Steve Miller, San Diego, 1.

Susy Parnell, La Mesa, 1. "I Sudoku in pen!"

Aivan Quach, San Diego, 1. "Caffe Fika, best coffee

William Quinter, San Diego, 1. "It's time to join the fray.

Tiffany Renterla, Mission Valley, 1. "Let your mind go and your body will follow.

Bob Rickman, Carlsbad, 1. "Brain food."

Deiah Rielinen, Santee, 1. "Work sucks! Do Sudoku

Clark Seamus, La Jolla, 1. "I dedicate this puzzle to Jimmy, Bryson and Hedgehog.

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 1. "R.I.P. Aunt Deborah." John Strauch, Point Loma, 1. "Not as evil as the UT 6-star

Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 1.

Tim Winder, Hillcrest, 1. "Happy Anniversary Honey." Carolyn Woodbury, Chula Vista, 1. "Sorry I missed

Myrna Wosk, La Jolla, 1.

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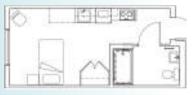
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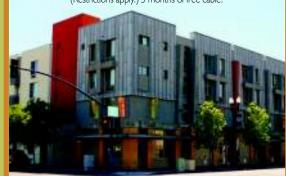


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Bright Ideas

— It was thought to be the backwoods version of an "urban legend," but the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department reported in March its first documented case of a deer hunter's attempting to avoid detection after shooting a doe (instead of the permissible buck) by gluing antlers onto its head. Marcel Fournier, 19, used epoxy and lag bolts, said a game warden, but the finished product looked awkward because of the angle of placement and the size mismatch of the antlers. (Fournier was jailed for ten days, fined, and had his license revoked.)

"It was initially just an experiment," said the 26-year-old, Sebastopol, Calif., midwife apprentice who last year talked her boyfriend into photographing her cervix for 33 straight days so that she could chart its physical changes while monitoring her mood, libido, and body temperature. It was not easy, she told the Santa Rosa Press-Democrat in February. "It's so dark in there [that] even with [a lamp shining on it], the camera wouldn't focus." However, the boyfriend made it work. "He's a very talented guy."

Compelling Explanations

— Christos Kokkalis, 19, allegedly doing 65 mph in a 30 mph zone, was charged with assault in Framingham, Mass., in March, for reacting badly to a pedestrian's hand gesture suggesting he slow down. According to a police report, Kokkalis swerved across a street into the man's path, drove by, turned around, and did it again. The report said Kokkalis denied fault, claiming that his car "turns on its own" because of an "alignment"

In March, Dominique Fisher, a "tattooist," received a probation-type sentence by Britain's Burnley Crown Court despite having carved her name and other marks with a box cutter on her new lover's body while he was passed out. She and Wayne Robinson had been on a four-day drinking binge, and he panicked when he sobered up. However, Fisher said that Robinson knew all along that she did tattoos and told him, "I thought you'd like it.'

Irony

 Angel Galvan-Hernandez, 26, facing a long prison term after being convicted in a Seattle court, begged the judge in February to execute him, saying he'd rather die "a thousand times" than be jailed. The reason, he said, was his fear of being raped in prison because of his petite frame and his history of being attacked as a youth. He admitted that he was a coward, "but I just don't want to be raped." His crime: He had pleaded guilty to raping two women. (He got 20 years.)

Fine Points of the Law

• (1) New Zealand's Employment Relations Authority ruled in February that a worker who, in a fury, tells his boss to "stick his job up his arse," has not officially resigned unless he follows up the incident with a formal notice. (2) Two competitors vying to sell the same type iPhone application (arrays of sounds of breaking wind) are embroiled in a trademark dispute, according to a March Denver Post report. The developers of Air-O-Matic's "Pull My Finger" claim that Info-Media's "iFart" application improperly uses "pull my finger" in its own marketing. InfoMedia said that the phrase is generic and not trademarkable.

- From an advertisement in the News Reporter of Whiteville, N.C., to give legally required preadoption notice to the unknown father of a girl (about whom the mother recalled little): The father "was about 5 feet 7 inches tall, with a light brown complexion and 'funny' shaped eyes,' and the "date and place of conception" were during December 2002 "at a house in Bolton, N.C., thought to be the second house on the left after turning left on the street just past Bubba's Club as you head east from Lake Waccamaw." Under state law, that man had 40 days from the placement of the ad to challenge the adoption of the child, now age 5.

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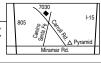
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— "CHICKENS AND EGGS. EGGS AND CHICKENS," Manny Ramos, May 17, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Ernest W. Hahn, Inc., developer of downtown's ten-acre, \$140 million Horton Plaza Center, has confirmed that the eastern edge of that huge shopping mall will be left incomplete when the center opens next year.

Assistant city planning director Mike Stepner, who has carried the Gaslamp merchants' concerns to Hahn and the city council, says "the finality of the decision" demoralized the Gaslamp owners.

— THE INSIDE STORY, Paul Kruger, May 17, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

Jim Harrell makes a fist. Shows a brown hump of knuckle. How the fist feels is hard. It's not as big as a bread box, but pretty near the size of a pound round loaf of pumpernickel. Up close, you see that his index, second, and ring fingers' knuckles have been driven back into the hand. He grins, says his knuckles got that way from doing to bad people what bad people needed done to them.

— "ONE TOUGH COP," Judith Moore, May 18, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

Nine Inch Nails' new LP, The Down-

ward Spiral, is a 14-song meditation on the mindset of a murderer. It opens with what sounds like a vicious killing and ends with the words I will make you hurt. It was recorded at 10050 Cielo Drive, where Sharon Tate and others were murdered by Manson Family members in 1969. Charming, n'est-ce pas?

NIN seemingly has two types of followers: rock fans and disco fans. The first group was in the pit, moshing determinedly to the loud, mechanized beats (which were augmented by two real drummers, needed for the thicker, less disco-ized sound that NIN presents live).

— "HONEY, IT'S TIME TO GO TO STONE-HENGE AND DANCE AROUND GOAT GOD AGAIN," Gina Arnold, May 12, 1994

Ten Years Ago

This letter is in regard to the interview with Maureen Orth in your April 22 issue ("Cunanan's Curse"). In the interview, Ms. Orth posits a

connection between myself and the deceased serial killer, Andrew Cunanan. She offers no proof of such a connection, nor the name of anyone who can verify that one ever existed. This is unsurprising, in light of the fact that I did not know Andrew Cunanan, nor anyone who knew him.

— LETTERS: "I DEMAND THAT THE READER PUBLISH AN IMMEDIATE RETRACTION,"

Joseph Wambaugh, May 13, 1999

Five Years Ago

Heymatt:

What color is blood that is running through our veins? Why does it look blue under our skin?

Unless you're a clam or certain bugs, your blood is red. Bright red or a dark, brownish red. Blood is not blue. But then neither is a bluebird or the sky. They're all just tricks of light. And a couple of scientists got so tired of being asked this question at cocktail parties, they finally analyzed it. Bright red blood in our



San Diego Reader, May 12, 1994

arteries is full of oxygen. Once blood has made a circuit through the body and is heading back to our heart and lungs for a new charge, the oxygen is depleted, and it's turned a sludgy color. When light hits skin, it can penetrate about .08 of an inch. If there's a vein in that area, the blood absorbs the red end of the spectrum, so what we see from the outside are the remaining blue wavelengths.

- STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, Matthew Alice, May 13, 2004

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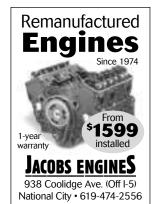
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It's Easter morning and I'm driving home from the sunrise service at The Fields Church in Carlsbad and listening to NPR's Weekend Edition because it's early and the voices on NPR are so soothing, when I hear a commercial — for a church. "What if church was a verb? Would you come?"

Well, no, I think to myself, because I'm a godless, liberal NPR listener.* Don't these people know that fans of public radio hate religion* and would find the notion of an active church as opposed to one that just sat still on Sunday morning — especially alarming?

But the ad presses on: "What if church considered ecology part of theology?" Ah, saving the earth. There's something the godless and the Good Steward can agree on. Maybe this isn't such a terrible use of ad dollars. By the time it's over, I'm curious enough to check the website at 10thousanddoors.org.

Well, now, this looks good. (The site, as it turns out, was designed by college-age interns from Belmont University — a smart move.) Clean, bold, and conceptually simple, with a different door for each category: FIND (Looking for something? Odds are we can help), WATCH (People making a difference in their own backyards), NOW (Access headlines, people, and causes), TALK (Here's a place to ask

those questions...), and most interesting, GO/DO (Google Earth locates needs across the globe). And down at the bottom: US (We are the people of the United Methodist Church).

"The Methodist movement didn't start as a church," savs United Methodist Communications chief executive. Rev. Larry Hollon. "John Wesley, during the Industrial Revolution, went out into the streets and preached to coal miners in Birmingham. The poor people were attracted to his preaching, and every study group was expected to have a dispensary for medicines. From the very beginning, there's been a connection between the very practical needs of people and their spiritual needs. We would like to recapture that sense of the movement. Jesus taught in the synagogue, but He often taught on the street corner with the woman at the well. with workers in a field. I think if Jesus were to speak to us about this campaign, He would say, 'Welcome. I've been out here in the streets

all along. I'm glad the United Methodist Church is joining Me once again. Go to it." Open the door and go outside.

Also: open the door and invite folks inside. The 10,000 Door project, says Hollon, "is a follow-up on eight years of hospitality and welcoming training we've done to create a sense of openness for people who are not familiar with the church and who are looking to connect. There's this whole body of research that says that people identify themselves as spiritual but not religious. They're searching for spiritual understanding and for personal understanding about their own place in a religious context, but they don't have the language or the handles to do it. There's a lot of Google-searching that goes on about religion. We've purchased several key words, and we've created a Googlesearch database that is unique to the United Methodist Church. We've actually purchased a Google server specifically for those searches. We've also put online a United Methodist 101 course. Peo-

ple can sign up and get involved in a direct interchange with other people it's a moderated course, and they can raise questions in a safe environment. We've had 1200 to 1300 people go through."

Also: there are lots of doors. "There are many ways to engage the church, and they're not all through the front door. Some are through the side door, some through the back." For instance, "we've

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thing you talk about. "We are targeting folks who are thinking about social justice

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set a goal of starting 600 new places for people to gather for worship and study — not necessarily new local congregations with churches. Storefronts, urban settings, suburban settings. There is no fundamental departure from worship that is traditional, but there is a willingness to offer different forms of worship and worship that speaks to people in different ways."

And maybe worship or even God — isn't the first

and global issues. One of the things that makes us distinctive is our focus on both personal holiness and social holiness — meaning active engagement in mission projects or in public policy advocacy that is consistent with the ethical teachings of the church. Faith has been a province of individual change and individual behavior, but one of the things we're finding in our research now is that people want to effect a broader change on the whole world. Our efforts at eradicating malaria are not the work of one church but a combination of churches." Hollon cites a case where the UMC in Texas raised \$1 million for bedding nets to be distributed in the Ivory Coast. The UMC in the Ivory Coast joined in the effort, "and that galvanized a national response" with the eventual result of "a national health benefit of \$34 million from the Global Fund."

Concludes Hollan, "Ads on NPR and CNN and in National Geographic — ads for people who are concerned about the environment and global issues — are part of the strategy: reach people where they are. If you're comfortable in the NPR environment, we want to address you where you're comfortable. We are simply extending an invitation to give us a look."

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