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UNDER THE RADAR

After the fall As last week's losing ballot propositions went down to the wire,



the list of political losers began to mount. Among them, San Diego district attorney Bonnie Dumanis, who showed up on a list of those endorsing Props 1A and 1B. A Republican, Dumanis's future attempts at higher office in GOP primaries may be severely hindered. One politico

who probably doesn't care is Bill Kolender, who also endorsed 1A and 1B, according to the website of the "Yes on 1A and 1B, Repay and Protect Our Schools" committee.

Full unfocus Other casualties of the Election Day massacre may include the KPBS public broadcasting operation, owned and operated by San Diego State University. The bad budget news couldn't come at a worse time. Hurting from previous cuts and reductions in contributions, the TV and FM-radio stations have recently given their website a makeover to emphasize local-news headlines. "The new kpbs.org is the perfect platform for all of KPBS' news content," says station manager Tom Karlo in a statement posted on the new site.

And **Gloria Penner** is returning to a weekly TV show featuring handpicked local reporters giving their usually predictable takes on local current events. "There's nothing more riveting than watching two informed journalists thoroughly disagreeing using solid, civil critical

thinking rather than mindless ranting," Penner says in a news release posted on the KPBS website last week."If you only watch one news program each week, this is it." But the weekly frequency

days at 7:00 p.m., a virtual



graveyard for public affairs programming, doesn't portend well for a growing audience.

The station hasn't had a regular TV news show since former manager Doug Myrland dumped a far more ambitious daily program, Full Focus, in August 2007, announcing that "future potential for audience and revenue growth is minimal." He later commandeered the station's blog to challenge critics of the cancellation. "We aren't elected officials — every budget line item and every personnel decision and every bit of information we collect is not everybody else's business. Just because you give a contribution or pay taxes doesn't give you the right to decide — or even influence — what goes on the air and what doesn't."

In the wake of last Tuesday's election, SDSU president Stephen Weber is virtually certain to be forced to look for even more economies. But current general manager Karlo said in an interview last week that he remains optimistic. Regarding possible state budget cuts, Karlo acknowledges, "I have not been told what is in store." But he maintains that steps he has taken, including consolidating radio and TV news efforts, have resulted in efficiencies that will let the stations do more with less money. He adds that audiences are growing and he hopes to expand the Penner television show to daily status by September of next year. "We have been suffering the effects of the economy just like everybody else," he says. "But we don't have to make a profit."

Perks Rich Grosch, a staffer with Democratic assemblyman Marty Block, says he reimbursed the Vieias Indian tribe for the \$37.11 in food and drink he consumed with Block and other staff members at the tribe's restaurant, and he's sent along a cancelled check to

prove it. ... The Republican Party of San Diego County received an "in-kind" donation of \$68,500 from La Mesa's Alvarado Institute of Skin Care, which was distributed in the form of "gifts for attendees at fundraising event." The party didn't pay cash for the gifts, as we reported last



week. ... Another Pennsylvania school board is in hot water after a junket to San Diego to attend the National School Boards Association convention here in April. Four members of the financially stressed York City school board are being called on the carpet by another board member for spending \$2000 on food and cabs during the event. "I will be questioning the expenses for all of the board members who attended," **Barbara Krier** told the York Daily Record in an email.

History of Ben The Surfrider Foundation and Sierra Club are out with their environmental rankings of California Coastal Commission members, and San Diego city councilman **Ben Hueso** shows up near the bottom, at 10 out of 12, with a score of 24 percent. According to the report, Hueso was absent for the vote on the Foothill Transportation Corridor South, the proposal to build a private toll road through San Onofre State Park that the groups call the "most important vote" of 2008. Commissioners rejected the project on an 8-2 vote.

- Matt Potter

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Obama: Waiting for the Sunrise?

By Craig D. Rose

hat began as a local backcountry struggle over San Diego Gas & Electric's proposed Sunrise Powerlink is now

a national issue, one that opponents of the project hope will challenge a key energy strategy of the Obama administration.

The national scope was underscored earlier this month when the Sunrise opponents applauded the U.S. Senate's action to hold up the nomination of David J. Hayes as deputy secretary of the Interior Department, the agency's second-highest post.

No matter that the Hayes appointment was blocked by senators seeking to punish Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, who has angered them by suspending 77 oil and gas drilling leases near national parks granted in the last days of the Bush administration. And no matter that

Don Bauder returns next week. last week, some of the same senators dropped their opposition and voted for Hayes to be confirmed, after Salazar agreed to review the lease



David J. Hayes

suspensions. Sunrise opponents, for their part, wanted Hayes blocked because he is a former lobbyist for San Diego Gas & Electric and he lobbied for the utility during the period it was pressing hard on transmission projects.

The utility calls Sunrise

a "poster child" for renewableenergy strategy, one that other utilities are embracing but that grassroots activists consider misguided.

The issue boils down to where the priorities will lie in developing clean renewable energy: Will the nation build a vast and expensive new network of transmission lines like Sunrise to reach remotely sited energy projects, with much of that infrastructure to be built on heretofore pristine federal

Or will the United States emphasize the development of so-called distributed generation, which consists of rooftop solar and small wind farms close to cities, along with energy-efficiency programs to reach environmental targets and slow global warming?

The Obama administration is placing its bet on the former — long new power lines and big renewable projects on remote lands. The administration has also reportedly elevated Sunrise to key project status, according to a representative of San Diego Gas & Electric. And Obama is allocating billions from the stimulus package for "smart grid" develop-

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Portraits of the Perps

By Joe Deegan

mural at the San Elijo Retail Center in Cardiff-by-the-Sea has gone away. Local artist Kevin Anderson completed the

four-by-seven-foot painting a year ago at the request of Commercial Facilities, Inc. The company manages the property, located on San Elijo Avenue in view of the Pacific Ocean and the beach. To the west run South Coast Highway 101 and railroad tracks. "I did the mural for \$600,

several that are homeless.' I even painted in one of the clerks who work at the liquor store." The mural was painted on wood shaped like a wine cask on the front of Mar Vista Liquor, a tenant in the building.

"Nobody seemed to mind," says Anderson, "so I cigarette thing was a little strange. He might have not liked the mural from the start, but he didn't say anything more. And at the end, he paid me in full."

The title of the mural, painted at the top, is *Puesta del Sol,* which means "sunset" in Spanish. The people Anderson painted into the picture, however, are now more prominent than the sun.

Anderson, 51, owns a house in Encinitas, where he lives with his wife and daughter. He makes his living primarily as a muralist, and his work can be seen all over Cardiff. "I've just been hired to paint a big mural in Solana Beach," he tells me.



Kevin Anderson

a lot cheaper than I normally do," Anderson tells me, "only because I love the area, do a lot of work down there, and know everybody. It started out as a seascape with a sunset. I kept seeing people that I know, and they'd come by and talk to me as I was painting. One day, a guy was sitting around playing the guitar. So, wham, I painted him into the picture and thought, 'What a great idea. Let's put some people in there that are from the area, including

finished the mural that way." But there was a hint of trouble ahead. Mike Paeske, vice president of Commercial Facilities Inc., asked that a cigarette in one character's mouth be taken out of the painting. No problem. "I believe he thought it was a joint, so I painted over it," Anderson continues. "If I'm working on something for somebody, they can tell me at any time what they want me to change, and I'm happy to do it. But I did think the

Over the last eight months, Anderson spent significant time in the area doing canvas paintings of the scenery, which is "spectacular," he says. "You can see Seaside Beach and La Jolla south and Swami's Beach to the north. Besides the sunsets, the beach, the cliffs in the distance, I was putting trains in some of the paintings.

"Not long ago — I think it was May 4 — I saw a worker with a ladder and paint bucket heading toward the liquor store. As he got closer to the building, I ran across the street and asked what he was up to. 'I've got a work order to cover the mural up,' he told me. So, right away, I called Mr. Paeske and asked that he stop the work. We went round and round about it, and he finally told me he'd allow a little time for me to remove the wood that the mural is on and take it somewhere else."

In Anderson's view, the mural's fate is due to unwarranted beliefs about homeless people. "But those ideas are so ingrained," he tells me, "that there's little you can do about them."

I reach Mike Paeske at his Sorrento Vallev office. "Over the last couple of years," he says, "we've had issues with transients and vandalism to our property. The sheriff's department came to us a couple of weeks ago and finally identified a number of individuals who were responsible for it. They told me that the individuals depicted in the mural were the ones. We didn't want to be memorializing those people on our building, so we asked that the mural be removed."

Paeske says he has a laundry list of chores and expenses associated with the transients hanging around the San Elijo Retail Center. They include cleaning up trash and defecation and replacing locks that have been glued shut around the building. "The most recent thing was a window broken by a bottle. The alley smells like urine because people are constantly urinating back there. After dealing with all the intoxication and fighting, which is causing our tenants to lose customers, we said we've had enough. We let it go for a long period of time and let the sheriff handle it. Finally, removing the mural was one of the things they asked us to do to help enforce the law."

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\$4000 Tow Job

By Peter Salisbury, 5/25/09 Imperial Beach — While lifeguards prepared for a public safety demonstration on Saturday morning, May 23, a father and son aboard a sinking fishing boat gave rescuers a real emergency to deal with.

"A fishing boat with its bilge pump flooded was sinking, and they beached the vessel," lifeguard captain Robert Stabenow explained. "We were giving [the boat operator] time to bail it out and let him go back out, but it's too flooded."

Captain Stabenow looked past the breakers, saying, "Look at all the boats out there. We normally have two to three fishing boats along our coast, but today we have about 30. Yesterday the paper said they were catching 30-pound halibut out there, so everybody came out."

While a sheriff's deputy gave the father a field sobriety test, the son recalled the event: "We just got out there when we started taking on water, and the stern was getting low in the water. They don't think my dad is drunk. They said it's just standard procedure."

Lifeguard Rich Hidalgo told the assembled crowd that he didn't recommend beaching a vessel. "They're looking at a \$4000 tow job."

Not an Accident

By Bob McPhail, 5/25/09

Tijuana — According to the Baja California attorney general's office, detectives turned over Ofelia Aragón Gutiérrez to state prosecutors following an investigation into the May 18 death of her grand-



Ofelia Aragón Gutiérrez

daughter, Celina García Sierra, who was one year, six months old.

The child's death was first reported as an accident, with family members telling paramedics Celina had suffered a convulsion and fell down a stairway at the family home in the Cañadas del Florido neighborhood of Tijuana, the statement from the attorney general said. But paramedics contacted homicide detectives, who, after investigating the case, concluded the death was not an accident.

During the investigation, detectives learned that the minor did not suffer convulsions and was frequently the subject of abuse from her paternal grandmother. Celina's cousins told homicide detectives they witnessed the child's grand-

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Beached boat in I.B. 🔪

Waiting for Sunrise?

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ment, which many fear involves building a larger transmission system that will reach into previously undeveloped areas.

"The secretaries of Energy, Interior, and Agriculture, which are three key agencies, together all told us that Sunrise is on the top of the agenda for each of those agencies and that the White House [wants the project]," Laura McDonald, a project director for San Diego Gas & Electric, said in a recent webcast

Sunrise would stretch from the heart of San Diego County out to Imperial Valley, where San Diego Gas & Electric says the \$2 billion transmission line will connect with renewable-energy projects that will be built in coming years. Once in place, the utility says the new line will improve electric reliability by providing a new path to import power to the city. After a three-year-long proceeding, the California Public Utilities Commission approved the project late last year, and now it awaits an approval from the U.S. Forest Service.

Opponents are asking the commission to reconsider its approval of the line but

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expect little from that process and are raising money for a court fight based on what they maintain was the commission's disregard for facts developed in the lengthy proceeding. They argue that the line is too expensive, would significantly raise fire hazards, and would do other environmental damage. They also argue that running a lengthy power line through fire-prone backcountry would diminish rather than improve the region's energy security.

Then there is the matter of who controls the generation of electricity, say Sunrise opponents.

"Everybody understands that if you can put solar panels on rooftops around the country, you would have independence from the likes of SDG&E," said Diane Conklin, a spokesperson for the Mussey Grade Road, a member of the coalition opposing Sunrise, who has also opposed Hayes's nomination. "It may not happen immediately, but it will happen over time. They want us tethered to their monopolies."

rise opponents say SDG&E actually wants the new power line to complete an energy system based upon liquefied natural gas — which is not a renewable-energy source that Sempra plans to import from abroad through a new

In addition, many Sun-

terminal it constructed along the coast in Baja California, just north of Ensenada. The gas would be piped to generating plants along the border, where it would be burned to produce electricity. Sunrise would allow wider distribution of that electricity throughout California, opponents argue.

Because of the role federal lands could play in projects around the country similar to Sunrise, the nomination of Hayes to the Interior Department has become a flash point. The department manages 500 million acres, or about one-fifth of all land within the United States.

Haves first caused local concern when he was named a member of the Obama transition team, charged with overseeing appointments to energy, interior, environmental, and agricultural posts. The transition appointment sparked a protest letter from Bill Powers, a local engineer who has played a prominent role in opposing Sunrise and who authored a report building the case for a vast rooftop solar program, instead of the transmission line.

"It is extremely disappointing that Sempra and SDG&E get the inside track in the new administration when so many involved in the Obama campaign have worked to get a new future

for energy policy," said Powers. "Meet the new boss same as the old boss. This is not what I scraped the bottom to get from a new administration. The Hayes appointment means that SDG&E and Sempra have their [former] lobbyist as head of day-to-day operations at the Interior Department, and that is bad news for opponents of the Sunrise Powerlink."

Powers and others note that Hayes, as a member of the Latham & Watkins law firm, lobbied for SDG&E during a period when the utility pressed hard for expanded federal powers to site power lines. These expanded powers allow the federal government to usurp the state regulators to make decisions about the approval or rejection of proposed transmission lines.

"You can fight a great fight at the state level and it could be all negated at the federal level," Powers said.

The engineer also tangled with Latham & Watkins when he organized the Border Power Plant Working Group and sought more detailed environmental assessments of proposed electric transmission lines across the U.S. border to reach power plants in Mexicali, Mexico, where environment standards are far less demanding. Latham & Watkins opposed the additional assessments. The border group ultimately lost that fight, and the lines were built without additional environmental review.

San Diego Gas & Electric declined to respond to questions about its relationship with Haves. Public records indicate he lobbied for SDG&E as recently as 2006, apparently evading a twoyear ban on lobbyists imposed by President Obama.

Just prior to the Hayes confirmation, the Interior Department declined to answer questions about him or make the then nominee available for comment. Surprisingly, however, the call to the Interior Department prompted an unsolicited call to this reporter from the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Johanna Wald, a senior attorney with the environmental group, said she was tipped by sources within Interior about recent Haves queries. She called in support of Hayes, with whom she worked when he was deputy secretary of the Interior in the Clinton administration.

"He is a proven manager, which is what the department needs now," said Wald. "They need a proven manager to clean up the department and its agencies after eight years of the Bush administration."

Wald added that Hayes "will not be working for a utility. He will be working for the Obama administration, and I truly believe he will give the administration his first and only loyalty."

The environmental attorney added that while distributed generation should be an important part of energy

policy, it was not sufficient to solve the environmental problems we confront in a timely manner.

Another source, who declined to be named, said Hayes has already signaled that he will be given broad responsibility for matters related to California. The source noted that Haves was well-regarded by some in the water conservation community because of efforts he undertook during the stint in the Clinton administration.

Hayes has also worked with the World Wildlife Fund and was a consulting professor at Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment. Laura Cyphert, a Lakeside resident active in opposing Sunrise, isn't reassured. Citing his work for San Diego Gas & Electric, Cyphert said, "I don't believe he could perform his duties in an unbiased manner." Her concern, she added, is that the Interior Department will "rubber-stamp" backcountry projects without regard to environmental impact reports, "as we have seen in the case of Sunrise."

Donna Tisdale, who heads a group called Backcountry Against the Dump and is among the leaders in the fight against Sunrise, said she had the same concerns.

"With Hayes at Interior, SDG&E can walk right in without an appointment," said Tisdale, who recently coproduced a documentary film about Sunrise. "I have been through this before: lit-

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tle communities try to fend off a big corporation but the skids get greased for the big company that they slam their projects right through."

Beyond Sunrise, local environmentalists consider SDG&E's environmental record abysmal. They note that the local utility has predicted it will likely fail to meet a state mandate requiring utilities to derive 20 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by the end of next year. In addition, they argue that the plans of Sempra Energy — San Diego Gas & Electric's parent company — to bring imported natural gas into the region from its new Baia California terminal will result in greater regional pollution.

In the recent webcast, McDonald, the San Diego Gas & Electric Sunrise project director, said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has told a wind-energy association that he would do all he could to ensure that federal

lands are available for wind projects. Many wind companies are setting their sights on San Diego's backcountry for building turbines.

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Opponents say the emphasis should be on using local rooftops and open spaces within or near urban areas for renewable development, to avoid both despoiling the backcountry and the expense of building transmission lines. Local activists also argue that deriving power from many small generating projects provides greater security than dependence on big power lines through the fireprone backcountry, where one wildfire or other outage could cut off a large percentage of electricity supply.

County supervisor Dianne Jacob, who favors emphasizing distributed generation, said San Diego Gas & Electric, along with its parent company Sempra Energy, has bought the support or silence of groups in an effort to block that approach. What is particularly disturbing, she added, was that the effort is financed by money from local utility customers.

"We are one of the sunniest regions of the United States," said Jacob. "We should have solar all over."

Portraits of perps

tion has not provoked hostility between property manager and painter. "Mr. Paeske's tone of voice has been real nice lately," says Anderson. "But he's firm on making the change. And it's not an anger thing with me. I'm just sad about it. One alternative he offered me was to take the people out of the mural and keep it on the building. You may think I'm stubborn or stupid, but something in me is not letting me do that. I'd lose my integrity as an artist that wav.

"And it feels like they're profiling these people," Anderson continues."If you walked by the mural, you would think that it's just a bunch of people sitting around a campfire enjoying a party. It doesn't portray anything illicit, no drug taking or drinking, just a few people around a campfire with a nice sunset in the background. One of them is playing a guitar, another a harmonica. Even if you knew the people, you wouldn't recognize them," Anderson claims. "I grew up with two of them, and they're not troublemakers. If anything, they make the town a better place."

In the meantime, Anderson learned that a flyer with mug shots of several people in his mural has turned up in the San Elijo Retail Center's businesses. Words at the top of the page read "Cal-Photo Image Network Mugbook." The business owners are asked to call the sheriff's department if they see any of the people.

There is even a mug shot of Anderson on the flyer. I ask him if he's ever been in trouble with the law. "Not since I was a teenager in Escondido," he says. "And then it was just for petty vandalism. I think I know what happened. A number of months ago, a sheriff came around where I was painting and hanging out. He took pictures of a number of us."

Mike Paeske says he had nothing to do with the mug shots. "We're in the property-management business," he says. "The sheriff's department must have put out the mug shots. They're trying to get a handle on the lawlessness in this area. The transient population is not mak-

ing it easy." I contact the Cal-Photo office at the California Department of Justice. An official tells me that law enforcement agencies are allowed to give businesses the program's photos as long as they don't display them publicly. What they can do is call the police if one of the people in the photos shows up in their stores. The photos are obtained from law enforcement agencies and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Meanwhile, Anderson wondered whether any legal rights could have given him more control over his mural. "It feels like the sheriff's department is censoring my work," he says. A search of the Internet turned up two relevant laws. In 1979, the California Art Preservation Act gave protection to works of "fine art," which meant, at least in part, that the work's purchaser does not use it for commercial purposes. Anderson's mural might not have met that qualification, since it was purchased to call attention to businesses. More useful in his case could have been the 1990 federal Visual Artists Rights Act, which protects certain public works of art from being changed or destroyed without giving the artist 90 days to

remove them.

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On April 2, the Los Angeles Times reported on the legal struggles of artist Kent Twitchell, whose six-story mural on the side of a building in downtown Los Angeles was painted over. The mural had been dedicated to pop artist Ed Ruscha. In 1962, Ruscha's work appeared alongside Andy Warhol's in a famous exhibition at the Pasadena Art Museum (now the Norton Simon Museum) called New Painting of Common Objects. "In the case of 'Ed Ruscha Monument,' " according to the Times, "Twitchell settled his lawsuit against the U.S. government and 11 other defendants in 2008, for \$1.1 million, believed to be the largest amount ever awarded" under the federal and California

" 'I would have been a monster to let it go; the precedent that it would have set for public art would have been terrible — we had to fight it,' Twitchell said."

Kevin Anderson finally hired a carpenter to remove his mural from the San Elijo Retail Center, the underlying wood and all. The painting now leans against the wall in his studio at home. Several days later, one of the liquor store's windows was smashed.

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mother push her down the stairwell.

After Aragón's arrest, she allegedly told officers the dead child "looked a lot like my daughterin-law," the child's mother. The attorney general's statement said Aragón hated her daughter-inlaw because she had abandoned her two children, including Celina, and sent them from Sinaloa to live with their grandmother in Tijuana.

Perilous On-Ramp

By Paul Shepersky, 5/25/09 Rancho San Diego — On Friday, May 22, at about 5:45 p.m., the sound of crunching metal brought neighbors out of their houses. A young man in a latemodel Jeep Wrangler had swerved off Highway 94 west and — taking a steel lightpole with him - went down the embankment and onto Buena Vista Drive.

About 50 yards from where the Jeep stopped were the tire ruts made by the previous car that went off the road in this location.

The accident occurred just west of the Sweetwater Springs on-ramp, where it merges with the 94. The driver had collided with at least one other car while attempting to merge with westbound traffic. The front of the car was smashed, but it had not overturned. The driver who had no passengers was able to get out.

While neighbors stood on the roadside pondering the incident, one woman began talking with the accident victim about what happened. Several teenagers and younger kids had spread word of the accident among their friends and arrived on foot and bike, some of them taking pictures on their phones in front of the smashed car. Firefighters and CHP officers arrived





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almost simultaneously, about eight minutes after the accident.

Thin White Thief

By Mark Jay, 5/25/09

Poway — On Friday, May 22, according to county sheriffs' radio traffic at about 11:50 a.m., the sheriff's department received a call on a bank robbery in progress at the Citibank located at 13408 Poway Road.

The bank teller was given a demand note by a male who wore all black and a golf hat. The teller then handed \$2000 to the thief, who then fled the bank to a black Jaguar sedan occupied by a female passenger.

The bank manager fol-

lowed the thief outside and was able to provide authorities with a lastknown direction of travel and a description of the perpetrator: a thin, white male with brown hair in his early 20s.

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At about 12:15 p.m., sheriff's deputies located the suspect vehicle traveling southbound on SR-67 from Poway Road.

The sheriff's department broadcast a "Be On Lookout" advisory to other enforcement agencies. One of the sheriff's helicopters and CHP officers assisted in the pursuit. Deputies later deployed a spike strip, disabling at least one of suspect's tires.

The vehicle stopped after crashing into a chainlink fence off Willow Road and Moreno Avenue in Lakeside. Both suspects fled on foot.

The sheriff's helicopter soon located the two suspects hunkered down in a shed on a nearby property. Both suspects were taken into custody, and the witnesses were able to do a curbside lineup and identify the pair.

Torrey Pine Down

By Peijean Tsai, 5/21/09

La Jolla — What caused a healthy 60-foot pine tree to snap at the base and crash down on Torrey Pines Road during rush hour last week? Typically, wet weather can soften areas around roots. But May 14 was dry and sunny when a mature Torrey pine — a rare species and local



Torrey pine timber

icon — fell into the street between 3:30 and 4 p.m., blocking two lanes of traffic for over half an hour.

The tree's weight was probably the culprit, as it stood at a slight tilt, said Dr. Arbor Tree Surgeons owner Kregg Kohl, who helped remove the tree within 20 minutes after arriving on the scene. He also suspected old age, as it was likely over 70 years old.

"It kind of uprooted and it snapped," Kohl said. The base of the trunk was severely splintered with the tree otherwise intact. The circumstances in which it fell weren't unusual, said

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Kohl, but he noted it was not typical that the pulling on the roots from the tree's weight had not brought up more earth.

The tree was one of many Torrey pines lining Scripps Green Hospital, which contracts Kohl's company to trim the trees. The trees existed before the hospital was built. Only the fallen tree had grown at a tilt, said Kohl.

The Torrey pine is one of the rarest native pines in the United States. It is limited to Torrey Pines State Reserve and Santa Rosa Island, off the Santa Barbara coast.

Doing Nothing Is Not Free

By Dorian Hargrove, 5/22/09
Downtown San Diego — On
May 21 at the Serra Mesa
Library, CCDC held a forum
on why the City should
commit to Gerding Edlen
for a new downtown civic
center.

Seven alternatives with 10-, 15-, and 50-year cost analyses were offered. Also presented were financing options for each of those alternatives and a cost analysis for the do-nothing, "hold steady" option.

"I think what many people don't understand is doing nothing is not free," said CCDC's Jeff Graham before explaining that if nothing is done the City will dole out approximately \$14 million for next year and \$18 million by 2014 for upkeep of the current facility.

"The reality is there isn't an option," said Bob Hunt, a financial analyst hired by the City. "You have a building that's almost uninhabitable. Of all the analyses, this is the cheapest solution, certainly over 15 [years] and 50, and arguably over 10."

Ssssnake Season

By Cindy Winslow, 5/22/09
Poway — With the recent warmer temperatures and sunny afternoons, encounters between local hikers and snakes are becoming more common. Iron Mountain Trail, on the outskirts of Poway, has been host to a number of snake sightings during the past two weeks.

"The month with the most bites tends to be May, when our temperatures get uniformly high enough that snakes are out hunting after their long winter," says Dr. Richard Clark, director of medical toxicology at UCSD Medical Center.

There is speculation that some of the snakes in San Diego County may have developed more potent venom, and scientists are not sure why.

"We have been seeing more severe bites than usual for the past two years," says Clark, "more extreme muscle weakness — sometimes requiring mechanical ventilation for the patient — and more









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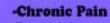
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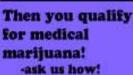
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San Diego County is home to four different rattlesnakes — the Southern Pacific, sidewinder, Southwestern speckled, and the red diamondback. Clark, who heads the San Diego division of the California Poison Control System, says that although all four varieties can be dangerous, the Southern Pacific tends to be more common.

Y Us?

By Randy Berkman, 5/21/09 Mission Valley — At least six residents of the Presidio Place condos in west Mission Valley have had enough with the noise from the adiacent YMCA just south of Friars Road. So they have sued the YMCA. Plaintiffs have a June 1 small-claims court case set at the Clairemont Mesa court. They are seeking CITY LIGHTS

\$7500 — the maximum amount allowed.

One of the plaintiffs, Katherine Whitley, sums up their complaints:

"It has disrupted our reasonable expectations of enjoyment in a normal quiet home. It includes: Parking lot noise 24/7 with no security, car alarms going off, and people yelling at each other, car horns honking in impatience to get a spot, loud, windowshaking music in cars pulling into and out of the east lot. It can be 3 a.m. when some people get back to their cars after a night of partying and their loud departures wake us. Police are called but [they arrive] too late to get to the offenders.

"People have urinated on the side of the Y offices so they don't have to go inside to do it during soccer games. They change clothes in the parking lot like it is a locker room.

Soccer-field noise is at unreasonable levels for a normal person's sensitivity. Shouts, whistles, screeching, hollering, cheering, and disturbing noises — especially Sunday mornings starting about 7 a.m. They bounce soccer balls off the arena walls, which echo into our bedroom window. We have extreme noise by the children playing on the newly enhanced jungle gym on the east end of the Y, right next to bedrooms and liv-

ing quarters.

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"Trash has built up over the years and is an eyesore to those in upper condos. They still have not cleaned it. We have to keep our windows closed to try to quiet our living rooms and bedrooms. We cannot enjoy the westerly breezes, which was a feature and benefit of purchasing west-facing condos. Utility bills increase, we are frayed, no one seems to care about our distress."

According to Whitley, the Y has asked the court for a 70-day postponement so they can investigate the matter. The plaintiffs oppose the delay.

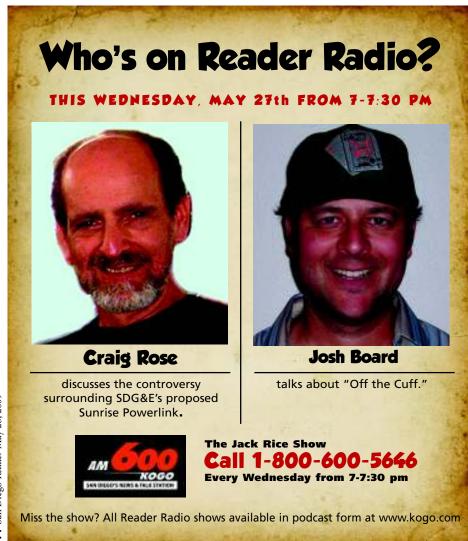
Rabbit Flu

By Cindy Winslow, 5/22/09

Oceanside — A New Zealand white rabbit discovered last month by campers at Oceanside's Guajome County Park has tested positive for Tularemia, or "rabbit fever," a disease that can cause severe illness and death in animals and humans.

"Rabbits are the main reservoir for the disease, and they usually die from it," says Chris Conlan, supervising ecologist at County Vector Control. "It is rather rare, as we only find positive results every few years," says Conlan.

New Zealand white rabbits are a domesticated breed with snowy white fur and pink eyes — hardly a rabbit you would expect to find in the wild. They are popular as pets, in labo-





ratories, and for the meat and fur trade.

Tularemia can be spread from animals to humans through the bite of a tick or deer fly or from contact with an infected animal.

"Ticks are the main vectors for the disease, so it is suspected that the rabbit was bitten by an infected tick after it found itself in the great outdoors with no owner," says Conlan.

Middle of the Class

By Dorian Hargrove, 5/21/09 Imperial Beach — At the foot of the wooden Imperial Beach pier on a gray Wednesday morning, environmental group Heal the Bay issued San Diego County's annual report card for water quality at its beaches.

According to the report card, of the county's 93 beaches, 97 percent received A's for dry-weather water quality.

Out of the 39 beaches where samples were collected during the wet winter months, 14 received poor to failing grades. The worst were O.B.'s Dog Beach, Buccaneer Beach in Oceanside, the Tijuana Slough, and along Coronado's Silver Strand.

Concludes the report card, "Beachgoers throughout San Diego can generally feel very secure during the summer season. If ocean users swim at an open beach at least 100 yards away from a storm drain, creek, or pier, it's extremely unlikely they will contact an illness."

Poway Final Four

By Dorian Hargrove, 5/20/09 Poway — Mayor Don Higginson promised May 19 would be an interesting night: the city's four sitting councilmembers were scheduled to appoint a candidate to fill the vacant council seat left after mayor Mickey Cafagna lost his bout with cancer last month.

Within a few hours, the council was expected to

interview the remaining nine candidates for 12 minutes each.

CITY LIGHTS

Longtime city councilmember Betty Rexford chose former assistant city manager John Fitch and former Poway mayor Carl Kruse.

Councilmember Jim **Cunningham nominated** a Harvard-educated doctor, Alexandra Page, and Sabrina Butler, senior project consultant.

Mayor Higginson chose

former assistant city manager John Fitch and political newcomer Alexandra Page. Councilwoman Merrilee Boyack chose former mayor and retired banker Carl Kruse and Sabrina Butler.

After nearly an hour of deliberation, the city council was at an impasse. The council decided to hold a second round of interviews with four final candidates. Those candidates were: Carl Kruse, John Fitch,

Alexandra Page, and Sabrina Butler.

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A New Ubu

I enjoyed your cover story of May 21 on Zirk Ubu by Thomas Lux ("Bless This Crew of Visionaries") but was somewhat disappointed that he didn't recognize the literary allusion in the name of that institution: the playlet Ubu Roi by the French author Alfred Jarry. If Mr. Lux was astonished by the wackiness and energy of the Circus Ubu, he should be further amazed by Jarry's crazy work. Jarry is often described as a precursor of the French Theater of the Absurd, as typified by the 1960s playwright Eugène Ionesco (The Bald Soprano, The Lesson, Rhinoceros, et al). I feel that this characterization is off base, since Jarry's works seem to me to be more a product of schoolboy high jinks for the sole purpose of shock (the first word of the play is Merdre! screamed by King Ubu — French for excrement, with an rinserted), rather than a conscious perception of the state of the world. At any rate, Jarry's works show precisely the wild energy and zaniness Lux describes, and I think he, and any interested reader, ought to google either Ubu Roi or Alfred Jarry for an entertaining insight into the allusion mentioned above.

Dr. Julian Wulbern
Professor emeritus
of German and
Comparative Literature

It Takes Two

I'm calling about some false information in a "Stringers" story, called "Toy Gun, Real Crime" (May 21). It was actually two guys who robbed Scripps Ranch AM/PM and the ones in Mira Mesa. I also know they were caught last night after casing the one in Scripps Ranch to rob it a second time.

Mike Starr

Who's Who?

"Who Is the *Union-Tribune*'s New Owner?" (Cover Story, May 14) is character assassination by association. Verifiable facts about Tom Gores are few. Instead, we get page after page of hearsay about his uncle, Tom Joubran. It all makes me ask, "Who is the *Reader*'s owner?"

Richard Tracey via email

Success Story

My family and I have seen the characterization of the dispute between Alec Gores and the estate of Frank Joubran in your article, "Who Is the *Union-Tri*bune's New Owner?" Cover Story, May 14.

At the time of this action in 2003, Frank Joubran had just passed away, and the sorting out of his estate took some time. There were certain advisors involved who took actions that were, in retrospect, not prudent. Over the years, Frank did extremely well financially investing with Alec. Alec was always fair and generous to Frank.

There really was no dispute between Alec and my family. The action taken by the estate was based upon a misunderstanding of the facts. The lawsuit should have never been brought. Alec and the family of Frank Joubran, including me, have no issues on this subject and consider this matter closed.

The portrait that your paper attempted to paint of Tom Gores and the Gores family is not accurate. The real story of the new owner of the *Union-Tribune* is one of determination, inspiration, and hard work. These days, especially, a bit of inspiration may help us all. Truly knowing and living the story, I can say with certainty that you totally missed the point.

What a shame for you and the readers.

Robert Joubran For Representatives of the Estate of Frank Joubran

Stealth Reporter

Re "Who Is the Union-Tribune's New Owner?" (Cover Story, May 14). This report is very sloppy — the caller never identified himself as a reporter writing an article. He gave the impression he was just curious about my research, not writing a report. My statements were intended to enlighten this man about my research and were never intended to be printed, certainly were not stated in the context or sloppy English you present.

You are obviously going after the Joubrans/Goreses for obtaining a newspaper. Yellow journalists!

Hani Bawardi via email

Matt Potter responds: I clearly identified myself as a reporter for the Reader and stated the purpose of the call. At no time did we go off the record. Mr. Bawardi was accurately quoted.

Wise Up, Guys

So the new owner's roots are from Nazareth, once part of "Palestine" ("Who Is the Union-Tribune's New Owner?" Cover Story, May 14). Can the Reader tell me what year Palestine was founded and by whom? What were its borders? What was its capital? What were its major cities? What constituted the basis of its economy? What was its form of government? Can you name at least one Palestinian leader before Arafat? What was the language of the country of Palestine? What was the prevalent religion of the country of Palestine? What was the name of its currency? Choose any date in history and tell what was the approximate exchange rate of the Palestinian monetary unit against the U.S. dollar, German mark, GB pound, Japanese yen, or Chinese yuan on that date. I hope you avoid the temptation to trace the

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Dear Matthew Alice:

When you give somebody mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, you're blowing air out of your mouth into their lungs. I always thought that when we blew out air, there was no more oxygen in it

because our body has used it all up. How does blowing into a person's lungs help them breathe again? I hope you can figure this out for me.

— Wondering, via e-mail

First of all, oxygen is overrated. Likely most people think we jet around all day inhaling pure O₂, exhaling clouds of carbon dioxide. Wrong, wrong, wrong. The air you suck in, aside from smog and bugs and

crud, contains mostly nitrogen - 78 percent, more or less. Next comes oxygen — around 20 percent. Then CO₂ — 0.04 percent. Big surprise, yes? Even if you huffed in more oxygen, it wouldn't do much good, since your bod couldn't use it. Red blood cells extract only 4 or 5 percent of inhaled O2, so any more is kind of a waste. Exhaled air looks a lot like inhaled air, except for the carbon dioxide, waste matter the blood collects as it zips around your bod. What you're breathing into our victim is about 16 percent oxygen, 4 percent carbon dioxide, and the same 78 percent nitrogen. So there's only a smidge of a difference in oxygen content between inhaled and exhaled air, and that 16 percent is pretty helpful to somebody

As an aside that you didn't ask about, more important than your exhaled air is restoring a victim's regular heartbeat. If the O2 doesn't circulate, it's completely useless. Only electricity can shock the victim's heart rhythm back, so CPR is a temporary, emergency procedure that buys the victim some time until the paramedics arrive. Don't worry about the oxygen.

who's collapsed on the bricks.

You seem to be a lightning rod for weird questions. Well, I have one that makes me wonder every year if the equinox or some specific time of year affects movements within a household. The best way to explain what I mean is that several doors in my home will always come back open after being pushed shut just shy of latching. This only happens after December and will cease after February. Air currents from heating units are not a factor for they are seldom on. In the summer, the doors will stay in the position they are pushed to, but in winter they will always swing

back to the wall doorstop. This may not be worth your time, but it sure is a curiosity of mine.

— Al Whitworth, Chula Vista

Weird lightning rod we certainly are. And

your question hit the spot. We like the idea that your house is being controlled by the stars, and if you ever decide to sell, let us know. But back on Earth, there's probably some other explanation for the odd goings-on. We put this one to a trio of carpenters, since we seem to be dealing with wood and hinges. And all we can come up with, of course, is a guess. So what's the difference between the December-through-February time

period and, say, summer? How about humidity. What does humidity do to wood? Makes it expand. So the carpenters say your expanding door or door frame knocks things off balance, and your door won't stay where you put it. Anybody else want to throw in a guess to add to (1) star power and (2) humidity? Feel free.

When a bullfighter has a particularly good fight and the crowd awards him both ears and the tail of the bull, what does he do with them?

— Dina McReynolds, downtown

Well, exactly. What would someone do with a house full of old bull parts? But first a quick correction. The crowd doesn't make the award. the judge does. Every bullfight has a presiding judge who acts as ringmaster and police officer and generally oversees the conduct and fitness of the bull, the fighter, and the crowd. At the end of a fight, if the judge feels the matador dispatched the bull skillfully, he can award one ear, two ears, or both ears and the tail. The bullfighter immediately dumps them at a taxidermist's shop, who puts them on a classy wooden plaque.

Was Communion wine affected by Prohibition? — Ike, downtown

You betcha. Made it veeeeeery popular, since it was one of a few types of alcohol still legal to manufacture during that time. Between 1923 and 1924, for example, sales of "sacramental" wine increased by 50 percent, though no one particularly noticed a corresponding boost in church attendance.

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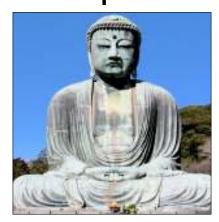


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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Retreat Sports



his is Saturday night, May 23, my birthday. I am celebrating at Jikojim, a Soto Zen retreat center in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The center has a Zendo (meditation hall), a dorm, a residents' building, and a kitchen/dining room/library surrounded by 62,000 acres of protected open space. Gut-sucking beautiful.

I took up meditating five years ago by way of a free six-week class at the local Presbyterian church.... Wednesday night at 7:00, as I remember.

The guy who taught it (I'll call him Mr. Smiley) is a man who blended arrogance and preciousness into a thick foam of false modesty, but he knew his stuff. His brand of Buddhism is Vipassana, the American version of Theravada Buddhism, which is found mostly in Sri Lanka, Burma, and Thailand. I'll stop with the pedigree here because I'm a kindly man and have your best interests at heart.

What I liked immediately about Vipassana is its emphasis on being in the present moment. If you'll bring to mind the happiest minutes in your life, I'll put money down that you were present for each of them, present in the sense that there was nothing else but you and the woman or man, the math problem, the engine block, the campfire. All cares, worries, hopes, and triumphs vanished along with your sense of time. Remember?

That's what I was after, to find that place more often. And then after a year of sitting, the practice took over and the whole deal became interesting to do in itself. My intention shifted from happiness to being awake for what's happening right now.

Since last August I've been sitting for one hour a day, which seemed to me to be a threshold point. Not that many civilians sit that long or that regularly, and after I got used to it, I thought sitting for an hour every day was a pretty cool thing to do.

But, one wants more. Wanting more is a problem, Buddha says. Nonetheless, I thought it might be good to take it a little further and come on a real retreat. This is a baby one, four days, the low end of the retreat food chain.

I got here yesterday afternoon. There's a yogi sheet where everyone signs up for chores. I pick pots and pans after the breakfast serving. Our retreat schedule is posted on the community bulletin board. I will bear witness: 5:30 a.m. wake up, 6 sitting, 6:45 breakfast, 8:15 sitting with instructions, 9:15 walking, 10:00 sitting, 10:45 walking, 11:30 sitting, 12:15 lunch, 1:45 sitting, 2:30 walking, 3:15 sitting, 4:00 walking, 4:45 sitting, 5:30 evening meal, 7:00 sitting, 7:30 stretching, 7:40 dharma talk, 8:30 walking, 9:00 sitting, 9:30 p.m. sleep or further practice.

These people are crazy.

There are 35 retreatants here, all white or Asian, most middle-aged and beyond. Most have college degrees and beyond, and most are women. This is the demographic. It's unusual to see Chicanos, young people, black people, or poor people at California Buddhist gatherings.

That first night we met in the Zendo, a 40-by-40 wooden building, mats on the floors, big black cushions on top of mats, windows going all around and set low so meditators can look out to the fog and the forest. We take our five vows, promising not to kill, steal, indulge in sexual misconduct, false speech, or use intoxicants during the retreat. And silence...we are told not to talk to anyone other than our two teachers.

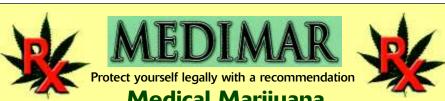
It's Sunday night now.

This morning's breakfast was oatmeal with prunes and honey. The bowl I dished out for myself contained my normal portion, but twice times larger than I needed, or, come to think of it, what I wanted.

I have my parking spot — very important, since the center is a long way down a steep, narrow dirt road. I have a camper, and it's parked at the end of the road for maximum privacy; in fact, it's the only spot on the property that can fit a camper. I got here early to score that. I have my spot in the Zendo: it's second row...don't like to be in the first row, a little too kiss-ass, but second row is just right, good view. I have my shower time; there's only one men's shower, and I have it to myself at 11:45. Got my pot-andpan job; it's the best job because it's the first job in the morning. Got my dining spot: an easy chair next to the wood stove. Within 48 hours I have my routine locked in and am ready to defend my turf.

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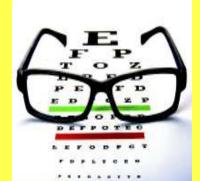
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ad sat on my red couch, his left hand clutching his right. Surrounding him were a few cherished companions, all gazing over his shoulder at the laptop on the coffee table. Dad was transfixed by the screen, on which photos of him as a child — many of which he'd never seen before —

Heather highlighted Dad's Hindu chanting and his "truly sick sense of humor." cross-dissolved, one into the next. I'd already viewed the slideshow, which Aunt Diane (Dad's sister and our family's historian) had compiled. Watching it earlier in the day — seeing my father as a boy, his parents and siblings as young adults — brought on a lump in my throat. But this time, while Dad's chest-

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Marking a Milestone

nut eyes were glued to the monitor, mine were darting between the door and the phone in my hands. With the moment I'd been planning for months finally upon us, the anticipation was killing me.

The occasion of Dad's 60th birthday was the perfect opportunity for me to demonstrate my devotion. I've always been a daddy's girl. Many of my decisions have been made with consideration as to where they might fall on Dad's spectrum from Disappointed to Proud. I speak to my father at least once each day and see him almost as often. As he was bound to take stock of his life on this landmark day, I wanted to be sure Dad understood how appreciated he is, and I wasn't the only one with this objective in mind.

Before he could make other plans, I told Dad his

birthday weekend was set — that I was hosting an intimate soiree for his friends at my place on Saturday night, and that the family celebration would be on Sunday (his actual birthday) at my mother's house. What Dad didn't know was that Aunt Diane had contacted me months earlier to make arrangements for his New York—based siblings to fly out for the festivities.

A week and a half before the big weekend, Aunt Diane fell off a ladder, shattering her heel bone. Even more upsetting to her than the doctor's instructions to keep her leg elevated for eight weeks was the fact that she would be unable to come out west. So it was that three rather than four New Yorkers hovered in the hallway outside my front door as Dad watched the presentation.

It was David's idea to make the clan wait until after Dad had settled into the evening. I was glad for the chance to catch up with my aunts and uncle before they headed off to their hotel, where they would relax until the appointed hour. Most party surprises are unleashed immediately, not an hour and a half in — Dad would never expect them to casually wander through like friends popping over for a drink.

David often recites the two ingredients

of a pleasurable and memorable experience: surprise and delight. When Dad glanced away from their photos and beheld his family walking toward him, he seemed more stunned than anything. Noticing his brother first, Dad shouted his name — "Jimmy!" — before adding, "Carol! Susan!" He stepped back, placed his hand over his heart, and stared at them as though they might crossdissolve into another image on the screen. For the rest of the evening, which went well into the wee hours, Dad remained pleasantly flummoxed.

The following afternoon, the East Coast crew had a second opportunity to surprise when they showed up at Mom's. After Mom got over the shock of the unexpected guests, she embarked on a bit of small talk. Once seated, she asked Aunt Carol, "Was it a straight flight?"

Aunt Carol took her time answering, first looking to Susan, then Jimmy, and finally, back at Mom before responding in a deadpan tone, "Well, it was a *little* gay."

Usually quick on the uptake, Mom scrunched her brows together and said, "I don't understand. Why would that make it longer?" When her question was met with amused stares, Mom suddenly compre-

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hended the joke; her laughter was louder and longer than normal. Her daughters' explanation ("Our teetotaler mom indulged in a margarita") and the subsequent nods of understanding spread throughout the house like fire on Santa Ana winds.

There was still one more surprise for Dad, a sweet and thoughtful idea that my sister Heather had come up with. It made sense that the English teacher in the family would conceive a writing assignment to suit the occasion. All of his daughters were tasked with creating a David Letterman—esque "Dad's Top Ten" list.

In Mom's backyard on a picture-perfect San Diego afternoon, Dad's four grandchildren laughed and splashed in the pool as everyone gathered around the birthday boy for the presentation. Jane, the eldest and therefore first to speak, had selected ten memories. Some were solely hers (like when Dad told her he was proud of her cunning creativity when she convinced her children the pet store

was the zoo), but most memories were shared (such as Dad's first rule of life — life is not fair — and having to pee in a blue pot while driving cross-country because Dad wanted to "make good time").

Heather's ten thoughts of Dad made everyone smile as we recalled our own, similar experiences, like being rescued by Dad when each of us, at some point, found ourselves broken down on the side of the road. Heather highlighted Dad's Hindu chanting and his "truly sick sense of humor," which had somehow found a peaceful coexistence with his prevailing "attitude of gratitude."

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Jenny, the youngest, was last up with her list of "10 Things I Miss Most About Living with My Dad." It began with light ribbing about Dad's taste for Hunt's tomato sauce and his excessive vitamin-taking, but ended with a poignancy that choked up Jenny as she

tried to read the words she had written. Unable to continue, she passed her carefully designed and framed list over to Dad so he could finish reading for her.

Dad, whose eyes had been brimming over all day with astonishment at his fortune, cleared his throat and read Jenny's last point in a voice that cracked with emotion: "Being surrounded by peace and love and knowing no matter what, everything was going to be okay."

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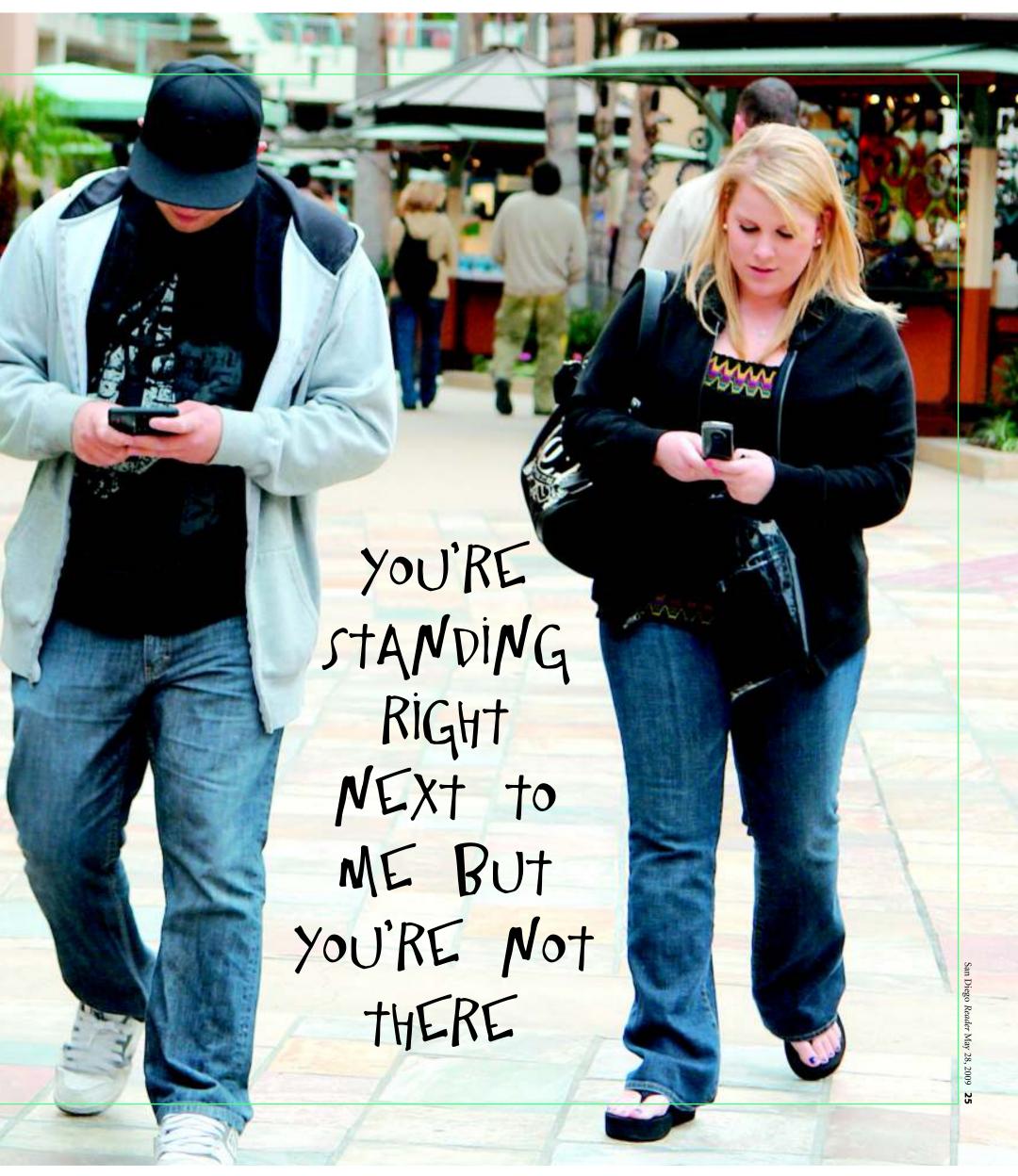
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on the bayside, riding their bicycles, or they're running...of course they all have iPods on. They're plugged in. Or, they're talking on their cell phones. They're not talking to each other, like, 'Hey! Drink afterwards?' You just hear...silence. And this whole scene was after school. There's the sound of the jets taking off over Sunset Cliffs, and that's it. Silent spring. Bizarre. Nobody goes to the beach and hangs out anymore. I don't know

Where have all the Flowers of Our Youth gone? Home to computers and Blackberries, every one. The age of Marshall McLuhan may actually be upon us. "The medium," he famously said, "is the message." And the message today funnels through the medium of cell phone and

where they go."

laptop data streams, whether it's dating, dining, or texting in class about the teacher's hair.

The Age of Disconnect, the New Inwardness, has arrived in San Diego. And here it has come, some say, to strain the ties that bind our society. In his landmark book Bowling Alone, author Robert Putnam warned that we're already becoming disconnected from family, friends, neighbors, PTAs, and even bowling leagues. That was in 2000. Now, nearly a decade later, Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, and texting technology have come in like kudzu plants. They stand accused of kidnapping kids from their parents and from the real world around them.

For some, these technologies bust the barriers of distance and shyness.

For others, they don't make much difference at all. It depends on your take.

How are San Diegans coping in an age where Facebook has become real competition for face-to-face affection and attention? Is it more important than family? Here are interviews with five San Diego families dealing with competition from a seductive alternative universe.

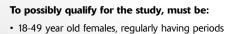
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THE MEDIA-SATU-RATED KID. The Hancock family (not their real name) are two working parents with two children. Their daughter Summer, 18, is studying math at college in Northern California. Their son Kevin, 15, lives at home and spends most of his out-of-school time on his computer. His communication with them is

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minimal, his hours in front of a screen, maximal.

Kevin Hancock, 15, freshman, ninth grade, is a bright, artistic 15-yearold.

Where do you spend most of your online time?

"On Facebook. I do spend a lot of time online. I come home from school around 4:30. I do homework till about 6:00. Then, pretty much nothing. Just computer. YouTube and Facebook, watch videos and write about life, kind of like blogging, but just between friends and family, people who I know from school, mainly. It's easier to make friends this way. On Facebook my friends introduce me to their friends."

So does this make you more antisocial outside in the world?

"Yes. You have more connection with people online. And, yes, it hinders conversation at the dinner table. For parents, the computer's about work. For us, the computer's about life, about entertainment, about everything."

Does this create a shorter attention span?

"I get bored easily. I read books but not as much. I was going to read The Old Man and the Sea. It's one Dad gave to me to read. But in the end I never really started it."

Do you get out a lot? "No. I'm mainly inside after school. Sporty kids and geeky kids pretty much keep to themselves. It's a kind of civil war, but more and more kids are geeky, and they don't call them nerds anymore. I've always

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Does heavy texting and networking time online make you feel isolated from the real world?

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What do you think is the effect on personality of seeing the world through a texter's eyes?

"It makes you much more of a procrastinator, because [online] conversations never really end."

Is there any hope for old people who want to get into the texting/ Facebook thing?

"I doubt if they'd want to."

"If you ask me if I'm jealous of his computer, yeah, I am," says Kevin's dad Harold.

"I would love to have half the time that his computer gets [from] him. His life goes on, he'll begin to realize I'm not just his dad but his friend. But [daughter] Summer isn't that way. Chemistry is in the mix. It's like Summer and I relate more to each other, just like [wife] Joanie and Kevin relate to each other. And now that Summer has gone, I've been a bull in a china shop trying to get Kevin to notice me, pay attention, do stuff with me.

"But I think he finds it very comfortable to be electronically plugged in, after school, whether it be his iPod, listening to music, or his laptop opened, or the desktop computer, or

the television on, even on some Discovery Channel story he has no interest in. I asked him the other night, 'What are you watching?' 'I don't know.' 'Why are you watching it?' 'It's just...just there.' And usually it's all three: the iPod, the computer, and the TV. It's interesting that his generation does that. My generation was into TV a lot. I remember once we were surveyed in college. They said, 'Go home and be honest: tell us how many hours you watch TV, videos, VCRs. I was watching close to 40 hours' TV. And that was scary. I was embarrassed to tell anybody. Today, kids are doing the same thing, but with other electronic means.

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computer's open, he's been playing games. I mean, they're doing so much living through computers, who's to say it's a bad thing because the way the world's going, he and his sister both are able to do so many things so rapidly, the multitasking in electronics. It's frustrating. We'll go on a computer site or a forum, and I'll try to fill it out, and they'll just take the keyboard away. I'm not computer-illiterate, but I'm just not as fast as they are."

Do they worry that Kevin's computer multitasking could cause ADHD—attention deficit hyperactivity disorder?

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one day and told me. And I said, 'What do you think about that? Do you think that we should vet you?' And he said, 'Oh, no. I'd hate that.' And I said, 'Honesty is the way that you

"My first thought was, 'Gosh. He actually needs me.' "

if Kevin was getting into weird stuff online?

"What I don't know is what he does on there when he's talking. His best friend's parents monitor their son's text, incoming and outgoing, his cell phone calls, emails, and websites that he visits on his computer. They have some kind of spy apparatus, and he knows. Kevin came to me

avoid that.' But the truth is that every parent has to deal with this. How much do you [spy on them]?"

Don't you ever want to drag him out into the sunshine, into the real world outside?

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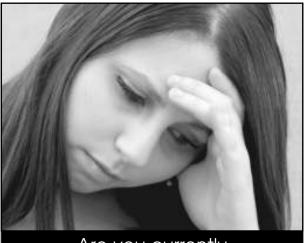
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"I had an idyllic childhood," says Harold. "We lived in San Bernardino in one of the valleys. We went to Big Bear every holiday, tobogganing, ice-skating. We had horses. We'd play cowboys and Indians. I grew up with livestock, and it was physical and full of smells and people and nature. I was in the 4H club and raised livestock, and we'd get the blue ribbon. Then my dad would butcher them and we'd have steaks all winter. I rode my horse to school for a couple of

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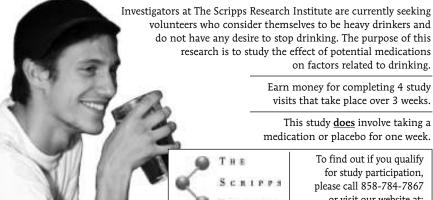
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still listening, so we keep saying it. But they don't

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Will Kevin share his electronic social world with you?

riences, like being outdoors."

"I'll sit down next to him and try to look at what he's doing, and he'll click his space bar or something."

But when does he have

time for you?

"Indeed. You've got to figure, there's so much time in the day, and you add up the number of minutes that he spends talking to his mother and talking to his father, petting the cat, eating, sleeping, and on the computer. Who's going to win that? The computer wins."

Will you ask Kevin to do, for example, kitchen chores?

"Sure. If he hears you,

he'll come and do it on the third time. But he usually has [earphones] on. Yes, he'll do that stuff if you ask him to. But does he see it? No. The other day I had to yell across the street in the morning when he was going to school. I said, 'Come back. There are nine lights and a TV on down here. Turn them off."

But what does a father teach his son?

"We did have a kind of a physical experience. We went skiing last year. He had never skied before. So we took him and his sister. And his sister right away took her skis off and went back to the condo and had Ovaltine with Mom, where Kevin and I — I just said, 'Come on, I'm going to enroll you in a lesson.' And Kevin says, 'I really don't want to do that, Dad.' And then he said, 'Can't you just teach me?'

"And I have to tell you, that was kind of an emotional moment. My first thought was, 'Gosh. He actually needs me.' He really wanted me to do a oneon-one. How neat is that? And then my second thought was, 'Oh, God, do I remember how to ski?' Because it had been years.

"So we went to the bunny slope and spent about a half-hour. I gave him some lessons, stemchristies, weighting the downhill ski, and basically turning to stop, and look for the idiot coming down at 90 mph before you cross [a slope]. And then right



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away, like a half-hour in, he asked, 'Can I go up the mountain?' And I thought, 'Oh, God, Kevin's going to break his legs; Joanie's going to be pissed.' So we went up the ski lift, and that's how it started. And before the half-day was gone, he was on some pretty serious runs. It was just amazing for me to watch him. The whole experience was great. He asked me to help. And he listened to what I had to say. That was cool. He wants to do it again."

But don't you wish you knew more about what he does?

"Yes. I understand why his friend's parents put some electronic spy eyeball on all his stuff. But I also think that that's liable to push him. He's probably finding elaborate ways around it. His mother and I texted recently, decided we'd get together for coffee, share war stories. Because the boys do spend all their free time together. I mean, at some point you have to honor that he's an individual person, and yet you don't want to just throw out the window the fact that you're still the parent, that you're still responsible for making sure that that kid has all the tools that he/she needs to face the world. It's a screwedup place, and I'm scared to death all the time."

So, has the internet largely stolen your role as dad?

"Well, I tried to talk to him about masturbation the other day. Figured it was time. I tried to ease into it with a joke. 'Hey, so choked a monkey lately?' Three different references to it. He was definitely shaking his head. I said, 'It's something we all have to do. Go through. My father never really talked to me about it. I learned about it in a backwoods way, through friends and jokes. So I thought we'd just talk

about it.' And I was talking to him about rubbers, and masturbation, and respecting women.

"He looked at me and said, 'Dad. Never, ever talk to me about that again.'

"No. He knows about that already. He can go to Wikipedia and look up masturbation."

* * * THE LIBRARIAN. Katherine Higgins works for the City library system. Her name has been changed to protect her from a city bureaucracy that fiercely protects its information flow. But libraries, Higgins

says, have been among the first to feel the effects of the Facebook revolution.

"MvSpace and computers have changed how people react to each other. It's very weird. At places like the Logan Heights library, I see how kids in a room don't interact with each other. They're interacting with the computer and only the computer. [After school] there's liter-

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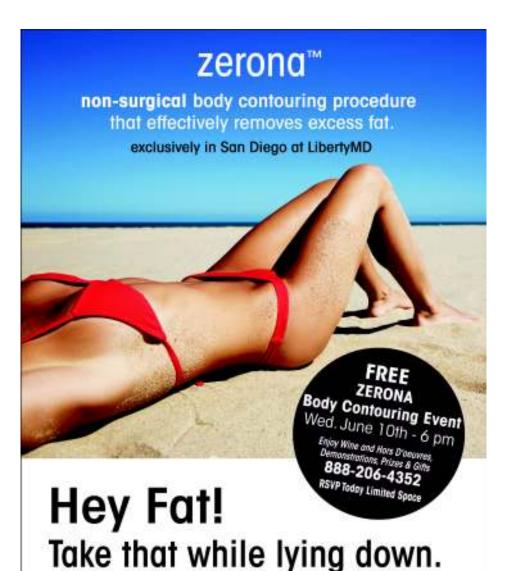
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ally a whole library full of kids, and they're just not socializing with each other. I see a lot of kids who sit there and wait their turn, not talking to anybody, and then they get on the computer [for 30 minutes each], and then they leave.

"Back in the day, when I was a kid, you went in the library and you talked to each other, and you did homework together. But now, they're like strangers, waiting for their turn to go on the computer. But they're not going online to look up Wikipedia for homework: 99 percent are going on to look up MySpace. A distant second is email, or they're looking at stuff on YouTube — and then they're doing homework, sometimes."

So what are they doing on MySpace?

"I'm not cool enough

to tell. They don't talk to me. But I also see the split-attention fallout from this 'texter' generation among my younger employees. They're in their late teens to early 20s, and that's what they do all the time. Text. It's hard to get them off their

employee, and I try to tell him that the human brain cannot completely focus on two things at the same time. And he always disagrees. He texts while driving, talks while driving, he's always doing two things. He acts like he has ADD

"They're not going online to look up Wikipedia for homework."

cell phones to do work. They're texting or they're on MySpace. While you're talking to them, something might vibrate. They're always on their little machines while they're working, and there's no policy about that in the city, and there probably should be. I have one

all the time. Because I really don't think the brain's built that way.

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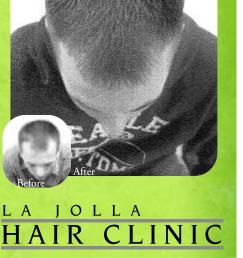
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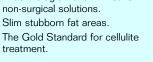




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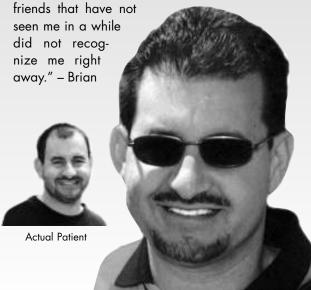
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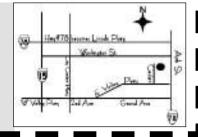
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ELIZABETH: I came from a great family who sent me outside to play. They wanted to get me the heck out of the house because they thought that was the healthiest way to raise kids. Not zoning out. Make your own fun. And if you're bored, fix it. Dad was a career Marine Corps officer. Mom was a mom. We were very, very involved in sports. It was just a big part of our life. My parents always signed us up for everything. I played soccer. I didn't think their approach was so great at the time. I wanted to watch more TV. But they wanted us to use our imagination and go play.

STEVE: I think that

children today are zombies to the TV. It turns the brain to mush, and it doesn't permit them to use their imagination. My family limited TV for us kids, too. It made me enjoy the outside.

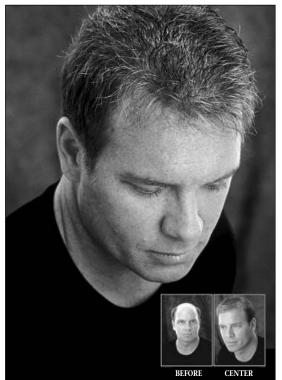
ELIZABETH: When it came to me having kids, I thought that the best thing I could do, in terms of technology, was just not let them fill their life out with TV and computers. Because there's a lot of materialism that goes with it. It felt kind of junky to me. Primarily, it was this junk information versus imagination, and how was I best going to raise them to grow their brains? I want them to have old-fashioned conversations with people, and lots of them. I've seen one girl who we care about a lot, she's a doll, and she's still socially very terrific, but at Christmastime she got a

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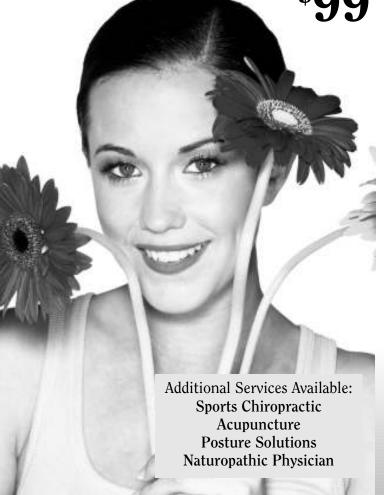
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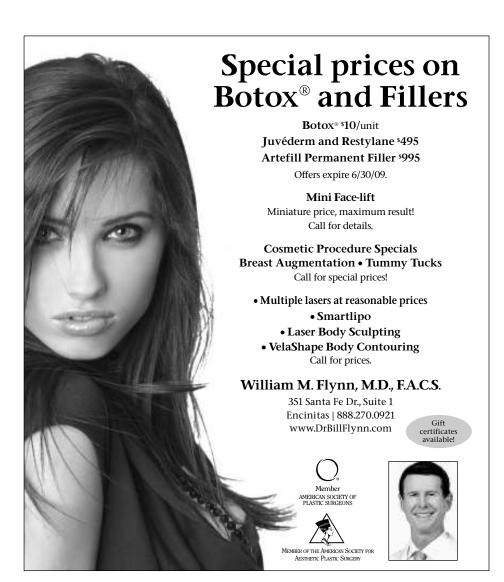
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phone with texting capability, and it is constant. I've seen a change. I've seen people at restaurants, two people together, either texting or on the cell phone. I think there's a social rudeness about it. I have a suspicion that it cuts down socialization.

Do other parents think you've gone too far?

ELIZABETH: Probably. Yes. It's not the most pleasant feeling. You want to fit in. But our kids are pretty well adjusted and stable, and I don't think they show any signs of weirdness. You have a lot more time [to impart values] when you're sitting around a table at dinner, and we are fortunate because we get to have breakfast together too. We talk to our kids, we don't read the paper while we're having breakfast. We chat.

We plan the day, we talk about the day, we complain, we laugh, we argue. We socialize! Because they're only going to be in our house for about 18 or 19

talking, it's dark. Inside the 1927 stucco bungalow, the kids are already in bed, reading for their 2½ hour marathon. Silence reigns. The only distraction comes

"She got a phone with texting capability, and it is constant."

years. I don't want to waste a second of it. And if they complain about playing outside or missing TV, I'm just like my parents: "Too bad, so sad." I don't want my kids to be narrow and boring. I've taken them to Paris, London. We go to the library once a month and get out ten books. Reading is like watching TV, but with an active brain.

By the time we finish

from the cicadas, and the frogs who love to munch on them for supper, starting their nightly serenade from Steve's elaborate pond system out back.

The Bruyere family of five is also trying to shake the TV/texting habit. But it's no easy task when two of the three kids are already hooked. One thing they

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have going for them: the discipline and commitment of Hispanic family traditions.

Blanca, the mother, tries to balance the kids' need to be up to scratch with their classmates while also keeping family life alive. That part, she thinks, is not going so well. She sits at the dining table after dinner with TJ, her oldest son, who is 15, Alexandra — Allee — 12, and family friend Camilla, 9. For Blanca, it's a question of openness and focus on scholastics, and discipline. And with her husband away working long hours most evenings, the job falls mostly on her shoulders.

BLANCA: There is not so much conversation around the house these days. I see it with my kids. They're texting a lot. They each have a phone. We're thinking about changing those rules. You want to have conversation, and they're constantly pushing on their buttons with their friends, and the way we grew up [in Mexico] was very different. We didn't have all that, so we spent more time outside. We would communicate better with our parents because we didn't have that outlet. I just think they waste too much time with this back and forth. "Yes." "No." "What are you doing?""Oh, nothing new. My homework." "What are you going to do later?""Call me."They don't really talk on the phone anymore. It's just texting back and forth.

ALLEE: Yeah. I text a lot. I text during dinner sometimes, and during homework. So my parents get mad at me. It's fun because you're just calling and calling. Apparently parents disagree.

TJ: And the thing about texting is that you're more comfortable speaking about other things than you would on the phone or face-to-

face. Sometimes, a little too much. So, then you meet face-to-face after all that....
It can be embarrassing.

BLANCA: You don't know what to say when you actually get to talk to

the person. You don't know what to think. You're so used to typing.

CAMILLA: I don't have a phone.

ALLEE: She borrows mine and talks to my

friends.

So why not just talk in person?

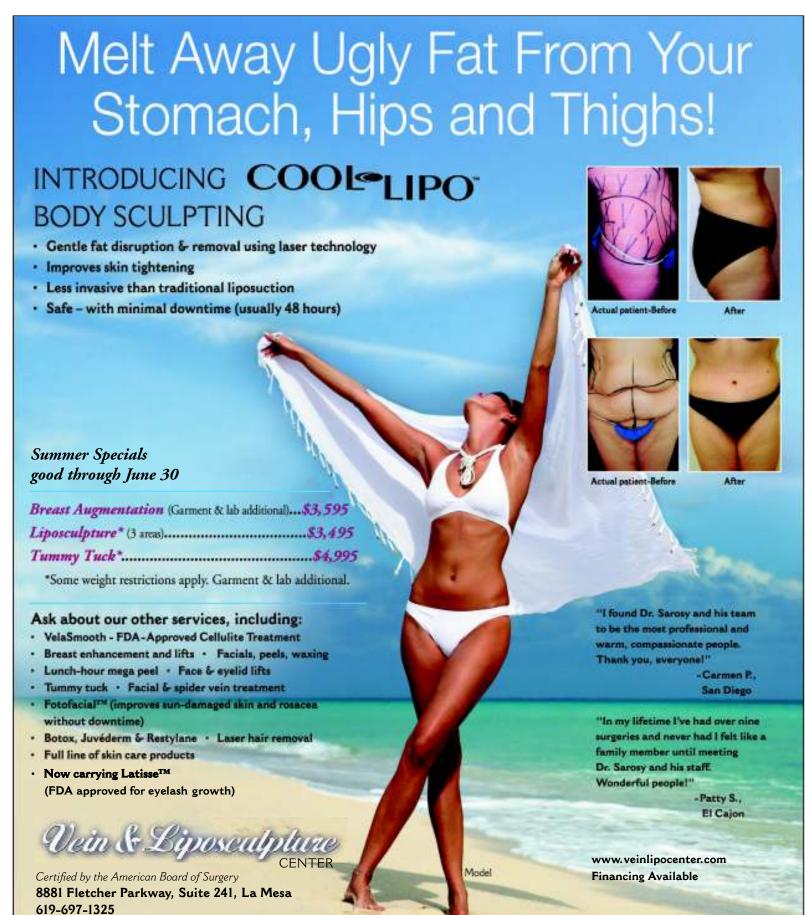
CAMILLA: It's funner to text.

TJ: She wants to be like her sister and kind of cool.

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BLANCA: I think it doesn't promote anything good at all, because kids can send [text] very bad [cruel] messages over the phone. And because they're not face-to-face, they think, "Well, I'm not really saying it." So, I think it has a lot of potential to hurt kids. That's where I'm coming from with my daughter. I got her a phone to be

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able to know where she is. If she needs me, she can call me. But the texting has gotten a little bit out of control. They don't think it's real. It's the same thing when they're having chats on the computer. They're not seeing each other, so it's easier to hurt somebody.

I always cook them dinner. My husband doesn't come home till later, but I make sure they have a meal. So, I serve the three of them, and I'm talking to them. For sure, the weekends, we have, like, two or three meals a day together because that's the only time I can have my husband.

Have the electronics separated everyone out into their own private worlds at night after homework?

TJ: I get back home about 1:30 because I start an early class, at 7:00 a.m.

And a lot of my friends aren't out yet. So, I'll watch a little TV, hang out, and then if I have a sports schedule, I'll go practice, come home, do homework, then eat dinner 5:30–6:00. Later, if I have time, I'll watch TV with my dad. Sometimes I'll go into my room with my computer and my music and my phone and do my homework at the same time, so I guess it's partially true.

BLANCA: It is partially true. For instance, TJ has a little bit more [latitude] to watch TV. The girls can't watch TV during the week because they get glued to it. They can't watch only ten minutes. You can be talking to them, and they won't even listen to what you're saying. They're always inside doing something that doesn't involve exercise. Even though they do sports. And with texting, they don't

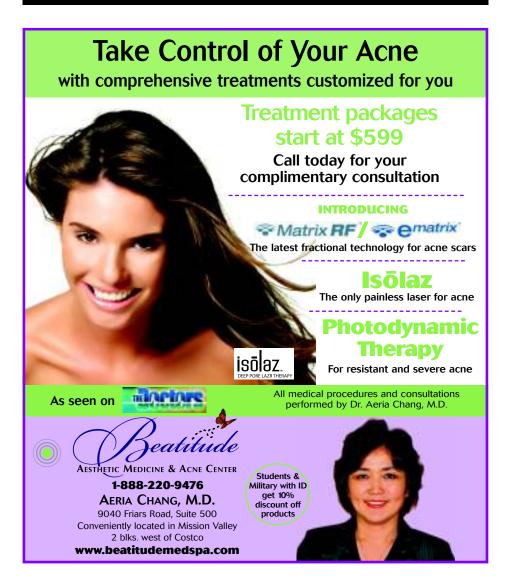
want you to see what they're texting. But I told Allee, I want to see a text. You have to show it to me. She needs to know that those are the conditions.

There should be nothing that they hide from their parents, until a certain age, when they are paying for themselves and they're living on their own. But while they're in our house, we shouldn't even have to ask. You know. "Let me see your phone, and do not delete them because I want to see everything that's written." And it's not because I don't trust her. It's because there are a lot of mean people out there who can say things to her that can really damage a kid.

Is there still real communication between parents and kids?

BLANCA: Yes. There is a lot of that going on. I

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was privileged: I didn't have to work when they were little. And my present work schedule is very easy. When they're home, I'm home. So I am able to know where they're at, what they're doing. And you know, I think they pretty much have harder curfews than all their friends.

ALLEE: A lot of my friends have much more privileges than I do. I have a [set] bedtime during the weekend. My friends will be telling me, "Oh, I went to bed at ten." "I didn't go to bed till 2:00." And I have an 8:30 bedtime. I'm not allowed to have sleepovers unless it's a special occasion. My friends watch more TV than I do. I wish I could watch as much as they do. But I understand Mom. We get too attached to the TV, and then when she tells us to get off, we never get

BLANCA: This is so different growing up than the childhood I had in Cuernavaca, Mexico. It was privileged, compared to many. My grandfather was the governor of the state. We were very close to all our family, cousins, uncles, aunts, so definitely every Sunday we had meals, at my grandfather's and grandmother's house, and all my cousins would go there. We didn't have any [sophisticated electronics, texting phones, and so on]. We had TV but were always playing outside. We swam a lot because we had a pool. We played soccer. We played different Mexican games that were called quemados, which are when you are tagging people.

But here I tend to be more conservative than my friends. What TV the kids

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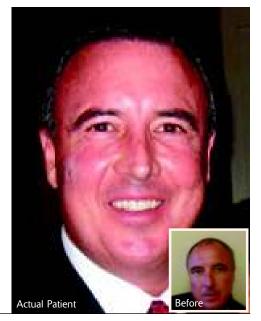


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instantdentalcare.com sargondentalimplants.com watch, and the texting and the computer. It's better not to have those avenues, as much as they can be useful.

ALLEE: I always want to be with my family. I have friends who spend less than 50 percent of their time with their family.

TJ: With my kids, I think I'd go the same way my parents have with us because now that I'm older I see how some of the kids that I knew before turned out. And a lot of the things that they could do that I couldn't do, like having video games as a young child, have led some of the kids to make bad decisions. Not necessarily because of video games but more because being isolated and not maybe having those social skills when they grow older. Or getting into the wrong things because they

don't have a "natural high," as they tell us with sport. So they have to go and find a different way, like alcohol or drugs. I think a lot of those kids have too much freedom. And the parents aren't on top of it as much. They can go out and do things without their parents knowing. So I guess it is a lack of connection with the family. I enjoy our family get-togethers. It's fun. We laugh a lot.

BLANCA: The kids probably find me strict, but my parents were stricter. Oh, yes. Much more.

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MARY: I think the cell phone and texting has changed kids. I'm aware of the lack of intimacy between children now, in the way that they text each other. That's one of the main reasons Jake is not allowed to text. The biggest thing for me is I want him to speak to people. I want him to feel engaged with the person. I think that phones in general are a great distraction. Jake's 12. We got him his first phone when he was 10, so he could take steps toward independence and be able to check in. Then the girls started to call and started texting about a year ago, and I think he was being polite and responding. And when I got wind of it and realized he was doing it, my biggest concern was: if you're going to have a conversation with a person, speak to them in

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person or on the phone. At least you have a way to contact him. Though I'm worried that even though there's a record of his calls, he can go in and delete it. That's another reason I didn't allow internet capability on his phone or the texting.

HOWARD: I know it's a necessity today, but people alienate themselves, from neighbors, friends, everybody. You'd think they'd be communicating more with more means of communication. But for some reason, it's very impersonal. I don't know how to

MARY: It certainly makes more people accessible to you. I handle everything at work, and I use the phone to find suppliers. And I don't have to look things up in the phone book. There is more communication, but it's not intimate communication.

HOWARD: And, let's face it: the world was going just fine before this other thing came along. People talk at each other, not to each other. I just don't believe in all this stuff. I'm sure it's progress. But I'll tell you the honest truth. I've never emailed somebody. I use the computer for my stocks. But I have zero interest in it. Growing up before all this was just better. Most families ate together, watched The Ed Sullivan Show on Sunday night, good, bad, or indifferent. They didn't have to have the new iPhone. or the new game, or the faster computer.

But, come on, isn't this all just nostalgia by old fogies for the time-gilded "simpler days"? Maybe, but leave the last word to lifeguard Rod Messinger.

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"Then it was texting.

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"Then iPods...I'm not exaggerating, man. I looked over and this person was going 40 mph in the fast lane, and I swear to God they were eating something, they had the coffee, it looked like they were texting, they had an iPod, they had GPS screens on. I thought, Oh, my God. And now television! They have LCD screens on the backs of their visors. Somebody needs to put the brakes on this." ■

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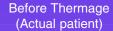


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There wasn't a lot of overt protest, though, either, come to think of it.

Maybe that's because I was living in Mira Mesa at the time and starting to dissolve into that neighborhood's monochromatic sprawl. The bulk of my friends — the too-cool O.B. kids, the way-too-cool North Park kids — mostly just said "Oh, P.B. huh?" and swallowed their ridicule.

But, of course, P.B. is filled with douchebags — even the douchebags probably wouldn't dispute that.

For the first few weeks I felt like I was awash in a sea of beach cruisers and tribal tattoos. I felt, inexplicably, like I



Under the Crystal Pier, Pacific Beach

should pull my socks up to mid-calf and get my T-shirts embroidered. Even in my slightly grittier corner of this town, Grand Avenue and Lamont, where we actually have rats in our trees, it all felt boring and predictable. Until this one night.

I'd just come from a friend's place in O.B. when I stopped for cigarettes at the mini-mart next door to my humble abode. The girl in front of me was my

age, about 23, with a sheer red dress and pretty, in a certain way. She was confidently informing the clerk that, no, they must have a restroom.

Clerk: "No we don't, sorry." Girl: "Well, where do you go?" Clerk: "We have a bathroom, but we're not allowed to let customers use

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Girl: "Can't I just use it for a minute?"

Clerk: "I'm sorry, I really can't."

It went on like this for a bit, but eventually she wandered out. The clerk shook his head; he looked tired. I bought some cigarettes.

In the alley behind the store, I saw the girl in the red dress poking around in corners, but they're all sufficiently well-lit to discourage things like that.

Gregarious by nature, I asked if she still had to pee, or whatever. She said yes and, gentlemanly as always, I offered up the service of my restroom.

"It's just around the corner," I said. She was very, very drunk.

We walked up the path to my apartment and I showed her the

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bathroom. She let out a satisfied sigh and thanked me cheerfully as she exited.

She was your typical P.B. girl, I guess. Her clothes were expensive, her shoes uncomfortable, her hair highly processed. My roommates had a few friends over, and although I was prepared for the typically vacuous conversation that's common round these parts, we invited her to stick around for a beer.

And wouldn't you know it, the alleyway girl was a talker. She was fun for a while, but it became increasingly clear that she had a bigass chip on her shoulder and very likely a personality disorder to boot. She made a number of slurring, irrational, and potentially threatening statements. People kept making quizzical faces at



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me when her back was turned.

Any urge I might have had to get her number quickly evaporated as she informed us, very loudly, how rich she was, and more specifically, how much richer she was than us. Her dad owned some kind of auto dealership and a rug outlet or something.

My friends and I don't take well to people like this, and I have to admit we egged her on. We eventually goaded her into burning a 20-dollar bill. But to further demonstrate her contempt for valuable things, she produced an expensive cell phone, the flip kind, and broke it in half. It was impressive, actually — she wasn't a

big girl. She then heaved the pieces onto our neighbor's roof.

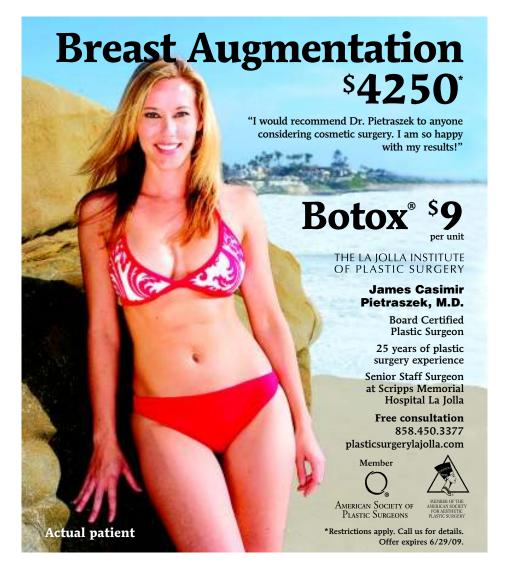
As I ushered her out the door, I felt a twinge of guilt, sending her out alone. It was at least 3 a.m. at this point, and crazy as she was, she was also very drunk and... I just figured I should escort her to wherever she was headed.

She'd mentioned

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earlier that she had wandered away from a party nearby. I remembered this because she underscored, repeatedly, how much cooler that party was, when compared to the gathering of poor people at my place.

She was sure that her party of origin was close by. Along the way she began to display what I would describe magnanimously as moderate psychosis. She was alternately grateful for my help, furious for getting her lost, and even more furious for making her leave the party. The one at my house. The lame one with all the poor people.

She also clearly had no idea where she was going. She'd lead us a few blocks, assuring me that the place was just around the corner, and then we'd turn the other direction, with the same assurances. We walked around many, many corners. None of this was unexpected; she was drunk, and I was drunk, and she was lost, so I was too.

After walking roughly in circles for 20 or 30 minutes, and while still within earshot of my own house, she grabbed my elbow.

"I think this is it...", she said, nodding. "Mm hmm. I think this is it..." She pointed. "There it is!"

Her pace quickened, and she took my arm, heading toward a building that was clearly an orthodontist's office. The sign said so. I tried to correct her.

"Jazell..." (I swear to God her name was Jazell). "Jazell," I said, "that's an orthodontist's office."

She shook her head. "Nope, come on."

I was skeptical, but I followed her up a flight of stairs to the upper floor of a squat office building. The names of several orthodontists and their suite numbers

were posted on the wall. I decided not to fight it; Jazell rang the bell.

I didn't really expect anyone to open, but I began to realize, standing there, that I looked very much like a rapist.

Here I was, tromping around with an obviously inebriated girl in a diminutive red dress. Also, given her periodic rage at me for "getting her lost," there was really no predicting what she might say to the boyfriend/husband/pimp who might eventually open the door. Furthermore, who throws a f***king party at an orthodontists' office? Do orthodontists throw parties?

I debated whether I should just leave her on the landing, trusting that she'd get the door open somehow (strong hands!), but before I could turn tail, the handle rattled and the door opened a crack. It was held in place by one of those New York—style chain locks.

Club music poured out of the space in the door. I could see a whole bunch of people inside, as well as some kind of laser light show. Also, and I swear to God I'm not making this up, there were fog machines. F***king fog machines. In the orthodontist's office. I'm really not making this up.

A guy flicked the chain dismissively and Jazell let herself in. Without so much as a glance at me, Jazell released my arm, headed toward a back room, and disappeared. I dithered near the doorway.

At this point I still wasn't sure if this was the start of the most surreal night I'd ever had or just a preamble to a sensational murder. There were a few people on a leather L-shaped couch by the door, and one burly-looking guy invited me to sit. I obliged.



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The guy, whose name was Chris, handed me a beer and asked me how I'd met Jazell. Neither he nor the others seemed the least bit surprised to see me wander in with her. There was something of a pause, as the people gathered on the couch waited for my answer.

"Well," I said, "she had to pee. She was wandering in my alleyway, so I let her use my bathroom."

The gathered crew broke into chuckles and commiserations. Chris smiled and shook his head bemusedly as if to say, "Oh, that Jazell. That wacky Jazell." He offered me a cigarette, I accepted, and he clapped me on the back. The girl next to me was chewing on a candy necklace and holding a martini. I felt like I had fallen through the P.B. looking glass.

On the couch I had an opportunity to assess the nether region I'd stumbled into.

First of all, there was nary a Hurley cap or a calf-high sock to be seen. There was no beer pong. There were two girls dancing on poles, though, and there was a DJ booth. Not, like, a folding table with someone's little brother spinning records, but a full-on booth. Stacks of vinyl, extensive PA system, disco balls, all of it. One doorway opened on a dark, narrow hallway, and other doorways were blocked off with beaded curtains for who knows what reason. Jazell was nowhere in sight, which was fine by me.

Chris seemed to recognize my where-thef***k-am-I expression, so he took me under his wing and showed me around the place. Everyone was friendly, beautiful, and hip, but not in an irritating way. There were video artists and event promoters, video promoters and event artists, and one chick

who was giving away small bags of weed. Just, you know, giving away weed. I mean, why wouldn't she?

We played a game of foosball (foosball!), and Chris eventually introduced me to the owner of the place. He was a tour manager for electronic/dub/house something-or-other.

I was identified to all

as the "kid who brought Jazell back." I began to gather that Jazell was not just drunk and unstable, but rather unstable and happened to be drunk tonight. The owner flashed a knowing smile as he shook my hand and thanked me for tending to their wayward, sh*thouse-crazy ward.

I don't remember

anybody else's name, and I never saw Jazell again — not that night or any other. I hung out in the orthodontist-club for a few hours, but my friends were waiting for me. I took a beer for the road and trundled off home around five, reflecting on judgment, books and covers. And on my new home, Pacific Beach. ■

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modern-day "Palestinians" to the Biblical Philistines: substituting etymology for history won't work here.

The truth should be obvious to everyone who wants to know it. Arabs have never abandoned the dream of destroying Israel; they still cherish it today. Having time and again failed to achieve their evil goal with military means, they decided to fight Israel by proxy. For that purpose, they created a terrorist organization, cynically called it "the Palestinian people," and installed it in Gaza, Judea, and Samaria. The *Reader* needs to wise up a bit if its main articles are to be taken seriously.

> Michael Isaacs via email

First Amendment Mambo

Your "Blurt" article "Stand Still, Laddie!" (May 14) mentions that Sergeant Dan Plein of SDPD vice "says dancing will not be permitted."

Do we know the details on this? Wouldn't dancing be a personal form of expression? What would the concerns on this be as far as the police are concerned?

Zeph According to the San Diego Police Department, dancing is permitted in a club that has a general entertainment permit, which 8Teen's proprietor says her club does. — Editor

Disappearing Don

I have a question. What happened to Don Bauder's column? We've looked forward to it ever since he came to your paper, and the last few weeks he hasn't been there. Please let me know what the situation is.

Norman Cooper Don Bauder has been on vacation. His column will return next week. — Editor

Turtle Power

I was saving Nasreen Atassi's article ("Searching for San Diego's Sea Turtles...and a Job," Cover Story, April 30) to read be-

cause as soon as I started it, I could feel the aliveness, which I don't feel with many other features of the Reader. I appreciated the juxtaposition of Nasreen's personal story with the story of the turtles — trying to find a way or a place to be at home "just outside of one's range," or better yet, a way to swim inside the "power," despite the constraints of family, society, etc. I can relate. Maybe part of Nasreen's path is not belonging, not fitting in, and somehow articulating that experience. Thank you, perhaps I am not so alone in feeling so alone.

Incidentally, I just read the nasty comments of one reader, who obviously cannot understand what it is to be a creative young woman. I call Nasreen courageous for exposing her inner life as she did. There is delight and power in quitting a job. Perhaps this man is jealous. The world needs Nasreen. May her contributions be received and honored.

> Name Withheld La Jolla

Turtle Love

Congratulations and thanks to Miss Atassi for a most enjoyable story ("Searching for San Diego's Sea Turtles...and a Job," Cover Story, April 30). I had a few good laughs and was very surprised to learn about having turtles here in San Diego. Sea turtles are so majestic, and anyone who has swum alongside one of them or seen them knows how beautiful they are. I lived in Kona for a few years and grew very fond of the turtles there, swimming with them on an almost daily basis. Now I look forward to going to see them here. Thank you, Reader, and again to Miss Atassi, and best wishes to you on your journey.

> Thomas Felcan Encinitas

Xtreme Meets White Skull

Behold, San Diego Reader, and tremble before the wrath of the White Skull! Listen well: I am the White

Skull; where Mr. Xtreme ("San Diego's Superhero," Cover Story, April 16) created the power vacuum of being a "real-life hero," socalled, I fill that vacuum with pure dastardly evil! Here are my simple demands: I want Mr. Xtreme to know that his days of dogooding are numbered; I want him to know that as long as he wears a mask and does his little routine, so shall I! I want nothing less than the complete and utter end of his extracurricular activities, and I will go to whatever lengths necessary to ensure that those demands are met! Beware, Mr. Xtreme; you have brought this on yourself!

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Posted by karengina on May 20, 4:07 p.m.

Doesn't mention a couple performers' ages, one of which is Murrugun, who is 23 years older than Xylitol with which he is "affiliated romantically." Um, yeah.

Posted by rscohen on May 20, 5:36 p.m.

Are you implying that the article should have adopted either a salacious or censorious stance vis-avis the relationship between these two members of the troupe? If so, why? What is the relevance of your "Um,

Although Murrugun and Xylitol are not proximate in age, they are deeply in love and well-suited for each other. As somebody who spends a great deal of time with both individuals, and as somebody who has been with the same woman for almost three decades, I am happy to tell the tongue-cluckers and fingerwagglers that their relationship is balanced and mutual. If you wish to fantasize about Humbert Humbert's trespasses, please read Lolita. Nabokov is better than Zirk Ubu (though not nearly as much fun!).

Posted by refriedgringo on May 20, 6:05 p.m.

rscohen:

It seems to me that karengina has a point, Vladimir aside. I find it interesting that Lux goes out of his way to point out the sexual preferences of so many characters in this

story, but would leave out such a striking age disparity between two such important characters. I'm not making a judgement about it, but it does seem sort of odd in the scheme of the story to leave it out. In other words, if it works for them, then it's an important aspect, every bit as important as who might be a homosexual or otherwise.

Also of note: The palindrome, the "sator square", is better translated as, "Sower Arepo holds the wheels with effort", should anyone care. There is, however, a clever yet dated paper which supports Lux's contention that the sator square is probably from pagan origins rather than from a Jewish or Christian origins, here:

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ca/colleges/st_paul...

The most compelling evidence is that the word, "arepo" (the palindrome for "opera") is not Greek nor Latin nor Hebrew in origin, not as a proper nor a given name, that it was, perhaps, invented in order to make the palindrome work.

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Posted by Dannicus on May 20, 3:32 p.m.

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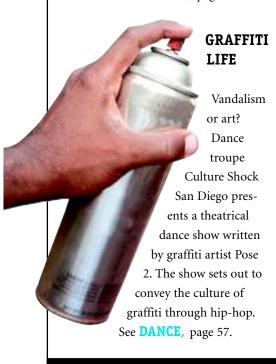
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Symphonic Russian Journey

Poway Community Symphony Orchestra presents concert of works by Russian composers Borodin, Liadow, Khachaturian, Tchaikovsky. 858-673-9702. Monday, June 1, 7:30pm; free. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

OUT & ABOUT

"GRAFFITI LIFE"
Culture Shock San
Diego, Lyceum
Theatre, May 28–31.

(SEE DANCE)



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"American Landscapes" Redlands Symphony Orchestra performs Bernstein's "On the Town," "Appalachian Spring" by Copland, and Howard Hanson's "Symphony No. 2 (The Romantic)." 760-451-8644. Sunday, May 31, 3pm; \$10-\$38. Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts, 2400 South Stagecoach Drive. (FALLBROOK)

"Camera Lucida" UCSD's chamber music series closes season with works by Schubert and Schoenberg performed by musicians from faculty and San Diego Symphony. 858-534-TIXS. Monday, June 1, 8pm; free-\$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (IA JOLIA)

"Father and Son" Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra plays Grainger's "Lincolnshire Posy," an arrangement of old English dances, "Rudolf and Jeanette" by (Seattle Symphony conductor) Gerard Schwarz, music by Mussorgsky, and two excerpts from opera Kovantchina ("Dawn on the Moskva River" and "Persian Dances"). Guest soloist is 18-year-old Julian Schwarz, who will play the "Cello Concerto" by Saint-Saens and a short work by Glazunov. 619-697-6001. Tuesday, June 2, 7:30pm; \$10-\$15. Tifereth Israel Synagogue, 6660 Cowles Mountain Boulevard. (SAN CARLOS)

"Middle East Meets West" Grossmont Symphony Orchestra in concert with guest violinist Luay Yousif. Program includes Jammo's "Marya" (orchestrated by Yousif), Beethoven's "Romance No. 2 in F," Raed George's "Al Pasha," Khachaturian's "Symphony No. 2." 619-644-7254. Friday, May 29, 7pm; \$15-\$25. Saint Peter Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, 1627 Jamacha Way. (EL CAJON)

"World Tour of Music" Musicians from Armenia, Russia, United

States perform "blend of classical, jazz, and pop music" including selections by J.S. Bach, Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, Piazzolla, Jobim. 858-748-0505. Saturday, May 30, 7pm; \$10-\$20. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Dido and Aeneas Henry Purcell's "monumental work in baroque opera" performed by costumed La Jolla Renaissance Singers. Concert celebrates 350th anniversary of Purcell's birth. Donation. 760-224-8223. Thursday, May 28, 7:30pm; Junípero Serra Museum, 2727 Presidio Drive. (OLD TOWN)

Classical Music Concert Adrienne Nims and Sheldon Rosenbaum plan recital in Rubinger Center Building room D. 760-809-7297. Friday, May 29, 1pm; UCSD Extension La Jolla, 9600 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

England's Oldest Opera! Henry Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* presented by costumed La Jolla Renaissance Singers. Opera is considered a monumental work in baroque opera. 760-434-2904. Sunday, May 31, 2pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Harpsichord Concert Bertrand Cuiller performs works by Byrd, Louis Couperin, J.S. Bach, and Scarlatti on harpsichord for San





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Diego Early Music Society. 619-291-8246. Wednesday, June 3, 8pm; \$10-\$20. The Congregational Church of La Jolla, 1216 Cave Street. (LA JOLLA)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Sunday, May 31, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Put 350 Candles on a Cake! Celebrate 350th anniversary of Henry Purcell's birth when La Jolla Renaissance Singers perform *Dido and Aeneas*, considered a "monumental work in baroque opera." Donation. 760-224-8223. Friday, May 29, 7:30pm; Saint David's Church, 5050 Milton Street. (BAY PARK)

Sacred Voices La Jolla Symphony Chorus "performs rare and dramatic motets from all eras" such as Tallis's "Spem Alium" for eight fivepart choirs and Bach's double-chorus motet "Singet dem Herm," among other works. 858-534-4637. Sunday, May 31, 4pm; \$8-\$15. Saint James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Showcase Concert San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory presents season finale concert, featuring Concert Orchestra, Wind Symphony, Concert Winds, and Sinfonia. Highlight of concert will be appearance by 2009 Concerto Competition winner, Annelle Gregory, performing Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Major" with SDYS Sinfonia. 619-233-3232 x115. Saturday, May 30, 3pm; \$5-\$30. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

UCSD Singers Students "are ready to sing their hearts out as they present a lovely collection of works." 858-534-3229. Thursday, May 28, 8pm; free-\$10. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Violin and Viola Students of UCSD Enjoy works showcasing "remarkable and diverse talents" of these students. 858-534-3229. Friday, May 29, 8pm; free. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Violin Recital Violinist Felix Olschofka — described as "a musician who is at home performing both contemporary and classical works" — in concert. 858-534-3229. Sunday, May 31, 8pm; free. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (IA JOLIA)

DANCE

"Graffiti Life" Culture Shock San Diego presents theatrical dance show written by San Diego graffiti artist Pose 2. Production exposes "underground culture of graffiti through hip-hop dance." Is graffiti art or trash? Piece also "reveals the different philosophies and conflicts among graffiti writers." 619-299-2110. Thursday, May 28, 7pm; Friday, May 29, 7pm; Saturday, May 30, 2pm and 7pm; Sunday, May 31, 5pm; \$22-\$25. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

"Shadow of Mercy" Malashock Dance premieres piece based on

music of acclaimed singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen, for Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival in Lyceum Space. Ten dancers "express Leonard Cohen's lyrics and John Malashock's stunning choreography in...pairing of two brilliant talents." 619-544-1000. Sunday, May 31, 7pm; \$14-\$25. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

English Country Dancing Ellen Riley calls for English country

dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6pm 858-676-9731. Sunday, May 31, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Hip-Hop Don't Stop! Latest dance steps taught by instructor/dancer Prince every Thursday. 858-635-1211. Thursdays, 7pm; \$10. Dancing Unlimited, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Pick of the Lizard Graham Hempel calls to music by this band during contradance hosted

by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, May 29, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Summer Swing Classes Firehouse swing school's June classes include beginning East Coast/jtterbug, beginning Lindy hop, and intermediate Lindy hop. Class fee in-

cludes admission to Firehouse Swing Dance (8-11:30pm). Fee: \$50 for four-weeks or \$15 per class. 858-395-6060. Wednesdays, 7pm; through Wednesday, June 24, \$15-\$50. San Diego Women's Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

West Coast Swing Mania NextGenDance Club hosts party with West Coast swing, night club two-step to music from 1950-2009. Pizza, sodas included in admission. Singles, couples welcome. 619-2753533. Saturday, May 30, 7pm; \$5-\$8. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

FILM

Capitalism Hits the Fan Activist San Diego Film Series presents "graphic talk" on current economic crisis by economics professor Richard Wolf of University of



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Massachusetts at Amherst. Film offers analysis to "empower people through historical and current perspectives." 714-595-6912. Saturday, May 30, 7pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Devil in a Blue Dress Media Arts Center San Diego continues its Digital Cinema Showcase with Carl Franklin's adaptation of Walter Mosley's book, starring Denzel Washington. 619-230-1938. Monday, June 1, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

MAXX Heritage Language Program Film Festival concludes with Saman Moghadam's 2005 film, a musical comedy about an Iranian rapper living in Los Angeles mistaken for a famous symphony conductor, then invited to participate in a Tehran music festival. In Farsi with English subtitles. Screening takes place in Muir College Applied Physics and Mathematics Building in room 4301; free parking available in lots P-207 and P-208. 858-534-0693. Saturday, May 30, 11am; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Starting Out in the Evening Andrew Wagner's 2007 film starring Frank Langella and Lili Taylor screens for Sunday Matinee se-

ries. 619-236-5800. Sunday, May 31, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

A Story of Chance Enjoy Peter Sellars in the "provocative black comedy" Being There. 619-299-9360. Sunday, May 31, 6:30pm; free. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Movie at the Pier City of Oceanside presents Kung Fu Panda. 760-435-5545. Friday, May 29, 6:15pm; free. Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

FOOD & DRINK

Happy Birthday to Brew Celebrations of 20th anniversary include a series of beer dinners at each of the brewery restaurant locations throughout 2009. Enjoy four-course menu paired with our beers, presented by brewer Kaiao Archer. Reservations: 858-551-2739. Monday, June 1, 6:30pm; \$45. Ages 21 and up. Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 1044 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Vintage '09 Sample Napa and Sonoma Valley wines served with appetizers prepared by restaurants including Whisknladle, Currant American Brasserie, George's California Modern, JRDN Restaurant, Giuseppe Fine Catering, Suite & Tender, Alchemy, and Heaven Sent Desserts. Cocktail attire suggested. Tickets: 619-238-7559 x306. Saturday, May 30, 6pm; \$80-\$150. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate Festival Tastings from local chocolatiers, gourmet cheese shops, and wine purveyors in Casa del Prado's Patio B, benefiting Women's History Museum. Music by Sue Palmer Trio. 619-233-7963. Friday, May 29, 6pm; \$25-\$30. Ages 21 and up. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

"Artification: Teen Artfest" Teens invited to take over museum's Jacobs Building galleries downtown for "fun and artistic revelry" with live music by local bands, teen DJs, gallery tours led by teens, teen-produced films, hands-on art-making activities, refreshments, more. Activities inspired by "Rising Tide: Film and Video Works from the MCA Collection, Sydney" exhibition. 858-454-3541. Saturday, May 30, 7pm; free. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard.

"Discover Mingei! Treasure **Hunt"** Family program promises exhibition-related treasure hunt with clues encouraging participants to explore museum's exhibitions. Prizes awarded for completing treasure hunt. Guests invited to name "Community Sunday

(DOWNTOWN)

mascot," a carved wooden coyote from Mexico; winning name selected in June. Admission: \$5 for families, \$3 for individuals. 619-239-0003. Sunday, May 31, 12pm; \$3-\$5. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

Stellaluna and Open Studios Art-making workshop in conjunction with "On Your Own Time," an exhibition featuring works in many media by City of Carlsbad employees and their families. Families can make a winged animal puppet, then attend puppet performance of Stellaluna by Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre (11:30am, 1pm). Mysterious Galaxy Books on hand to sell Stellaluna, which author Janell Cannon will sign (after second performance). 760-434-2904. Saturday, May 30, 11am; free. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane.

The Importance of Being Earnest Oscar Wilde's play, directed by Steve Warrick, is next Youtheatre Production. Reservations: 760-746-6669. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 7pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, June 14, \$7-\$10. Patio Playhouse, 201 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

The Little Red Hen This industrious hen needs help from her friends in Gaston's Puppets shows. 619-544-9203. Thursday, May 28, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, May 29, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, May 30, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, May 31, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Sock Hop Dress in a '50s costume and enjoy root beer floats and jitterbug dancing during evening with DJ music, dance, contests, more. Fee: \$55 per onechild family; \$10 per each additional sibling. Required reservations: 858-272-2266. Friday, May 29, 5pm; Kid Ventures, 5066 Santa Fe Street, (PACIFIC BEACH)

Grad Night 2009 Grad night for high school juniors and seniors from 10pm on Thursday to 5am on Friday. This "fun, safe, and affordable" event includes games, raffle prizes, dance floor, bounce house obstacle course, food, drinks, 760-745-7490 x229. Thursday, May 28, 10pm; \$35-\$40. Ages 16 and up. Palomar YMCA, 1050 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

Straw Into Gold Rumplestiltskin performed by Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, June 3, 10am and 11:30am; free-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

GALLERIES

"Get Gone" Surf/skate/snow photography exhibit opens with reception for artists Rhino, Chris Burkard, and Cole Barash. Closes Monday, June 15. 760-439-3760. Saturday, May 30, 6pm; free. Swiv Tackle Circus Gallery, 530 South Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

"Homing In" Opening reception for exhibition of work by 50 San Diego artists. Closes Saturday, July 11. 858-454-3409. Friday, May 29, 6pm; free. Quint Contemporary Art, 7739 Drury Lane. (LA JOLLA)

"MFA 2009" Opening reception for exhibition of selected work by graduating Master of Visual Arts students from UCSD's Department of Visual Arts. View work by Robert Becraft, Susy Bielak, Micha Cárdenas, Matthew Coors, James Enos, Kael Greco, Nico Herbst, Esteban Martinez, Gretchen Mercedes, Clare Parry, Omar Pimienta, Yvonne Venegas, and Julia Westerbeke through Sunday, June 28. 858-534-2107. Thursday, May 28, 6pm; free. University Art Gallery at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

"Catch Me Bird" Dancers C. Derrick Iones and Nehara Kalev present "high-powered dance, incisive dialogue, and aerial elements...blurring the boundaries of the stage" for Free First Wednesday Series. 800-988-4253. Wednesday, June 3, 4pm and 7pm; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

"Cirque Bohème: A Lovely Bunch of Vagabonds" Talisman Dance Company and Midnight Debke present vaudeville-style variety show. On tap: "dance-hall beauties, live marionettes, naughty burlesque,





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The quiet, shady interior of El Prieto Canyon seems impossibly remote, given its stone's-throw proximity to the edge of an Altadena subdivision. Majestic live oaks flank the canyon's stream, cast-



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ing dense pools of shade.
A few willows and sycamores are here, too, lending highlights of bright green to the scene.

To reach a convenient starting point for the EI Prieto Canyon Trail, exit Interstate 210 at Lincoln Avenue in Pasadena. Go north on Lincoln for 1.9 miles and turn left on Canyon Crest Road. Wind uphill for 1.1 miles to Cloverhill Road. Turn left, go two short blocks, and turn right (north) on EI Prieto Road. Park on the street at or near the north end of EI Prieto Road.

Walk to the north end

of El Prieto Road, squeeze around a steel-bar fence, go up past a water tank, and continue on the steeply rising dirt road. At 0.4 mile, you hit pavement next to a rustic house on the right. Just beyond, find the narrow trail on the left that descends sharply into the shady bottom of El Prieto Canyon.

Right down below, you reach a fork in the trail. Stay to the right and begin a side trip (highly recommended!) up the canyon bottom a half mile to the Lower Brown Mountain Fire Road (a popular mountain-bike route). On that out-and-back stretch, you work your way around

or over several check dams that help control erosion during times of flood. That means that some of the trickling "waterfalls" here aren't exactly natural — but they're beautiful all the same.

Back at the fork, turn right and continue to make your way downstream, past more check dams, enjoying more gorgeous wooded scenery. After about 0.7 mile on this leg of the hike, look for the trail on the left bank that slants steeply uphill to the subdivision above. Follow it and you'll emerge on El Prieto Road at a point 100 feet north of Cloverhill Road, near where you have parked

vour car.

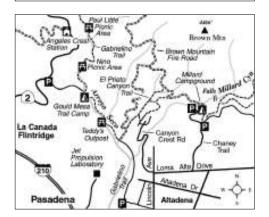
The El Prieto Canyon
Trail is also accessible via
the lowermost end of Lower
Brown Mountain Fire Road,
near the Gabrielino Trail
through the Arroyo Seco
canyon. That approach to
it is much longer.

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EL PRIETO CANYON

Explore shady El Prieto Canyon in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 132 miles Hiking length: 2.4 miles Difficulty: Moderate



passionate tango, the scandalous can-can, and hypnotizing hoopdance." 619-220-8663. Saturday, May 30, 8pm; Sunday, May 31, 2pm; \$20. North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

"Higher Ground" Church's jazz/gospel choir performs variety of gospel, jazz, and ballads, plus a "two-piano offering of Gershwin's 'Sweet and Low Down." Donation \$10. 619-464-4331. Sunday, May 31, 4pm; San Carlos United Methodist Church, 6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard. (SAN CARLOS)

"ISolated INcident — Global Thermo Comedy Tour" Comedian Dane Cook brings his material to the stage. 619-224-4171. Friday, May 29, 8pm; \$30-\$100. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

"It Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time" During this "So Say We All" live show, storytellers deliver a true, five-minute story, after which audience judges elect a winner. Accompanying them is "England's own plucky one woman band, Anthea Osguthorpe," with a song to complement the act. 619-887-2856. Saturday, May 30, 8pm; \$5. Twiggs Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Laugh it Up at the Belly Up"
Series featuring comics with "a musical tinge to their acts" commences with Eric Schwartz — a.k.a.
Smooth-E. 858-481-8140. Wednesday, June 3, 8pm; \$12-\$14. Ages 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

"One Mic...San Diego: The Comedy Show" Headliner is "Chicago's Bad Boy of Comedy" Lil Rel, joined by Byron Bowers, host Nate Jackson. 619-708-7975. Wednesday, June 3, 8pm; \$20. Ages 21 and up. The Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Shakespeare at Seaport Village San Diego Shakespeare Society hosts reading of *Twelfth Night*. Guests may participate too. 619-232-4855. Tuesday, June 2, 6:45pm;

free. Seaport Village, 849 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Saturdays of May with Matt Curreri" Series hosted by Matt Curreri and the Exfriends closes with music by local ensemble Orange Electric. Display and demonstration of Ukes Etc., featuring artistic handcrafted string instruments by San Diego native Owen Burke. 760-230-2680 or 817-235-2404. Saturday, May 30, 7pm; free. Andrews Gallery, 1002 North Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

All the Romance We Left Behind Fabian Perez Book signs his second book on his life and art. Admission is free; books for signing are \$150. Reserve copies of book: 858-454-1231. Sunday, May 31, 12pm. Monarch Gallery, 1205 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

The Wind in the Willows Literary scholar Seth Lerer introduces a new annotated edition of Kenneth Grahame's classic tale. Signing follows. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, June 3, 7:30pm; free.

Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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, 8pm; Saturdays, 8pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, May 31, \$15-\$20. Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Ancient Legends and Exquisite Dances Shen Yun Performing Arts takes stage to present classical Chinese dance and music. Accompanied by a live orchestra, show-hosted by bilingual emcees show-cases legends, vocal and instrumental performances, dances, and modern day narratives from Falun

Gong, radiating themes of virtue and courage through classic battle between good and evil. 800-988-4253. Thursday, May 28, 7:30pm; \$30-\$120. Ages 4 and up. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard.

Belly Dance and Live Music Middle-Earth Ensemble performs compositions from latest CD, joined by guest belly dancers Shalimar and Genevieve. 619-280-9035. Friday, May 29, 8pm; \$20. Old Time Music, 2852 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

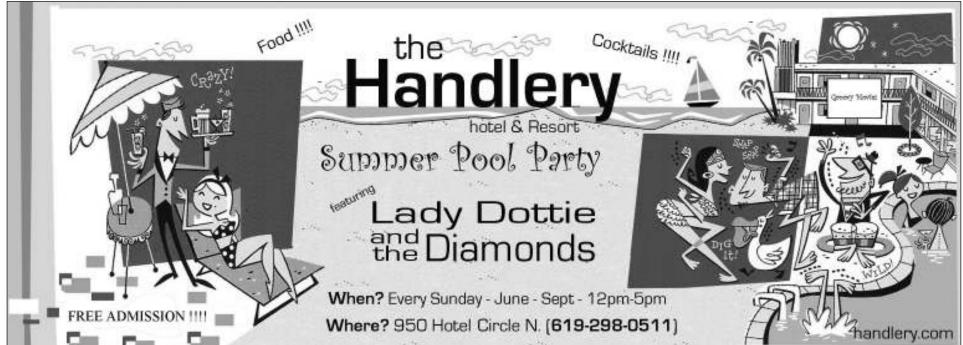
Comics That Kill Stand-up comedy with Andrew Spano, Christian Spicer, Tyson, Randy Savage, Mario Mann, host Jason Bang. 619-255-8635. Monday, June 1, 9pm; \$5. Ages 21 and up. Riley's Music Lounge, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard.

Complicated Works Promised! Double bassist, composer, improviser Jeff Denson plans jazz performance. 858-534-3229. Saturday, May 30, 8pm; free. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Fantasy Fan? Author Kirsten Imani Kasai celebrates release of *Ice Song* with reading, book signing. Novel chronicles "a mother's quest to rescue her stolen twins." 619-284-7684. Sunday, May 31, 3pm; free. Ages 16 and up. The Grove, 3010 Juniper Street. (SOUTH PARK)

International Dance and Music Festival WorldBeat Center hosts festival and "Day of the Drum" festivities in honor of Mariam Makeba. Enjoy performances by Thomas Mapfumo, Super Sonic Samba School, San Diego Taiko, Red Warrior, Mexica Dancers, CWM Odissi Dance School, Bolga Zohdoomah, Gamelan Giri Nata, more. Vendors, crafts, artisan work. 619-230-1190. Sunday, May 31, 12pm; free. Seaport Village, 849 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Squeaky-Clean Comedy! Family-friendly shows for all ages. 858-433-1457. Saturdays, 7pm; \$5. Naveed's Comedy Club at Bella



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What are you reading?

"Because of Romek, by David Faber. It's a Holocaust memoir. David Faber is a Holocaust survivor, and he lives in San Diego. Essentially, it's about how his brother Romek saved him. He goes through, I think, 14 concentration camps. It's an insane story. Touching."

Tell me about a memorable passage.

"All of it is very shocking, but there's one scene — he was staying with his family in an empty apartment in the ghetto, and there was a bakery downstairs. Someone had left some flour there from when they were working there, and his family was using that to make bread. At one point, they were actually living pretty decently for the times — they had some food. And then the Germans came and caught them and saw all the food they had, and that was the point where they basically killed his

What's That You're Reading?

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whole family. He was hiding under the bedhis brother protected him by lying. I think he was 13 at the time. After that, he survived by sheer luck. He was moved from camp to camp. and he met people. At Auschwitz, he befriended a doctor who sometimes gave him food — he

says that from time to time, he would actually gain a little weight. He just survived that way until the soldiers finally came and liberated them."

What led you to pick it up?

"I've been wanting to read it for awhile. Back when I was in middle school, Faber came and gave us a speech. I always knew he had a book, and I was in Barnes & Noble and saw it."



"I read one freshman year, another Holocaust memoir, by a very famous author...it was a pretty similar story, just about a different man. I just can't remember the name." Compare the writing.

"Faber is much more simplistic and straightforward in his word choices — the other one was definitely more poetic. But the story is good, and he wants to get his story out there.'

Where do you go when you go into a Barnes & Noble?

"The first section is the guitar section. After that, I usually check out humor. Stephen Colbert's I Am America and So Can You! was a good one. Humor and philosophy."

Who is your favorite author?

"No one in particular. I try to pick up philosophy books, stuff like that, and read parts that I like. Nietzsche is one of the good ones. His philosophy is so out there — he really was a crazy guy — but he looks at commonplace things in an out-of-the-box way. He's talking about the concept of time being infinite, and he says that if that's true, then that will allow every single event that's already happened to happen an infinite number of times, and that leads to the question of whether there is free will or predestination."

What magazines or newspapers do you read? How many articles do you read to the end?

"Guitar Player and the Daily Aztec. I read about 60 percent of the articles to the end."

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

Roma Pizza and Restaurant, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard #103. (LA JOLLA)

Suspense, Love, and Peril! Ron Carlson (Five Skies) discusses and signs his new book The Signal. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, June 2, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Working on a Comedy Routine? How about a theatrical mono-

logue? "Open Mic and Karaoke" night brings opportunities for poetry, acoustic music, comedy, "even a short speech on your favorite subject." Three-minute maximum per performance. Or just spectate. Free; purchase requested, 619-299-9360, Friday, May 29, 7:30pm, Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue, (HILLCREST)

LECTURES

"Edible, Medicinal, Material, Ceremonial" Deborah Small and Rose Ramirez focus on "Contemporary Ethnobotany of Southern California Indians" for "Coffee, Culture, Conversation" series. Presentation includes photographs, short videos, interviews of contemporary Southern California Indians gathering, preparing, using native plants. Included in museum admission (free for members, \$10 nonmembers). 619-239-2001. Tuesday, June 2, 4pm; San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Facing Pandemics: Science, Ethics, and Uncertainty" Exploring Ethics lecture series continues, 858-822-2647, Wednesday, June 3, 5:30pm; free, Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Floral Design With David Root" Root shares and demonstrates his creative ideas, techniques, and elements and principles of design. Create a design to take home featuring lush spring garden flowers. Bring floral knife, clippers, wire cutters, scissors; all other materials provided. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Sunday, May 31, 2pm; \$55-\$60. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive.

"Following the Golden Thread: Christianity" Series of examinations of world religions continues when Lyn Abalos considers Christianity. 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, June 3, 7pm. San Diego Center for Spiritual Living, 1009 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Funny Side of the Thin Blue Line" Harry D. Penny Jr., who was a Los Angeles County deputy sheriff, offers glimpse into law enforcement when LIFE at MiraCosta group meets in room 1068. "A Center for Your Lifestyle: El Corazon Senior Center" provides focus for Megan Crooks of City of Oceanside. 760-721-8124. Friday, May 29, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE

"Page and Stage: The Power of the Iliad Today" Events designed to inspire people to come together to read, see, think about classical literature, how it continues to influence and invigorate American cultural life. Explore

"How Achilles Knows Himself: Heroic Self-Identity" when UCSD classics and comparative literature professor Anthony Edwards offers perspectives on Homer's Iliad. Do we expect our heroes to change in response to crisis? 619-236-5800. Sunday, May 31, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street.

"Securing Our eCity" Discussion of online risk factors, including today's five biggest online threats, various wavs computer users may fall victim to cybercrime, local cybercrime case studies. Receive tips on staying safe online, information on technologies and tools to reduce, prevent cybercrime. Registration: 619-876-5400. Tuesday, June 2, 8am; free. UCSD Extension Mission Valley Center, 404 Camino del Rio South Suite

Sustainability and Spirituality

What does climate change mean for us? Lisa Shaffer, executive director of UCSD's Sustainability Solutions Institute, shares latest science on this hot topic during multimedia presentation. Offering. 760-726-1224. Sunday, May 31, 12:30pm; Unity Way Church, 171 Unity Way. (VISTA)

"The Blood of Kings" Asian Arts Council talk by UCLA art history professor Robert Brown is subtitled "The Imperial Portraits of Suryavarman II at Angkor Wat." 619-232-7931. Thursday, May 28, 10:30am; free-\$10. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Brain Class - A Blueprint for Brain Fitness" Debbi Harper divulges five "most dangerous threats to your brain's health." Learn exercises considered "smart moves" to boost mental focus, 619-660-4350. Saturday, May 30, 9:30am; \$25. Ages 18 and up. Cuyamaca College, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Traditional or Modern?" Learn of "The Artistic Traditions of Palekh in Historical Perspective" when "Art in the Evening" lecture series continues with talk by Cal State Northridge history professor Andrew Jenks. 619-239-5548. Wednesday, June 3, 5:30pm; \$25-\$35. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Backyard Compost Workshop

Learn to compost food scraps and yard trimmings during workshop also covering vermicomposting (worm composting) led by Solana Center master composters. Compost bins, worm bins for sale afterward. Registration: 760-436-7986. Saturday, May 30, 10am; free. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Breast Cancer 3-Day Season Nears "Get Started Meeting" planned, with information and inspiration. Ready to lace up your shoes to "walk 60 miles in three days in the fight against breast cancer"? Learn about training, fundraising. The 2009 San Diego Breast Cancer 3-Day is November 20-22. 888-805-8911 or 800-996-3329. Saturday, May 30, 10:30am; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Civic Center Complex Meeting

Attend a community meeting to learn "about the analysis of numerous alternatives reviewed in an effort to minimize the city's future occupancy costs for its 3000 downtown employees." Meetings in-

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clude presentations from consultants on options explored, current building conditions, review of the financial analysis, question-and-answer session. 619-533-7120. Wednesday, June 3, 6pm; free. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

Get (Book) Smart! Editor/proof-reader Laurie Gibson offers look at how writers can increase chances of being published, including tips for finding, connecting with a literary agent, and making most of writing conferences. Bring pen, paper, questions. Expect "word association" brainstorming exercise. Attendees receive professional evaluation of ten double-spaced pages of writing. 831-646-4610. Wednesday, June 3, 7pm; \$10. Ages 18 and up. Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Hummingbird Photography Workshop Learn about equipment and techniques used to capture images of these "flying jewels," using high-speed multiple flash setups. Class continues June 6 and 8. Registration: 619-255-0203. Monday, June 1, 6:30pm; \$82-\$92. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Hungry? Wet? Learn baby sign language during class. Help your baby communicate wants and needs. Class offered on fourth Thursday each month. 858-573-1396. Thursday, May 28, 3:30pm; free. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Intro to Tibetan Healing Sondra Buschmann — CEO, founder of Tibetan Healing Center — shares benefits of traditional Tibetan medicine, said to embrace "holistic approach to health care, incorporating science, art, and philosophy along with such principles as altruism, karma, and ethics." 619-588-3718. Sunday, May 31, 3pm; free. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Keep It Simple Series of grant-writing and nonprofit development workshops continues with look at putting "your positive passion for your program to good use in...simple 'letter' grant writing format." Classes offered in room SSC-1. Registration: 619-460-2738. Friday, May 29, 10am; free. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Pursue an International Career

San Diego International Career San Diego Internationalists gather for talk by Sherry Mueller, co-author of Working World: Careers in International Education, Exchange, and Development. Mueller is president of National Council for International Visitors in Washington, D.C. Signing follows. RSVP: 619-291-8105. Friday, May 29, 6:30pm; free. Ages 18 and up. Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue.

Renaissance in Northern Europe Consider a range of artworks from early masters such as Jan van Eyck, Rogier van der Weyden, and Hans Memling to the later geniuses Albrecht Dürer, Pieter Bruegel the Elder, and El Greco when art histo-

rian James Grebl concludes lecture

series on Renaissance art. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Thursday, May 28, 7:30pm; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Water Conservation Clinic City of San Diego Water Conservation Program celebrates "Water Awareness Month" with educational events demonstrating "how to make water conservation a way of life." 619-515-3500. Sunday, May 31, 3pm; free. Home Depot, 3555 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Whaddaya Know About Local Sea Turtles? Cali Turner, who is researching sustainable development and impacts on sea turtles in our region, and Frances Kinney, Pro Peninsula's education coordinator, share their findings and experiences on San Diego Bay, sustainable development, and sea turtles. Suggested donation: \$5. RSVP: 619-574-6643. Thursday, May 28, 6pm; free. Pro Peninsula, 740 13th Street, Suite 572. (COMMETONIC)

Why Should We Hire You? Learn skills needed for successful job interviews during career workshop. 619-203-8074. Saturday, May 30, 12:45pm; free. Ages 16 and up. Mira Mesa Library, 8405 New Salem Street. (MIRA MESA)

OUTDOORS

Spring Wildflowers have largely dried up in many areas of San Diego County, but in the cooler coastal enclaves such as Cabrillo National Monument and Torrey Pines State Reserve, several kinds remain. Look for paintbrush, purple nightshade, coreopsis, sea fig, popcorn flower, and red monkey flower, among others.

Oleander Bushes, now beginning to bloom in gardens and

along roadsides in the interior valleys and desert, will continue putting on a good show through the summer. Good displays of white, pink, and red varieties can be seen along the medians of Interstate 8 in east El Cajon and along Interstates 5 and 15 in parts of North County. Oleander's toxic characteristics are well-known: all parts of it are poisonous if ingested.

Wild Rose, a California native, is in bloom in San Diego County's foothills and mountains. In moist, lowland areas and along small watercourses, wild rose shows off small, florescent-pink flowers. By June and July, the rose bloom will reach the Laguna Mountains, where the plant grows in abundance in shady locales.

Blooming of Desert Annuals is over, but not so for the stolid desert willows and smoke trees. Rooted to the beds of dry washes throughout Anza-Borrego's lower valleys, both plants gather enough energy this time of year to put on an impressive floral show. The graceful, drooping branches of the desert willow hold fragrant, white blossoms, while the spindly smoke tree exhibits myriads of blue-purple flowers. To avoid the intense midday heat, confine your desert explorations to early morning or early evening. And watch out for bees — they're attracted to the blossoms too.

"Bouncing Baby Birds" The young are leaving the nests; learn who they are with five simple techniques for identifying birds during "Birding Basics." Bring a field guide if you have one. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 30, 1pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Iunípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Basic Birding Tom Troy leads basic birding program with emphasis on identifying birds by sight and



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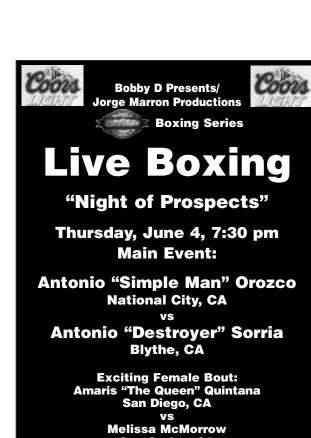








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sound and using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides. Directions: 760-967-6915. Saturday, May 30, 8:30am; free. Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. (CARLSBAD)

Birding in Silverwood Which species will leader Barbara Moore find when Audubon Society bird watchers head out? Join group to find out. 858-755-7133. Saturday, May 30, 8am; free. Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

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, 10am; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

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

Herb Walk in López Canyon Join Will Bowen on hike, learn to identify different trees, plants, shrubs of López Canyon used for food and medicine by Native Americans, Spanish, and Anglo-American settlers. 858-484-3219. Sunday, May 31, 5pm; free. Peñasquitos west-end staging area, 4300 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Meet the Residents Palomar Audubon Society birders explore woodland, riparian, and open-area habitats which "usually get us a nice list of resident birds" with leader Sunny Christiansen. Join group in park's amphitheater parking lot. 858-487-0731. Saturday, May 30, 8am; free. Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Rediscover Escondido Walking tour led by Escondido History Center guide, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, June 2, 6pm; free. Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Spanish Landing Volkswalk San Diego County Rockhoppers host 10k and 5k volkswalks. These outings are "family friendly, noncompetitive" walks at your own pace on designated trail. Bring water. Walk is free; volksmarch credit is \$3. 858-451-2130. Saturday, May 30, 8am; Sunday, May 31, 8am; free-\$3. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Take a Memorable Walk Trail guide-led walks "will leave you in awe of the rich history and natural beauty that surrounds us in an urban park." 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 30, 9:30am; Sunday, May 31, 9:30am; Wednesday, June 3, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Tour del Día Offshoot Tours offers an hour-long guided stroll highlighting the Park Palisades area of Balboa Park. 619-235-1122. Saturday, May 30, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Waterwise Plant Tours Learn water conservation tips during docent-led guided tours offered on last Saturday of each month. See cactus and desert gardens, along with plants from Mediterranean basin, Cape South Africa, Australia, Chile, California natives. Included in garden admission. 760-436–3036 x206. Saturday, May 30, 10am; free-\$10. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive.

(ENCINITAS)

Work Party Join in habitatrestoration work with San Diego Audubon Society. Enhance wildlife habitat by removing invasive plants, maintain trail. Required reservations: 760-295-1548. Saturday, May 30, 9am; free. Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, 2437 Hutchison Street. (VISTA)

SPECIAL

"A Salute to Old Glory!" Dress up in red, white, and blue for annual flag day festivities. At 9am, La Mesa Middle School performs at Palm and La Mesa Boulevard; Granger Junior High School entertains at Date and La Mesa Boulevard. Parade with over 75 entries — including marching bands, floats, military vehicles, equestrian units, more — marches through downtown La Mesa Village at 10am. 619-667-1172. Saturday, May 30, 9am; free. La Mesa Village, Spring Street at La Mesa Boulevard.

"Absurd Art and Ridiculous Acts" Technomania Circus time, with performance art, circus acts, puppets, illusion, fire, experiments, live music. Program includes the Weldermen, Bombshell, the Human JukeBox, more. Wear warm clothing for outside performance. 619-231-1950. Saturday, May 30, 8pm; \$10. The Center for Amusing Arts, 2438 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Curves Are for Cars" Car show fundraiser promises all types of cars and motorcycles. Admission is free for spectators; registration for vehicles: \$30. Proceeds benefit Scoliosis Association. 619-825-9332. Sunday, May 31, 9am; free. Dave & Buster's, 2931 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Images of the Secret Self" Art, music, and comic show with

Art, music, and comic show with artists Ron Lemen, Vanessa Lemen, Soudabeh Memarzad, Keith Phillips, Spencer Tiscareno, Jeanette Vieira, Arron Willhite, artists from Studio 2nd Street. There will be comics, action figures, art works, trading card games. Music by Bushwalla. 760-589-0649. Saturday, May 30, 7pm; free. Sky High Comics, 172 South Rancho Santa Fe Road. (SAN MARCOS)

"Legends Collection" View three of rock's most famous guitars — Eric Clapton's "Blackie" Fender Stratocaster and Gibson ES-335, and Stevie Ray Vaughan's "Lenny" Fender Stratocaster — while they're on display during Vintage Road Show. 619-668-8400. Saturday, May 30, 10am; Sunday, May 31, 10am; free. Guitar Center La Mesa, 8825 Murray Drive. (LA MESA)

"Liquid Runway" Art Institute of California student fashion show. Students submitted fashion sketches around theme of water in several categories. 858-598-1200. Saturday, May 30, 7:30pm; \$25-\$60. Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth

"Occult Scientific Philosophy" Philosophy shared and celebrated, followed by vegetarian potluck and lecture in cafeteria. 760-757-6600. Sunday, May 31, 11am; free. Rosicrucian Fellowship, 2222 Mission

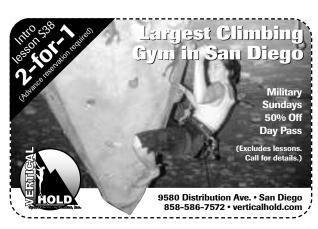
Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

"Stop the Sunrise Powerlink"
Fundraiser for lawsuit against SDG&E's proposed 125-mile transmission line through the back country. Enjoy live music, hayrides, hand-led pony rides for the kids, dunk tank, piñatas, calf tying, rodeo roper, more. 619-442-5354. Saturday, May 30, 11am; \$5. Hazv Meadows Ranch. 15466 El

"Summer Constellations" Learn what to look for during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show, then view real sky through telescopes after show (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. Wednesday, June 3, 7pm and 8pm; \$9-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Monte Road. (LAKESIDE)

"Two Realities" Jorge Reinoza exhibits "you do not understand my string theory" and Roberto Mariani displays "Stillness," showcasing their two different painting









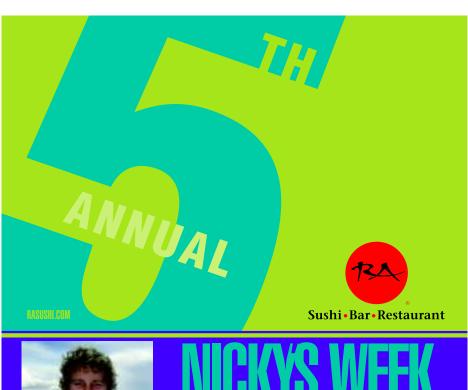
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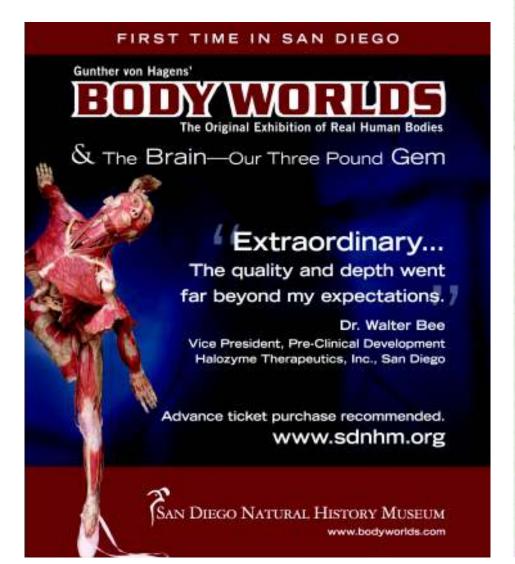


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styles. 619-231-6400. Friday, May 29, 6pm; free. San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, 200 Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

"Where Street Meets Chic"
During this "Pony Party," mingle with PONY staff and its global brand partners. Live art exhibition. Launch of "Check Your Self" campaign. Music by the Feelings Mutual, DJ Smooth Criminal, Shark Attack. RSVP: 619-398-3060. Thursday, May 28, 8pm; free. Ages 21 and up. W Hotel, 421 West B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Arts and Tea Celebration Home of Guiding Hands' fourth annual fundraiser includes an array of traditional tea fare, art by local artisans for sale. Reservations: 619-938-2854. Sunday, May 31, 2pm; \$25-\$35. Ronald Reagan Community Center, 195 East Douglas. (EL CAJON)

BYOB — Bring Your Own Bowl Celebrate this "beloved recession" during soup-line party planned with free soups and bread, happy hour beverages. No joke: bring your own bowl. RSVP: 619-226-6100. Sunday, May 31, 6pm; free.

Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street.

(POINT LOMA)

Banner Day! Arts Alive Banner Project 2009 culminates in live auction. The 101 fine-art banners created by local artists have been on display along Coast Highway from Encinitas to Cardiff. Minimum bid: \$150. 760-943-1950. Sunday, May 31, 2pm; free. Cardiff Town Center, at San Elijo Avenue and Birmingham Drive. (CARDIFF)

Books to Good Homes Book sale with half-off prices. 619-466-



5270. Saturday, May 30, 10am; free. Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. (LEMON GROVE)

For the Birds and Volunteers Potluck dinner hosted by San Diego Audubon Society, with program of birds in images, video, and sound by photographer/videographer Karen Straus. Bring salad, hors d'oeuvres, or entrée. RSVP: 619-682-7200. Thursday, May 28, 6pm; free. Mission Trails Regionar Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Concentration, Visualization, Meditation Learn techniques for stress reduction, relaxation during free meditation classes, as well as advanced breathing techniques and "essence of yogic philosophy." 619-640-4438. Tuesdays, 7:30pm; through Thursday, December 31, free. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Do Plato's Ideas Affect Your Life? Jerry Dell Ehrlich, author of *The Platonic Bible*, focuses on "Plato: His Influence on Christianity and the Development of Western Thought" when Humanist Fellowship gathers for round table discussion. 619-670-4159 or 619-544-0640. Sunday, May 31, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Doggie Café Take your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Requested donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, May 29, 6pm; San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Drumming, Dancing, and Dessert Burundi Friends International hosts fundraiser with aforementioned drumming, dancing, dessert for poverty projects in Burundi, "one of the poorest countries in the world." Donation: \$10.858-454-8359. Saturday, May 30, 7pm. Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 4321 Eastgate Mall. (LA JOLLA)

OUT & ABOUT

"ISOLATED INCIDENT
— GLOBAL THERMO
COMEDY TOUR"

Dane Cook, Friday, May 29, San Diego Sports Arena.

(SEE IN PERSON)



Economic Ideas? Share ideas on fixing the economy with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, May 28, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Fallbrook Garden Club 2009 Garden Tour See eight "intriguing gardens featuring massive sculpture, trains, Mediterranean drought-tolerant plantscapes, roses, and a veggie garden of your dreams." Vintage cars on display throughout gardens. Tickets: \$20 per ticket, or \$35 for two tickets. 760-275-7320. Saturday, May 30, 9am; \$20-\$35. Ages 20 and up. Fallbrook Historical Society, 260 Rockycrest Road. (FALLBROOK)

House of Israel Take in ethnic music, songs, and dances for lawn program at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, May 31, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

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, 5pm; 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 (6-7pm), followed by tribal belly-dance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drumming (7-8pm). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6pm; \$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Palm and Cycad Sale Limited and rare palm and cycad species from exceptional Southern California nurseries on offer. Tour of palms and cycads in gardens (11am), lecture on "Palms of Madagascar" by Mark Riedler (1pm). Included in regular admission. 619-291-4605. Saturday, May 30, 9am; free-\$10. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive.

Photography Summer Season Opening Exhibit of work by photographers Jeffrey Sitcov and Steve Covault, with music by JC Express, Rick Felan, Podunk Nowhere. Refreshments by El Comal. The \$5 donation benefits homeless youth. 619-288-4645. Saturday, May 30, 6pm. 8Teen Arts and Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Puttin' on the Lips? The creator of original '80s show "Puttin' on the Hits" hosts "nationwide search...for the best lip-sync impersonators and tribute bands across America" every Tuesday night. Contestants judged on lipsync ability, appearance, use of microphone, audience response. Contestants may enter at 7pm, contests begin at 8pm. Finals on July 21. 800-570-7145. Tuesday,

June 2, 8pm. Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk. (MISSION BEACH)

Ramona Rodeo The 29th annual rodeo gets underway on Friday with rodeo performance including bull riding, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, more.

On Saturday, enjoy food, entertainment including stick-horse races, relay races, gunny sack race, and more in kids' fun zone; rib cook-off, horseshoe tournament, rodeo performance (7:30pm), family dance with music by Agavero Revue (9:30pm).

Challenged Children's Rodeo kicks off Sunday's events, planned along with car show in Senior Center parking lot, rodeo finals (1:30pm). 760-519-1632. Friday, May 29, 7:30pm; Saturday, May 30, 10am; Sunday, May 31, 9:30am; free-\$8. Ramona Rodeo Grounds, 434 Aqua Lane. (RAMONA)

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

Recession Help Expo Organizers promise 32 recession help workshops, speakers, government leaders, exhibitors, live music by Bill Magee Blues Band (noon), more. 760-815-4527. Saturday, May 30, 8:30am; free. Holiday Inn on the Bay, 1355 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Santee Street Fair Enjoy day with live bands and entertainment, rides, 200 food and vendor booths. Main stage entertainment by Outta Sync, Cool Rays, Honky Tonk Kings, 80z All Stars. 619-449-6572. Saturday, May 30, 10am; free. Santee Street Fair, 100 RiverView Parkway. (SANTEE)

Thread 2009 This "national shopping event promoting emerging designers and artists" makes "stop at its original home" with art and fashion bookstore presented by Subtext, DJ musical entertainment, live art produced on-site, screen printing, live plant wall, more. 619-922-1974. Saturday, May 30, 11am; Sunday, May 31, 11am; \$10. Wonderhaus Bakery, 171 14th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Zine Reading Room You're invited to "sit, read, chat, learn" during event sponsored by Grrrl Zines A-Go-Go. 760-753-1382. Sunday,

May 31, 1pm; free. Lou's Records, 434 North Coast Highway 101. (LEUCADIA)

SPORTS

"Walk for Rides" Independent Transportation Network — providing transportation for older adults and those with visual impairments — hosts two-mile walk. 619-282-0073. Saturday, May 30, 9am; free. LiveWell San Diego, 4425 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

Big Lagoon Ride Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 50-mile fun ride. Bring money for lunch. 619-647-3212. Saturday, May 30, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Hilly and Hard! This 70-mile long bicycling adventure led by Bicycle Touring Society riders boasts steep hills along way through Alpine, Pine Valley, Kitchen Creek, and Japatul. 619-561-3846. Sunday, May 31, 8:45am; free. Alpine Community Center, 1830 Alpine Boulevard. (ALPINE)

June Jamboree Festival Horse Show 858-481-9085. Thursday, May 28, 8am; Friday, May 29, 8am; Saturday, May 30, 8am; Sunday, May 31, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real.

Mt. Helix and Beyond Join Knickerbikers for 30-mile jaunt up Mt. Helix, then out to El Cajon, over to Singing Hills, through Rancho San Diego, Casa de Oro, back to start. Bring money for lunch at Sunrise Deli. 619-240-6659 or 619-741-7169. Saturday, May 30, 9am; free. Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Café, 6792 University Avenue. (LA MESA)

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

Padres vs. Phillies San Diego Padres take on Philadelphia Phillies. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Monday,





June 1, 7:05pm; Tuesday, June 2, 7:05pm; Wednesday, June 3, 7:05pm; \$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Region One Arabian Horse Show Arabian breed horse show. 858-794-1171. Thursday, May 28, 8am; Friday, May 29, 8am; Saturday, May 30, 8am; Sunday, May 31, 8am; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Running Fun! The 26.2-mile Rock 'n' Roll Marathon begins in Balboa Park (at Sixth Avenue and Palm), finishes at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Point Loma. Wheelchair race: 6:25am; marathon: 6:30am Twenty-six entertainment stages along course. Finish line concert by Bedford Grove (10:30am). Registration fee includes postrace concert by the English Beat (1:15pm). No half marathon, no race-day registration. 858-450-6510. Sunday, May 31, 6:25am; \$120. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

U.S. Open Elite Taekwondo Championship Competition open to public for viewing. 760-724-5659.
Saturday, May 30, 7am; Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

Surfing Championships Top under-18-year-old surfers compete for season's champion title and slots in Surfing America USA championships at north harbor jetty beach. Free for spectators. 949-361-1870. Saturday, May 30, 7am; Sunday, May 31, 7am; Ocean-

side Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum Four exhibitions 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)

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum "Magnificent Chinese Boxes of the Past" offers collection of finely crafted boxes from Qing dynasty. These utilitarian treasures were uniquely crafted for a specific use: to carry a workingman's









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lunch, a lady's makeup, a scholar's calligraphy tools, or any number of treasures great or small. Exhibit features boxes crafted from carved wood, lacquer, bamboo, leather. Through June.

See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a



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building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. 404 Third Avenue, 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum

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

Embarcadero Urban Trees 5 Public art exhibit of 31 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorn Street) continues through July. Artists were supplied with a 12foot-tall pole placed in a concrete planter to serve as tree's base; artists alter the pole by attaching materials to create their sculptures. 619-686-6200. Along Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Heritage Walk Museum The museum includes the restored Victorian house, the city's original

Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park. 321 North Broadway, 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum

North County "Nomadic Legacy - Tent and Textiles of Central Asia and Iran" presents aspects of rich artistic heritage of nomadic culture, traditions with origins in antiquity. Highlights include recent gifts to museum such as a Kyrgyz yurt, Persian bag faces, Central Asian hats. The Kyrgyz vurt - a round, domed, trellistent dwelling, 22 feet in diameter — won first prize in a national contest celebrating 1000th anniversary of Kyrgyzstan's existence. Also on view: rare Kyrgyz reed screens; Turkoman, Uzbek, and Kazakh costumes and textiles. Exhibit continues through Sunday, August 2. 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Photographic Arts The interface between nature and urban technological culture is explored in "Jo Whaley: Theater of Insects." Over the last 25 years, Whaley's photographs

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RUNNING FUN! Rock 'n' Roll

Marathon, Balboa Park, Sunday, May 31.

(SEE BELOW)



have ranged from allegorical nudes to a revision of the "vanitas" stilllife tradition to fusion of natural history and environmental issues. Pieces juxtapose organic and manmade elements to reflect issue of environmental degradation in an imaginative manner. Through Tuesday, October 13.

"Rock 'n Revolution: Image to Message" is exhibition of approximately 75 photographs of six rock musicians: Bob Dylan, Bob Marley, Bono and U2, Bruce Springsteen, John Lennon, Joni Mitchell. View the photographs of these musicians "who personify an ideology of protest and change" — through Sunday, October 4. How do the photographs convey an embodiment of not only the stars but the message inside their music? 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

New Americans Museum in NTC Promenade "Immigration and Caricature: Ethnic Images from the Appel Collection" examines history of immigration and its social impact in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries as viewed though popular media of that time. Items in exhibition consist of a variety of print media such as cartoons, postcards, trade cards, and prints and lithographs. Through Sunday, July 5.

Also on view: "A Community between Two Worlds: Arab-Americans in Greater Detroit," using historical and contemporary photographs to chronicle story of Arab-American community in Southeast Michigan, and other large Arab American populations in this country. Closes Sunday, July 5. 2825 Dewey Road Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

San Diego Air and Space Museum "The Da Vinci Experience" reveals how Leonardo Da Vinci's conceptual designs for many technological wonders were centuries ahead of their time. "For the past 50 years a group of Florentine artisans have pored over Da Vinci's notes and drawings in an attempt to faithfully create replicas of his many inventions, relying solely on materials that were available in 15th-Century Italy.

The result is over two dozen fully functional models, eleven of which are full-sized." The interactive models are displayed with a facsimile of relevant Leonardo Da Vinci drawing. Closes Sunday, January 3, 2010.

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

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

San Diego Tugboat Museum A 100-foot retired Korean War-era tugboat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. Harbor Drive, 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN))







French Fries and

Gravy On May 29 and 30, the Casbah will host the Ché Underground Reunion, a gathering of bands and fans who frequented UCSD's student-run co-op Ché Café in the early '80s. Organized by

excitement is being generated by the onetime appearance of a "new" group, the Gay Denny's. The combo is made up of local music scene vets Ray Brandes, David Klowden, and Eric Bacher (all ex—Tell-Tale Hearts),

the inside track

the online community of Ché Underground's blog, the event will be two nights of '80s-era bands, including the Mark Zadarnowski (ex-Crawdaddys), and A.J. Croce. The group's name is a

The group's name is a nod to the nickname given to



CROCE WORKS WITH GAY DENNY'S

Answers, Noise 292, the Wallflowers, Hair Theatre, and Everybody Violet. Much of opening night's the Denny's located at 2445 El Cajon Boulevard in North Park. "[It was] a popular late-night hangout for bands and fans in the scene back in the '80s," said Klowden. "Most of us didn't have our own apartments, so it was a place we could stay up late together, write bad poetry on napkins, and eat french fries

The Gay Denny's formed when it became apparent that various members of the Tell-Tale Hearts and Crawdaddys wouldn't be available to perform at the reunion gigs.

with brown gravy."

"[We] decided to put something together for the show that would capture the spirit of the era but without the pressure of reforming any specific band," Bacher said.

Despite a membership that has produced several albums of original music, the Gay Denny's will play covers of '60s-era groups.

"The idea was to get together for just one show," said Bacher. "Rather than perform a bunch of Tell-Tale Hearts and Crawdaddys songs, we decided to play songs by bands that inspired us to play music back then, such as the Pretty Things, Them, and Dutch Outsiders."

For Croce, it's a chance to go back to his early days playing R&B-based '60s classics. His first band, the Hottentots, which also featured Klowden and Brandes, made their debut at the Ché Café in the '80s. Despite the appeal of booking further shows for the all-star group, Croce promises this will be a one-off.

"For me, the idea of a spontaneous group like this sounded like fun," he said. "If we rehearsed it too much or did more shows, it would lose that."

— Bart Mendoza

connected with the Rock
Band Music Club at El
Camino High," says Voris,
who teaches economics and
history at the Oceanside
school. Current and former
students on the soundtrack
include Midnight Rose,
Without Warning, Durty
White Chucks, Inberst,



PRINCIPAL OF PUNK ROCK HIGH (VORIS)

Punk Rock High

School "The script was written based on the high school scene in coastal North County San Diego," says Fabulous Rudies singer Tom Voris, music director for the upcoming film *Punk Rock High School*. "It's based on reality and completely different from, say, Disney's *High School Musical*."

Though filming just started, the movie already has a CD soundtrack.

"Most of the bands are

Rootsicali, One Way Flight, Irieside, and Tan Sister Radio.

The CD graphics were designed by El Camino senior Michael Rafalik, with mastering by A-list producer Stephen Marsh (Black Eyed Peas, Incubus, Neil Diamond). Voris's 14-yearold daughter sings on one track.

A concert fundraiser for the film was scheduled for a senior center in Carlsbad. However, "On the day of the event, the center received dozens of phone calls from angry parents wanting to know more about the party. The center then cancelled the event, so [we] moved the location to Oceanside, next to the New Song Church.... We thought no one would show.

"Amazingly, it sold out to 300 people, with another 200 in the parking lot and cars bumper to bumper on Mission Avenue. The police had to stop the show and do traffic control to get everyone out of the area."

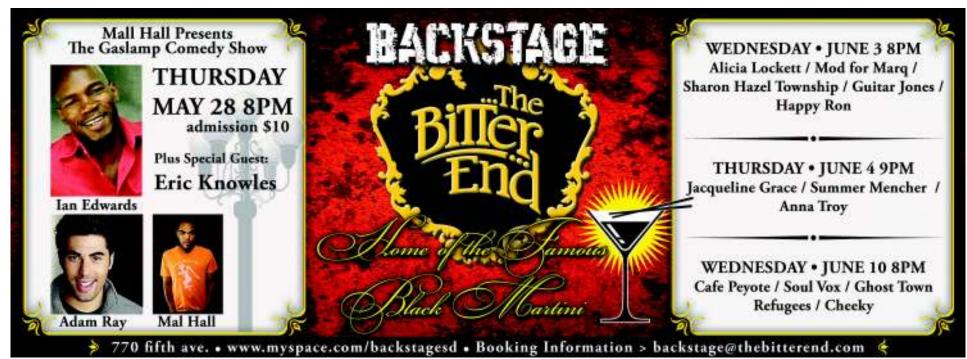
As for the Fabulous Rudies, the ska band has splintered since playing the 2007 Vans Warped Tour, with Voris recruiting various student rockers to help carry on the Rudies name.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Fishing for Fans Last year, math-rock trio Swim Party sent a few of their songs and a brief bio to producers at Fuel TV's action sports show, *The Daily Habit*. About six months later, a producer from the show contacted the band and invited them to come to Los Angeles on March 5 as musical guests.

The performance went well but was a bit uncomfortable, writes singer-guitarist Eric Temblay in an email. "Shooting a TV spot is kind of strange — the crew,

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the cameras, etc. — it was a new experience."

Since the performance aired on March 25, Temblay

says the number of people visiting Swim Party's website and downloading their intricate indie-rock tracks on iTunes has grown

In addition to more hits on their website and downloads from iTunes, representatives from Fuel TV have asked for permission to use additional tracks from the band's last album (Pixie Dust on the

Blood Range) for future programming.

The group has started to work on their next album and has added keyboardist Natalie Kardos to their line-up; she joined Swim Party just before the gig for Fuel TV.

"Although we've received great press from the Fuel thing, like Filter magazine

and CMJ, the attention has been pretty gentle," says Temblay. "It's not heavy national buzz or anything. It's very much the result of persistence — sending out CDs and emails - and some luck. Sometimes you win one." – Dorian Hargrove

SWIM PARTY TESTS NEW WATERS

Record Release Roundup Joey Harris and the Mentals are promoting their new ten-track selftitled album with a June 14 release show at Brick by Brick. "Mojo Nixon and Paul and Caren Kamanski will be joining us onstage," says Harris, "as well as Scottie 'Mad Dog' Blinn of the

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Mississippi Mudsharks, who produced the album and is releasing it on his Double Barrel label. We'll also have a special appearance by Slim Crowbar and the I.O.U.s." Brick by Brick is where Harris was once chatted up by Frank Zappa, circa 1980. "I'd just played with [the band] Fingers, [and] Frank said he loved the band's energy and the songs and asked me to contact his manager in L.A. on Monday morning. I did try. There were a lot of messages, but nothing ever came of it."

Jeff Berkley's five-piece rock band Citizen Band will appear June 21 at Brick by Brick to launch their new album Breaker Breaker My Heart. "We're gonna put our own spin on a Bill Monroe and Peter Rowan bluegrass tune," says Berkley, best known as half of the roots

duo Berkley Hart. "CB allows me to do things I don't get to do in BH, like kick and yell or have a smoke machine,

moody lights, distortion, and tape echoes. Also, there's more drinking in CB. But BH is just the two of us."

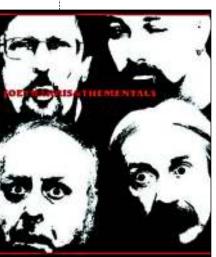
Experimental rockers Demasiado will launch their new album with a May 31 set at th Casbah.

The freaky-

folkies of Astra appear appear at the Casbah on June 5 for the release of their debut CD The Weirding.

On June 21, Sublime-ly groovy jam band Irieside celebrate their full-length debut on Above Ground Records at the Boars Cross'n in Carlsbad

Stranger releases their new



ONE BAND FLEW OVER THE **CUCKOO'S NEST**

album at Canes on June 5. Candye Kane's new fulllength, Superhero (Delta Groove Records), debuts on June 19, when Kane appears at Anthology, her final San Diego show before she tours Australia

ROCK ARE HIGHLY

OVERRATED

This summer will also see new albums from Irish rockers Skelpin (The Singing Bird), acoustic-blues guitarist Joshua Blatchley, headbangers Wolves of Eden, the Brit-inspired Modlins, and a live recording of songstress Anna Troy.

Chuck Schiele's compilation of Ocean Beach-based performers, Waves, is set for release June 27, with several acts appearing at that weekend's O.B. Street Fair. "Everybody knows the jamband thing has a pretty strong foothold here," says the Grams front man and operator of StudiOB. "I work counter to that."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Not the Loudest

"Unhappy fans in hockey jerseys slamming Jäger shots didn't mix with my set."

MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

n junior high, Kelly Dalton started writing songs and playing in bands and then began gigging, touring, and recording in his teens and 20s.

"In the late '90s I was in a punk band called

Kingpin, and one night my drummer and I met Angelo from Fishbone at a local dive bar," says Dalton. "Fishbone was a big in-

fluence on me in high school, so I was pretty excited to be drinking and talking music at my dive bar. We had a little after-party at our house/rehearsal studio, and he ended up jamming and partying with us all night. I don't remember the last couple hours of the night.

"When I woke up, I wasn't sure if it all really happened until I walked out in the living room, and he was snoring on our couch. He heard me walking around, woke up, and asked what happened last night. I told him I wasn't too sure, either. We figured we'd smoke some pot and try to figure it out. An hour later I drove him home, which was his parents' house in the suburbs."

Dalton left the band scene in 2005 to reassess his musical life. He cashed in the big amps and electric guitars for an acoustic six-string and an upright piano. He's now a solo act.

Kelly Dalton performs at Lestat's in Normal Heights on Thursday, May 28.

HISTORY OF YOUR GUITAR?

"I have two main acoustic guitars that I play. My main one is a '70s twelve-string Alvarez with only six strings on it. I love it because the neck is larger than a usual six-string, and it fits my abnormally big hands perfectly. My dad plays guitar too, and hits the local pawnshops all the time up where he lives in Oxnard [California]. One day about five years ago he called me and said he

found a beautiful-sounding acoustic for \$150. He drove it down the next day, and I've never used anything else live since. The one I play at home is an old beat-up Yamaha that supposedly was owned by Johnny Depp. This could be an

urban myth, but the story is that Mr. Depp came to L.A with a duffle bag and a guitar. Along the way, he left it at a girl's house who

gave it to her friend who gave it to his friend and so on"

ANY ISSUES WITH LIVE SHOWS?

"People talking during my set. I'm not the loudest singer in the world, so a few people having a loud conversation in a small room can sometimes overpower me. Thank God I have some good 'shhers'— people who 'shh' the crowd when I play."

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Yearbook Pictures. "A new great band that you'll hear about soon."

2. Chuck Vaughan. "Great singer/songwriter."

3. Eyes Set to Kill. "A metal band I just coproduced." 4. "A mix Clash CD, for obvious reasons."

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TOP THREE END-OF-THE-WORLD CDs?

1. The Clash, *London Calling*. "It was a double album with so many good songs that I'll never get sick of."

2. The Beach Boys, *Pet Sounds*. "The production Brian Wilson was doing blows me away. No one could layer those harmonies like he could."

3. Bob Marley, any album. "I think he's one of the most underrated songwriters ever. I've read a bunch of those 'greatest songwriters' lists, and he never gets mentioned."



Kelly Daltor

SEXIEST SAN DIEGO PERFORMER?

"The obvious choice is Anya Marina, but I'm going with Brandon 'the Sideman' Walters. He's a great guitarist, piano player, and singer who's played guitar with me a few times. He's super talented, and I must say he's quite a sexy beast."

FAVORITE SAN DIEGO HANGOUT?

"I quit drinking almost a year ago, so I don't hang out at bars so much anymore. I like hanging with my buddy Dan at Seven Seas Tattoo shop. Good people and incredible artists."

RECURRING NIGHTMARE?

"It always starts out fine — I'm at a professional baseball game having a good ol' time, then somehow I fall off the top level and wake up right before I land on top of the crowd in the section below me. Happens almost every month."

BEST GIG?

"I really like playing benefit shows, not just for the cause but to share the stage with a lot of talented people all together in one night. The best one I remember was a Christmas toy drive at the Hotel Cafe in L.A. with Ben Harper, Sara Bareilles, Brett Dennen, Cary Brothers, Joshua Radin, Meiko, and others."

WORST GIG?

"I can't remember the name of the venue — maybe I deleted it from my memory — but it was a solo acoustic show in Hartford, Connecticut. It happened to be in the middle of the NHL playoffs, and I think the local team had just been eliminated. Unhappy fans in hockey jerseys slamming Jäger shots didn't particularly mix with my set."





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Looks like a Spice Girl fell off the rack. Brit rap brat Lady Sovereign will grace House of Blues tonight. The 23-year-old grime star, whom New Yorker music writer Sasha Frere-Jones described as "pithy, clever...honking" (?), is out to tout

her brand-spanking-new joint Jigsaw. Give a listen to lead single and Brit chart-topper "So Human." **Chester** French and Hollywood Holt set the downtown stage.... When that sells out, if it ain't by press time, around the bend, new-wave flashback Graham Parker (who came to fame in Elvis Costello and Joe Jackson's England) joins Angelino roots rocker Tom Freund at Anthology. This is a solid double bill for the Little It. supper club, as these

two songsmiths pen some earnest stuff. Wicked recommended.... Denton, TX punk guintet and Volcom shills the **Riverboat** Gamblers' drift into Casbah. Revenge Club and Braaiins! share

the bill.... Death Eaters swoop on Bar Pink after Moviegoers warm the seats.... And Ken Club dons your new

favorite jangle-pop outfit Leisuresuit and Echo Revolution-evolution-evolution

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HOUSE OF BLUES

Ché Café has got it going on this weekend as the blog boosters at Ché Underground resurrect the campus club's popular '80s acts at Casbah, including the Answers, Manual Scan, Everybody Violet, and the Gay Denny's (check out Mendoza's Blurt this week about this all-star one off).... Up at the Ché proper, you can catch an early show (6p) by punk perennials the **Spits** and **Personal and the Pizzas**. Both bands'll roll it down to Ken Club afterward for late-night sets. Catch 'em one way or the other, dood Andrew Kenny of Austin's indie stalwarts American Analog Set has a new group, Wooden Birds. that'll alight Friday night at Bar Pink with New Trust and New Fidelity ("New" must be this year's



"Wolf" in the band-name game).... Up the road a spell, country-fried bar band Bartender's Bible make a Whistle Stop stop.

Saturday Casbah's Ché show Saturday night stages Hair

Theatre with Noise 292, the Wallflowers, and Mirrors. Get down to the Middletown mainstay early, though, and check out the classy and clacissist electropop lady **St. Vincent**. Brooklyn's queen of cosmo indie, Annie Clark (a multi-instrumentalist formerly with Sufjan Stevens and Polyphonic Spree) has a crit hit in her new solo collection, Actor.... Drop your girlfriend off there and haul it over to Soma. The allages place gets punk'd Saturday night by Canadian speed-metal kings Propagandhi and New York noiseniks Bridge and Tunnel, whose singer sounds just like Cookie Monster.... Bay Area acousticrooner Tippy Canoe flows through Bar Pink. Madame Pamita and Zach Lupetia share the bill.... And at the Loft at UCSD, I swear. there's People Under the Stairs. The L.A. alt-hop crew is out behind last year's Pitchfork-approved Fun DMC.

Sunday

Bar Pink books Sir Richard Bishop Sunday night. The Zonie gypsy guiarist is best known as one of the iconic Sun City Girls. Should be good. Udderwise: SanFran band EYES plays Ruby Room,

with Free*Stars (featuring our own Dave Stampone), the Followers, and Lion Cut.... Black metal bands fill the bill at House of Blues. It's part of the 'Blackenedfest" tour, featuring Mavhem and Marduk. The San Diego show includes Cephalic Carnage Cattle

Decapitation, and Withered. Sounds bloody cheerful...

And Cox Arena props Fleetwood Mac for a night of the band's indelible radio hits. You can go your own wa-a-a-ay. Try and get that out of your head now.

Monday

Spend the rent at Casbah's

Anti-Monday meet-up, where

up-and-coming alt-blues trio

Heavy Glow, psych-rockers

Extinct Animals, and indie

kidz **Wizard Wolves** rock a

locals-only sonic smorgasbord.

Rent's not really due till

the tenth,



Casbah's gig to get to this week.... Up in La Jolla, New Zealand's electropop princess the Bachelorette will play Ché Café. Annabel Alpers has proven herself an engaging arranger, layering her breathy vocals into thick tones over glitchy nu-wave breakbeats and waka-waka guitar that the kids just love! Alpers last week dropped her Drag City debut My Electric Family...while across campus, O.C. garage rockers Japanese Motors roll into the Loft with fellow Costa Mesa crew, psych-folkies the Growlers.

Wednesday

Tuesday

Dance-y duo the Juan MacLean plays Casbah Wednesday behind their third DFA full-length, The Future Will Come. "Customers who bought this item also bought Pet Shop Boys." Just so ya know. Like-minded Swedes of the **Field** set the stage.... "Come out and play!" Out at State, under the

L.A. sludge-rawk act Big Business takes over

Tuesday night. After backing Buzzo's Melvins for

a couple tours, the bombastic bass-and-drum

duo behind Big Business joined guitar guy Toshi

Kasai for this year's excellent Phil Ek-produced

Mind the Drift. Tour reports suggest this'd be

Casbah with **Tweakbird** and the **Thrones**

stars, it'll be punk-pop hitmakers the Offspring, with Alkaline Trio and Street Dogs.. Downtown, Death Row Records and Dogg Pound dude **Kurupt** will rock the mic at House of Blues, while Compton kid and world-class emcee DJ Quik spins for the Hizouse, yo. — Rarnahy Monk

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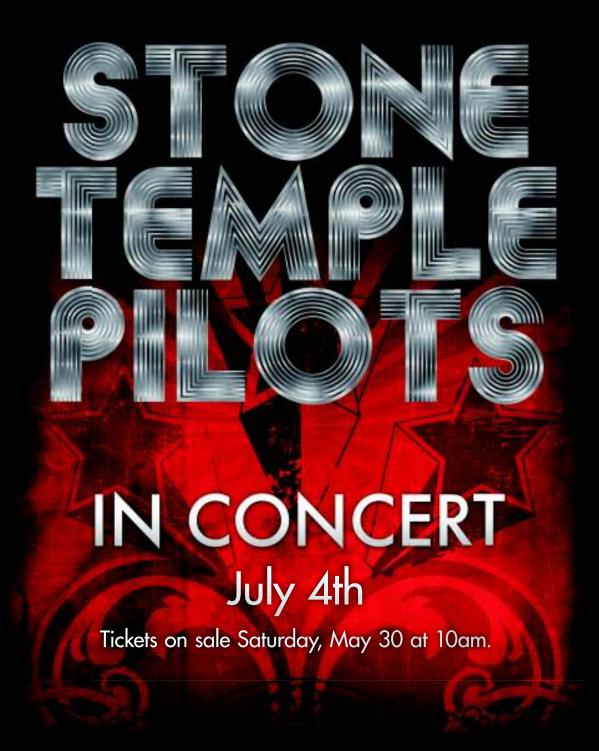
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Across the Street: 4601 Park Boulevard, University Heights. *Friday*, 8pm — Curtis Peoples. With Bryan Greenberg and Graham Colton. Indie. Saturday, 8pm — Incantation. Folk/jazz/roots.

Air Conditioned Lounge: 4673 30th Street, Normal Heights, 619-501-9831. Sunday, 7pm — Ian Tordella Quartet. Jazz. Free.

Alpine Community Center: 1830 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine. *Sunday*, 5pm — The Pine Creek Posse Band. Country. Free.

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Thursday, 7:30pm — Graham
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Wednesday, 7:30pm — Jamie.
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Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100. Saturday, 8:30pm — Bijan Mortazavi. World. \$36-\$97. Sunday, 3pm — Mariachi los Camperos de Nati Cano. Latin. \$45-\$65.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194.

Thursday, 10pm — The Deatheaters. With the Moviegoers. Alternative/pop/rock.

Friday, 10pm — The New Fidelity. Pop/soul. Ages 21 and up.

Saturday, 10pm — Tippy Canoe. With Madame Pamita and Zach Lupin. Pop/roots. Ages 21 and up. Sunday, 10pm — Sir Richard

Bishop. With Oaxacan. Pop/surf. Ages 21 and up.

Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-0474. Friday, 8pm — Phil Lean. Covers/standards/acoustic. Sunday, 8pm — Tic Tac Toast. Jam/rock.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. Thursday, 7pm — Laura Roppé.

Thursday, 7pm — Laura Roppé. With Love You Moon. Country/folk/rock. \$10-\$12. Friday, 9pm — Transfer. With Stripes and Lines. Rock. Saturday, 9pm — Common Sense. With Guava Belly. Reggae/rock. Saturday, 4pm — The Bayou Brothers. Zydeco/blues/R&B. Sunday, 8pm — JR Richards. With Dynamite Walls. Alternative/rock. Tuesday, 8pm — Misdirection. With Ken Garcia and the Donnis Trio. Acoustic/rock. \$8.

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Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989. Thursday, 9pm — Given Life. With Quang Duc Method and Phavian. Metal/rock. \$5. Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. *Thursday* — Paul Roberts. Punk/rock.

Friday, 8:30pm — L.A.O.S. With Whizard, Circuit, Rebellion, Shawn Liu, DJ Intrigued, and MC Dino. Hip-hop/rap.

Saturday, 8:30pm — Kurt Young. With Katie Leigh and the Infantry.

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Thursday, 8pm — Captain Kirk & the Beam Me Fahr Up Scotties.

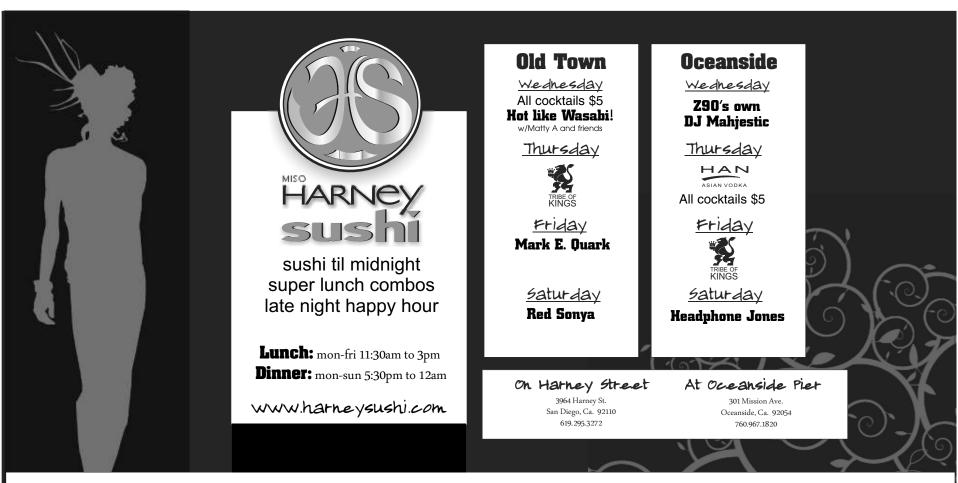
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Blues/rock.

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Saturday, 5:30pm — St. Vincent. With Pattern Is Movement. Indie. \$12-\$14. 8:30pm — Hair Theatre. With Noise 292, the Wallflowers,

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Wednesday, 8pm — The Juan
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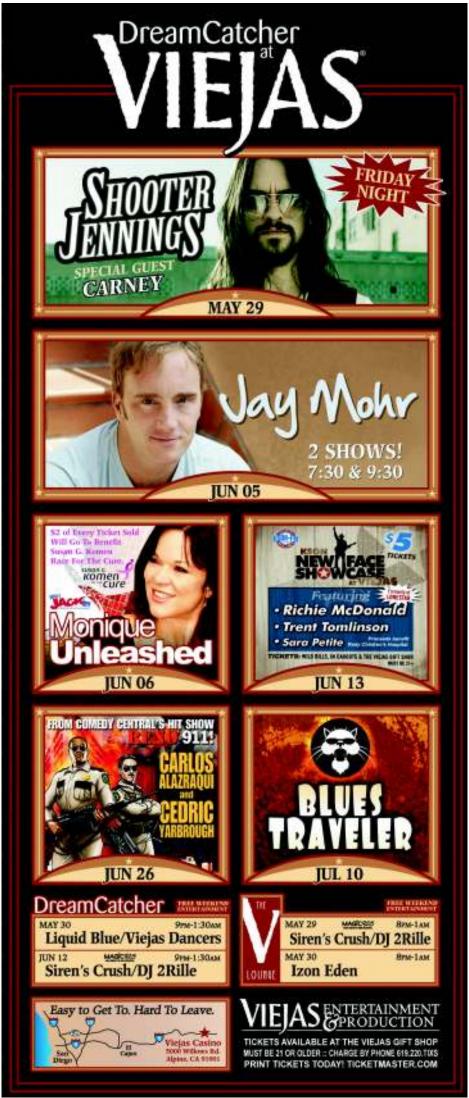
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Sunday, 5:30pm — Mayhem. With Marduk, Cephalic Carnage, Cattle Decapitation, and Withered. Metal.

Wednesday, 7pm — DJ Quik. With

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Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. *Friday*, 8pm — Dennis Jones.

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The Kava Lounge: 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-543-0933.

Friday, 9pm — The Journeymen. With Superunloader. Rock. Saturday, 9:30pm — Broken Dreams. With Parker and the Numberman and DJ Collagey. Hip-hop/rap.

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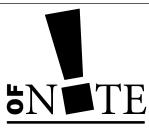
Indie/pop/rock. Ages 21 and up. **The Kraken:** 2531 South

Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.

Thursday — Those Guys. Rock.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

St. Vincent is the nom de rock of one **Annie Clark**, a young singer-songwriter shredder who has done time backing Sufjan Stevens and the Polyphonic Spree. When I first heard *Marry Me*, St. Vincent's debut album, I was impressed by Clark's musicianship and creativity, but somewhat put off by her neo progrock arrangements. The songs ranged from quasi-jazz balladry to fuzzed-out guitar rock and would often radically switch styles before the listener got too comfortable. I mentally filed Clark away with Kate Bush and Joni Mitchell — female eccentrics who may be geniuses but don't get a lot of play on my

With the release of St. Vincent's second album, Actor, Clark has been everywhere in the press, and she's a lot harder to brush away. Clark has been telling interviewers that Actor was inspired by her love of Disney cartoons and horror films, and when you hear Clark's multitracked vocals serving as her otherworldly backup choir on the vaguely unsettling "The Strangers," you believe her. But overall, the album comes across as less conceptual and more down-to-earth than its predecessor.

Where the lyrics on *Marry Me* tackled heavy themes like religion's suppression of sexuality ("The Apocalypse Song"), *Actor* sticks to more personal themes: siblings, lovers, blackened eyes. The arrangements are still unusual, but they are more accessible. Or, at least like the song "Black Rainbow," they start out pleasant before scary strings turn them into a nightmare. One song sounds



almost like something you might hear over the P.A. at a trendy clothing store — but when you catch the title, "Laughing with a Mouth of Blood," you probably won't feel much like buying anything.

ST. VINCENT: The Casbah, Saturday, May 30, 5:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12 advance; \$14 day of show.

Cabaret. Featuring Season Duffy, Jon Lorenz, Leonard Patton, Colleen Kollar Smith, Deborah Gilmour Smyth, Joy Yandell, and G. Scott Lacy. Jazz/standards. \$15-\$45.

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

Thursday, 9:30pm — Kenny Eng. With Kelly Dalton and Greg Friedman. Alternative. Friday, 9pm — Kim Garrison and Kim DiVine. WIth Ryan Calhoun. Alternative/pop/rock. \$8.

Luc's Bistro: 12642 Poway Road, Poway, 858-748-9330. Saturday, 6pm — Mariner. To benefit American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Alternative/ pop/rock. Free.

Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946. Saturday, 4pm — The Shockwaves. Classic rock.

Main Tap Tavern: 518 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-749-6333. Friday, 9pm — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/rockabilly.

Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD

Saturday, 8pm — Complicated Works Promised! Double bassist, composer, improviser Jeff Denson plans jazz performance. 858-534-3229. Free.

McDini's: 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771.

Friday, 9pm — Almost Islanders. Reggae.

The Metaphor Café: 258 East 2nd Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-1882.

Saturday, 8pm — Belen. With Roadside Coyote. Rock. \$5.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. Friday, 9pm — Strive Roots. Metal/punk/reggae. Saturday, 9pm — Red Light Behavior. Rock.



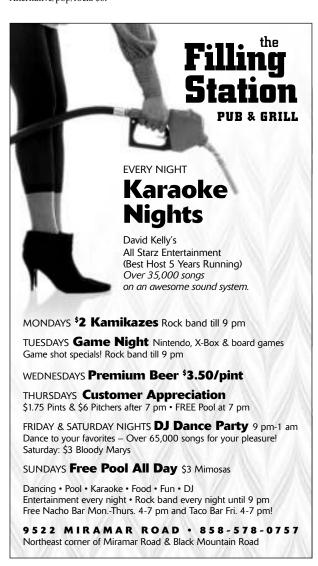
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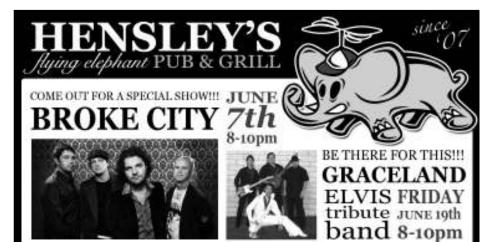


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Friday, May 29th:

Drowning Men & Cat Party Saturday, May 30th: Joe Wood

Sunday, May 31st: This is Music!

Monday, June 1st: The Tail Draggers

Tuesday, 2nd:

Rich the Stitch (The Room)

Wednesday, 3rd: Joe Wood

Thursday, 4th:

Irish Night with Skelpin Friday 5th:

Matt Gerovac & the Babylon Saints

Saturday. 6th: Endoxi

Sunday, 7th: Broke City

Monday, 8th: The Tail Draggers

Tuesday, 9th: Taryn Donath

Wednesday, 10th: Joe Wood

Thursday, 11th:

Irish Night with Skelpin

Friday, 12th: Billy Watson

Saturday, 13th: Rip Carson

Sunday, 14th:

This is Music! (Hosted by DJ Kid Jagger)

Monday, 15th: The Tail Draggers

Tuesday, 16th:

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July 4 — Lake Side

July 11 — Legends of Funk.

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June 5 - Slaid Cleaves and Eliza Gilkyson.

June 17 — Marshall Crenshaw. August 1 — We Five.

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June 5 — Erick Macek.

June 5 — Brandy Carlile.

Iune 10 — ID Souther. June 11 — Tokeli.

June 12 — Christian McBride.

Iune 13 — Thunder Road.

June 14 — Oil Silk.

June 17 — Saffire Uppity Blues Women.

June 18 — WPA.

June 20 — Hiromi.

June 21 — Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue.

June 28 — Marc Cohn.

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June 17 - Darrell Grant.

July 16 — Minsarah Trio. July 23 — Geoffrey Keezer/Peter

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Park, 619-564-7194 June 4 — The Woggles.

June 6 — Telegraph Canyon.

June 25 — The Zeros. Iulv 2 — The Kevs.

July 31 — "Surf Guitar 101 Party."

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June 24 — The Wanteds

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

June 4 — Jackie Greene. June 5 - Fiesta del Sol Kickoff

Party.

Cash'd Out.

June 9 — Yellowman.

Iune 10 — The Church.

June 11 — Raul Malo.

June 12 — The Mar Dels. June 12, June 13 — The English

June 16 — King Sunny Adé.

June 17 — Endoxi. June 19 — K'naan.

June 20 — EOTO.

June 25 — Carbon Leaf.

June 27 — Switchfoot Bro-Am

After Party.

July 2 — '80s Heat.

July 15 — Hot Buttered Rum.

July 20 — Cage.

August 5 — Dave Alvin & the

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Birch Aquarium at Scripps:

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June 17 — Shawn Mullins.

July 15 — Steve Poltz.

Bird Park: 28th and Thorn Streets, North Park.

June 27 — The Marcia Foreman Band.

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BY DAVE GOOD

A recent picture of the band **Propagandhi** shows four guys, a few of them approaching middle age, who look more about golf or office jobs than flat-out aggressive rock and roll. Founded in Manitoba in 1986 by Chris Hannah and Jord Samolesky (David Guillas is the most recent addition; Todd Kowalski joined in 1997), Propagandhi is a punk band into which speed metal has slowly infiltrated over the years. Today, they call themselves a secular rock band. Others refer to what they do as progressive thrash.

They bear some resemblance to Rush, another Canadian export, in that Propagandhi is prone to intricate ensemble playing, jarring meter changes, and left-leaning political activism. But the comparison ends there.

Rush has always been a metal-for-the-masses outfit while Propagandhi is, in the spirit of punk, sarcastic to the point of being offensive. In "Human(e) Meat (The Flensing of Sandor Katz)," a song about animal rights, Propagandhi cooks a food writer to the groaning sounds of his agony and makes a "spreadable head cheese" of the

Known for granting free downloads of their songs to fans who donate to the band's favored charities (the list includes Peta2 and the

Sea Shepherd Conservation Society), a listener is hard-put not to notice the intellect, twisted or not, as put forth in the band's lyrics, "Is breathing just the ticking of an unwanted clock/ Counting down the time it takes for you to comprehend/ The sheer magnitude of every single precious breath you've ever wasted?"

Granted, Propagandhi is punk-savage, and the world they inhabit is straight out of

PROPAGANDHI

Kafka, but after an hour or two of listening, at volume, their tilted logic comes through. "You're not really mad at Iran or Afghanistan." sings Chris Hannah, "You're mad at the fact that your wife can't stand you anymore." Entertainment? Yes, but not for the faint of

PROPAGANDHI: Soma, Saturday, May 30, 7 p.m. 619-226-7662. \$15.

July 11 — Theo and the Zydeco Patrol.

July 25 - Brain Buckit.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos

Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. June 4 — King's X.

June 5 — Bands for Heroes.

June 6 - B-Real.

June 7 — Hotrods.

June 10 — The Napoleon Complex.

June 12 — Crown City Rockers.

June 13 — Battalion of Saints

June 14 — Joey Harris & the

June 17 — Spineshank.

June 25 — Üli Jon Roth. July 7 — The Anti-Nowhere

League.

July 30 - The Jimmie Van Zant Band.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk,

Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

Iune 4 — The Burning of Rome.

June 5 — Stranger.

June 6 — Tainted Love and DJ Bao. June 7 — The Legendary Shack

Shakers. June 11 — Blue Sky Blonde. June 12 — Penny Royal, Geezer, and Vitalogy.

June 13 — Peter Murphy. June 14 — T-Irie Dread.

June 18 — Heavy Glow. Iune 19 — The Concrete Project.

June 20 — Wild Child.

June 25 — The Beatnuts.

June 26 — The Cured.

Iune 27 — The Iron Maidens. June 28 — Project: Out of Bounds.

July 3 — The Supersuckers. July 10 — Tony Tuff.

July 17 — Eek-A-Mouse. July 18 — Devin the Dude.

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

4355. - Sleeping People. June 4

June 5 — Earthless.

June 6 — The Slackers.

Iune 7 — Crocodiles.

June 8 — Lemonheads. June 9 — Constantines.

June 10 - Boomsnake

June 11 — Jay Reatard.

June 12 - Scarlet Symphony.

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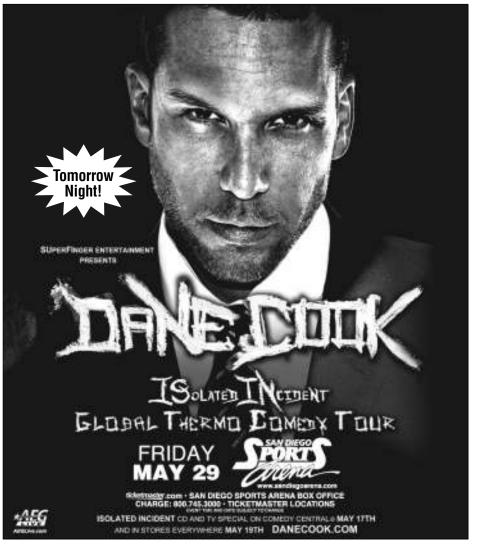
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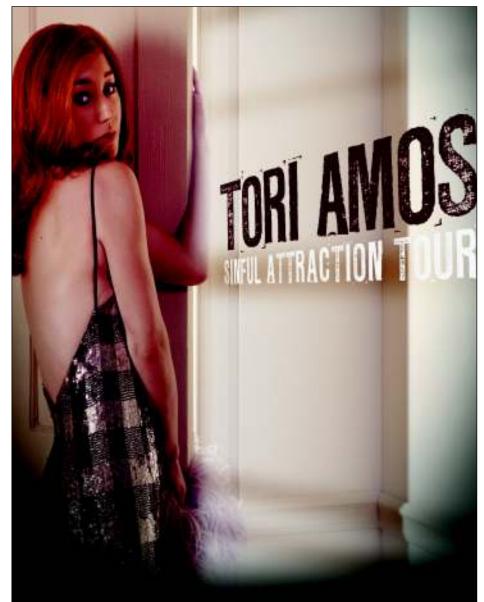
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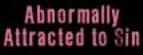


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June 27 — AA Bondy.

June 28 — The Minor Keys.

June 29 — Ida Maria.

June 30 — John Vanderslice.

July 2 - Natalie Portman's Shaved Head.

July 3 — Jivewire/One Nation Under a Groove.

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June 20 — Yanni.

Iuly 18 — Il Divo. July 19 — Joan Sebastian.

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June 20 — Vicente Fernandez.

June 22 — André Rieu. July 9 — Incubus.

July 10 — Rise Against.
July 11 — 311 and Ziggy Marley.

July 25 — Snoop Dogg. July 28 — The Fray.

August 8 - No Doubt.

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June 13, July 11, August 15 — Deering Days of Summer.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Iimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1161.

June 12 — Heroes of Woodstock.

June 13 — Melissa Etheridge

Iune 14 — Los Tucanes de Tijuana June 16 — Phil Vassar.

June 17 — Bret Michaels.

June 18 - David Cook.

June 19 - Loretta Lynn. June 20 — David Archuleta.

June 21 — La Arrolladora Banda

Limón.

- The Guess Who. Iune 23

June 25 — The B-52s. June 26 - Switchfoot.

Iune 27 — Fifth Annual Gospel

June 28 — Intocable. June 29 - Clint Black

June 30 — Creedence Clearwater

Iulv 1 - KC & the Sunshine Band. July 3 — Joan Jett and the

Blackhearts. July 4 — Smokey Robinson.

Iuly 5 — Kelly Clarkson. Hard Rock Café: 801 Fourth

Avenue, Downtown, 619-615-

September 26 — Sugar Ray.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.

Iune 28 — Aretha Franklin. August 23 — Tom Jones.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth

Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. June 4 — Gavin Rossdale.

June 6 — Butterfly Boucher.

June 10 — Testament.

June 11 — The Orb.

June 12 — Billy Ray Cyrus. June 13 — Live.

June 14 — She Wants Revenge.

June 17 - Reik.

June 18 — The Circle Jerks.

June 19 — The Dan Band. June 20 - Ben Kweller.

Iune 25 - Xavier Rudd.



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Band: Ryan Solomon, with E.J. Binns, Jake White, Garrett Irving, Mike "Curly" Giuliana, Chelsea Hernandez, and others

Website: mvspace.com/dabears

Cleaning out the disc bin on my desk, the Sendak-like penand-ink critters on Da Bears' Classics/Cobra caught my eye. The collection was recorded from 2006 through ought eight. Better late than never, eh? And never having heard this happy

set would've sucked.

The piano-pop band fans out behind songsmith-singer-multiinstrumentalist Ryan Solomon who possesses Nick Diamonds's (Unicorns/Islands) odd-pop playfulness and Wayne Coyne's (Flaming Lips) anything-goes bravado.

Solomon pens and performs in color, skipping down the street on the sunnier side of Pavement, with flashes of guitar grit that'd make even Malkmus grin.

My too-twee-for-me needle iumped with the leading guitar figure of the opening title track and got pinned in the red by synth bounce and the effete effect of Solomon's high-end voice. By the skronky guitar break, however, Solomon toned it down and I was hooked to be charmed by the trumpet run behind "Regal Beagle," a slacker towhead's sunny SoCal on "Surf Lord," a send-up of "Lindsey Lohan" ("You're a child, just a little child"), the repeating chorus "I don't wanna talk about it" on "Sword in Hand," a hook-heavy "Life in Hell," even precious duet "Ever Since I Was Young," all to the central sonic theme of this record -

Despite some K-tel Casio kookiness, which lets air out of a few

Da Bears

tracks, you can't not link da head Bear's similarity to the abovementioned indie-rock vets (primarily and uncannily, Diamonds's voice on opus Return to the Sea).

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July 16 — Toadies.

July 17 — All. July 22 — Richard Cheese &

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August 5 — Pat Green. August 19 — The Cult.

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June 4 — Erykah Badu and the

June 6 — Joe Cocker. June 7 — '70s Soul Jam.

June 14 — Third Eye Blind.

June 19 — Keyshia Cole.

June 20 — Frankie Valli & the Four

June 21 - PJ Harvey and John Parish.

June 23 — Three Girls and Their

Buddy.

June 26 - Rock Royalty. June 28 — Ani DiFranco.

July 8 — Yes. July 9 — Heart. July 10 — Joan Baez.

July 12 — The Indigo Girls. July 14 — Gregg Allman.

July 15 — The Cowboy Junkies.

Iuly 16 — Tori Amos.

July 19 — Jewel.

July 20 — Tears for Fears.

July 21 — The Moody Blues.

July 22 — Hapa.

Iuly 26 — Chicago

July 28 — George Thorogood and

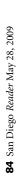
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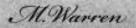
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July 29, July 30 — Journey.

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Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400. June 7 — The Ultimate Music Challenge 3.

June 13 - KSON's New Face Showcase.

as i hear it Iune 17 — Damaru.

Artist: Mutantspaceboy Song: "Lost in Time" (from the CD

Heard By: Rob Scheuch, Mission Hills



Mutantspaceboy)

I thought it was very different. It was mostly synthesizers. It started out really slow and then progressively picked up and got into a little iazz-fusion. It kind of reminded me of Pink Floyd's early days and

then it went totally somewhere else. There was a guitar jamming in the background with a bass line going. It had a nice groove to it. It seemed like they were having a good time. There were no vocals; it was an instrumental. You could tell it was all programmed — maybe on a MIDI keyboard. I could see that on a commercial or maybe on the closing credits of a sitcom. It's like background music but in a good way.

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: Josh Damigo

Song: "Pocket Change" (from the CD Raw)

Heard By: Cathy Slater, Little Italy

Cathy Slater

I really liked it. It kind of reminded me of Jack Johnson. It's chill music; very laid-back. Acoustic guitar was pretty much all I heard. I was kind of zoning out on [the lyrics], to be perfectly honest, but it was

good - I would buy his CD. He was a pretty good musician. I'm not sure if he'd have big commercial success. I liked it enough, but I don't know if the masses would. To me, it's very good music for hanging out with friends. If I was at a bar and he was performing, it would be good background music. I would give him an 8 out of 10 — two thumbs up.

Artist: The Turtle Project

Song: "Angeline" (from the CD single

"Angeline")

Heard By: Carrie Mangum, Mission Hills



Carrie Mangum

I liked it. It reminded me of Pete Yorn at first, and then the beat picked up and it reminded me more of Incubus. Some of the lyrics on the chorus were on the depressing

side. That's probably

where it reminded me of Pete Yorn. It was pretty standard rock; nothing out of the ordinary. I could see that song getting radio airplay. I'm a big fan of 94.9, and I know they pump up the local scene, so I could see them taking a shot with [the Turtle Project]. It's definitely on the mellow side, so it might be [something I'd listen to] on the weekend if I'm just hanging out at home. I'd give it a 7.5 out of 10.

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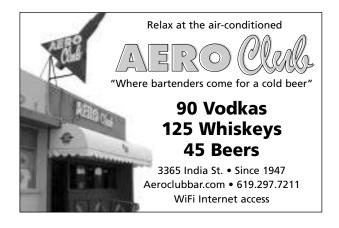
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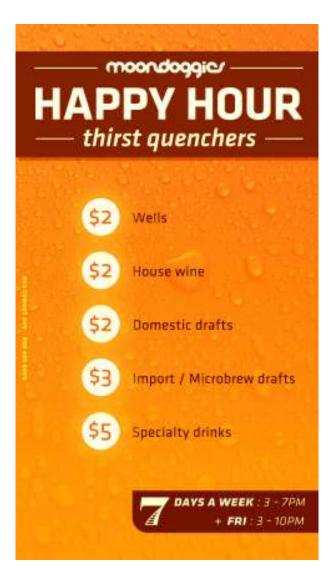
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94th Aero Squadron: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2 Bud Lite on tap. \$5 martinis. Saturday-Sunday, 1/2-price bottles of wine.

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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-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis.

Illume Bistro: Every day, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 draft, wells, \$5 wines, \$7 martinis.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm, 9 pm-close: \$1 pints, mixed drinks. \$2 off tall beers, \$3 off pitchers.

Wine Steals: Wednesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

MIRA MESA

The Filling Station: Monday, \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, premium beer \$3.50/pint. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$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 pitch-

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.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: Everything 1/2-

NORTH PARK

Apertivo: Tuesday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 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.

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Toronado: Monday, 6-10pm: \$3

Vesuvio Gourmet & Lounge: Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$5 martinis.

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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 specialty cocktails.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: Monday-Friday, 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. Saturday-Sunday, 12-7pm: \$7 pitchers.

The Australian Pub: Monday-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-Thursday, Sun-

Hennessey's Tavern: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$1 off house wine, wells, \$3 well shot/\$4 call shot, \$5 drink specials. Saturday-Sunday, till 1pm: \$3 Bloody

Johnny V: Tuesday, 4pm-Close: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. Wednesday, all day: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. Friday, 4-9pm: \$2 drinks. Saturday, all day: \$2.50 Bud Light bottled, Absolut, \$3 margarita.

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

Pacific Beach Ale House: Monday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells,

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: Tuesday, \$2.50 Mexican bottled beer, \$3 frozen maragritas. Wednesday, \$2 off all drinks, \$2 beers. Thursday, 8pmclose: \$2 wells, drafts, 1/2-price drinks. Friday, 3-10pm: \$2 drafts, wells, 1/2-price drinks. Saturday, 4-10pm: \$3 wells, wine, drafts.

The Turquoise, Cafe - 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 Beach.

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

RANCHO BERNARDO

Capri Blu: Every day, 3-7pm: 1/2price drafts, wells

Carvers: Monday-Friday, 2-6:30: \$2.75 beers, \$3.95 wells, \$4.25 house wines, \$4.75 well martinis.

RANCHO SANTA FE

Cavaillon: Tuesday-Thursday, Sunday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off beer, glass of

SAN MARCOS

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 Marvs.

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:

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 Cafe: Every day, 5-8pm: \$1 off local

Whistle Stop Bar: Every day, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

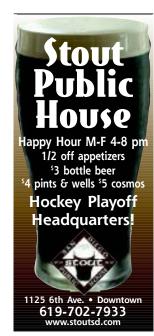
SPRING VALLEY

California Comfort: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine









Cook Like a Chef — but Fast!

As the economic climate has turned even the well employed into the "working worried," people accustomed to eating most dinners out are cooking at home — despite the long hours and killer commutes that initially drove them out to restaurants in the first place, to seek sensual solace for the day's draconian soul-drain.

But how do you cook wholesome, high-end, restaurant-quality food when you have some skills and money but little time or energy? For me, the answer is having tasty, useful ingredients at hand (including some high-quality "short-cuts"), bought locally or on the internet. With a pantry, fridge, and freezer filled with weapons of deliciousness, a passable cook can make real and good food, rapidly, and even if the ingredients cost more than marginally edible junk, you're still not paying restaurant prices, tips, and tax. If your neighborhood has a weekly farmer's market, you can start to cook like Alice Waters. ("Whole Paycheck" stores offer everything you need — except for Alice.) But there's also nothing wrong with simple dinners, like a great grilled-cheese sandwich or a five-minute cheese omelet, if you've got terrific cheeses in the fridge for the fillings. (No Velveeta allowed!)

Major chain supermarkets are minimally helpful in this quest. They've finally added some organics, but for a cook who reads, gee whiz, Gourmet or Bon Appetit, most local outlets have hardly anything the recipes call for. Hello - Von's? Ralphs? Albertson's? Have you reached Starfleet Food Year 1980 yet? No celery root, Asian eggplants, pea-shoots, favas — not even fresh shiitakes? Well, shiitakes on all your heads!

Occasionally, supermarkets do flirt with superior products — ahh, those splendid Muir Glen Organic Fire-Roasted Tomatoes, tasting like homegrown and home-roasted! — but all too soon they're apt to vanish, as the chains often replace them with store-brand shlock. Okay, I admit — I do have bigstore mainstays, including Nancy's frozen quiches, Michael Angelo's frozen eggplant parmesan, Mon-



NAOMI WISE

terey refrigerated pastas, C&W frozen petite peas, Ranch Style Beans with jalapeño peppers, S&W no-salt diced tomatoes, Ortega green chiles, Peloponnese pitted Kalamata olives, and any brand of

canned tomatillos, cannellini beans, chipotles, bottled roasted red peppers, capers, caper-berries, and marinated artichoke hearts. But onward to even better stuff.

didn't like the available organic bottled dressings. (I hear ya, sister!) Her products don't have that awful "good for you" bad-tasting flavor of virtue.

The ketchup enticed me. I use the stuff rarely,

but in quantity, for dishes like Oakland-style homemade barbecue sauce and a favorite Venezuelan version of chili. In place of highfructose corn syrup, this brand has low-glycemic agave nectar — turn-

ing a carbo-bomb healthy. Organicville's ketchup tastes like Heinz. Try it in salsa americana, Chile's minimalist version of Russian dressing: good mayo (see below), a little ketchup to taste, a scootch of Scotch or Cognac, and a few optional drops of fresh lemon or lime juice. Presto! — instant dressing for chilled cooked shellfish or artichokes. (BTW, Trader Joe's also sells an organic ketchup. Haven't read its table of contents yet.)

(Re Mayo: several mainstream brands now offer olive-oil mayos — hurray! — although they

still contain superfluous sugar. If you don't have time to build an aioli from scratch, olive-oil mayo is a more authentic aioli-starter or salsa americana ingredient than bottled mayos based on no-flavor, genetically engineered soy, canola, and/or corn

The other Organic ville products I've tried have been gentle tasting, a bit flowerchildish. Products include salad dressings, sauces (barbecue, teriyaki), and salsas. The Herbes de Provence Vinaigrette is much closer to a Frenchwoman's homemade dressing than mainstream brands are — delicate, mild, no childishly sweet undertones. Use on mild lettuces like Bibb, ripe tomatoes, and summertime salade niçoise. The Miso Ginger looks like a winner for Asian-style salads — I can already taste it on ready-shredded bagged "cole slaw mix" from the salad case. The Sun Dried Tomato Dressing obviously gravitates toward Italian greens - and

With my own crazy schedule of restaurant dates and writing deadlines, buying perishables is chancy, so I often use marinades to preserve meats (and the occasional procrastination-prone fish) until I can get around to cooking them. Surrounding protein in liquid in an air-tight zipped freezer bag (or a vacuum-sealed marinator-container) extends its life several days. I was attracted to Pomegranate Vinaigrette, since it mingles pom and rosemary, both natural allies to lamb. The dressing proved too mild in that application, but might make a pleasing marinade for chicken breast or fish (even, subtly, for grilled salmon). Or, duh, it can also dress salads, especially with sweet ingredients like fruits, beets, or firm-tender cooked carrot strips (add touches of cilantro and roasted cumin to the latter for a Moroccan spin).

Organicville's Pineapple Salsa: Instant faux-Hawaii, great on fish or simple grilled pork — it livened up a hopeless hunk of leftover farm-raised supermarket salmon. (Trader Joe's refrigerated papaya-mango salsa is a good alternative.) The

Organicville:

Normally, when food publicists deluge me with burbles and squeals about the latest junk, I just hit the spam button — but Organicville caught my attention. Their products, available at Whole Foods, Henry's, Keil's, at their website store (organicvillefoods.com), and on amazon.com, are kitchen staples certified organic, gluten-free, dairy-free, vegan, no sugar added. The person behind them is Rachel Kruse, a third-generation vegetarian from the Midwest. She invented this line of foods because she

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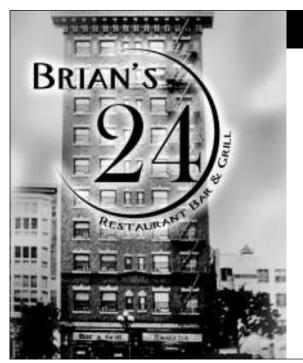
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tomato-based Mexican-style salsas are fresh-tasting but not extraordinary.

Tangy BBQ Sauce proves very different from smoky, tomatoe-y Texas-style bottled supermarket brands. It's light and bright, and to my delight, it's not all that far from a Memphisstyle pulled-pork sauce. It would be fine with chicken or game hens, too. Play with it. Mopped on leftover pork ribs reheated under the broiler, it made a great, crunchy caramelized coating, without any nasty burned flavor. The Original BBQ Sauce, described as "sweet and smoky," is certainly sweet and molassesy, but I'd add a few drops of Liquid Smoke and hot sauce. (The inventor's a midwesterner, remember? And she's probably barbecuing tofu.) I haven't tried any of the teriyakis (I don't really love the saltiness of teri), but apparently they double as Asian stir-fry sauces.

Thai Kitchen:

I confess, the owner is a buddy. Seth spends half his life in Thailand, and his love of the culture and cuisine is tasteable. Many urban Thais use ready-made curry pastes to save hours on the mortar and pestle. I've found Thai Kitchen's bottled curry pastes safer and more consistent than the various canned Thai pastes I've tried from Vien Dong market — look, Mom, no sawdust!

This line has recently added bottled "simmer sauces." Local stores that carry some Thai Kitchen products include Albertsons, Bristol Farms, Henry's, Vons, and (especially) Cost Plus, Ralphs, and Whole Foods. I'm not mad for dried insta-Thai products (Pad Thai mix, soup mixes, etc.) in this or any other brand — they sit on Ralphs' shelves whimpering "Please buy me!" until they go stale. Thai Kitchen's coconut milk is excellent (but Chao Kuo is equal but cheaper), while the "light" milk is blah. My favorite combo: Asian baby eggplants and shrimp in green curry. The website, thaikitchen.com, has loads of recipes, including this one. Trader Joe's now sells its own Thai simmer sauces, too. Haven't tried them vet. You do it, let me know how they turn out. If they're great, they'll be discontinued next week.

Trader Joe's:

The Trader Joe's motto must be Robert Frost's "Nothing gold can stay." Or maybe "The good die young." Two websites are worth a visit: a hilarious fake TV ad for TI's, sung to a bouncy Brazilian Bossa Nova melody, and — easiest route there — the Trader Joe's fan site, with product ratings, user recipes, and a direct link to the ad-with-song: traderjoesfan.com. I won't try to compete with the wide-reaching product ratings, some stretching back years, but as you'll learn, most five-star products are soon discontinued. That great sauce you adore that you found in the store — it's not there any more. Why? Who knows? Trader Joe's!

Still, the spacious new location in Liberty Station (Point Loma) sent me cavorting through the wide aisles, trilling, "Ooh, this is half the price of Vons!" TJ Gold that stays (long-time regulars): Organic Thompson raisins ("winy" flavor); lime-chile cashews

(chopped, they're killer subs for peanuts in garnishing Thai dishes; store in freezer); strained plain Greek yogurt (thick and creamy), for anything Greek or Indian. The bottled green-olive tapenade that the fans love (see fan site for recipe ideas) has expanded into a refrigerated version with goat feta. The package suggests using it on chicken or fish, but the taste calls to mind the olive salad on a N'awlins muffaletta cold-cuts sandwich. (I loved it mixed with a handful of grape tomatoes roasted in the pan with a half-rack of lamb.)

For "healthy starches," TJ fans embrace frozen microwaveable brown rice (three minutes, done!). Wild rice can be hard to find, but TJ's has it, pre-cooked, shelf-stable, and swiftly microwaveable. They're also still carrying brown basmati rice, brown Thai jasmine rice, Israeli couscous, and Peruvian quinoa—those "good for you" low-glycemic whole grains you're supposed to adopt as dietary staples (healthier, and they taste great, too!)

The high-rated plain frozen gnocchi are gone, replaced with frozen gnocchi dressed in gorgonzola sauce, or tomato sauce, plus shelf-stable packaged gnocchi from Italy. TJ's must have changed the frozen-dumpling recipe: The gorgonzola version, nuked per package directions, went, in two minutes on the table, from tender to chewy to vesterday's used bubblegum. The cold-smoked Coho salmon proved coarser-textured, saltier, and less silky than the lox I buy on the internet, but beats the supermarket's godawful Lasco. A new "aioli mustard" is still just mustard, with garlic. Nice slathered on the lamb rack, but no culinary miracle. Lots of good





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Ethnic "simmer sauces" are quick routes to half-hour decent meals. TJ's has discontinued its rave-winning Moroccan Tagine sauce, keeping three bottled curries (Masala, Korma, and "Curry"), plus those Thai curry simmer sauces. My last stop: A bottle of \$10 Reposado tequila for cooking that easy Reagan Era fave, "tequila shrimp." Regular unaged tequilas that work perfectly in margaritas are too raw-tasting for the dish — you need a slightly aged brew, even if it's a cheap one. And yes, you can drink it, too. Oh, and in the produce section, guess what? Fresh shiitakes!

Internet Foods:

You can get everything the world offers on the internet, but shipping prices are killer. Amazon offers whatever your hungry heart desires — mostly coming from individual vendors, each with individual shipping costs. Hence, since I live in a neighborhood with, read my lips, NO GOOD FOOD (not even a supermarket), I buy huge Care packages every four or five months from comprehensive foodie-sites that offer a vast variety of goodies at lower prices than, say, fancy-dancy Dean & DeLuca or Williams-Sonoma.

Igourmet.com specializes in fabulous international cheeses delivered at peak condition (even precious Chaource, sometimes!), but also carries a tremendous range of foodstuffs — although, like Trader Joe's, their items seem to come and go. (Unlike TJ's, however, they usually come back.) The merchandise includes many items you've eaten at top restaurants, e.g., artisan butters like beurre d'Isigny and truffled but-

3-ITEM COMBO

ter, plus pâtés, smoked fish, Devon clotted cream, artisan Indian "simmer sauces," ready-made hollandaise (a bit shrill, due to the inclusion of blood-orange iuice), and béarnaise, and — if you're a banker who got a bonus — fresh foie gras, Muscovy ducks, rabbits, Spanish hams, prime beef, caviars, Atlantic shellfish, etc. My most recent purchase included lotsa lox, dried salted capers, salted anchovies, olive-oil canned tuna, a refrigerated jar of musselmeats, and shelf-stable British bottled seafood mix (cockles and mussels, etc., with a touch of balsamic) to use in a pasta or as a salad. I'll add some canned cannellini beans and fresh herbs. and — zap — instant summer

Recently, igourmet introduced a membership "deal" order \$75 or more every 90 days and shipping is free or, if it includes perishable overnight-delivery items, reduced to \$7.95, regardless of package weight. You can choose the date you want delivery, and they obey! In addition, another website, an internet coupon-clearing house, dealtaker.com (or google "igourmet" and follow the links from there) offers other discount coupons for this site.

A similar operation, gourmetfoodstore.com, offers fewer cheeses but a wider product range, including a full line of Moroccan seasonings. And they don't seem to run out of stuff. My latest purchase included a huge jar of olive oil-bottled anchovies (I use these, mashed into the pan, instead of salt in sautéed Mediterranean dishes and sauces like pasta puttanesca), excellent boudin noir (blood sausage), rose syrup, chestnut-

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fed Piedras Negras Iberico lightly smoked belly-pork slices (OMG!), French-made duck rillettes, remarkably cheap Alaskan salmon caviar, crème fraîche, refrigerated blini and crepes, and — take that, Von's! — water-packed bottled fresh porcini (cepes) and chanterelles. (Next time, morels!) They delivered with preternatural speed. Shipping was, of course, exorbitant.

Finally, bacon, everybody's new best friend: Flavorful fats are invaluable allies. My favorite bacon source is the encyclopedic gratefulpalate.com, offering numerous cuts, smokes (applewood, maple, oak, corn cobs, etc.) and cures (even Cajun), including the exquisite Vande Rose brand. I usually buy a year's worth of different types and freeze them. Chefs and southern cooks know to save and freeze precious rendered fat from premiere bacons and smoked hams to add outsized flavor-boosts to beans, greens, green beans, potatoes, fried eggs, and more. (And if you roast a duck, freeze that rendered fat from the pan for a gold mine to be used in sautéed potatoes sarladais, etc.)

Uh-oh, music's coming up, out of space — but wait, just a few more: penzeys.com for great dried herbs and spices (have shocked chefs that I know their secret source); importfood.com for Thai ingredients (lately, fresh mangosteens!); tienda.com for Spanish goods such as Basque red pepper, Iberico and Serrano ham, bottled piquillo peppers, and white anchovies for instant tapas; and richters.com for an awesome assortment of fresh herbs to grow yourself. (And I want to thank my copy editor Karen, my proofreader Russ, and especially...gaah, it's the hook!) ■





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"It's very hard to get in San Diego. That's why we're so grateful these guys opened."

ED BEDFORD

p here near the 94 College exit, a blue 1966 Valiant sits parked between a Frazee's and a Weight Watchers place.

Only one man in this town has a sky-blue

'66 Valiant: my buddy Rod, the lifeguard. He's parked outside a cream stucco wall, where a "Taste of Polynesia" sign is painted in big letters above the smoky glass frontage. He's with his little white curly-haired dawg, Paco. Doing a crossword. He looks up.

"What's a four-letter word meaning 'tardy' or 'dead?' " he asks.

"'Late.' Okay, I'm late," I say. Heck, he only sent this crazy e-mail this morning: "Talofa! New Polynesian eatery...Samoan...early days...Great buzz...1:30, okay? Be there!"

So hey, it's 1:45. What's 15 minutes in the scheme of things?

" 'Talofa?' " I say.

"It's Samoan," Rod says. "Same as the Hawaiian word 'aloha.'"

We head on through the glass door. The inside's bright: orange, yellow, cream, chocolate walls, with shelves of imported groceries, clothing, and glass flowers for sale. No sign of food to eat here till, at the back of the shop, we come to a counter where a woman and a younger man are tending a bunch of steaming chafing dishes beneath a blackboard menu.

"I heard turkey tail was the most popular thing," says Rod.

"Turkey tail?" I say.

Friday &

Saturday Nights

"Yes. Tail of the turkey." He points to a dish loaded with tennis-ball-sized clumps of golden roasted meat. Must say, it looks delish. "Muli pipi," says Raymond, the young man

behind the counter. "It's really popular in Samoa. Of course, we're very careful about cleaning it. It sells by weight, \$3.99 a pound."

Great. But I wanna see what else they've

got. Raymond talks as he points and lifts lids. "Baked taro, baked taro in coconut cream, \$4.59 a pound; lamb ribs, \$4.99; lamb with cabbage, \$3.99; cabbage and corned beef, \$4.99; taro leaves and corned beef, \$3.99; chop suey, Samoan-

style — basically, long rice noodles with chicken or corned beef — \$3.99..." Two more lids. One has *suafai*, sweet banana soup with milk and tapioca; the other is a "soup" of papaya, coconut milk, and tapioca. Different sizes cost \$3, \$5, and \$7. "People have them for breakfast, like oatmeal," says Malia. She's Raymond's aunt. On weekends (Friday–Sunday), they also have fish, including *oka* (raw cubes of yellowtail with coconut milk), or *poke* with sesame oil and green onion (\$5).

I look up at the board. You can buy things by weight. Like, for the "Samoan Mix Combo," you just pile in anything from the chafing dishes and pay \$4.79 a pound. Or you can order set-price combos. The Talofa Bowl — hey, that means "Hello Bowl" — gives you one item plus rice for \$4; with the Minnie Hawaii you get two for \$7; for \$10, the Tonga Mix gives you three items, plus rice, plus a cooked green banana covered in coconut milk.

"Let's get a Tonga each," I say. "That way we can try all six."

We check dinero supplies, order the Tongas, and then, what the heck, get some bread pudding — thin brown slices soaked in sweet condensed Carnation milk with vanilla (\$3) — and some giant bread balls (three for \$1).

Plus, we order some pineapple pie (a whole large calzone-size pie is \$4 or \$1.25 per slice).

"I need two packets of *lialia*," a Samoan customer named Leleai tells Raymond. "It's this kind of long rice noodle for Samoan *sapasui* — chop suey," she explains to us. "It's very hard to get in San Diego. I'm a chop suey girl. That's why we're so grateful these guys opened. Otherwise, we have to go to Oceanside or L.A."

Raymond's mom
Rita arrives. "We get customers from Samoa and Hawaii," she says.
"Also Tonga, Micronesia, Guam, Fiji, and even palangi — non-islanders — like you."

Raymond is really stuffing our boxes full. Only one problem. No tables or chairs to sit down and eat at. "We're working on that," Rita says. "We'll have them by June."

"Let's take it to my home," says Rod. "I live just up the road."

"Here's the thing," I say to Rod 20 minutes later, when we get to his place. "It doesn't sound all that appetizing. Corned beef? Chop suey? Taro leaves? Turkey tail? Boiled green bananas?"

"Let me stop you right here, son," says Rod. "Just taste."



Raymond

So I do. And, one: the corned beef doesn't taste much like corned beef. Combined with taro, it's dee-lish. Two: the chop suey is great, a garlicky-veggie-chicken combo that goes with those soy-gingery rice noodles. "This is the best chop suey I have ever tasted," says Rod. And, three: the turkey tail doesn't suffer just because it came from the butt end of the bird. The banana's a bit boring, but it's meant to play straight man to the exotics.

We chow down and think aloud about what dishes we'd go back for. For Rod, its the *sapasui* (chop suey). Me, it's the corned beef and taro leaf or the lamb. What a beautiful surprise this was. Thanks a lot, guys. Or, if I've translated the receipt correctly: *fa afetai lava*.

The Place: *Taste of Polynesia*, 6937 *Federal Blvd.*, *near College Ave.* (College exit on westbound SR-94); 619-466-6199 **Type of Food:** *Polynesian/Samoan*

Prices: "Suafai," sweet banana "breakfast" soup with milk and tapioca, or papaya, coconut milk, and tapioca soup, \$3, \$5, and \$7 sizes; Talofa Bowl, one item plus rice, \$4; Minnie Hawaii, two items, \$7; Tonga mix (three items, rice, cooked green banana in coconut milk), \$10; items include baked taro in coconut cream, lamb ribs, lamb with cabbage, cabbage and corned beef, taro leaves and corned beef, chop suey; roasted turkey tail (\$3.99/lb.); fish on weekends include oka (raw cubes of yellowtail with coconut milk), \$5 small, \$8 large), poke with sesame oil and green onion. \$5, \$8

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BEACHES

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475-C Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858 270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in

themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here - is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Karinya Thai 825 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie The Beach, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped, panang,* and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous pad thai. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The tom yum kung (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course nam pla Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chefowner of the Belgian Lion restaurant) presides at this delightful little café/bak ery. (Look for it behind the octagonal

Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Open 9am to 4pm Monday through Saturday. Moderate. — N.W.

The Pannikin 7467 Girard Avenue, La Iolla, 858-454-5453. Also in Del Mar and in Encinitas. Oh, sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tat-toos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamedegg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. La Jolla and Del Mar three meals daily, Encinitas breakfast and lunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Saska's & Saska's Sushi 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488 7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broththin homemade terivaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the wellcooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-

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on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30pm to 10:30pm Moderate. —AM

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early din-ner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Big Boy Restaurant 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard, Tijuana, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy.

Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Vegetarian upon request. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mercado Sobre Ruedas Colonia Lucio Blanco (from Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third), Rosarito. Don't miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until midafternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (borrego) to savory Jaliscostyle goat stew (birria de chivo), to all

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manner of tacos, made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-Kones (don't worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water) The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. - N.W.

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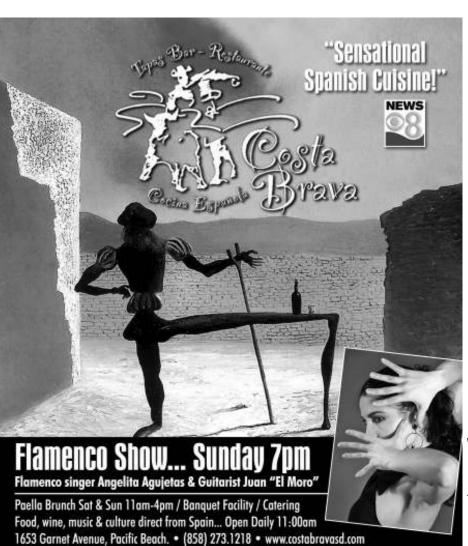
Apertivo 3926 30th Street, North Park, 619-297-7799. This wine bar-bistro offers tapasi of simple Italian classics light-ened up and scaled down to mediumsize portions — about the size you probably eat at home. All the condiments are on the table, so you can season or cheese your food to taste as you go instead of having a waiter waft them before you've lifted a fork. Good dishes include prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant

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rollatini, and for dessert, an airy lemon cheesecake mousse. Parking via alley half-block west. No reservations, but for weeknight large groups, call ahead. Weekends, arrive very early or late or expect a wait. Call-in/take-out food orders okay. Check chalkboard on sidewalk for specials. Plenty for vegetarians and veg-ans. Sound level: roaring. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. -

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant sprawling café; on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and-white awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional pot-pourri. Reliable standards include *vitello* bel monte (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes), "straw and hay" (paglio e fieno al pesto), pale yellow-and-green

pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce, or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine mediterraneo, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate.

Hillcrest, 619-269-8510, Remember Hillcrest's Hamburger Mary's? Betty's is her offspring, just a little further uptown...but with a twist. This place is a gringo's fantasy Baja, yellow-tiled countertops with palm-frond palapas, creamy vellow-washed walls, Spanish-looking chandeliers, black-wood ceilings with heavy timbers, and rows of Picasso-style paintings of Baja beach scenes. The food's a good deal, though, especially the lunch specials (the taco salad is excellent) and the "papi hour" deals. You could probably survive for months just eating Paco's \$1 fish tacos, but mostly people go to be part of the scene. Friday nights, it's not a restaurant, it's a happening. Open for lunch and dinner till late, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

- vou're that close to the next table Baja Betty's 1421 University Avenue

is one cool hangout, left as is except for a "relaxing room" that divides the two eating/drinking areas by a metal coil curtain and "rugs" made of old inner tube strips. But what really defines Basic is Connecticut, the state that — who knew? - gave us the pizza. Direct from New Haven comes the "thinnest pizza in the country," according to the owners. Try the mashed potato pizza with cheese melted on top, bacon, and red peppers, or the Little Neck clams. Open 11:30am to 2am daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. Batter Up! 342 Euclid Avenue, Lin-

coln Park, 619-262-3333. Chef-owner Mel Johnson was one of the founders of the Gaslamp's late, great Juke Joint Café. The food he serves at Batter Up! is less ambitious (so far) — but talent will tell. The food at this friendly, casual sports bar (about ten minutes from Petco via the 94) may be pub grub, but the cooking is serious. Fried fish, fried shrimp, thick sandwiches, and juicy Certified Angus burgers with creative dressings are well above the norm. Free parking in large lot patrolled by security guards. First-timers should request sauces (especially the house hot sauce) on the side until you know whether you like them. Fairly noisy inside (depending on what's on TV); quiet patio outside. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with early closing Sundays. Inexpensive. - N.W.

Bay Café 1050 North Harbor Drive,

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar 410 hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take Tenth Avenue, Downtown, 619-531your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair ac-8869. The whole bricky, postindustrial thing that rules the Gaslamp really works here. This ex-horse carriage repair shop cess). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches (all served with generic fries), variations on fish-and-chips including prawns, plus some entrée salads. The burgers are gen-uinely "have it your way" — for a few ex-tra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8am to 6:30pm Inexpensive. - N.W.

> Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue, 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stéphane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages, and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observa-tion deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. —

> Blue Point 565 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops are featured in well-focused preparations highlighting Pacific Rim and Mediterranean flavors. A fine lobster bisque includes plenty of lobster, and crab-stuffed trout and dayboat scallops are among the highlights of the menu. But at this conventioneers' favorite, be sure to specify the doneness you prefer, especially fish, which defaults to well-done. Valet parking onsite, or inexpensive self-parking one block east at Park It On Market. Large sidewalk dining patio. Business casual dress looks best here. Reservations urged. Dinner nightly. — N.W.

> Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very '60s. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The Petite Cut 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut, just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the Bully Burger, French dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. — E.B.

> Café Noir 447 Ninth Avenue, Downtown, 619-235-0075. It's a miracle this little old house is here at all. On every side, condo towers rise up. But the two storied 1886 Hiatt House is protected by the Mother of East Village, Gloria Poore. She bought it, preserved it, painted it

black, put an umbrella deck on it, and has expanded it from a straight coffee place to include a light eatery. Highlights include interesting *soup du jour* and a panini with grilled chicken, artichoke, cranberries, and parmesan and cream cheese all stuffed inside. Open 6am to 10pm daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Ciro's Pizzeria 1202 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-296-2476. This small pizza parlor with the oh-so cool logo has that "back east" feel about it. Lots of oldtime photos inside of baseball fields, New York City, and a huge 9/11 mural. The guys at Ciro's ("and it's pronounced 'Chiros,") say the recipe for their dough ("flour, sugar, salt, yeast, water") is the simplest, the most traditional. Best combo: chicken bacon pesto. Open daily till late. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse first meets its mate on the plate. Meatavoiders will find fish and poultry dishes too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wideranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950s pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. -

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was handcrafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during happy hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side - it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish-and-chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast anytime) daily. Moderate. -

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant 3709 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county. here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive downhome dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — N.W.

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than at most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The Ichiban Hamachi (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via de la Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley,















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2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — N W

Inn at the Park 3615 Fifth Avenue Banker's Hill, 619-291-0999. Gay and straight mingle nightly at the piano bar of this charming spot (although Fridays are très gai), brought together by lively performances of Broadway show tunes. Across the aisle is the dining room, where the fare could be described as Log Cabin Republican cuisine - despite a touch of mango here, chipotle there, it's mainly the nice, conservative, meat-and-potatoes comfort food that the regulars here prefer. Wilder hits include calamari fritto misto, duck breast, and coconut-lime crème brûlée. But mainly, this is one of the world's sweetest scenes, always fun for a drink and a bite. Lunchtime weekdays, the scene shifts to the rooftop Top of the Park, for scenery with the sandwiches. Reservations advised, as hotel guests have dibs on tables. — N.W.

Jyoti Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "peace blossom," or boarding his Italian "treno della pace." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresherthan-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped Neat-loaf bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, Infinite Blue (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street, Downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, his is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their sleazy bar scene in *Top Gun*. And it *is* kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oakfueled fire. Nice long happy hour (3:30pm to 6:30pm, at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 2am Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible froufrou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive chipotle cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a picante marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the house style sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Din-ner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Moderate. — N.W.

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This long-standing, comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for flavorable, seasonal California cuisine with adventurous touches of Asia and Mexico. It's way beyond what most neighborhoods would expect. Well-known local chef Hanis Cavin (a big, low-key guy) proves an alpha griller, ensuring that every bite is cooked precisely until it's done, not a second longer. Almost everything is more than tasty. Most desserts come from upscale sister-restaurant Laurel, although the house-made

choices are fine, too — no baby-food sweets here. Wine list is adventurous with lots of affordable choices; full bar. Small parking lot attached. Always a few dishes for vegetarians and a vegan entrée. Reservations recommended. Dinner nightly. "Early-bird" three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate to expensive. — N. W.

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-574-1230, To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Fuddruckers and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine ovsters. Generously-sized entrées ome with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two pa-tios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. - N.W.

Mardi Gras Café 3185 Midway Drive, Midway District, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun tasso (spiced ham), boudin blanc (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage when it's in season. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — N. W.

The Original Pancake House 3906

Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake - a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alter-natives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere - striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. Okay, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7am to 3pm Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B.

La Posta de Acapulco 3980 Third Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-andwhite drive-through-without-cars for $20\,$ years. One of the main reasons is the carne asada burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the chile verde and the quesadilla with carne asada. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or jamaica, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours in Hillcrest. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Sally's Seafood on the Water One Market Place at Manchester Grand Hyatt, Downtown, 619-358-6740. One of the city's favorite romantic restaurants. Sally's is an outbuilding behind the

Grand Hyatt at the edge of Seaport Village and boasts lovely scenery, with cityscapes or bay views seen through pic-ture windows or enjoyed from the outdoor patio in fair weather. The fare is Asian-fusion, emphasizing seafood and also offering sushi and sashimi. An appetizer sampler for two makes delicious shared grazing, as does a raw tuna and salmon Napoleon layered on fried wonton strip, while black cod with miso-or-ange broth is a sensuous entrée. Another option is reserving the "chef's table" in the kitchen for a custom-made meal. The mostly Californian wine list is rather steep, with plenty by the glass (at high markups), plus a serious sake list on the sushi menu. Full bar. Long walk from the hotel garage (with validated self-parking) but no barriers to mobility devices; dining room noisy at times. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — N.W.

North Park, 619-282-3000. The owner's a graduate of two great San Diego institutions: SDSU (social sciences) and Bronx Pizza (thin-pie pioneers). He spent a decade at Bronx, then bust out to make his own pizzas, Sicilian-style: inchthick, bready, but lighter than Chicago deep dish. You have to like that he bought second-hand pizza ovens, so the flavor would already be baked in. And that when you order even a slice, they add sauce, cheese, and put it back in the oven to double cook. The place is bare bones, but very social. Try the Thing pizza (with everything), or the Meatda pizza, with pepperoni, meatballs, and sausage. Open daily till late. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sicilian Thing Pizza 4046 30th Street.

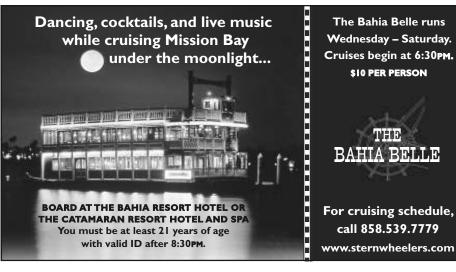
El Sol Mexican Restaurant 2037 University Avenue, North Park, 619-298-0874. Miguel "Nacho" Madera cooked at Danny's Palm Bar in Coronado for 18 years. In 1994, President Clinton came to town and the Secret Service came to Danny's with a big order for burgers. Instant fame! Now Nacho has his own place and serves the same burgers with the spice recipe even the Secret Service couldn't get out of him. He also does breakfasts and the whole range of MexOver 900 more restaurant listings at SanDiegoReader.com



ican food, including seafood (tostada de ceviche is great). But if you want the burger, ask for his Clintonburger with cheese, bacon, and french fries. Open 9am to 9pm, daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4645 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This tworoom café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdinshaped pitchers, and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. Ghourmeh sabzi is a lamb stew. Koufteh-Berenji is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Stingaree 454 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-544-0867. This huge restaurant has a nightclub on the mezzanine and an outdoor lounge on the roof. The Mediterranean food by chef Antonio Friscia comes in three plate sizes — lit-









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tle, medium, and large. It's a built-in invitation to graze and share if you want to keep it light before you go dancing. The fare features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic vegetables. The rich international wine list is steep, but there's plenty by the glass; full bar. Friday and Saturday nights, dinner is a three- or four-course prix fixe only (your choices from the à la carte menu), but that gets you free entry into the club. Reservations advisable, urged for weekends. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive, but special three-course menu is just \$40. — N.W.

Suite & Tender 1047 Fifth Avenue (in Hotel Sè), Downtown, 619-515-3003. James Beard-winning celeb chef Christopher Lee of Aureole in New York presides — but he's phoning it in from Manhattan. This is a project of a Las Vegas restaurant corporation; the cocktail menu is more creative than the cuisine And what plays in Vegas should stay in Vegas: the buxom hostesses bursting from stretchy micro-minis bring a Hooters element, besmirching class with crass. You can get anything you want from the raw bar, even a single piece of whatever — but it costs. The appetizer menu resembles a rock-radio "top hits" playlist, offering every starter you've ever eaten at other Cal-cuisine restaurants, from the Caesar to the tuna tartare. Still, the crab cakes are the all-time, crabbiest best in the region, and the maple-glazed bacon is delish. Entrées offer steaks, seafood, or trendy, tasty surf and turf combinations pairing braised meats with shellfish, plus a failed duck confit. Servers are real pros and the room is beautiful, natural, and comfortable. You'll eat well, but it won't rock your world. Dinner nightly. Expen-

Taste of Africa Cuisine 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Ital-

ian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb and goat meat. Start with a fadareshin, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypal Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip-mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot and spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Ap ple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open till midnight Monday through Thursday, 1am Friday and Saturday, Sunday until 10pm Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D.*

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the soontofu soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. In-

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food

as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost formal by San Diego standards —flip-flops and tank tops aren't allowed on men, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N. W.*

Venice Ristorante Italiano 4365 Executive Drive, University City, 858-597-1188. The neighborhood is cold and sterile, but the restaurant brings the warmth and gusto of refined Northern Italian cuisine. Delicious dishes include a wonderful antipasto assortment, lush and tender pastas and airy gnocchi, and enjoyable, non-clichéd entrées including duck breast with pistachios and veal rack with porcini mushrooms. The vast wine list is mostly Italian, red, and expensive. Validated parking, heated out-door patio available. Long happy hour in bar (2pm until closing weeknights, all evening Saturdays) offering bargainprice tapas and discounted wines. Plenty in the pasta realm for lacto-vegetarians. Regular meals upper moderate to expensive. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only on Saturdays. - N.W.

Zensei Sushi 3396 30th Street, North Park, 619-546-6171. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honeymooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers,

sakes, and wines. Lunch and dinner daily.

— N W

NORTH INLAND

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag." She's playing on words here: Trang once owned Pho Bolsa on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows pho bo is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent pho bo, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (nonfried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with nuoc mam, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate—even if it was just pho bo. Inexpensive.

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with half-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner only on Sunday. High moderate. — N.W

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like dosais stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour aapams drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like uttapams. (Try

the last with the delicious, not-too-spicy chili-onion stuffing.) Puffy poori bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" - Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — every-thing's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but ex-orbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive, but less costly and less formal on "Bistro Wednesdays" when simpler food is served. — N.W.

O-Nami 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukivaki to a host of salads, including several variations of sunomono (cucumber salad). Then there are terivakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with masago, tempura shrimp roll. guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, terivaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive.

Super Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. "The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, "with over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw

prawns, chicken, pork, beef, satays, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna — mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Vivace 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian haute cuisine which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary cliches of the *mamma mia* joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. Resort-casual — no hats, shorts or jeans, or sandals — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive.

NORTH COASTAL

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere 'pho joint," this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of prewar Saigon — and the owners daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching Westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of ground shrimp on sugar cane so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and Star of the Sea curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam's own "33" brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moder-













El Callejon Restaurant 345 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634 2793. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference: Instead of the standard boring border foods and combo plates, it offers a long menu of genuine, zesty mainland dishes, some with original spins on traditional themes. Shrimp zarandeados with a rich sauce of chiles and beef in cilantro sauce are some of the delights. There's even a parrillada (mixed grill) to serve two. The atmosphere offers more pleasures. At lunchtime, the dining room seems like a serene hacienda. Evenings the restaurant may turn into a rollicking community center, where multi-gener ational families and groups of friends fill the dining rooms and spill onto the size able patio hidden in back. Mariachi band on Fridays and Saturdays. — N.W.

The Calypso Café 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and cog au vin to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate — N.W.

Jake's Del Mar Waterfront Grill
1660 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar, 858755-2002. Offering surf and turf by the
sea, Jake's not only hugs the oceanfront,
with a patio overlooking the waves, but
has a smaller patio next to Powerhouse
Park, with its fragrant mimosa plants,
where you can walk off the calories. A
branch of the well-known Hawaiian
chain, Duke's, Jake's' fare is competently
cooked, if not inspired. The seafood may
flaunt fusion-y, sugary touches, while
steaks are Prime or high-grade Choice.
Portions are huge — the tasty Dungeness
crab cake appetizer is sizeable enough
for a substantial lunch, offering loads of
crab and little filler. Location is very pop-

ular with locals and tourists both, so

reservations urged for any meal, essen-

tial for the à la carte Sunday brunch.

Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, dinner nightly, brunch Sunday. Lunch and

brunch moderate, dinner expensive. -

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey burger. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from fine (albeit wet-aged) USDA Prime, topped with butter and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. All side dishes are à la carte, sized for two or more. The

broiled tomatoes - caramelized with a touch of sugar - are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. Starters include gooey stuffed mushrooms and an outstanding take on America's nowubiquitous seared ahi. But there's another side to this restaurant. True to its New Orleans origins, it offers a number of Louisiana dishes cooked in the rich delicate, non-spicy manner of a French plantation (or old NOLA stalwart Antoine's) including shrimp remoulade; a thin tomatoey gumbo; an atypically creamy BBQ shrimp and a terrific, authentic bread pudding drenched in whisky sauce. Non-beef-eaters can also choose from luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled portobellos, and more. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious. The downtown location harbors a stunning seaside view. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Very expensive. - N.W.

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness simplicity, and savvy seasoning - that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. - N.W.

SOUTH BAY

Costa Azul 1031 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-3525. If you're into people-watching, this is your patio. And the Mexican menu ain't half bad either. They do their specialty — fish — very well. Coconut crunchy shrimp, swordfish tacos, and lobster burritos are delicious. Garden Esmeralda salad with blackened salmon and the fried shrimp and bacon sandwich are generous. Best gut-stuffer: Coronado burrito. Really cheap gut-stuffer: the delicious white-bean chilli bowl with pork. Even cheaper: the Doc Eaton spicy ground-beef taco, named after a beloved Coranado doctor. And if it's payday, hem and haw between the flat iron steak (topped with Gorgonzola cheese), baby back ribs, or garlic Mexican shrimp. Inexpensive to expensive. —

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboatracing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced happy hour specials (3pm to 6pm Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: have a 1/2-pound hamburger with french fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the

breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steamtable combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, kung pao chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 East Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, tom kah (spicy coconut), and tom yum (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. But you've got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap. Also check out the Thai art on the walls, some for sale. Open lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue. Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spir its bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each nigiri is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the hamachi roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and ponzu. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. - *N.W.*

Lydia's Café and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the birria en su jugo (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like taquitos, cucaracha (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: botanas (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open daily, three meals. (Call ahead for availability of the birria.) Inexpensive. — E.B.

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompany ing the *sate*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave-but-tender *farang* tastebuds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time players get their meal free. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Cardroom open and non-Chinese food menu available 24 hours; Chinese food menu available 24 hours; Chinese menu noon to 4am Inexpensive.— E. B.

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Chen's Golden Palace 530 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-442-2541. A Lao-Chinese family runs this modest but cute place. It's mostly basic Chinese cuisine with expected dishes like orange chicken on rice, kung pao chicken, sweet and sour chicken, and Mongolian beef and rice. They sometimes go a little Lao or Thai with dishes like Thai spicy shrimp noodles, and all at reasonable prices. They also do a darned good plate of fish and chips. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Johnny B's 4728 Fourth Street, La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1pm to 7pm only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less bitingly hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like pollo en salsa de cacahuate (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Aztec huarache (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebblysmooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For

lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. The barbecue beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. All-you-caneat catfish Wednesdays and Fridays. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. —AM

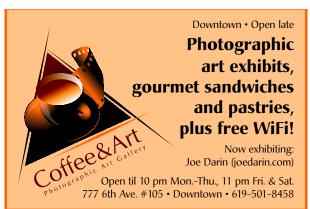
West Coast Barbecue 606 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-3663. This relocated revival of the popular former Bekker's BBO serves pitsmoked Texas-style "cue" that seems more like the Bushes of Crawford, Texas than the soulful south: Meats are leaner and less smoky. Best bets are the full-flavored ribs (beef, baby back, spare) and chicken wings. Other cuts (brisket, pulled pork, chicken) run a little dry. The red soppin' sauce is thin, very sweet, with some tang but no heat. Most sides are rather bland, regionless picnic fare except for the good pinto beans and the outstanding, authentic Texas bean-free chili, well seasoned and classically gar-nished with chopped white onion and melted yellow cheese. It deserves promotion to an entrée. Dessert is a choice of canned-fruit cobblers topped with shortening pie crust. Beer and house wine; small outdoor patio. Low-moderate, in-expensive for shared takeout. Full catering services available; not confined to BBO. — N.W.











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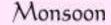
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The ostensible star starts out at such a pitch of intensity that there's nowhere to go but into stridency.

ith two blockbusters in a single week — Terminator Salvation, alias T4, and Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian — the summer sequels

would appear to have leaped over the prequels. (Siding with, to recap the blockbusters to date, *Angels and*

Demons against Star Trek and X-Men Origins.) On closer inspection, the time-travel convolutions of T4 tend to confuse the issue. True, its 2003 prologue, wherein a Death Row inmate agrees to donate his body to a "noble" cause, picks up more or less from where T3 left off, or anyway from where it came out, but the future year in which the rest of the action is set — 2018 is not so far into the future as the 2029 from which the cyborg assassin emigrated in the 1984 original. Or to say it differently, yes, the embryo in the original has here become a full-grown man, but the begetter is still eleven years younger than at the point of conception. Either way, sequel or prequel, the newest addition to the franchise (with a new director, McG, the *Charlie's Angels* man) is decidedly unoriginal, about as exciting as the grand

opening of another Starbucks.

If, as an exercise in nostalgia, you can recollect the delectable

feeling at the end of T1 (as it was not yet known) — a storm on the horizon, a bun in the oven — you would be hard put to look upon its three successors as anything but a redundancy, a prosaic elucidation of the better-left-unsaid. an undermining of the original concept, an overplaying of the dealt hand, an extraneous climax overextended into an anticlimax, nothing to do with aesthetics, only economics. That probably won't trouble the army of thrillseekers, immune to nostalgia, who can content themselves with thunderous sound effects, video-game action, musicvideo atmospherics (desaturated color, clouds of smoke, sheets of rain, show-



Terminator Salvation

ers of sparks), comic-book dialogue ("Point a gun at someone, you better be ready to pull the trigger"), and a hodgepodge of robots more "primitive" in design, but not in FX technology, than the Arnold Schwarzenegger model: a towering Transformer-bot, roadworthy motorcycle-bots, amphibious alligator-bots, airborne Stealthbots, metal skeleton-bots. (And although

we get no actual Arnold, who these days has his hands full with the California budget, we get a computer-generated facsimile, more reliable than plastic surgery as an antidote to age.)

The knotty storyline — the now thirty-something John Connor (savior or false prophet?) has to rescue his captive father from the clutches of the machines in order that he, the father, may later sire the son who is currently older than the father — hardly bears thinking about. Nor will it help sort things out that Anton Yelchin, just about the cutest guy in movies, looks nothing like Michael Biehn of *T1* and that Christian Bale looks nothing like Edward Furlong of *T2* or Nick Stahl of *T3*. Bale, the ostensible star, starts out at such a pitch of intensity that there's

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nowhere for him to go but into stridency. And he comes off poorly alongside the stoical Sam Worthington as the conflicted half-human and halfrobot whom we met in the Death Row prologue as all-human and yet inhuman. This little-known Australian actor has doubtless given his career a big boost, and we can cordially look forward to seeing him again. Preferably not in another Terminator installment.

The second Night at the Museum, directed again by Shawn Levy, likewise offers an economic as opposed to aesthetic experience. A chance to get in on the second floor of a booming franchise. A cash cow. A safe bet. More of the same. The locale shifts from N.Y. to D.C., which opens the door to some new characters and creatures (e.g., Albert Einstein bobblehead dolls, which, when brought to life in the gift shop, inconceivably contain Einstein's actual brain), along with some old ones packed up at the Natural History Museum for storage in the Smithsonian archives, while the human hero, Ben Stiller, backtracks from a lucrative career as an infomercial huckster (the glow-inthe-dark flashlight) to reclaim his true niche as a night watchman. Of the new, Amy Adams as a dashing Amelia Earhart and Hank Azaria as a lisping nefarious pharaoh — or more accurately, animated wax figures of these - earn high marks for indefatigable professionalism in hopeless circumstances. Kind of like playing for the Padres.

In Summer Hours, three French siblings scattered around the globe (Charles Berling, Juliette Binoche, Jérémie Renier, in order of prominence on screen) must dispose of the valuable family estate, including a couple of Corots and Redons, after the sudden death of their seventy-five-yearold mother (Edith Scob, still elegant even if a long way from the dainty angel of prime Franju, Eyes without a Face, Judex, Thérèse Desqueyroux, Thomas the Imposter). The filmmaker, Olivier Assayas, is a critical darling in some quarters, not so dear in mine, but not persona non grata either. Although the development may be talky and slow, it approximates the flow of life, and it noses around a substantial subject and theme, the severing of roots, the dissipation of family, the detachment from tradition. The emotional payoff, not just the final scene but at least the final three, while gentle and muted, is distinctly felt. It can still be felt the following day.

Duly noted: FilmOut San Diego, the eleventh annual LGBT film festival, runs three full days of features and shorts at the Birch North Park Theater, Friday the 29th through Sunday the 31st, with

an opening-night kickoff of Rob Williams's Make the Yuletide Gay on Thursday the 28th. For the complete schedule, make your way to www.filmoutsandiego.com.

And the Reading Gaslamp in mid-May inaugurated something it calls "Cinema 21" (not to be confused with the demolished Mann theater in Mission Valley), indicating the availability of alcoholic beverages to persons of age as a supplement to the usual snackbar menu. How very Continental! The availability for starters was to be restricted to Saturday evenings, but a single complaint to Alcoholic Beverage Control by the proverbial "anonymous party" (or maybe better, anonymous party-pooper) has put the plan on temporary hold. Civilization only advances slowly. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Adoration — Adolescent identity crisis from Canadian filmmaker Atom Egoyan, with Devon Bostick, Scott Speedman, and Arsinée Khanijan. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/29)

Angels and Demons — Although the Dan Brown novel was written before The Da Vinci Code, the screen adaptation of it (directed again by Ron Howard) takes care to situate itself afterwards with a reference or two to the returning hero's "recent involvement with, shall we say, Church mysteries" and his consequent strained relations with the Vatican: a sequel, not a prequel. Which one came first scarcely matters. It's just another day in the life of a Harvard symbologist (Tom Hanks again, with a hair trim), spearheading, by virtue of his scholarly tome on the secret society of the Illuminati, a beat-the-clock investigation into the kidnap of four cardinals in line for the vacant papacy, the one-by-one, hour-byhour murder of them in spectacular fashion in far-flung corners of Rome, and, for the pièce de résistance, the scheduled midnight demolition of Vatican City. Sportingly, the mastermind behind this diabolical plan has thought to provide cryptic clues to the Path of Illumination, leading from murder site to murder site to bomb site. Perhaps the builtin benefit of its earlier position in the bibliography of Dan Brown is that the plot can't top The Da Vinci Code in nonsensicality and grandiosity. To cancel that, it does try. And try and try. With Ayelet Zurer, Ewan McGregor, Stellan Skarsgard, Armin Mueller-Stahl. 2009.

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The Brothers Bloom — Self-admiring con artistry that sets the ideal of the "perfect con" as one where everyone involved gets what he wants. If that includes the wary viewer, the ideal is missed by miles. With Adrien Brody, Rachel Weisz, Mark Ruffalo, Rinko Kikuchi, Robbie Coltrane, and Maximilian Schell; written and directed by Rian Johnson 2009

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Devil in a Blue Dress — Traditional

hard-boiled private-eye stuff, set in the traditional time period (1948), but a little off the traditional beaten path (in the black community of South-Central L.A.). With this workmanlike adaptation of the first installment in Walter Mosley's series of Easy Rawlins detective novels, writer-director Carl Franklin graduates from low-budget independence (One False Move) to the major-studio mainstream, and with no loss of modesty. The selection of period clothes and cars is excellent without ever being excessive. The camera generally elects to shun scenery and spectacle and to cozy up to the actors (Franklin is himself a former actor), maintaining a sense both of humanity and of humility, as well as a sense of obliviousness to the Big Picture. In other words, a sense of close identification with the protagonist. The follow-the-leads, connect-thedots plotline, uncluttered by flash and crash, has no real snags or snarls, but no real pull either. And the casting of Jennifer Beals, even if immune from accusations of "cheating," tends to give away a major revelation. The filmmaker seems in some ways

too honest, too modest, for his own good. He certainly retains from the Mosley prose the distinctively and instructively black voice, and protects it from the braggadocio and self-aggrandizement of the "blaxploitation" thrillers of the not too distant past (Black Gunn, Black Eye, etc.). Easy Rawlins, a nonprofessional P.I. in this baptismal adventure, is much more Common Man than Mythic Hero. And Denzel Washington stays truer to the times in this role - truer to the character's powerlessness and vulnerability - than he staved, for example, in the role of the precocious firebrand in Glory. And even as Easy is no paragon of the action hero, his confederate - the goldtoothed, itchy-trigger-fingered Mouse (a high-profile part for the low-profile Don Cheadle) — is a paragon of nothing less than the psychopathic goon, the forefather, if you please, of the ghetto gangbanger: "Easy, if you didn't want him killed, why'd you leave him with me?" 1995.

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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

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Easy Virtue — Brit aristocrats infiltrated. through marriage, by a classless American flapper. A flat soufflé from a Noel Coward seriocomedy, previously filmed in the silent era by, of all people, Alfred Hitchcock. The jouncing Jazz Age music keeps trying to convince us it's a romp, with no success. Jessica Biel, Ben Barnes, Kristin Scott Thomas,

Colin Firth, Kimberley Nixon; directed by Stephan Elliott, 2009.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE;

Every Little Step — A natural for a documentary: auditions for a Broadway revival of A Chorus Line, a process that mirrors the original show, provides a privileged peek behind the curtain, introduces and reveals characters, generates sympathy and suspense, all without any special skill in presentation. Directed by James D. Stern and Adam Del Deo. 2009.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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: FASHION VALLEY 18: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Girlfriend Experience — The title describes the services offered by a high-end Manhattan escort played by a sleepy porn star, Sasha Grey, in her aboveground debut. Those subterranean credentials should not lead you to expect any special degree of ex-

plicitness in the sexual activity, of which there is next to none. There is, meanwhile, a parade of clients and business associates and, for purposes of some superficial firstperson narration, a recurring journalistic interviewer; and there's a good deal of talk of economic angst against a backdrop of the 2008 presidential election; and there's a bit of discord in the relationship with a nonpaying boyfriend. It's all quite banal and clinical, a potentially interesting and challenging choice that fails to reach or approach its potential. The sum, from director Steven Soderbergh in his "indie" mode, is a digital doodle an hour and a quarter in length, gleamingly photographed, vapidly improvised, pointlessly nonlinear, parsimoniously informative, 2009.

• (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (877-789-6684)

Angels and Demons (PG-13); Dance Flick (PG); Drag Me to Hell (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); Star Trek (PG-13); Terminator Salvation (PG-13); **Up** (PG); **X-Men Origins: Wolver-ine** (PG-13)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (877-789-6684) Angels and Demons (PG-13); Dance Flick (PG); Drag Me to Hell (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); Terminator Salvation (PG-13); Treeless Mountain (Not Rated); Valentino: The Last Emperor (PG-13)

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **Up** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 un. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Up** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

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8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) **Angels and Demons** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 12:10, 3:20, 4:30, 6:30, 9:40; **The** Brothers Bloom (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45)

1:30, 4:25, 7:15, 10:15; Dance Flick (PG) Fri. Sun. 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; Drag Me to Hell (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 2:50, 5 10:30: Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 11:40) 1:40, 2:20, 4:20, 5:00, 7:05, 7:45, 9:45, 10:25 Sun. (11:00, 11:40) 1:40, 2:20, 4:20, 5:00, 7:05 7:45, 9:45; Star Trek (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 1:00, 1:35, 4:05, 7:00, 7:40, 10:00, 10:40 Sun. (10:30) 1:00, 1:35, 4:05, 7:00, 7:40, 10:00; **Ter**minator Salvation (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:35 11:15) 1:25, 2:05, 4:15, 4:55, 7:10, 7:50, 9:55, 10:35 Sun. (10:35, 11:15) 1:25, 2:05, 4:15, 4:55, 7:10, 7:50, 9:55; Up (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:40, 11:20) 1:20, 2:00, 4:00, 4:40, 6:40, 7:20, 9:20, 10:05 Sun. (10:40, 11:20) 1:20, 2:00, 4:00, 4:40. 6:40, 7:20, 9:20

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Easy Virtue (PG-13); Lemon Tree (Not Rated); Rudo y Cursi (R); Summer Hours (Not Rated)

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

3 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons; Dance Flick; Drag Me to Hell; Earth; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian; Terminator Salvation; Up; X-Men Origins: Wolverine

Mission Valley 7 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Up 3D (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; Night at the Museum: Battle of the **Smithsonian** (PG) (10:15 12:00 12:45 2:30 3:15) 5:00 5:45 7:30 8:15 10:00 10:45; Terminator Salvation (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:30; Angels and Demons (PG-13) (10:15 10:45 1:15 1:45) 4:15 4:45 7:15 7:45 10:15 10:45: Star Trek (PG-13) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; 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; Dance Flick; Drag Me to Hell; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian Star Trek: Terminator Salvation: Up: X-Men Origins: Wolverine

STATE UNIVERSITY

1061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) O' Horten (PG-13)

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Adoration (R); The Brothers Bloom (PG-13);

La Costa

6941 El Camino Real • Carlsba

Flower Hill

2630 Via de la Valle • Del Mar

(PG-13); The Girlfriend Experience (R); The Song of Sparrows (Not Rated)

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, Balhoa 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; Ring of Fire (Not Rated) Fri. 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, 6:00

San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) Call theater for program information

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information.

I A MFSA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (877-789-6684) Angels and Demons (PG-13); Dance Flick (PG); Drag Me to Hell (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); Star Trek (PG-13); Terminator Salvation (PG-13); **Up** (PG)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG): Star Trek (PG-13): Terminator Salvation (PG-13); X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



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Otav Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)
Angels and Demons; Dance Flick; Drag Me to Hell; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian; Star Trek; Terminator Salvation; Up; X-Men Origins: Wolverine

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons; Dance Flick; Drag Me to Hell; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past; Monsters vs. Aliens; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian; Obsessed; Rudo v Cursi: Star Trek: Terminator Salvation Up; X-Men Origins: Wolverine

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons (PG-13); Dance Flick (PG); Drag Me to Hell (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG): Obsessed (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); Terminator Salvation (PG-13): Up (PG): X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13)

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (877-789-6684) Angels and Demons (PG-13); Dance Flick (PG); Drag Me to Hell (PG-13); Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); Star Trek (PG-13); Terminator Salvation (PG-13); Up (PG); X-Men Origins: Wolverine

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information.

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Up 3D (PG) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; Night at the Museum: Battle of the **Smithsonian** (PG) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Dance Flick** (PG-13) (10:15 12:15 2:45) 5:00 7:15 9:30; No 10:15 Sat. & Sun.; Terminator Salvation (PG-13) (10:45 1:45) 4:45 7:45 10:45; Angels and Demons (PG-13) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; Star Trek (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:30; Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery (G) 10:30 am No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Tues.

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POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Up 3D (PG) (10:00 11:30 12:30 2:00 3:00) 4:30 5:30 7:00 8:00 9:30 10:30; **Drag Me to Hell** (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smith

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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)

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NORTH COASTAL

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Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) **Angels and Demons** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:10, 4:05) 7:00, 9:55; **Night at the** Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri.-Sun. (9:50, 12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:15, 9:35; Terminator Salvation (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

(10:05, 12:30, 3:00) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; **Up** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 9:45

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



Up 3D (PG) (10:00 11:30 12:30 2:00 3:00) 4:30 5:30 7:00 8:00 9:30 10:30; Drag Me to Hell

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Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



The Brothers Bloom (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:30; The Limits of Control (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:45; Angels and Demons (PG-13) (10:00 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; The Soloist (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45

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 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)



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OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

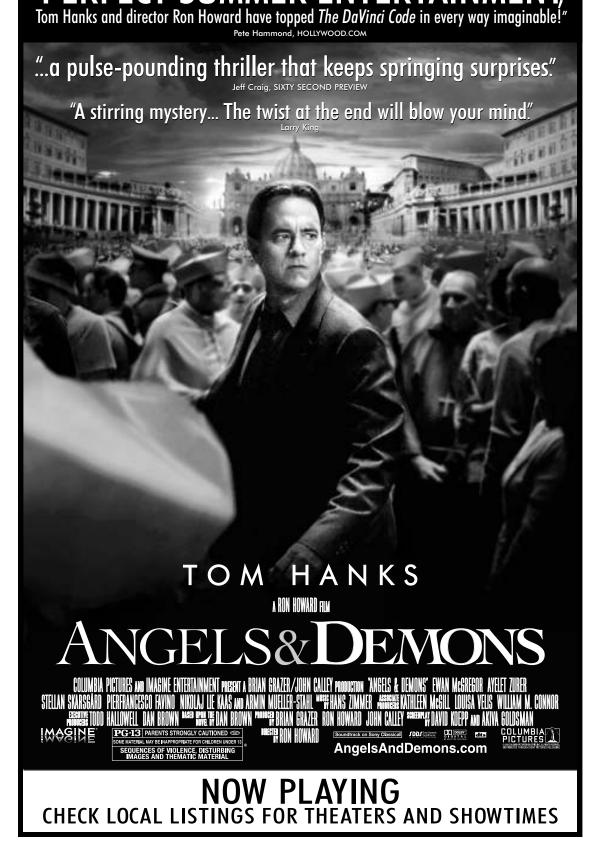
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Oceanside 16

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Calendar

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

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 5/28)

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.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Limits of Control — In form a thriller, this feels more like an endurance test: so far-fetched, so encoded, so selfindulgent, it's not apt to stir much curiosity or hope of satisfaction. Yet even though the course of action - from Madrid to Seville to the Spanish hinterland, in the company of a stone-faced, tight-mouthed hit man might not be riveting or involving, it's still followable and watchable, largely because director Jim Jarmusch (working with Wong Kar-wai's cameraman, Christopher Doyle)

demonstrates an eye for line and plane, and intermittently because of the phantom nude with a gun and a pair of Buddy Holly glasses ("Do you like my ass?"), made-toorder for the cover of a paperback potboiler. Aiming not for forward propulsion but for circumstantial fill-in, the film could teach a lesson or two to conventional thrillers, lessons in noticing the surroundings, soaking them up, settling into them. ("Sometimes," observes a white-wigged, cowboy-hatted Tilda Swinton, "I like in films when people just sit there, not saving anything." Words to the wise.) Then again it could, conversely, take a lesson or two from conventional thrillers. Isaach De Bankolé, Paz de la Huerta, Youki Kudoh, John Hurt, Gael García Bernal, Hiam Abbass, Bill Mur-

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 5/29; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 5/28)

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

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 5/28)

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,



land, 2009. (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian — Reviewed this issue. With Ben Stiller, Amy Adams, Hank Azaria, Owen Wilson, and Robin Williams; directed by Shawn Levy.

Hugh Laurie, Will Arnett, Kiefer Suther-

• (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: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SOLIARE 14)

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.

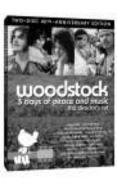
(PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14)

O'Horten — Retiring train engineer Odd Horten, odd indeed, goes ever so slightly off the rails in a storyline that leads steadily in new directions, to new people, never doubling back until the sentimental end. Norwegian filmmaker Bent Hamer duplicates the mundane drollery of his Kitchen Stories if not quite the number of titters. Bard Owe, Espen Skjonberg, Githa Norby, Bjorn Floberg, 2007.

★ (KEN, 5/29 THROUGH 6/4)

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

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and Diego Luna. 2008.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18)

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.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 5/28)

The Soloist — A 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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA PALOMA)

The Song of Sparrows — Filmmaker Majid Majidi, a card-carrying animist, proves again his attentiveness to, aliveness to, the surrounding world. The opening shots of domestic ostriches from the neck up, the pursuit of an escaped ostrich by ten men on foot, a solitary pursuer patrolling the hills in a homemade costume as an ostrich decoy — all of that, besides being fresh material on screen, presents evidence aplenty. The scene soon shifts to the big city, Tehran, where the Little Man protago nist, shopping for a new hearing aid for his daughter, falls into a new line of work as a motorbike cabbie, with a new set of sights to take in. (E.g., the assorted salvage strapped onto the back of his bike to be carted home at the end of a day: an antenna, a window frame, a mini-fridge.) The film, an oppressive depiction of hand-tomouth existence, gets within arm's reach of the sentimentality of De Sica-style humanism, but the unlovableness of the driven, desperate, humorless, high-handed patriarchal hero repels a full embrace. Reza Naji, Maryam Akbari, Hamed Aghazi, Shabnam Akhlaghi. 2008.

 $\bigstar\,\dot{\star}\,\dot{\star}$ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/29; KEN, THROUGH 5/28)

Star Trek — Enjoyable prequel, thirty years 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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Starting Out in the Evening — Literary indie, not just in source material (a well-regarded novel by Brian Morton) or in talky, articulate, literate treatment, but also in subject matter: a stiff-necked New York Jewish intellectual (he wears a tie when home alone), a drinker at the well of Lionel Trilling, Alfred Kazin, Irving Kristol, et al., struggling to complete his fifth and final novel before his demise, parrying the timeconsuming advances of an adoring, auburn-haired grad student who has selected him as the obscure topic of her mas ter's thesis, and who has set herself the difficult goal of getting him back in print. (Subplot: his unmarried daughter and her ticking biological clock.) Small, slow, serious film, not without humor, in spite of the straightness and narrowness (or because of the straightness and narrowness) of Frank Langella's committed performance, his total avoidance of anything like comic loopiness and broadness. Lauren Ambrose and Lili Taylor give him plenty of credible trouble as the chief women in his life, new admirer and aging daughter respectively. With Adrian Lester; directed by Andrew Wagner.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 5/31, 2 P.M.)

Summer Hours — Reviewed this issue. With Charles Berling, Juliette Binoche, Jérémie Renier, and Edith Scob; written and directed by Olivier Assayas.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Terminator Salvation — Reviewed this issue. With Christian Bale, Sam Worthington, Anton Yelchin, Moon Bloodgood, and

Bryce Dallas Howard; directed by McG.

● (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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOLIABE 14)

Treeless Mountain — Two little Seoul sisters are abandoned by their mother, shunted off first to their aunt, then to their grandparents. The fixation on the girls' faces piles on the pathos, transforming the "touching" into the arm-twisting. With Hee-yeon Kim, Song-hee Kim, Mi-hyang Kim; directed by So Yong Kim. 2008.

★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 5/29)

Up — Computer-animated fantasy in 3-D, with the voices of Ed Asner, Christopher Plummer, and Jordan Nagai, co-directed by Pete Docter and Bob Peterson. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SOUARE 14; FROM 5/29)

Valentino: The Last Emperor — Matt Tyrnauer's documentary portrait of the Italian fashion designer. (GASLAMP 15. FROM 5/29)

X-Men Origins: Wolverine — The prequel 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)



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"If he bit himself," says Cornelia's alcoholic mother, George Wallace would "need shots for rabies."

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n May 15, 1972, Democratic presidential candidate George Wallace had toned down his vein-bulging, racist views and began to rise in the opinion polls. He gave a speech

at a shopping center in Laurel, Maryland. Arthur Bremer, whose diary inspired the movie Taxi Driver, fired four bullets at the Alabama Governor. Wallace's wife, Cornelia, dove between the assas-

sin and her husband, shielding his blood-soaked body with her life.

No matter what you thought of them at the time, it was hard to forget that.

Surprisingly, Mark V. Olsen's play, Cornelia, world premiering at the Old Globe, doesn't exploit this epic moment to the fullest. No Shakespearean wife (or ancient Roman or Greek) ever displays such selfless devotion. It would also help to counter the general impression the play creates: that Cornelia Wallace — née Ellis — was just a shallow, self-serving opportunist.

She grew up in a log cabin in Elba, Alabama. By the time she met Wallace, who was 19 years older, Cornelia had been married and divorced, with two sons. She placed second in a Miss Alabama contest, toured with country singer Roy Acuff, and was the star water-skier at Cypress Gardens. Her uncle, James "Kissin' Jim" Folsom, had been governor of Alabama. The play says she could marry any man she wanted. But she eyed the white-columned mansion on a Montgomery, Alabama, hillside the way her favorite fictional heroine, Scarlett O'Hara, longed for Tara.

One of the play's strengths is also a weakness. The Wallace's are master reinventers. They change identities faster than changing clothes, donning whatever's politically expedient at the time. In this sense, neither leads; public opinion dictates their every move (Wallace continued this flipflop for the rest of his life: becoming born-again, espousing more moderate causes, even forgiving Bremer). The playwright has a scene where Cornelia advises her husband to abandon his black

> suits and wear milder, more audience-calming hues. When he does, Old Globe costumer Tracy Christiansen puts him in greens that blare like bullhorns.

Cornelia ups the ante when she moves beyond obsession with image and tries to control reality. Like a Pharoah, what she says is what must be: as when she vows fidelity to her husband and lies through her teeth; and when she's on the floor, her black eye a totem of his abuse. When someone walks in, she says things aren't what they seem — mythical thinking of a high order indeed.

The playwright builds Cornelia by her attributes, from selfless wife singing "Stand by Your Man" to wiretapping paranoid. But even though she narrates her story with Margaret Mitchell-tinged prose, in the end she's little more than those sketchy surfaces, linked loosely by an over-riding opportunism — and you want to ask, okay, but who was she?

Melinda Page Hamilton's portrayal adds to this perplexity. She plays Cornelia as unconnected sides — a hurt side, a scheming side and subtext-free (Hamilton needs to project more; when a lead doesn't, any noise in the house detracts, as they did on opening night). At various times she's Scarlett O., or Jackie O., or — another revealing costume choice — Annie O. But her character makes sense, or gains depth, only in relation to her husband and their symbiotic dance of vipers.

From certain angles, Robert Foxworth looks eerily like Wallace: shoulders slightly hunched forward; a wave of brown hair cresting above his



Robert Foxworth, Melinda Page Hamilton in Cornelia

Cornelia by Mark Victor Olsen

The Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park Directed by Ethan McSweeny; cast: Melinda Page Hamilton, Robert Foxworth, Beth Grant, T. Ryder Smith, Hollis McCarthy; scenic design, John Lee Beatty; costumes, Tracy Christensen; lighting, Christopher

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forehead; the rat-a-tat, but crystal clear, speech patterns. Foxworth never overplays the Governor (director Ethan McSweeny wisely pitches the play between Homer and Harold Robbins). Some of Wallace's most chilling statements come off-the-

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cuff. If he has a problem, the governor will "have it killed or put in jail." He doesn't say that for

"If he bit himself," says Cornelia's alcoholic mother Ruby, George Wallace would "need shots

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for rabies." Big Ruby Folsum was larger than life. As written — and accentuated by Beth Grant's hilarious, loose cannon approach — Ruby's too large for Cornelia. The playwright gives her so many zingers that, by Act two, the comic relief upstages the drama — a modern instance of the Mercutio problem.

John Lee Beatty designed one of my all-time favorite sets for Redwood Curtain at the Globe — a giant sequoia tree trunk, which filled the stage, opened into a cabin for Act two. For Cornelia, parts and pieces of his designs roll on and intersect almost as fast as the Wallace's switch identities.

I must confess to a fascination with Cornelia. You could call its genre mock-epic, or even epic-smarmy. You'd never expect Foxworth to utter "let Rome in Tiber melt" or Hamilton to dip her fingers in the asp basket, but on occasion, the parallels peek through. ■

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 (Kolya) 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 unforgettable voice. Critic's Pick.

CYGNET THEATRE - OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY 31.

Chapter Two

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The Old Globe Theatre presents Mark ("Big Love") Olsen's drama about Cornelia Folsom, wife of Alabama Governor George Wallace, who harbored her own political ambitions. Ethan McSweeney directed.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS 7PM TUESDAYS 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 12.

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The Hit

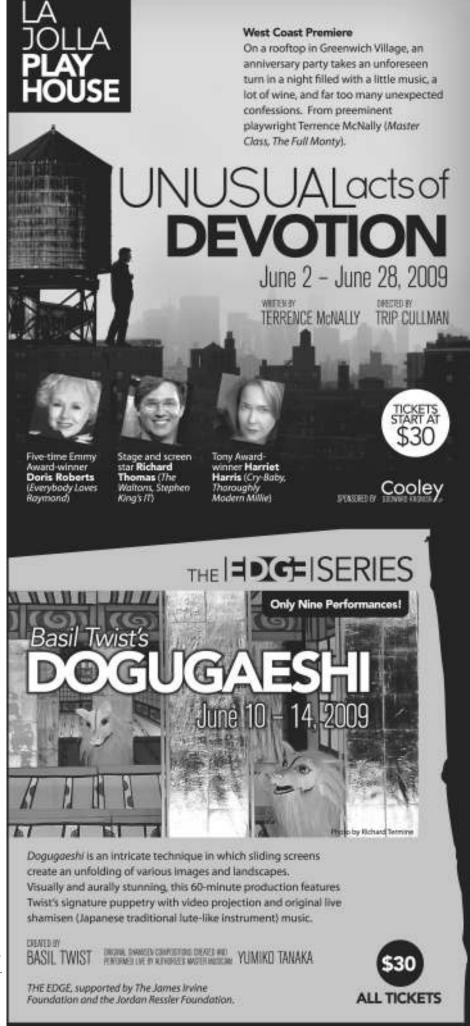
Mike Buckley's lite, entertaining romantic comedy has one of theater's more conflicted villains. Samm, short for Samantha, means ill but is new at her work as a "hit man" and tends to become personally involved. The real villain is the hospital that convinced Susan, owner of an antique shop in San Francisco, 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











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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 rein 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. 4PM FRIDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, AND 8PM SAT-URDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY

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 AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA, 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH IUNF 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, 7:30PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRI-DAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY 31.

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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. TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH

National Comedy Theatre

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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. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 9:45PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SAT-URDAYS, 9:45PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-

Old Wicked Songs

Stephen Hoffman's a burnt-out piano prodigy at age 25. He's come to Vienna (in 1986) to study under the great Schiller. But first, like a

Zen neophyte, he must learn humility from Josef Mashkan, who vows to "knock the wind out" of the "arrogant kid," and whose teaching credentials are shaky. Jon Marans's loose, sporadic drama is a marvelous vehicle for Tom Zohar and Robert Grossman at the North Coast Rep. Except for a haunting tour of Dachau, you can pretty much tell where the play's headed. But as Stephen and Josef explore the joys and sorrows of Schumann's Dichterliebe, they display multiple talents. Zohar (who performs a tour de force medley of snippets from Bach to Beethoven on the piano) moves Stephen from a rigid, by-the-numbers imitator to a passionate being, in art and life. Josef wears a mask as well and Grossman strips it away with a humorous, touching portrayal. Director David Ellenstein keeps the focus always apt, and Jeff Mockus's sound design enriches every scene. Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY

Suds: The Rocking '60s Musical Soap Opera

Has it been 20 years? To fill in a vacated slot at the Rep, Melinda Gilb, Steve Gunderson, and Bryan Scott cobbled together a musical revue of early Sixties songs. They set it in a laundromat and called it a "soap opera." What began as a proxy production became the first "jukebox musical." Cindy's having a birthday, but things go so wrong it takes three guardian angels and parts of 50 songs to set them right. The plot's still a mite episodic, but no matter, Studs charms and time travels those - ahm - of a certain age back to the music, and the havoc, of their youth. Gilb and Gunderson excel in the fun Welk Resort Theatre production and haven't aged a speck: she as the cynical angel Marge, he as a handful of characters from suave to down home. Gifted Amy Biedel shines as perky, hope-exuding Dee Dee (delivering the goods with Darlene Love's "Today I Met The Boy I'm Going To Marry" and Dionne Warwick's immortal "Don't Make Me Over"). Young Chandra Lee Schwartz more than holds her own amid these powerhouse performers. Her rendition of "I Don't Wanna Be A Loser" is especially touching. Javier Velasco directed and choreographed, and it's hard to separate the one from the other, since almost every move flows like a dance. Worth a trv.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATUR-DAYS, 1:45PM SUNDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM TUESDAYS, 1:45PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 21.

That Night School

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54TH STREET, COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391 8PM FRIDAYS 8PM SATURDAYS 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 14.

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 Beniamin 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 (espe cially the chorus) zip so fast that key information's lost.

Worth a try.

THEATRE, INC., 899 C STREET, DOWN-TOWN 619-216-3016 8PM THURS-DAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS. 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 31.

The Price The title of Arthur Miller's drama (1968) points in various directions, none of them fixed. During the Depression, Victor abandoned his dream of becoming a doctor and cared for his ailing father; brother Walter went to med school. Now, 16 years after the father died, the appraisal of his old furniture dredges up the price the brothers paid for their choices. The play moves in authorial nudges for almost three hours and the Old Globe's sketchy opening night led to chins on hands and seat-squirming. It eventually caught the fish, but that bait was a long time in the water. It didn't help that Dominic Chianese — unforgettable as Uncle Junior in The Sopranos — was barely off-book. James Sutorius gave a fine, honest turn as Walter, erstwhile evil brother redeemed by a vision of anti-materialism - and not fully recovered from a nervous breakdown OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 14.

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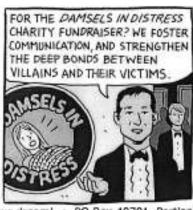
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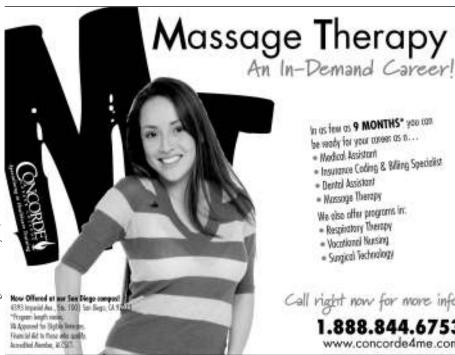
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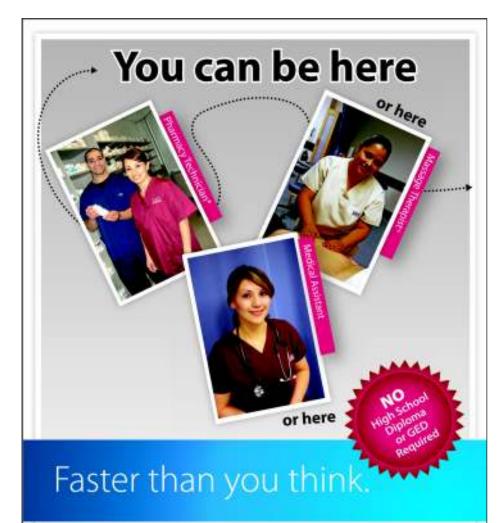
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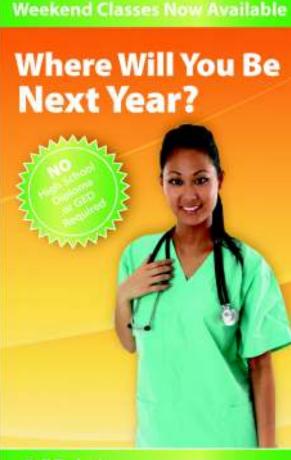
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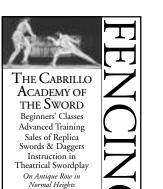
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- 3) One entry per person per week or
- you will be disqualified.
 4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- 1. Safari heavyweight
- 6. With 62-Across, category in which 34-Across triumphed in 1941 and 1945
- Friday's
- 13. "All for one, one for all
- Dumas 14. "This
- life!" 16. Forever and a day
- 17. Some designer dresses

- 18. Not quite an "A"
- 19. Dorm overseers, briefly
- 20. With 49-Across, an interesting piece of trivia about 34-Across
- 23. Back of the neck
- 24. Two-time loser to DDE
- 25. December ditty
- 26. Way back when
- 27. Remote targets?
- 28. Where one might hang Christmas lights
- 31. "Yippee!"
- 33. Composer Tchaikovsky
- 34. This puzzle's subject
- 37. Visibly upset
- 38. Like a neglected lawn
- 41. Coach Joe of Penn State
- 44. Fitting
- 45. Actress Dawn Chona
- 46. City NNW of Oklahoma City
- 47. 1/20 of a ton: Abbr.
- 48. Nautical leader?
- 49. See 20-Across
- 54. Youngster
- 55. ColecoVision rival
- 56. Mitigates
- 58. Ctrl+ +Del
- 59. Chattered incessantly
- 60. United
- 61. General on Chinese menus
- 62. See 6-Across
- 63. Organization no U.S. president has ever belonged to

Down

- 1. Concealed
- 2. "Are we on?"
- 3. Make light of

- 4. Blender setting
- 5. Thereabout
- 6. Reading material in hotel rooms
- 7. Annual sports awards since 1993
- 8. Site of July 1944 fighting
- 9. Consequently
- 10. Real handful for a babysitter
- 11. Uncle Sam facial feature
- 12. It's often underfoot
- 15. Key above ~
- 21. Sailor, perhaps
- 22. "The Verificationist" author Donald
- 23. "Not for me"
- 27. Circus employee
- 28. Distressed exclamations
- 29. Hardly in the mood for
- 30. Pitch
- 32. For mature audiences
- 33. Be nosv
- 35. Suffix with ranch
- 36. "Just because"
- 39. Beatty and Spahn
- 40. Opposite of paleo-
- 41. Get a glimpse of
- 42. Blacksmiths' blocks
- 43. Connected with
- 44. Storefront cover 47. "Gigi" star Leslie
- 48. Make ____ for (justify)
- 50. It can cause a draft
- 51. "Take ____ a sign"
- 52. iPod variety
- 53. Line of clothing
- 57. Swell place?

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indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, **20.** Can this be real, or just some crazy dream?

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 20. Hi

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 20. 9 was the robber who took an old

Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, **20.** O+T = See Sudoku. **Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 20.** One lifetime to spend with my babe

E.T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 20. Are you the Marv and Charlotte from the LSM days?

Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 20. Congrats on tooth #3, Nicholas! #4 isn't far behind.

Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 20.

Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 20. My friends aren't astounded and I'm not famous yet.

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 20. Adam Lambert is too over the top for middle America.

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 20. JO. vou know I pedal ever where. It's in fashion. Justin Finke, Sorrento Valley,

Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 20. Daniel's painting for highest

quality budget - friendly prices. Ron Meyer, Santee, 20. Happy

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 20. Gentlemen, start your engines! sdmrm.org

Birthday Dad.

Jim Odell, Vista, 20. Love the long days and the Reader puzzles.

Julie Osburn, North Park, 20. Gil Patricio, San Diego, 20. Once John Pertle, Santee, 20. John 14:6;

Acts 4:12; John 20:31; Acts 16:31. Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 20. "The future ain't what it used to be.

Eric Sandouist, Allied Gardens,

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 20. Abolish the state legislature. Save billions. Eddie O Spaghettio, Coronado, 20. "Puritanism: that haunting fear that

someone somewhere is having fun. Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 20. Truth is beautiful and easily ruined by stretching it.

Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 20. Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 20. "Words fail me," said the cruciver-

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Ric Witt, Clairemont, 20. Hey Sacramento, what part of NO do you not understand?

Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 19. Happy Birthday Anthony San Nicolas! Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 19. Happy Birthday Chevon!

Martha Awdziewicz, Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 19. Baby, I feel lost and confused without

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 19. Brenda, Cassandra, Jasmin, Joel and Nadine; Michelle and Joanne,

Vince Cuseo, Vista, 19. Roger, roger. What's our vector, Victor? Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 19. Ella, the rational, potty-mouthed jazz singer was skatalogical.

Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 19. /

Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 19. George Jackson, Oceanside, 19. Jim Koziol, UTC, 19. Great sea-

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 19. Should the government tell us what to

Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 19. Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 19. You Robert Ott. Mira Mesa, 19, Mv kingdom for a "F

Robert Phillips, Downtown, 19. The entire block of the Downtown Library smells like urine

Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 19. Matt Read, La Mesa, 19. Lagalize

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 19. Maturity is knowing when and were to be immature.

Tom Somich, Clairemont, 19. The unofficial start of summer, yeah! Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 18.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

indicates T-shirt winner

Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 18. Old Glory.

Jon Connor, Oceanside, 18. "The

truth is, I'm the tyranny of evil men." Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 18. Page one - here I come!

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 18. Porcupines must be handled gloved, always respected but never

Marie Grace, College Area, 18. Happy Birthday Aleksa!

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 18. We are so lucky to have Big Glen! Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 18. Nothing is ever worth fighting over.

Sara Khwaja, Poway, 18. Happy Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 18.

It's a bolo. Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 18.

Thanks for a great puzzle!

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 18. Aloha.

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 18. Congratulations graduates Grant, Jake, and Michaela.

Dave Small, San Carlos, 18. Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 18.

Now, how will the politicians get even with us?

Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar. 18. Read to your child! Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 18. Ken A., Ocean Beach, 17. What liberals and conservatives have in

common: whining. Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 17. Darn it Letty. I'm not a mind reader! Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 17. A good loser is still a loser!

Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 17. Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 17. It's great to be the king!

Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 17. Go

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 17. Pooh, let's win the lotto, OK my love? Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 17. Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 17. Kiera, Bodo! O. do I brake!

Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 17. Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 17. OK, take a couple of weeks off up

Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 17. We're gonna miss you Phil — go stand by Amy's side.

Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Valley, 17. Martin Soblick, Del Mar. 17. Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 17. School is out!

Lisa Torrescano, Spring Vallev. 17. Countdown to October is on! Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 17. Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 16. Jim Corbett, San Diego, 16. Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 16. Mold Cold Hammer

Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 16. /

Edward C Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 16. Aya has arrived Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 16. Mom and Dad, hope your birthdays are filled with love.

Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch,

Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 16. Please pair Cheney and Pelosi on Dancing with the Stars.

Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 16. Help! Babyface is trying to eat Twissel and Pingree.

Westie, San Diego, 16. Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 15. Some help we can do without. Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 15. Maria Coda, Oceanside, 15. Hi

Don Erickson, Carlsbad, 15. Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 15. Because he can!

Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 15. B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 15.

Willie McGee, San Diego, 15. Alex Moran, San Diego, 15. "The doors of wisdom are no

Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 15. Yo mama is so scary, they changed

shut." - BF

Halloween to Yomamaween. Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 15. A trillion here, a trillion there.

Dave Washington, La Jolla, 15. God is good.

Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 14. God is good.

Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 14. Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 14. Big career change for second half of

Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 14. Get well soon Rich K. Aleksa Mendive, Normal Heights, 14. Matthew Rosello, San Diego, **14.** It is gone.

Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 14. Cinema Under the Stars, topspresents.com

Bruce Bell, South Park, 13. Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 13. Happy 30-something, Alfred!

Love. Ate Jov. I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 13. "Oh

what a sweet soft pillow ignorance and incuriousness provide... Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 13. Thanks for staying with us, Jake

Peavv. Terry Golden, Clairemont, 13.

Lucky number 13 Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 13. Bev Longdon, El Cajon, 13.

Happy Rirthday Lukas!

Carol Rabner, Escondido, 13. Robin Suter, La Mesa, 13. Donna Swing, La Mesa, 13. Alison: See you in Seattle. Love, Mom.

Nathaniel Uy, East Village, 13. Thank you Tubs! Philip Blase, San Diego, 12. From

Thailand, I go to Laos.

S. Depka, Vista, 12. I survived Rebecca's Boot Camp. Now the Mud Run Yikes!

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indicates T-shirt winner

Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 12. Happy Birthday Mom! I love you! Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 12. Brewers know best, drinkers do the rest. CBC.

Laura Patterson, Azalea Park, 12. Happy Graduation Kayla! I'm so proud of you! Love you.

Mike Deliman, Santee, 11. Karen Marie: Master of the Mango Tango.

Dara Hetzel, Escondido, 11. Cornelia Lewis, Alpine, 11. Life in halance

Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 11. Padres on a roll! Keep Peavy! Rubber Chicken Research Team, Mission Hills, 11. Why is our cold room hot?

Karen Steepy, Bonita, 11. Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 10. Steve Gunsolley, Normal Heights, 10.

Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 10. I'd like a black tee, please! Jim Hitchcock, Chula Vista, 10. One frog to another, "Time's fun when vou're having flies."

Martha Klages, Encanto, 10. Spanky's Toilets , Carlsbad, 9. Spank this! www.spankvsps.com Glen and Tesi Chavira-

Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 9. Conaratulations Pat and Taylor! Joseph Gold, San Diego, 9. Achtung! You will lick my boots and

W. Hodgson, Escondido, 9. Arnold to taxpayers: Stick 'em up! Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 9. Steve Kassiotis, San Diego, 9. Check out www.sdbikecommuter.com Danielle Mentzer, North Park,

9. Welcome to the family, Betty La-

Stacey Street, North Park, 9. / told you bold bold king was correct! Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 8. Hi Daddy! Couldn't do it without you. Smooches!

Henry Romero, San Diego, 8. Sarasota was great! Susan Williams, North Park, 8. Hello El Caion Library!

Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 6. Chargers, Padres, ha! At least Jimmy Johnson's won 3 champi-

Tammy Lin, San Diego, 6. /m Iving and I haven't even started talking. Just so.

F.A. Nalu. El Caion. 6. God bless our service men and women. We

Avril Varga, Poway, 6. Cooling it with the kids in Palm Desert! Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad. 6. Alex!

Jane Depka, Mission Hills, 5. No dead bodies or flu. Mexico was areat!

Jason Kron, Lakeside, 5. Can't do Sudoku; virtually impossible for victim of New Math

J. Roncelli, Encinitas, 5. Baby, you astound and amaze me! Debbie Rosier, Coronado, 5.

Thanks Pat and Tyler! Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 4. You are so lame — I can't stand it! Greg Del Campo, Temecula, 4. Thank your dentist once in a while. Montana Eury, San Diego, 4.

Conscience is given by the society. Consciousness is yours Sy Mallis, La Jolla, 4. What? You're still smoking?

Fallyn Smith, Ocean Beach, 4. There's too many hippies in OB. Moving to San Francisco.

Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 3. Still trying.

Marguerite Hewitt-Tate, Ocean Beach, 3. You rock, Mor-

Ramiro Murillo, Chula Vista,

Butch Rosser, Chula Vista, 3. See me spin at Stout Friday and Saturday nights!

Travis Buck, Ocean Beach, 2. /s anyone else hoping for a "Magic Nuagets" NBA final?

K.P. Charpentier, Rancho Peñasquitos, 2. Go Red Sox! A.J. Graf, Chula Vista, 2. / abandoned my wife and kids for a barstool

Gerry Halpern, Point Loma, 2. Sasha, Anya, see! Grammy's famous! Larry Johnsgard, Escondido, 2. Jea er frisk som en hest!

Emily Miller, La Mesa, 2. Love, don't H8! Support equal rights and marriage.

Johnny Spaz, Ocean Beach, 2. Sure the weather's perfect Jake, but the Padres blow!

Diane Wong, Poway, 2. Thanks George for showing me how so many years ago.

Paul Wright, Lemon Grove, 2. Rock on!

Warren, La Jolla, 1. Gavin Azul, San Ysidro, 1. And the world is as it should be Cassie Bringas, San Diego, 1.

Who is wise with words now, Grandpa? I love vou! Lindsay Hood, Alpine, 1. In the

Paul Hovey, Clairemont, 1. Thank vou UCSC friends:

Katzberg, Mission Valley, 1. Up

Stephanie Leone, Ocean Beach, 1. Kickball, baby! Nicole Schultz, Ocean Beach, 1.

Much love to the Donnanator, Eddie, Quackie and Kitty!

Marty Stern, Normal Heights, 1. Hey Elizabeth, back at ya!

Tony and Kate Townsend, Point **Loma, 1.** Go "Teatoken" — what a heautiful hoat

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There's so much, I don't even know where to begin. One thing would be regarding boyfriends. My dad thinks if I have a boyfriend, that unless he's been introduced to him, he's not really my boyfriend. He tells me that I'm just lying to myself and that I don't really have a boyfriend. He keeps saying the guy is not real.



Sam Freeman Little League player El Cajon

They sometimes don't understand l about your space.... They come in your room when you're doing stuff. I could be playing video games, doing homework, or whatever. They'll just barge in, usually without knocking first. They even put a video camera in there, like I bought a bottle of whiskey or something.



Jack Grisez Student

El Cajon

Well, when I'm watching videos on YouTube, it might be nice to have a little privacy. They sometimes sneak up on me to see what I'm doing. I've caught them doing that, like, five times. I get mad and have to go walk around and calm myself down.



Garrett Nurse

Student El Cajon

T think the main thing they don't understand is that kids just want their space. Parents don't give it to you. Sometimes my parents don't trust me when I say Î'm doing my homework by myself. And I'm always doing it. Well...most of the time I am. I think that's the only thing adults

don't understand. They don't always

trust us.



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T used to work at a lot of school Campuses, and the amount of time kids would throw trash in the bushes or walk across flower beds... it drove us nuts. But if we talked to the parents, they believed their children. It always seemed to be the parents against the administration or that maintenance crews and gardeners were lying to get their precious kids in trouble. I wish what parents understood about kids is that they lie.



Alex Garcia Soccer Player

National City

T don't think they understand all f I the ways they embarrass us. My mom will drive me to school and yell if I forgot something like my jacket. At my soccer games, I hate if my dad starts yelling. He doesn't yell bad things, just for me to do good. I get embarrassed, though. I also don't want my mom pulling up right in front of the school to pick me up. She doesn't understand why I want her to park farther down the street.

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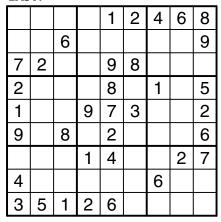
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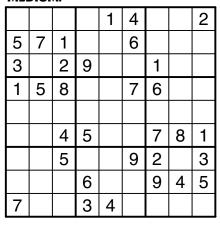
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EASY:



MEDIUM:



SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

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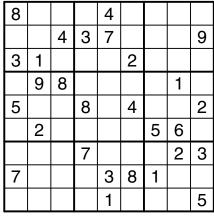
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EVIL:

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Neighborhood/City: _

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1 6 4 8 5 9

8 5 3 6 2 7

3 4 8 1 7 6

4 7 1 9 5 3 2

3 5 2 6 9 8 4

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 4. Hi Jane — try these! Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 3. Sudoku haiku/ Easy like Sunday morning/I'm a puzzle head!

Margaret Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 3. There's a rush when it Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 3. Cheney, why don't you go crawl

back under vour rock! John Prince, Serra Mesa, 3. Roots are down and out.

Shoots? Up. up and away! Jim Koziol, UTC, 2. Great season Lukie!

John Pertle, Santee, 2. Receive forgiveness and reconciliation; believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 2. Easy enough even for a word nerd. Yvette Najarian, San Diego, 1. Yvette loves Rodney! Ron Stoeckel, Tierrasanta, 1. Keep the faith. Nancy Teruya, San Diego, 1.

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 4. Something witty? I've got

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 4. Don't need no stinkin' Google! Jo Mujica, San Diego, 2. I love these Sudoku puzzles! Clancy Sloan, Clairemont, 2. *Magic!* Dave Small, San Carlos, 2.

Jahan Colon, San Diego, 1. Take a risk to feel a rush. Stevan Denenberg, Ocean Beach, 1. "I love Roxy." Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 1. I can do 'Evil," but better

Eyesack, La Mesa, 1. I love you with all my heart Rebecca! Neil Gibbs, , 1. Medium, not quite evil enough. Arte Hernandez, Barrio Logan, 1. The war on drugs is a

Elizabeth Hernandez, San Diego, 1. / love Christian! Emily Miller, La Mesa, 1. Happy Birthday to my Manifest

Tiffany Renteria, San Diego, 1. / wish my turtle would

HARD:

6 2

3 7 2

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5 9

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Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 4. Jennifer Stowe, San Diego, 4.

Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 4. Bless all those who serve in

the military! Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 2. Up the irons! Scream for me Long Beach.

Chris Siemens, San Diego, 2. It's peanut butter jelly time. Westie, San Diego, 2.

Eric Anderson, Escondido, 1. This one is for Dad, Sudoku... Anthony Balaguer, Chula Vista, 1. What? You don't dilute

Grace Grasska, San Diego, 1. I have the best family in the

Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 1. This one's for u Karlene. Ramon Subala, San Diego, 1. The evil is twisting my brain.

Steven Swanson, Bonita, 1. Eagle Scouts rock! Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 1. Hello to the other "Glenn" PB.

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Penasquitos, 4. "Ha-ha-ha, another one bites the dust, and another one..."

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 4. Don't screw it up this

Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 4.

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 4. Get your shirt in the "medium" category much faster.

Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 4.

Patrick Henson, Lakeside, 4, Bumblebee tung. Richard K. Johnson, La Jolla, 4.

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 4. Nice puzzle, but not evil. Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 4. After the race, for a

P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 4. What happened to Karen

MIchael Panther, Point Loma, 4. Thanks for the 6.50. Now you only owe me 313.50.

Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 4.

Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 4. Evil doesn't begin to describe it. Third time's the charr

Ken Simmons, San Diego, 4. "Evil is a point of view" — Anne Rice.

R. Sloan, Normal Heights, 4. Very, very evil. Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 4. Prayer helps. Barry Xin, San Diego, 4.

Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 3. Equals 4 ever (see

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 3. The numbers of love 15,

Clyde Christie, East Village, 3. Thank you for the T-

Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 3. No saben contar!

Adnan Haddad, Normal Heights, 3. Happy Birthday

William Quinter, San Diego, 3. The bizarre bazaar czar's scarred cars are stars.

Tim Winder, Hillcrest, 3. Away with you evil one!

Myrna Wosk , La Jolla, 3. Sunset the so-called sunrise

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 2. Only needed to auess 1 cell, the rest solved algorithmically! Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 2. Hey, Baby.

Victor Castaneda, Escondido, 2. Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 2.

Jessie Hansen, Encinitas, 2. My spoon's too big. Robert Kneeler , Gaslamp, 2. The measure of freedom

Young Che Lin, San Diego, 2. Danielle Mentzer, North Park, 2. Couldn't have done

this one w/o you Stace. XOXO.

J.C. Uribe, San Ysidro, 2. Peace x 2.

in a country is the well-being of immigrants.

Harry Walker , La Jolla, 2. Turn evil around and live! Kneeko Constantino, Golden Hill, 1. Sudoku is a form

Winner Dinner, San Diego, 1. Got it!

Lisa Goering, San Diego, 1.

of rat bite fever. Truly evil:

Mike Goldman, San Carlos, 1. Good luck to all next

Charlie Hoge, East Village, 1. Don't trade Jake!

C. Hollenbeck, Hillcrest, 1. "Fame!! Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 1. Happy Anniversary Dan.

Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 1. Cindy Rawlings, Paradise Hills, 1. I might finally win a shirt from the Reader

Stacey Street, North Park, 1. Go big or go home. Susan Williams, North Park, 1. Reader Sudoku, my

favorite part of the week. Ric Witt, Clairemont, 1. Maybe the Evil Sudoku will win

Mark Xitco, San Diego, 1. Hurrah!

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This week's questions

- 1. According to theater critic Jeff Smith, Arthur Bremer's diary inspired which film?
- 2. Sir Richard Bishop, playing Bar Pink on Sunday, is best known for performing with what underground
- 3. According to Judith Moore's 1984 story "Lost in Spaces," how many Americans at that time played a daily crossword puzzle?
- 4. Annie Clark, known in her solo guise as St. Vincent, has performed with what other indie acts?
- 5. P.B. resident John Campbell discovered a late-night rave in what unlikely place?
- 6. Barbarella's aunt breaks which body part that renders her unable to come visit?
- 7. Not the best buy in a locksmith would be one who brings out what tool?
- 8. Matt Alice says what type of wine got a sales boost during Prohibition?
- 9. Samoan chop suey, Ed Bedford learns, is called what?
- 10. A local all-star band has members who ate what concoction at Denny's?

Last week's answers

- 1. Chiki Jai. (p. 93)
- 2. Following a girl. (p. 78)
- 3. JCPenney. (p. 7)
- 4. DJ at a strip club. (p. 33)
- 5. Belly Up Tayern, (p. 76)
- 6. The pop side. (p. 86)
- 7. 300. (p. 26)
- 8. U2. (p. 82)
- 9. Workaholic. (p. 25)
- 10. Jeno's. (p. 23)

Last Week's Winners

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Cultural Diversity

— Among the lingering gender-based customs in Saudi Arabia is the restriction of women working outside the home, which forces lingerie shops to be staffed only with males, who must make recommendations on women's bra styles and sizes. The campaign for change, led by a Jeddah college lecturer, has enlisted even some clerks, who are just as embarrassed about the confrontation as the customers, according to a February BBC News dispatch.

 The Natural Resources Defense Council and Greenpeace commenced campaigns in February critical of the peculiar preference of Americans for ultra-soft or quilted toilet paper. In less-picky Europe and Latin America, 40 percent of toilet paper is produced from recycled products, but Americans' demand for multiply tissue requires virgin wood for 98 percent of the product. The activists claim that U.S. toilet paper imposes more costs on the planet than do gas-guzzling cars.

Latest Religious Messages

— Buddhist monks near the Cambodian border continue to add to their 20-structure compound built of empty beer bottles, according to a February feature in London's *Daily Telegraph*. Their building program, begun in 1984, already uses 1.5 million bottles, mostly green Heinekens and brown, locally brewed Chang, both of which are praised for letting in light and permitting easy cleaning.

— A group of an estimated 10,000 believers is attempting to reverse American Christianity's declining birthrate by shunning all contraception in obedience to Psalm 127, which likens the advantage of big families to having a "quiver" full of "arrows." "God opens and closes the womb," explained one advocate to National Public Radio in March, noting that in her own church in

Shelby, Mich., the mothers average 8.5 children. "The womb is such a powerful weapon...against the enemy," she said.

Questionable Judgments

 Australian Marcus Einfeld (a lawyer, former federal judge and prominent Jewish community leader) was once decorated as a national "living treasure," but he suffered a total downfall in 2006 by choosing to fight a \$77 (Aus.) speeding ticket. By March 2009, he had been sentenced to two years in prison for perjury and obstructing justice because he had created four detailed schemes to "prove" that he was not driving that day. His original defense (that he had loaned the car to a friend who had since passed away) was accepted by the judge, but dogged reporting by Sydney's Daily Telegraph revealed that lie, plus subsequent elaborate lies to cover each successive explanation. Encouraged by those revelations, the press later uncovered Einfeld's bogus college degrees and awards and an incident of double-billing the government.

— (1) Chrysler Corp. may be on its last legs as a stand-alone company, but that did not stop its representatives from disrupting a funeral proceeding in Cranbury, N.J., in March to subpoena the corpse (which the company said is relevant to a

pending lawsuit over mesothelioma). (2) Joseph Milano, owner of Goomba's Pizza in Palm Coast, Fla., was in the federal witness protection program for squealing on Bonanno crime family members in New York but lost his anonymity in January when he was arrested for allegedly pistol-whipping a customer who criticized his calzone.

Least Competent People

— (1) During an April Texas House committee hearing (according to a *Houston Chronicle* report), state Rep. Betty Brown suggested a solution to the voter-registration confusion caused by Chinese-Americans' Anglicizing their names (which yields nonstandard spellings): "Do you think that it would behoove you and your citizens," she asked a Chinese-American activist, "to adopt [names] that we [lawmakers] could deal with more readily here?" (2) During a March Florida Senate debate on whether to exempt "animal husbandry" from the law against bestiality, Sen. Larcenia Bullard asked (seriously, according to a *Miami Herald* reporter), "People are taking these animals as husbands?"

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'Remember when all you needed was a coat hanger you could slide over the window?" asked Patrick as he stared into our locked car at his keys dangling in the ignition. "You'd loop it down, catch the door lock, pop it up, and be on your way. Gad, I'm old."

Will Umbanhower of

A&A Lock & Key (619-255-9906, loknkey.com) is a licensed locksmith with 11 years under his belt and a truckload of tools. He can work on many kinds of locks, but autos and motorcycles are his specialty. "That's what I enjoy," he explains. "I'm kind of obsessed with what I do, and I like to have the latest of everything. I have specialized lockout tools that are, in most cases, specific to the car. Other locksmiths will have one or two tools, and it will take them longer to get in — or they won't be able to do it at all. Especially if it's a high-security car like a "If a locksmith brings out a drill for any reason, tell them to stop."

Mercedes or a BMW." (Umbanhower, on the other hand, says he can get into "any car except the new Corvette. I haven't figured that one out yet. It's completely electronic — there's no keyhole.")

Both Mercedes and BMW, he explains, "have high-tech, almost non-pickable locks that are made overseas. They use a square key, with the teeth going down the center instead of on the outside. I can get into a Mercedes

> in 20 minutes, where it might take a less-skilled guy an hour." But because it's specialized work requiring specialized tools, the price goes up accordingly. "The cost to open a

regular car during business hours ranges from \$60 to \$100, whereas a high-security car will cost \$200 to \$250. The price goes up after business hours."

Things get trickier when your key is gone, baby, gone. "Every key has a combination," says Umbanhower. "That's what those cuts in the key are. I have to find out what the depths of those cuts were to decode the combination. You can take a lock out of a car, take it completely apart, and decode the combination — but that takes forever. I have a lot of tools — scopes and things — to help me, but they just give you a ballpark notion of the combination. The skill comes in making impressions on the blank key and filing it down until the key fits."

Basic keys for domestic cars run \$100-\$200, but a lot of newer keys aren't basic. "In 1986, the Chevy Corvette introduced the VAT key — that stands for 'vehicle anti-theft.' There was a computer chip inside the blade of the key that activated the car's fuel and electronic systems." These days, transponder keys — also known as smart keys - have a computer chip in the bow of the key. When you turn the key in the ignition, a coil around the ignition sends a signal to the key, looking for an electronic response. "If it's the correct key, the car will start. Otherwise, it won't. So, when I make a transponder key, I not only have to make the right cuts, I have to put the right chip in and do the programming with the car's computer. So it takes twice as long. Transponder and VAT keys can run \$160 to \$400. And with the newer Mercedes and BMW, it can cost \$1000, and nobody wants to pay that, so I don't do them."

Umbanhower likes that he can get into cars and get motorcycles started without yanking them apart. But, he warns, not all locksmiths have the same M.O. "About 30 percent of the locksmiths in San Diego now are illegal," he says. "They're not licensed. They'll tell you one price over the phone and then muscle you for more money when they make the key."

> And the trouble extends to the actual work done, "If a lock-

smith brings out a drill, for any reason, tell them to stop, and if they won't stop, call the police. They'll tell you it's a special, unpickable lock. It's not: 99 out of 100 locks are pickable. The problem is, they're not locksmiths — they don't have the training. Can you

imagine having a Lexus, and some guy shoves a drill through the lock? He just cost you \$1000. Ask to see their license before they do any work."

Another licensed locksmith: San Diego Lock & Safe, 619-757-5559. Car unlocking, \$85-\$125, depending on time of day; higher rates for high-security cars. Key replacement: \$185-\$245 regular, \$245-\$295 transponder; higher rates on nights and Saturdays.

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Thirty Years Ago

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— CITY LIGHTS: "SHOP TALK," Carlos Bey, May 31, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Although I know men and women for whom doing a crossword puzzle is as natural and as necessary a part of a day as the sun rising, I would never have guessed that 50 million people in the United States work crossword puzzles. There are those who praise the crossword as "educational" and "vocabulary building."

On principle I scorn this notion of the puzzle's utility. In practice, I doubt its validity.

— "LOST IN SPACES," Judith Moore, May 31, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

Four prosperous-looking women are intercepted by an officious young production assistant and routed to some empty seats in the front row of the audience. "Who are they?" asks a curious man in the third row. "I think it's the mayor, O'Connor," says another. He is correct but fails to identify her companions, Union-Tribune publisher Helen Copley, burger heiress Joan Kroc, and actress Mercedes McCambridge

"Shall we look at the egg?" Kroc asks Copley. "Bring it over here, Bill," she beckons. Kroc pops open the lid and removes the bejeweled, cobaltblue Fabergé egg that she has recently purchased at a European auction for \$2.8 million.

— CITY LIGHTS: "THE EGG WOMEN." Matt Potter, June 1, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

Before Dan Quayle began sermonizing against Murphy Brown's singlemotherhood, there was a time in this country when make-believe characters like Superman and the Flying Nun could flit about without worrying that somebody was going to take them to task for ignoring FAA regulations governing our nation's skies. For many years Porky Pig has been able to hunt both Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck while displaying a most negligent attitude toward standard safety practices for the correct handling and discharge of firearms and for whatever gaming laws apply in Looney Tunes-land.

— AS SEEN ON TV: "IMAGINATION POLICE." Abe Opincar, May 26, 1994

Ten Years Ago

Back in February, while gas prices were soaring and radio talk-show host Roger Hedgecock was railing against big oil, a group of San Diego city councilmembers and aides traveled to Long Beach for a firsthand

look at the situation — courtesy of Arco, the giant oil company.

Arco's guests included councilwomen Valerie Stallings and Christine Kehoe. Council staffers who joined the tour included Chris Cameron of the office of Councilman Harry Mathis, Michael Wilson from George Stevens's office, and Byron Wear's staffer Rudy Alvar, according to records on file with the

"WHY DO THEY NEED FREE FOOD?" Matt Potter, May 27, 1999

Five Years Ago

Last year, Parks and Rec granted the Bazaar del Mundo concession contract to Delaware North, a \$1.6 billion company that specializes in sports stadium food, state and national park services, and gambling. As related in an April 29 column, Delaware North had shady associations under a prior name.

The losing bidder was Diane Powers, who'd had the concession for 32 years and had singlehandedly

Reader Why DO THEY

San Diego Reader, May 27, 1999

lifted Old Town from seedy stores to thriving establishments attracting more than six million visitors a year, tops in the county by far.

Since mid-month, Powers has been battling the state and Delaware North in a hearing before an administrative law judge in Sacramento. A decision should come in July, but the state can ignore it.

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Don Bauder, May 27, 2004

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By John Brizzolara

How to explain what I was doing in Escondido as parking-lot cop on a Friday night in May for "Cruisin' Grand: Pre-'74 American Hot Rods, Customs, Classics, Vintage & Muscle Cars." Since I was 15, I've suspected that cops even traffic cops — and I were put in this world for different reasons. Let's say I owed the City of Escondido for a large favor and I volunteered. Not community service for any misdemeanor or any violation of anything, just one of those favors — a gift horse you don't look in the mouth.

I'm in a dust-and-gravel lot kittycorner from a 7-Eleven, across the street from a defunct movie theater, the marquee of which now reads, "Cruisin' Grand every Friday, April 4-September 26." Beneath that, at eye level, is a poster: "Special Attractions! '50s & '60s music, live bands & awards, restaurants, galleries and retailers open." It looks like I'm guarding the Porto-Sans units next to me.

On the way over to my post, wearing a hot, day-glo vest with the words 'Special Events Team" on the back (this thing's got to glow in the dark), I pass an uncounted number of hot rods. They all remind me of that 1950s B horror movie in black-and-white where Sal Mineo drives his hot rod into a giant gila monster at the end. Many of these

shiny land leviathans sport paint jobs in colors that do not occur in the natural world (like my vest).

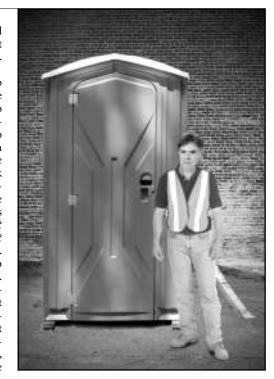
One of these is a 1967 Chevy Super Sport painted a radioactive pumpkin, probably called Napalm Tangerine or something. A lot of these cars have paint jobs (some, like the P.T. Cruisers, come from Detroit with these colors) called Inferno Red, Stone White, or Cool Vanilla. This Super Sport has a 383 engine, a 671 Supercharger, custom scoop and pipes, all the work of Jeff Ciccone over 30 years. Seated next to Ciccone is friend Tom Holman, who tells me, "Jeff considers himself an artist and this is his canvas."

Next I encounter a '69 Mustang with its hood open like most of the rest of them on Grand Avenue tonight. The engine is a shiny sterling silver/ chrome/quicksilver/mirror-surfaced monster. The body is painted a flawless Gulf Stream Aqua. Wasn't 1969 the year Mustangs were more or less past their prime? Not this mother.

While eating dust, preventing triple parking, watching people enter and leave the temporary toilets, I'm looking at the rear ends of Chrysler P.T. Cruisers. One has a giant wind-up key jutting from its back end; another one, Inferno Red with woody side panels and Betty Boop printed at intervals on the body; another one with a C-17 cargo/troop transport military airplane decaled or glasscaped on the tailgate. The owner of this job, a wiry, personable and silverhaired guy, probably late 50s, early 60s, comes over to talk with me. His name is Don Carson, and he says, "Yeah, that's Air Force 1. So am I. We all go by the names of our cars. Like there's Silver Surfer, Rum Runner, Bootlegger, ZZ Top. I dedicated Air Force 1 to my son, Jamie." Jamie Carson is a tech sergeant in the Air Force.

"Air Force 1 is a 2006," he continues. "Now, Betty Boop, that's a 2005." More to himself than anyone, he says, squinting at the vehicle, "She must have 50 Betty Boop dolls." Turning back, he grins, "After this, we go to Coco's, turn on all our lights, and eat." What he's talking about are strobe lights and neon around license plates, Italian Christmas-like windshield-wiper lights, amber lights on the hood, what-have-you, all — picture this — streaking down the freeway like a time-lapse photo of a Spielberg flying saucer doing 60 mph only a foot or more off the ground. When they get to Coco's, they leave their lights on and don't worry about draining batteries; they've got two, one just for the lights. "A guy we call Hollywood helps get our lighting, L.E.D. or whatever."

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where. I'm crazy, too. We say...our motto is, 'We came because of the cars. We stayed because of the people."

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Founded: October 2008 Senior pastor: Chris Hornbrook Congregation size: 120

Staff size: 2

Sunday school enrollment: 35–40 Annual budget: still being established Weekly giving: around \$13,000

Singles program: not yet

Dress: mostly casual, some semiformal

Diversity: diverse **Sunday worship**: 10 a.m.

 $\textbf{Length of reviewed service}: 1 \ hour, 30 \ minutes$

Website: momentum sandiego.com

"Service?" asked the smiling man at the entrance to the AMC Theatres in the Otay Ranch Town Center. I was a little surprised — *it's 10 in the morning* — but he had reason to ask: already, folks were lining up to buy tickets for the early shows of *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian*.

Inside, I was greeted by pastor Chris Hornbrook, dressed in shorts and a black T-shirt printed with white letters: *jointhemomentum.org*. "Our mission is to help people find their way back to God," he told me. "We

try to keep things really simple — loving God passionately and loving people genuinely." Keeping it simple kept it moving. "We love to give money away to other churches, so that they can reach other people for the sake of Jesus," said family pastor Chase Lyday during the service. (Though still working to establish its own financial stability, Momentum has already contributed to the start of churches in San Francisco and the Dominican Republic.)

Momentum made good use of its cinematic space, running three videos of decent length over the course of the service: an opening in which preacher Steve Harvey introduced Jesus Christ as a sort of star performer ("His credits are too long to list; He has done the impossible time after time..."); a closing salute to soldiers for Memorial Day ("They gave up their freedom to protect ours..."); and a testimonial to introduce the theme of "It's Personal."

"My story of being a son begins with being a dad,"

explained Scott Alka before going on to narrate his story of drug-and-alcohol abuse and the discovery that two of his children were autistic. "I found myself at home, on my knees, asking Him to be my savior. I prayed, 'God, if You are real, and if this grace thing is true, please forgive me and extend Your grace to me because I desperately need You,' I immediately felt a sense of peace and assurance.... That was the moment when it became

personal to me." "Adults, typically, do not become followers of Jesus because they get answers to all their questions about God," said Hornbrook in the sermon that followed. "They become followers of Jesus when something happens, when Christ pops up in their life and it becomes personal.... It's not that the questions go away; it's that they shrink down, and they say, 'God, I don't understand everything about You, but I trust You and I'll follow You.' It's okay to have all these questions, but there are two better questions: 'Who

is Jesus of Nazareth?' and 'What happened 2000 years ago?' When you seek the answers to those questions, it becomes very personal."

To illustrate, he told the story of Saul, a zealous Jew who persecuted Christians until Christ knocked him off his horse and asked him, "Why are you persecuting Me?" "On that day," said Hornbrook, "it became very personal for Saul." Saul went on to become Paul, the great apostle to the gentiles.

This was keeping it simple — keeping it about love and about spreading the good news. A fair amount of Hornbrook's sermon was pitched to people who were not quite believers. "Maybe you've been a critic; maybe you've been the one saying, 'I can't believe in God because of this and this and this.' But on the inside, there's a battle going on...that inner battle is between you and Jesus.... It's, like, Oh, how He loves us, you know? If you're a parent, you know that love I just can't wait for the day when my daughter looks

Chris Hornbrook

Momentum Christian Church Chula Vista

Sermon content ** delivery $\star \star^{1/2}$ Liturgy $\star \star^1/_2$ Music congregational **1/2 band ** Snacks $\bigstar^1/_2$ **Architecture** ** **Friendliness** ** Poor to satisfactory (none) Good Very good

back at me and says, 'I love you too, Daddy.' I wonder if God is speaking that same thing into your heart this morning."

Extraordinary

But it wasn't all simplicity and love and trusting God. Even before we got to the symbolism and meaning of the Communion serv-

ice, there was the business of "repent and be baptized." "All 'repent' is, really, is doing a U-turn from living for yourself to living for God." And baptism? "Then He says, 'You need to die to your old self and be raised up a new creation.' This is the marker; this is the beginning of your full passion and pursuit of God. If you've never taken those steps, maybe today is your day.... A couple of people are going to be baptized after the service. Go home and get your bathing suit. Meet us at Mike and Beth's."

What happens when we die?

"To be honest with you," said Hornbrook, "I'm still sorting through all the Scriptures myself. That's the thing about our church — we're just people on a journey. The bottom line is, we will be with our Father — as a family."

— Matthew Lickona

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