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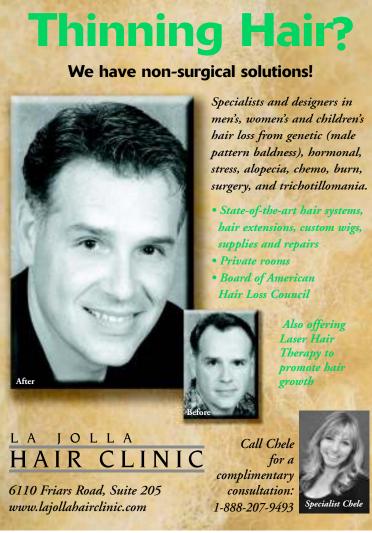
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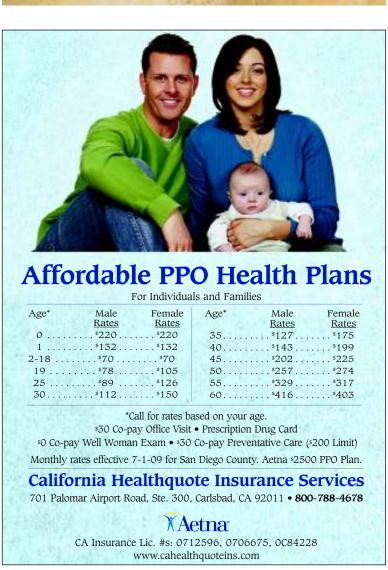
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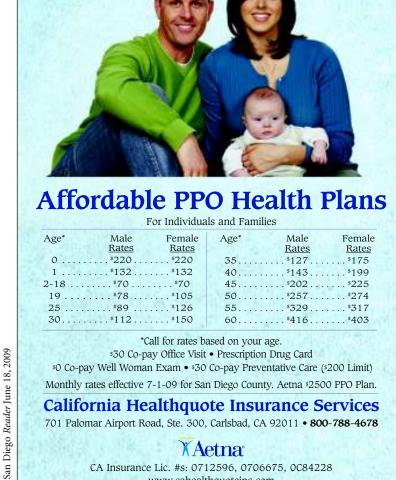
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# **UNDER THE RADAR**

Life as an ex-con The RAND Corporation, a Santa Monica think tank, is out with a study of how California's parolees fare once they get back home from state prison, focusing on the four counties with almost a third of the state's ex-prisoners: Los Angeles, Alameda, Kern, and San Diego. The report says there are eight distinct clusters of parolees in the county, including those in Oceanside, Vista, Escondido, Spring Valley, El Cajon, and Chula Vista, with the largest concentrations of ex-cons living in downtown San Diego, about 12 percent, and Southeast San Diego, with more than 14 percent.

Among other findings: "Whereas many of the parolee concentrations in San Diego County appear to have relatively good accessibility to alco-



hol- and drugtreatment services, the parolee concentrations near Imperial Beach and National City are in areas with the

lowest levels of accessibility." Regarding mental health care, "A larger share of parolees in Kern and San Diego counties fell into the two lowest accessibility categories than in Alameda and Los Angeles counties." The report adds that in Kern and San Diego counties, "More Latino parolees resided in areas with lower accessibility to hospitals than did white or African-American parolees." And the researchers concluded, "One issue that stands out is that in all three of the large urban counties — Alameda, Los Angeles, and San Diego — most parolees resided in areas with the lowest levels of accessibility to general acute-care hospitals, with Alameda County having the largest share of parolees in the lowest accessibility areas."

In phase two of their study, the RAND researchers, funded by the California Endowment, say they will conduct "in-depth case studies in three of the counties (Alameda, Los Angeles, and San Diego) to explore the issues and challenges parolees face in meeting their health care needs and the factors that affect providers' ability to provide services to this population."

Passport to spending Democratic Senator Patrick Leahy has announced that San Diego, along with Leahy's home state of Vermont, as well as the cities of Buffalo, New York; El Paso, Texas; and Atlanta, Georgia, will be getting a brand-new Passport Agency office, thanks to \$15 million from the Obama Administration's stimulus package passed earlier this year. Why build and maintain an expensive new office just for getting passports when most locals seem to have had no problem obtaining one at the county administration building?

"As passports become more of a necessity, passport services need to become more convenient, and this is a big step in that direction," says

Leahy's news release. "This

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tourism, commerce and

exports, as well as to our con-

nections with our Canadian

neighbors to the north."...

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natorial candidate Steve

**Poizner** has picked up \$12,950

from La Jolla's Peter Farrell,



Patrick Leahy

executive chairman of Res Med, Inc. Robert Shillman of Cognex Corp. gave \$10,000. Rancho Santa Fe's Jonathan W. Bullen, president of the Eagle Gate College Group, gave \$25,900 to Poizner's rival Meg Whitman. Eagle Gate operates a private career college in Utah featuring degrees in business, law enforcement, and physical education.

Doggy budget Is Balboa Park part of downtown? Does the city need another leashfree dog park? Can it afford it? Those questions occurred to Mel Shapiro when he read an account in the Union-Tribune about a recently proposed dog park on part of a block at Park Boulevard and Market Street, which the city insists would be downtown's first. "What about the leash-free park on Laurel Street in Balboa Park? This doggie park is in the Centre City boundaries. The \$500,000 budgeted for this park could be used to repay some of the debt that CCDC owes the City," Shapiro wrote the paper, which hastily responded. "We generally



three leash-free areas in Balboa Park, Nate's Point (near the Cabrillo Bridge/Laurel Street), Morley Field Dog Park and Grape Street Park,"

say there are

wrote an editor.

"Since Balboa Park is not considered part of downtown and is not within the jurisdictional boundaries of CCDC, which is what the city considers to be downtown, no correction is warranted."

According to a city report regarding the new park, "Staff envisions the 16,500-plus-squarefoot area to include separate areas for large and small dogs, benches, and a water fountain." It adds that funding to pay for upkeep "must still be resolved."

- Matt Potter

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# **Penny Foolish**

By Don Bauder

he old aphorism "penny wise, pound foolish" has been revised to "penny-stock wise guys get pounded." San Diego has reams of

penny stocks: don't get foolish.

Actually, the Securities and Exchange Commission defines a penny stock as one trading below \$5. Because such lowpriced stocks tend to be manipulated, those who put money in them must sign a written agreement affirming the purchase, which has to be okayed by the brokerage house. The buyer gets a warning document explaining the risks of plunking money into penny stocks.

Forget that \$5 threshold. Let's examine San Diego stocks that actually trade for a few pennies per share or even lower, as of Monday. In each case, company records reveal sound reasons for such rockbottom prices. These are not aristocrats disguised as paupers.

For example, biotech Alliance Pharmaceutical trades for just under 1 cent a share. The lure: if you buy this stock, you get two of the biggest big





shots in San Diego. Chief executive Duane J. Roth has held, or is holding, top jobs at the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation; the UCSD Cardiovascular Center's advisory board; UCSD's foundation; the

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Citizens' Advisory Committee on Housing to the San Diego Association of Governments; Connect, a nonprofit business generator; Biocom; the California Healthcare Institute; and the Lincoln Club, the Republican Party's money distributor. A board member and former president of Alliance is Roth's brother, Theodore D. Roth. He is a top official of Roth Capital Partners, an investment banking firm, and board member of BioMed Realty and Orange 21.

Whoopee? Nope. Look at Alliance Pharmaceutical's official government filings. The company goes back more than 100 years, mainly in Otisville, New York. In 1987, the New York company joined with a San Diego pharmaceutical firm. Alliance has been trying for years to develop a product for delivering oxygen to patients in surgery. It has spent \$161 million on the effort and will need another \$70 million. But lacking funds, it has slowed developmental work sharply. It has an accumulated deficit of a stunning \$500.5 million. Alliance needs \$3 million in financing to keep going until 2011. It hasn't identified a source of the funds and does-

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# **Neal Obermeyer**



# **Stomp Off-Leash Park Romp**

By Dorian Hargrove

ella, Jeff's five-year-old Labrador mix, crouches five feet from her owner at a park in San Carlos. She stares at the rubber

ball inserted in a sort of handheld catapult called a Chuckit!

Jeff rears back and flings the ball 40 yards, past two brown dachshunds near a jacaranda tree, 50 feet from a man playing Frisbee with a yellow Lab.

Jeff lives across the street, and he's been bringing Bella here twice a day for five years, despite the signs indicating off-leash dogs are prohibited.

On a typical weekday evening, Jeff says, 15 to 20 owners bring their dogs to the park.

"There's been more, lately; I think animal control officers

there are 15 off-leash dog parks, all but 4 of which are west of Interstate 805. As the city's population grows, so does the number of dogs. According to the San Diego County Department of Animal Services, the City of San Diego is home to approximately 338,000 dogs.

"Our good friends live up the street. We met them at the park when they got their puppy," says Jeff. "We've known them for four years now and meet up for walks, dinners, and barbecues. Our dog and their dog are best friends."

Last year, animal control



Dog Beach, Ocean Beach

in an email. "If the officers do not have any calls pending, they patrol the problem areas within their assigned areas, be it a park or street."

Citywide, DeSousa says the parks that receive the most complaints are Kate Sessions in Pacific Beach, Liberty Stathe tennis ball he bounced down the hill.

"I've met three of my closest friends — one of them is now my landlord — from bringing Molly here," says Toby.

"There's a whole group that comes here. Sometimes, after we come here, we all go get a beer together. I play basketball with a few of them on the weekends. Then there are those other people that I see every day but don't know the people's names, only their dogs' names."

A few minutes later, Toby's friend arrives, holding a Chuckit! in each hand. Two black Labs and one yellow Lab jump at his waist.

"What's going on, brother?" Toby asks.

The two friends talk about their jobs, his teenage son's baseball game, and an upcoming trip to Lake Tahoe.

Later, Toby says he is always on the lookout for the white pickup trucks that animal control officers drive. A few people at the park have recently been cited.

"There are two older ladies that come by here and take pictures of the dogs and their owners before reporting it. Usually, animal control shows up a few days after that."

Toby says some people are trying to get off-leash hours

# STRINGERS

# **Anarchy Was a Bonus**

By Scarlet Rosenblum, 6/14/09 *Rancho Peñasquitos* — **The** Rancho Peñasquitos Skate Park, located at 10111 Carmel Mountain Road, has remained unsupervised since January 2009 due to San Diego's budget problems.

Initially, skaters were permitted to use the site at their own risk. However, the park, which is four years old, was already in need of repairs because some of the wooden ramps had deteriorated to the point where they had become a hazard.

The facility was gated for safety reasons, but skaters found their way in, despite the prohibition against its use. Bikers made their way in (bicycles, scooters, and motorized equipment are not permitted in the park), and many skaters weren't wearing safety gear.

The entrance was then thoroughly secured so that users would not have access.

There is now a security guard on duty to keep people out of the facility. The security guard's salary



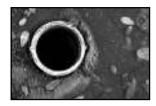
exceeds what it would cost to staff the park and keep it open. Rumors are circulating that the skate park might reopen next month. Comments

1. There isn't any community effort to volunteer to make the fixes needed to keep it open in Rancho Peñasquitos? There are no local businesses that can help?

> By GrandOlePartyisOver 5:14 p.m., Jun 14, 2009

### Snake!

By Frank Marrazza, 6/14/09 *Imperial Beach* — **On Sat**urday, June 13, while I watched TV in my Oro Vista Villas apartment at 1 p.m., I heard a man yell. Jumping up from my recliner, I went out onto the balcony. I thought one of the workers who've



been refurbishing the pool had gotten hurt.

Inspecting the area, I could see a man on his knees behind a palm tree, which obstructed most of my view. His fellow workers stood around him. "Call 911?" I yelled. "¡Si!" said one of the workers. I asked, "What happened?" but I couldn't understand

Five minutes later I heard sirens and saw San Diego Fire & Rescue pull up. I observed from my balcony as personnel huddled around the victim and spoke to him. After about a half hour, the man emerged, holding his hand.

As rescue personnel left, I asked one of the crew what had happened. "All I can say is he's really lucky and okay!"

Later, the complex manager told me that a plumber, while cleaning a drain, got his hand caught in the cable of the "snake machine" and the snake pulled his hand down the drain almost the length of his arm.

# You like it Raw?

By Scarlet Rosenblum, 6/13/09 Downtown San Diego — **The** May 30 "Baia by the Sea" food and cultural exhibition held at Embarcadero Marina Park in downtown San Diego ultimately

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# **Official Dog Parks**

- Balboa Park South of Cabrillo Bridge
   Balboa Park Morley Field
- 3. Cadman Community Park Clairemont
- 4. Capehart Park Pacific Beach
- 5. Dog Beach Ocean Beach
- 6. Doyle Community Park University City
- 7. Dusty Rhodes Neighborhood Park Ocean Beach
- 8. Fiesta Island Mission Bay
- 9. Grape Street Park South Park
- 10. Kearny Mesa Community Park Kearny Mesa
- 11. Maddox Neighborhood Park Mira Mesa
- 12. Nobel Park University City
- 13. Rancho Bernardo Park Rancho Bernardo
- 14. Rancho Peñasquitos Park Rancho Peñasquitos
- 15. Torrey Highlands Park Carmel Valley

# **Unofficial Dog Parks**

- Liberty Station Point Loma
   Pantoja Park Downtown
- 3. The Outfield at Petco Park Downtown
- 4. Kate Sessions Pacific Beach
- 5. Villa La Jolla University City
- 6. Adams Avenue Park Normal Heights
- 7. Lake Murray San Carlos
- 8. Trolley Barn Park University Heights
- 9. Plumosa Park Point Loma 10. Robb Field — Ocean Beach
- 11. Bird Rock Park La Jolla
- 12. La Jolla Community Park La Jolla

are ticketing dog owners at another park down the road in Allied Gardens," says Jeff. "Every few months it seems like [animal control] starts patrolling here, and then after a while they go do the same thing someplace else."

Three months ago, Jeff says an animal control officer drove up the hill and onto the field. "She was giving people warnings, and I think a few people were ticketed. She asked for my ID, but I was able to talk my way out of it," he says, smiling.

In the City of San Diego,

officers issued more than 430 citations for off-leash dogs. In San Diego County, the citation for first-time offenders is \$240, and the fines increase with the number of incidents: \$430 for a second offense, \$810 for a third.

"If we receive numerous complaints of dogs running loose at a park, we will do everything possible to be there at the specified time in an attempt to observe the violations and take the appropriate action," writes Lieutenant Dan DeSousa of the county's Animal Services Department tion in Point Loma, Villa La Jolla in University City, Pantoja Park downtown, and the outfield at downtown's Petco Park.

On a sunny Thursday evening at one of those parks, 20 to 30 dogs play off-leash. An older golden retriever walks back to its owner with a dirt-brown tennis ball in its mouth. A Rhodesian ridgeback puppy, carrying a blue rubber ball, nearly runs into the old retriever.

Toby waits under a tree for his two-and-a-half-yearold black Lab, Molly, to retrieve

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# **Penny** foolish

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n't know if it will. Its accounting firm says that Alliance lacks the capital to service its debts and fund operations and there is "substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern."

The company is in default on its senior notes but has persuaded note holders to take common stock as a replacement; they will get revenues from the products, if there ever are any. On April 3 of last year, Alliance's board authorized a reverse 1-for-10 stock split. Such a move reduces the number of outstanding shares and, in theory, increases the stock price proportionately. Alliance would go from 63 million shares to 6.3 million, and presumably the stock's price would go to around 10 cents, although stockholders wouldn't be any richer, because they would hold fewer shares. But the reverse split hasn't been effectuated. The company didn't respond to my questions.

CITY LIGHTS

Then there is Green Star Products of Chula Vista. Its stock goes for 1.6 cents a share. This company produces socalled clean-burning fuels, such as biodiesel and ethanol. It says the future for biofuels is in such things as wood and algae. "Algae is the hottest thing. When everything is settled we will have the algae business in our pocket," says Joe LaStella, president. Then why doesn't the stock rise? "We're not great promoters," claims LaStella. Actually, the company has an energetic publicity machine that pumps out news releases on its experimental plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, as well as the fuels.

On December 29 of last vear, LaStella sent a letter to shareholders blaming his stock's low price on short sellers (those who borrow shares, sell them, and then hope to replace them at a lower price) and, specifically, naked short

sellers (shorts who don't bother to borrow the shares). He urged stockholders to complain to Congress and thinks he influenced six senators. But the last financial report (on the company's website) is for 2007, and it's unaudited. In his letter blasting shorts, LaStella complained,"If the company is doing great, why is the company stock not increasing?" But how do investors know if the company is doing "great"? Actually, its last report says the accumulated deficit is \$14.4 million. LaStella says Green Star made money in 2008 and will do so this year on sales of more than \$2.5 million. Thanks to the post-Enron Sarbanes-Oxley legislation requiring companies to put out more comprehensive reports, putting together an annual filing costs \$200,000. he complains, saying he will have the 2008 report out shortly. He laments that he "is a 2-cent company," but "my competitors through the years went out of business."

There are some other dandies. Stock of a company called ubroadcast, which has been losing money, sells for 2.5 cents a share. It changed its name in 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2009, as it moved from one business to another. It has been in wireless Internet and in distributed handheld gambling systems for use in casinos. It has run an online biofuels exchange and dabbled in oil and gas properties, among other things. With its software, ubroadcast says that "anyone can host a live Internet radio show on the Internet." The company boasts that a San Diego Business Journal headline says the ubroadcast business could be "larger than MySpace and YouTube." However, in its official filing, the company admits it doesn't have the capital, brand recognition, or personnel to pursue its mission fully. It has

Carlsbad's Who's Your Daddy has gotten lots of publicity for its energy drink, but

three employees.

sales are decreasing as losses mount, and the stock sells for 2.5 cents. Biotech Nanogen recently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and sold its assets. Its has been headed by Howard Birndorf, one of San Diego's biotech leaders. The stock got as high as \$78.50 in February of 2000, just before the dot-com crash. Now it is below a nickel.

Another once-promising biotech, Protein Polymer Technologies, sells for 2 cents. And you can get another biotech, Akesis Pharmaceuticals, for 1.5 cents. Nascent Wine Company, which distributes food and beverages to Mexico, sells for 2 cents. Com-Guard, whose software supposedly protects computers, sells for less than a penny.

Then there is Rim Semiconductor. It was named New Visual when it was in San Diego. Its stock did quite well after a purported brokerage house issued a report saying that the company's technology was a winner. In a foot-

note, the brokerage admitted that it had been retained by New Visual to provide public relations and stockholder services. New Visual went into the semiconductor business, changed its name, and in 2003 moved to Portland. Last year, the company was locked out of its office for nonpayment of rent, according to the Portland Business Journal. To stay alive, Rim kept issuing shares; finally it issued 4 billion of them — almost as many as Exxon has outstanding. Rim's stock was recently selling for one-hundredth of a cent a share. I left a message at the company, which appears to be located in a Portland-area home, but got no response. I was not intending to buy Rim stock; I just wanted information — like how morale was holding up. ■

# **Off-leash** park romp

designated at the park from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, but nothing has happened.

Much of that is due to the expensive and time-consuming process. According to the City's website, the process of establishing an official dog park costs a minimum of \$5000 and could take up to several years.

"The...process can be lengthy and expensive...and requires a strong, long-term commitment. It is the intent of this process to confirm that the community, elected officials, and San Diegans as a whole are well aware of and support the proposed change in park use."

Of the eight districts that make up San Diego, District 7, which includes Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, El Cerrito, Grantville, San Carlos, Rolando, Tierrasanta, and part of City Heights, is the only district without a citydesignated off-leash dog park.

"During the campaign, while walking precincts, I received several requests for dog parks," writes District 7 councilmember Marti Emer-

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ald in a May 30 email. She admits to occasionally letting her chocolate Lab and two standard poodles loose while she hikes through the canyons near her home.

"There is a serious pentup demand for areas to let dogs run and play," says Emerald. "As soon as the current budget deliberations are over, my staff will check with the city's Real Estate Assets Department for city-owned land that may be appropriate and available for a park. Then we will estimate the cost of building the park. Once we know the price, we can sit down with the community and figure out how to pay for it; possibly a combination of government and private money."

But, even for those dog owners who live close to citysanctioned dog parks, some prefer the unofficial parks. I spoke to Maggie at a neigh-

borhood park two miles away from the dog park at Balboa Park.

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"We take Bailey to [this] park because for us, it's actually safer," says Maggie of her four-year-old Pomeranian. "Bailey is so small and fragile that playing with large dogs can be dangerous for her. I've seen dogs fighting at other parks and at Dog Beach, and it seems as though there are more untrained and aggressive dogs at the official places. When we go to the smaller places, people seem more relaxed, happy, and wanting to chat and share stories. At the official places, I've noticed people keeping to themselves and being a little more reserved....

"I don't consider it against the law, and if I did get a ticket for it I wouldn't really care. I would just pay it and still carry on letting Bailey off the leash....

"Also," she adds, "some of the official dog parks smell bad and aren't as clean."

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sought to encourage Baja tourism.

Although the food samples, when available, all tasted delicious (especially the fresh seafood chowder served by Restaurant Puerto Nuevo), several hygiene mishaps at other booths were a turnoff for any germophobe.

Most horrific was the sushi chef who had gouged his thumb and apparently lacked a bandage. So, he wrapped dried seaweed around the wound and continued preparing the sushi with his bare hands as blood oozed out around the makeshift bandage.

The margarita server walked by with a "tray" containing freshly made drinks. The crowd swarmed in and grabbed the free samples. A few minutes later, the server's tray (a metal trash can lid) was filled with dirty dishes and soiled napkins. Then we noticed pet owners allowing their dogs to relieve themselves immediately adjacent to the food exhibits.

### **Riders of the Storm**

By Ken Harrison, 6/13/09

Cardiff—On Tuesday, June 2, Craigslist's North San Diego area listed four lost or found dogs. On Wednesday, June 3, after the unexpected lightning storm rolled through, 25 lost or found dogs were posted that afternoon on Craigslist.

At around 2 p.m., June 3, my wife found a stray dog on Lake Drive in Cardiff. The brown female shepherd was tired and thirsty and jumped into her car willingly. "Ruby" became one of those 25 postings.

We fielded ten calls looking for lost dogs, some as far away as Fallbrook and Escondido. On June 4, Ruby's owner, Courtney Mitchell of Encinitas, called



and identified her dog, and the two were quickly

Spooked by the storm, Ruby had jumped over a six-foot fence, ran across six lanes of El Camino Real, and made her way through a mile of thick sagebrush before reaching the street in Cardiff.

# **Take Me to the River**

By Mark Jay, 6/13/09

Chula Vista — At approximately 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, Chula Vista police observed what they thought was a narcotics sale, according to police radio traffic. Police officers got behind a suspect car at East Palomar and **Nacion Avenue and then** attempted to do a traffic stop. The driver refused to pull over, and officers gave chase. The suspects led police onto the northbound I-805 via the L Street onramp. The officers observed the suspects throwing what looked like narcotics out of the window while the car entered the freeway.

The driver, who didn't

drive faster than 50 miles per hour while police were in pursuit, finally yielded to officers just north of the Bonita Road exit on the northbound I-805. He was taken into custody. and officers found two handguns in the car. But before that happened and before police could approach the car, the passenger tried to get away on foot, via the Sweetwater River, about 500 yards south of the Plaza Bonita

National City PD, San Diego PD, and an ABLE helicopter were called in to assist in the search. Police set up a perimeter around the Sweetwater River area and shut down parts of the freeway around the Plaza Bonita Mall. Three teams of K-9 officers and three teams of officers armed with AR-15 semiautomatic rifles searched the Sweetwater River valley. An extensive search did not yield the passenger suspect.

When the freeways reopened at approximately 5:30 p.m., they were backed up for the rest of the evening.

# **Searching for** Savings

By Dorian Hargrove, 6/11/09 Escondido — In the grips of a \$6.7 million deficit, the City of Escondido is grabbing for every penny in savings. At the June 3 budget workshop, the council gave staff recommendations where they might cut additional costs.

**Councilmember Sam** Abed referred to a cityrun warehouse that provides free sunblock and other items to city employees. He asked whether the city would save any money if they closed the East Valley branch library. Councilmember Olga Diaz requested turning Reidy **Creek Golf Course over to** a private company to run, or, as Diaz later suggested, selling the golf course

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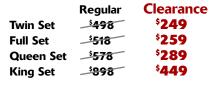
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A week later, at the June 10 council meeting, when the council was expected to adopt this year's budget, finance director Rojas returned with information on those suggestions.

Roias addressed the city store first.

"There's real cost savings from these employees not going to the local hardware store for supplies," said Rojas in response to councilmember Abed's suggestion. "We make sure that the guys out in the sun all day are protected. We make sure those items are available and they are used. And, there's been a reduction in work-compensation claims because of it."

**Councilmember Abed** interrupted Rojas. "I have a question. Somebody brought me sunglasses today that are distributed for free at that shop."

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"Yeah, we don't refer to them as sunglasses," answered Rojas. "We call them safety glasses."

# **Smuggled by Surfboard**

By Peter C. Salisbury, 6/11/09 *Imperial Beach* — **At about** 6 a.m. on Sunday, June 7, **U.S. Border Patrol Agents** spotted a surfer paddling north about 200 yards off the Imperial Beach coast, near the Mexican border. On the orange surfboard, agents could see a blue duffle bag that the surfer released into the water and continued paddling north.

Agents ordered the surfer ashore. He seemed to be complying by coming close to the beach but then refused to leave the water. Agents waded out to arrest him.

The "surfer" was a 30year-old Mexican citizen who admitted to being

in the United States illegally. The blue duffle bag

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soon washed ashore, and inside Border Patrol agents found nearly 25 pounds of marijuana wrapped in five packages. Officials estimated the street value



Evidence of smuggling via surfboard

of the pot at more than \$74.700. or about \$187 an ounce. The suspected smuggler was arrested and taken into custody. Comments

1. These smuggling stories are amusing, in a sad way, but more importantly, they help highlight the ridiculousness of marijuana prohibition.

By shizzyfinn 10:56 p.m., Jun 11, 2009

2. I agree, shizzyfinn. And if I still smoked the stuff, I would spark one up in your honor.

> By refriedgringo 11 p.m., Iun 11, 2009

# **More Ugly Stats**

By Nathaniel Uy, 6/10/09 Downtown San Diego —

When the Arizona Diamondbacks were in town on May 6, 2009, the Padres and D'backs drew an announced crowd of 13,646 - a record low for Petco Park (capacity is 42,445). The average for this past weekend's June 5-8, four-game homestand, against division rival Arizona: 22,832.

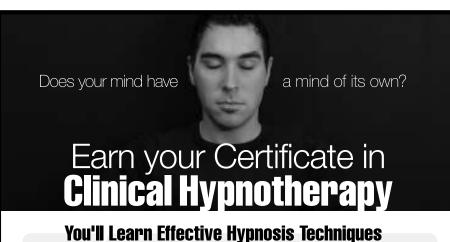
Average attendance per game has decreased during the past three seasons: 34,445 in 2007, 29,970 in 2008, and 25,085 so far this year.

"I was in Philly two weeks ago," says Jerome Chan, manager at Mondo Gelato, a gelateria adjacent to the ballpark. "[The

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Phillies] drew 42,000 people on a Tuesday." **Comments** 

1. The only reason there are no Padres fans is



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because the Padres suck right now and \$an Diego only supports the teams when they are winning!!!

> By SpliffAdamz 11:14 a.m., Jun 10, 2009

2. It has always been like that in San Diego, especially with the Padres. I now live near Boston where the only thing that keeps me from Fenway are the high ticket prices. Wish I was home

in San Diego...I would go to a game!

By cece5650 1:28 p.m., Jun 10, 2009

3. If the Padres lowered the price of tickets and food and beverages at Petco, and made it easier to park, more people would turn up. They never should have left Qualcomm, where it was an affordable evening for a whole family to see a

Pads game. And the city of San Diego wouldn't be in as great a financial mess as they are now if they hadn't taken out those higher-interest lease-revenue bonds to pay for Petco.

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By sandiegocynic 6:54 p.m., Jun 10, 2009

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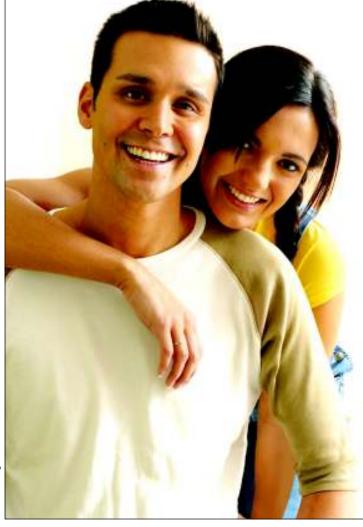
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# As if a line from a Costner movie was sound economic advice.

The Murph was a premier multi-use facility. It hosted the Padres and Chargers and other events (I fondly remember a late '80s Who concert).

Then Golding and McGrory got wet and gushy over Alex Spanos and on his private jet promised to "renovate" the Murph into a football-only stadium.

John Moores went along, knowing he could then extort and cajole his way to his very own stadium next.

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Now we're stuck with empty condos, empty ballpark and stadium, and empty promises...all at the highly predictable

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# cost of hundreds of millions of dollars.

F\*\*\* John Moores, Susan Golding, Jack McGrory, and the whole Spanos clan. They ought to be in jail for what they've done to San Diego.

> By Fred\_Williams 1:09 a.m., Jun 11, 2009

# 5. Right on Fred. You da man!

By SanDiegoParrothead 8:29 a.m., Jun 12, 2009

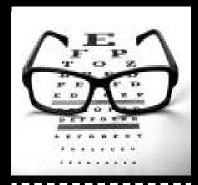
# Permission to Demolish Granted

By Shane Finneran, 6/10/09
Ocean Beach — At its meeting on Wednesday, June 3, the Ocean Beach Planning
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in an "almost complete state of disarray and disrepair." A planning board member who lives near the property agreed, as did another board member who had visited the property when it was for sale.

All ten board members in attendance voted to recommend approval of the demolition. The City of San Diego will consider the board's vote when deciding whether to issue a coastal development permit, which is required because the property is located in the Coastal Overlay Zone and involves the demolition of 50 percent or more of the structure's exterior walls.

# It's Hard to Be a Fan

By Peter C. Salisbury, 6/11/09 Downtown San Diego —

Though the Padres stretched their Sunday, June 7, game against the **Arizona Diamondbacks 18** innings in the longest major league game so far this

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San Diego Fire and Rescue units were called to Petco Park at the bottom of the 7th inning to tend to a game attendee who had been found collapsed in a stadium restroom.

The patient, a large middle-aged white man, was strapped to a stretcher and had a bandage on his forehead. Paramedics needed to suction his nose and mouth after he suffered a heavy bout of vomiting. One bystander wondered aloud if the man had been sitting in the "allyou-can-eat" section. No one laughed.

"The man had too much to drink and while in the bathroom fell and hit his head," a Padres representative in shirt and tie explained. He escorted paramedics and placed cones around the vomit.

# **Fields of Turf**

By Peijean Tsai, 6/9/09 Poway — At its June 2 meet-

season, one Padres fan didn't quite make it to the ing, the Poway City Council approved \$3.3 million in redevelopment funds to convert two grass fields at Meadowbrook Middle **School and Valley Elemen**tary School into three artificial turf fields.

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City staff recommended the action, citing demand for more recreational sports fields, decreased maintenance costs, and annual water savings of nine million gallons. A city report said the conversion would free up 180 more days a year in access because the fields wouldn't be shut down for fertilization, sod installation, and wet weather.

While representatives from local youth sports organizations supported the idea, resident Dee Fleischman voiced environmental and health concerns over the materials in artificial turf — such as crumb rubber and lead particularly as the product ages.

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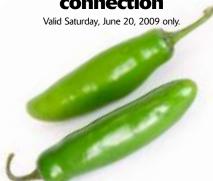
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# No Barbecue **Qualifications**

This is in reference to a review that Naomi Wise recently wrote about one of your advertising clients, the House of BBQ ("Smoking or Non?" Restaurant Review, June 11). The review was inaccurate and extremely unfair! My family and many of my friends have eaten at this restaurant and have found the food to be delicious! As a matter of fact, I named my favorite dish, the Heaven on a Bun. The dish is exactly that, heavenly! The family that runs the establishment is gracious

and kind. Is this really how you treat your clients? Does Ms. Wise have any idea how difficult it is to run a restaurant and build the business? It is extremely difficult in the best of times. In today's economy, this is next to impossible! Ms. Wise was careless and thoughtless in her review. Please take some time to visit the House of BBQ and enjoy the Heaven on a Bun! Tell them Renee sent you! And please send someone more qualified to do the review!

> Renee via email

# **Love That** Wall O' Beer

Let me start off with I enjoy the controversy of the *Reader*, but the offensive, inaccurate "Smoking or Non?" article about barbecue was bordering on insanity (Restaurant Review, June 11). I frequent barbecue places in San Diego. Why was Phil's not mentioned or the San Diego icon Kansas City made famous from *Top* Gun? As to the accuracy, does your writer need glasses? I eat at Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q, as I work on the Island. Walking through the front doors, even to order takeout or pick

up food, there are four glassdoored coolers with over 100 kinds of beers creating a literal wall of beer.

As for the food, I've yet to be disappointed there. Being from Charleston, South Carolina, spices are made from scratch, certainly not using the cheater's way out with Creole mustard, as suggested by your writer. Their coleslaw is delicious, the potato salad has a zing to it, and the pulled pork sandwiches are fantastic.

Last question: are you hiring new food critics? As the way to a man's heart is truly through his stomach and I'm hungry.

> Moto GP via email

# Next We're **Reviewing Alpo**

I'm calling in reference to the dining review that Naomi Wise put on. She should probably change her last name to "Stupid." I mean, I could not believe that when she did the review for Frankie "The Bull's" BBO that she would actually have the audacity to tell people to bring their stash in a backpack when they haven't even received their license for beer or wine. How ridiculous. And I'm telling you, you're going to find yourself with

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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Is it possible to get free energy from volcanoes? — Big Thinker, via email

We're already doing it, Big. Sort of. If you're thinking of harnessing the energy in those wow!, picturesque volcanic explosions, with flames and gas and smoke — of course, you can forgit it. Eruptions are totally unpredictable. A whole bunch of energy is released at once, making it a chore to capture. If we can cheat just a little bit and consider using heat from underground magma as an energy source, then we're in business. Buildings are heated with geothermal energy. Electricity is generated that way, too.

While all the hot stuff is still underground, it's a lot easier to deal with. And we've been using ground heat (usually combined with water) as a helpful resource for thousands of years. So, Big, either you're way too far out there with your ideas or several millennia too late. Take your pick. Maybe I should get you together with the lady who proposed dumping all our garbage into a volcano's mouth instead of a landfill. Between the two of you, you might come up with something we can use.

# Hey, Matt:

I have two totally unrelated ponderings to which I'm hoping you'll have the answers! First, where did the phrase "made from scratch" come from to denote "homemade"? Second, when you're driving home from a really long trip and see "San Diego XX miles" on one of those green signs along the freeway, where are they measuring the distance to? The center of the city? If so, who got to decide where the center is? — Jess P., San Diego

We deal with unrelated ponderings week after week, Jess. In fact, if you summed up the Matthew Alice career in a few words, you'd probably go with "struggled with and conquered unrelated ponderings for a grateful people." So, no problem. Anyway, when did "scratch" become the anti-Betty Crocker? It seems to have started with 19th-century sports. Foot races. No fancy stadiums, just a dusty street for an arena. The starting line? Somebody scratches a mark in the dirt. If it's a handicap race, a slower runner might get to start some distance ahead of the pack. A person with no handicap starts "from scratch." The term appeared in sports newspaper reports of the day ("he won three races from scratch"). And like a select few phrases through the years, people found it useful and adopted it.

By the early 1900s it was used by writers to mean "from nothing" or from the beginning with no outside assistance. When quick mixes appeared

> in midcentury, "from scratch" was the perfect snobbish adjective for a homemade cake.

Your puzzling freeway signs have changed meaning over the years. Early on, the mileage was measured to an important point within a city limits, often the courthouse steps. But as that became less practical, Caltrans has chosen a different spot. "San Diego 36 miles" means it's 36 miles from where you are to the major freeway intersection closest to the center of town. On 5 south it would mean the crossing of I-5 and I-8.

### She Speaks Zebra!

After last week's treatise on zebras' prickly personalities, we got a note from

Rancho Outback. Once we'd dusted it off and pulled out all the cactus spines, here's what it said.

Hi there, from that "select handler" of zebras. I have trained many zebras and continue to do so on a daily basis, right up the hill in Ramona. What a shame that someone thinks of zebras' ways as "evil."

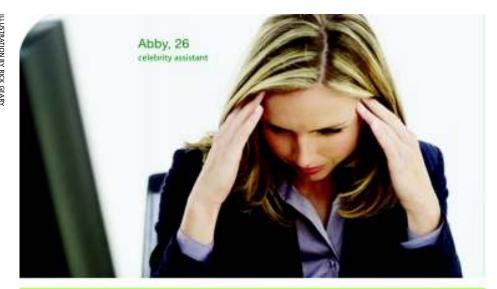
Zebras are amazing animals, with incredible social groups or families called kinship groups, that enable their survival as individuals and as a

Each species has its own special characteristics, but in general these are the facts. Zebras are about five times stronger than horses. They do bite like pit bulls when they bite, holding on, not just nipping like horses often do. If a zebra doesn't have a reason to bite, then it doesn't bite. A zebra can take a mule saddle with a crupper (tail strap), as its withers are low, just like a mule. A zebra is a wild animal and, true, cannot be "domesticated" but in the right hands can be tamed and trained. We tame and train zebra after zebra here at the Spots 'N Stripes Ranch in Ramona.

Zebras cannot be trained like horses are typically trained but must be trained using zebra language. Horses are very forgiving and allow for mistake after mistake in working with them. Zebras are unforgiving. Just one mistake in communication with one can be fatal to the budding relationship and dangerous to the human and the zebra. There are many aspects of zebra language, and the use of it in training, including the vocalizations, the behaviors, and having an expert knowledge of the translations of these, along with an expert knowledge of the natural characteristics of the species, are impertive. - Nancy Nunke, Ramona, www.zorse.com

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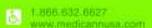
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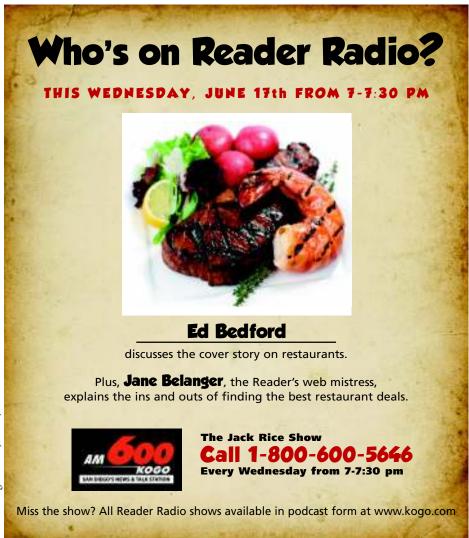
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# **SportingBox**

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

# Home Again



Tiger Woods

n old Vegas friend is on the phone. We've been happily slandering a mutual acquaintance. Comes a pause in the conversation, David fills the hole with, "What are you writing this week?"

"Trying to find something new to say about Tiger Woods."

"НА НА НА НА НА НА."

David has a point. But I push on. One should consult bookies on these matters, in this case Betfair, an Internet betting exchange based in London. On Betfair's website, Tereq Quiroz writes — and I paraphrase: not since Tiger won the U.S. Open in 2002 has a player with real prospects of winning the tournament finished in second place.

Now quoting: "Rocco Mediate, Chris DiMarco, Shaun Micheel, and Woody Austin have all finished second to Tiger in a major recently. Without exception, these are the kind of players who go into a major with no expectation of success.

"I genuinely believe that years of being beat up by Tiger have left the world's elite with mental scars they can't overcome. Young players rarely do well at a major so that leaves us with the usual crowd of journeymen. To them, coming second to Tiger is success." (This was written before 2003 U.S. Open winner Jim Furyk finished second to Woods in the Memorial, but I don't think that shakes his premise.)

Woods returned to stroke play at the World Golf Championship — CA Championship at Doral in March, nine months after he won the 2008 U.S. Open on one leg. He finished 9th at the Doral. He won his first title of the year two weeks later at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, closing with a 16-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win by one stroke. Two weeks later, he finished 6th in the Masters; two weeks further on, at Quail Hollow,

he finished in fourth place; then an 8th place finish in The Players Championship; and finally, a second victory at the Memorial.

Woods's 2009 scorecard: six stroke-play tournaments, two victories, four top-ten finishes. That's a career year for anyone else, but in Tiger's case, media world began wondering if he'd lost his game. The unstated but accurate assumption is there's Tiger's game and there is every other golfer's game. Two wins, six top-ten finishes, the guy is washed up.

The funny thing is, HE did seem sluggish, off his game, un-Tiger-ish. Then came the Memorial and the return of Mr. Woods. What was interesting about the Memorial was not his victory — that's hardly unusual — not how well he played, or how many fairways he hit, but what happened on the 17th hole.

Four players came to the 17th hole on the final day of the tournament at 10 under par. Tiger, one of the four, played first. On the par four 17th, he was on the green in two, thence drained a 9-foot putt for a birdie and the lead. Next comes Davis Love III, who failed to sink a six-foot putt for par and wound up with a bogey. Jim Furyk made par working his way out of a bunker. Jonathan Byrd had a great shot at a birdie, but missed a 4-footer and settled for par. Tiger walked up to the 18th hole with a 1 shot lead.

Four guys, each with an equal shot at winning the tournament with two holes left to play. One bogied, two parred, and one made a birdie. Woods made the birdie, and you have to believe that the memory of his repeated beatings, plus the fact that no one on the planet thought he would bogey 18, was at least partially responsible for the fate of the other three.

There are some Tiger touches to his victory. He won the tournament and tied the course record for the lowest final round by a champion and at the same time shot his worst round of the year, a 74, on Friday.

Here are two Tiger quotes after his win. I don't think there is another golfer, anywhere, who could say the following without sounding arrogant. "It was just a matter of time." "I knew I could do this." Jim Furyk came in second and became known as the "low mortal" of the tournament.

Steve Williams, Tiger's caddy since 1999, talked to a reporter, Rob Oller of the *Columbus Dispatch*, and caught part of Tiger's edge. "As soon as he drives out of here tonight, this tournament is gone, finished, history. He's thinking about New York, about the U.S. Open. That's the way he operates."

Tiger is 33 and has been on the Tour for 13 years. Considering the way he takes care of his body, Woods could compete for another 20 years.

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# T. G. I. F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

# "We're starting the revolution again." The Hula **Hoop Revolution...**

Speaking with a few young dudes and a few chicks up here in North County, I asked, "What's up with your weekend?" this past last Friday/Saturday of gloom and damp in May.

Justin Daum is 22 years old. He is seated on his bicycle at the Oceanside Transit Center waiting for someone. Daum wears a stingy-brimmed hat, snapped in front over his brow.

Pale, with a nascent beard, he tells me what he plans for this Friday evening. "I'll be at the beach for a while with my friends." I do not question him in the charcoal light of marine layer and misting precipitation. "I'm probably gonna be able to go to Cruisin' Grand tonight in Escondido, which I love a lot. Other than that, I'll probably be chillin' with my roommates in San Marcos. I wouldn't really party or anything. Maybe I will

have one drink. I usually only have one drink a week. I'm a churchgoer; I go to church a lot. It's a big part of my life, two times on Sunday. I'd like to go a lot more. I'm involved in my church. I go to Emmanuel Faith Community Church in Escondido. It's been around a long time."

Natalie Nicole is 23. Slim, attractive, maybe Latina, with short-cropped jet hair, perfect teeth, and librarian glasses. She works at Jitters Express Coffee Pub on Freeman Street in Oceanside. On that bleak Friday afternoon she says she too is going to the beach. "Usually at sunset with my friends and our Hula Hoops." I tell her I don't think I've seen those since 1963. "We're starting the revolution again." The Hula Hoop Revolution Part II. "Tomorrow and Sunday my friend Mandy and I and another friend who serves breakfast at the other Jitters on Coast Highway will be doing Hula Hoops in the parking lot over there. All the traffic on Coast Highway checks us out. People stop all the time. It's nice. A nice little gathering."

Andrew A is 19. He has fine black hair past his shoulders. He plans to take his girlfriend out to dinner tonight but they have nowhere decided upon yet. Tomorrow night, Saturday, is prom night, however. His girlfriend is still in high school. "We'll probably go to dinner again, go to the prom, then get something to eat again. Then we'll probably go back to her house and watch a movie."

What movie? Any idea?

"A comedy. Role Models. We just got that."

You gotta wear a tux for the prom?

Andrew finds a lop-sided grin inside an initial grimace. "Yeah. I do."

Shery Ponder is working a snack food trailer (the Java Hut) back at the transit center. She just turned 21. "After work I'm going over to some friends," and they're having this Thai dinner party; so I'll go over to this Asian market off Mission and buy some funny food, go over there and cook it. After that, I've got this friend. He's like a disk jockey. He's doing this dance party, so I'll go over there."

> What does she mean, "funny food"?

"I'm just gonna buy stuff that I don't know what it is and try to cook it into like a Pad Thai or something."

Shelby Griffin is 16. She also slings coffee but at the Blue Mug on Kalmia in Escondido. She'll be celebrating the end of the school year with her friends. "Nothing crazy. My dad's a cop. We just hang out at someone's house and burn old homework and eat chips. We'll stay up

till two, two-thirty burning old homework assigned by teachers we don't like."

Eron and Mandy are blessedly young, but I forgot to ask them how young. Eron probably early 20s, Mandy could be 19. They are at sidewalk tables in front of the Blue Mug on Sunday morning. "Saturday night we got a camping spot at Dixon Lake. We had a small fire and hung out with friends and talked about Escondido. That's because when you're up there you can see the whole cityscape laid out beneath you. You can see a lot of the 15 and everything."

Mandy worked behind the counter at the Mug on Friday night, "Then I went to the Metaphor Café. Don Julio was playing, alternative rock kind of stuff. I know the drummer. After, we went out and got Mexican food. Pretty typical weekend for me."

Eron's ideal Friday night, he once lived: eating Italian food at a set table on a rooftop at Juniper and Grand, overlooking the antique and custom car show. Mandy too often lives her ideal Friday night playing rock and roll, she on an African drum, in a garage with her friends.

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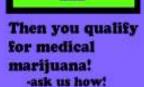
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by Barbarella

The secret of dealing successfully with a child is not to be its parent.

— Mell Lazarus

ad it not been for the unmistakable racket of a wailing child and the desperate, hushed tone of a woman's cajoling, I'd have thought the place abandoned. The noise reverberated off of every surface, making it impossible to locate its source. I stepped around a pastry display case and found a young woman in a long apron standing behind the cash register. She had a blank smile on her face, which appeared to be intended for the wall across from her.

"I know I heard my sister's voice, but I don't see her," I said.

"I love that I can come here and get some work done. The only frustrating thing is when people try to talk to me."

"She's in the playhouse," the girl responded, her tone as impassive as her expression.

"Right," I said. "I'll have the 'Sunrise' sandwich and a regular coffee, please." My sister had told me about Java Mama Café in La Mesa, but this was my first time visiting it. It was still early, which explained the emptiness. In the next hour, it would be full of rampaging

I paid for my breakfast and turned around to

Playpendemonium

behold a penned-in play area with a bar along one side. Recognizing my sister's laptop and the designer diaper bag I'd given to her for her birthday a few years ago, I set my things down on the bar, hopped up on a high chair, and peered into the pen. Jane's head appeared through the tiny playhouse door; she crawled out of the plastic structure. Olivia continued to whimper as she followed her mommy out of the play area.

When the two-year-old noticed me, she blurted out the toddler version of my name: "Bob!" There must be something about the *R* preceding a consonant — a concept that apparently requires a later stage of brain development — as "Bob" is the best those under age five can manage.

A Viking of a man, his long gray hair cinched in a Clydesdale-tail at the nape of his neck, emerged from the playhouse and was giving one of his two charges the third degree. It seemed Olivia might have been pushed down the short set of stairs linking the upper and lower levels of the Fisher-Price stronghold. I glared

suspiciously at the diminutive suspect, a boy of about three, before turning back to Jane and greeting her with a kiss on each cheek.

"So this is the place you've been talking about?" I asked.

"Yup," Jane said. She sat on the chair beside me and hoisted Olivia onto her lap. "Last time I was here, a woman whipped 'em both out and breastfed her twins at the same time."

"I didn't come here to peek at nips, Jane, it's not like I'm craving boobage," I said, conspicuously dropping my gaze to my chest. "I was going to go to the gym this morning, but here I am, eating out. Speaking of which, hang on a sec." I fetched my plate from the counter and returned to my seat. Olivia lunged for my food. "Whoa, there, little darlin' — Aunt Barb's not a sharer." I moved my plate out of the child's reach and positioned my arm beside it for good measure.

"Are you bummed you came? Is this torture?" Jane asked.

"Are you kidding? This is my own private Hell; you know that. But I wanted to see you, and it's always interesting to experience new things, even if they suck." I shot my sister a wry grin, and she rolled her eyes.

"She wants your watermelon," Jane said as she tried to contain a squirming and grunting Olivia. With a sigh, I broke off a small piece for myself and handed the rest of the slice to my niece, so she could use it to paint her face a sticky pink. (It's a wonder any food makes it into her mouth.) I took a bite of my sandwich and nodded so as not to speak with my mouth full when

Jane asked me if I liked it.

Jane deposited Olivia back in the stockade. Keeping one watchful eye on the potential pusher, she opened her laptop. "I love that I can come here and actually get some work done," she said. "And it's great that while I work, Livy can be playing with other kids, which both entertains her and tires her out before nap time. The only frustrating thing is when people try to talk to me even though I make it more than clear that I'm working."

"Yeah, well, think about it," I said. I avoided intent-to-socialize eye contact with the woman setting up camp beside me and continued, "These stay-at-home types don't get many opportunities to interact with other adults. A girl could lose her mind or become unbearable for other adults to be around if she doesn't take a break from mommy mode. Even Mom had things, like Bunco and her bowling league, to help her maintain her sanity."

Women, a good number of them pregnant, streamed in during the next hour until the play area was running rampant with children. Moments after arriving, one of the moms popped out a boob to feed the infant strapped to her chest in a kind of baby hammock.

Jane, an expert at tuning things out, typed away, either oblivious or unconcerned with the cookie-crumb trail her daughter was spreading across the floor. To distract myself from the anxiety I felt at the escalating pandemonium, I monitored the behavior of the small creatures in the enclosure, which was now supervised by a café employee.





One young thing, a blonde moppet with a crazy gleam in her eye, was on a mission to collect every doll. When the hoard in her arms became too cumbersome, she'd disappear into the playhouse for a while, emerge empty-handed, and begin stockpiling again. A boy systematically emptied the shelves of toys and books onto the floor faster than the paid sitter could return them. Outside the pen, the mommies made small talk while their children, just about all of them nose-pickers, explored their colorful corral.

I thought of my homeoffice away from home — a sizable café down the street from my place called Cream. I like having a place to go where I can work in the company of others but not with them. At Cream, there seems to be an implicit pact upon entering that people will do their best not to disturb each other. On a few occasions, I have witnessed an unleashed toddler reigning supreme, the patronage surrendering their good moods to the deafening squeals.

"You know, Jane, I

think this whole Java Mama thing needs to take off," I said. "It should be a chain." My sister shot me a skeptical glance. "I'm serious," I said. "If they had more cafés and restaurants and movie theaters that catered to kids, then I could go about my day in blissful peace and quiet."

"Yeah, that's a great idea," Jane said sarcastically. "You've got a lot of vacancies in your building, don't you?" This time, it was my turn to roll my eyes. ■

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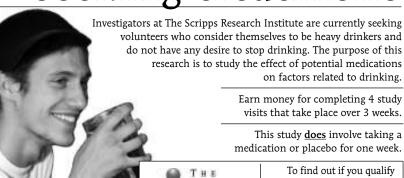
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# Crasher

# JACK AND DUKE AND TIFFANY

by Josh Board

bout a month ago, I drove to El Cajon for an annual horseshoe tournament in memory of Jack and Duke, two deceased friends of the organizers.

When Chris called to tell me about it, he said that Duncan Hunter attended last year. And this year, they were donating a portion of the money to a cancer charity.

I walked up to where Kevin was barbecuing. He had a variety of meats, but mostly beef tri-tip. He was telling me about a powwow at Barona that he was going to be working. He beat out seven caterers to get the gig. He kept trying to have me taste what he was cooking, but I kept refusing.

I didn't turn down what the next guy handed me. Chris was smoking a cigar and handed me a bag of stogies. He said he knew I liked 'em and "wanted to hook me up." I lit one as he showed me around.

A blond guy named Darren, I was told, was the best at horse-shoes. I asked him about his technique, and he showed me. He handed me a shoe to throw. I said, "If I pull a rotator cuff, I'm suing." It was the first time I had ever thrown a horseshoe. I was proud to see it land only a foot





Left: Birthday girl Tiffany compares herself to the cake; Right: Chris, who gave me cigars, on the far right

from where it was supposed to land. I was told they weigh two and a half pounds, and every person I asked seemed to give me a different set of rules.

It cost \$20 for the people to buy in, and they drew partners so nobody could show up with a ringer.

There were horseshoe pits all

"Dude, you're
wasting all
my lighter
fluid!"

around the backyard. A lot of the teenagers hung out near the pits by the side of the house. When I needed to relight my cigar, I asked one of the kids if I could use his lighter. As I lit it, he said, "Dude, you're wasting all my lighter fluid!" He then asked me for a puff. His friend said, "Why don't you just ask him if you can make out? That's just as gross."

The tables in the backyard had a pretty centerpiece of flowers. They also had jars filled with beef jerky.

Everyone gathered around when they said a prayer and told a few stories about Jack and Duke. Shirts were passed out to commemorate the eighth annual event.

I was talking to Chris before he had to throw. He told me about the wine he makes at home. Someone walking by said, "Isn't that called moonshine?" Chris said he had won second place at the San Diego County Fair with a pomegranate wine. He grows everything in his yard in Granite Hills and is working on blueberry and nectarine flavors. His wife makes jelly.

I overheard a group of guys discussing throwing strategy. But it wasn't all horseshoe talk. I heard two guys talking about a Chargers cheerleader they know who's an English teacher.

I watched as one guy flipped a horseshoe in his hand, much like the way a drummer twirls his stick before a solo. He had a good toss, even though it hit the branch of a nearby tree (that branch would be cut off an hour later).

A few people told me about Jack and how he did drywall and stucco and was friendly with everyone in the neighborhood. His buddy Duke (nicknamed because his birthday was the same as John Wayne's) died in a car crash a year after Jack did.

I talked to a number of interesting people. A few had done jail time. A few had been kicked out of Chargers games for being rowdy. One guy had a scar from a car accident.

I heard a story about a guy who was hunting and killed a boar. He had kept one of the animal's babies as a pet, but one of his horses ended up kicking it.

I asked someone about who

first decided to put a piece of metal on a horse hoof and who decided that throwing horseshoes would be a fun game.

I was told, "They started putting the steel shoes on horses way back in the Second Century in western Asia. I don't know if that's true, but it was a long time ago. And I think people were pitching discarded horseshoes back then, but it wasn't until the mid-1800s that rules were established. The first tournament didn't take place until 1910."

That night I headed to North Park for a 30th birthday party at a place called True North.

Someone told me that Tiffany went by the nickname "Tits McGee." So, to be funny, I stopped at Vons to buy a cake. I wanted to put Hostess SnoBalls on top, to make them look like breasts. I couldn't find any, so I used blueberry muffins. I asked someone in the bakery to put them on the cake and cover them with white frosting. The teenager who did it said, "I don't work in the bakery, so I don't know what I'm doing." I told him he was doing fine, and then he asked, "Do you want me to make areolas with pink frosting?" I laughed and said, "No. I bought this bag of peanut M&Ms for that."

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When I showed up with the cake, Tiffany laughed. One of her friends put her face in the cake. A guy nearby said, "I can't believe she's motorboating the muffins. And I thought it was gross when people spit while blowing out candles."

A few women were talking about their breasts and how they compare to the cake.

I talked to a woman who had just gotten back from the New Orleans jazz festival. She said she made it onto the set of a Josh Brolin movie based on a graphic novel. When I started to show excitement as she talked, she said, "You realize I'm not in it, right?"

Three tables were filled with people, and a few of the smokers had a table on the back patio.

Tiffany wore an interesting necklace of jewels that belonged to her grandmother, who died in December. A few of the women talked about the last time they were at True North. One said a drunk guy kept rubbing up against her. Another said she had her shoes off and a guy started sucking her toes. She said it was gross, but "...someone dared me. And I'm game for most things."

When we were eating cake, one guy gave his date a hard time because she got a corner piece but was scraping off the frosting. Another guy told a story about being in Vegas for

his 30th birthday. He said, "My friends locked me out of the room naked." I asked how he got naked, and he said, "We had this huge suite. We were doing it up right. We had a hot tub in the room, and...well, it was Vegas. Who isn't naked in Vegas?"

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To post your entry, go to SDReader.com/neighborhoods, find your neighborhood or campus, and follow the instructions to create a blog.

known to circle above while my kids played outside.

Tierrasanta was a big change. There were no colorful homeless folks shouting obscenities at us; I didn't have to worry about getting my ass kicked at the grocery store if I accidentally bumped my door into the car next to me. I kind of missed the near-daily sightings of Barbie man, the dude that bikes around El Cajon with hundreds of naked Barbies affixed to his ride. My new beauty salon smells like lilac and offers spa treatments, as opposed to the one in El Cajon that has the aroma of a wet dog and is situated between two gun shops.



My kids think Tierrasanta is peaceful. They don't mean peaceful in a good way. "It's so quiet here!" they grumble.

People are always running or riding bicycles. They walk their tiny suburban dogs on designer leashes and actually pick up the poop. In El Cajon our townhome drama was over whose kid started the lice epidemic. In Tierrasanta the moms gossip over which parents allow their children to have high-fructose corn syrup.

Whenever we mention that we moved from El Cajon, a look of fear spreads across our fellow Tierrasantites' faces. "Wow," one neighbor said after I mentioned our old

# RESEARCH STUDIES



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If so, please contact us about our medical research study of an investigational medication for pain in both legs or both feet caused by diabetes.

Qualified participants:

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- Have experienced this pain for at least the past 6 months

Qualified participants will receive all study-related care, evaluations and medication at no charge.

Participation is at no charge and compensation is available for time and travel.

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# Are you 18-65 years old with Type 2 Diabetes?

If you have Type 2 Diabetes and are currently not taking any anti-diabetic medication, you may be eligible to participate in a research study.

To qualify you must:

- Be 18 to 65 years old
- Not be on insulin or taking any other anti-diabetic medication

Qualified research participants may receive the following at no cost:

- Medical care Lab exams Investigational medication
- A glucose monitoring device with supplies
- Compensation for time and travel

No insurance necessary.

All information will be kept confidential.

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RESEARCH

Do you or someone you know suffer from

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If you are:

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- Currently on a stable dose of oral NSAID therapy

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# DOES YOUR CHILD SUFFER FROM

(Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder)

# AND INSOMNIA?

IF THEY ARE:

- 6-17 years of age Having sleep problems
- Having daytime functional impairment Able to swallow tablets

Your child may be eligible to participate in a new clinical research trial.

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stomping ground. "I have never even been to El Cajon." To most, El Cajon is a foreign land, a place where they would immediately lock all car doors upon entering. In reality, it's not so bad.

People around here take their homeowners' association very seriously. Members walk around town with shiny clipboards and issue citations if your paint is chipping or if you have noticeable clutter around your home. Everything must be pristine.

A while back a



izens organized a coup to overthrow the president of the homeowners' association. They circulated an underground newspaper that was passed out to every home in our subdivision. It divulged the dirty secrets of the association's members. They even went door-todoor for some serious crap talking. It was as if we were cast members on Desperate Housewives. I expected Bree Van de Kamp to show up with a plate of cookies. Over the summer we

group of disgruntled cit-

Over the summer we attended our annual block party. Everyone contributed homemade items. We sat politely in lawn chairs discussing noise levels, the teenagers who had a bad habit of hanging out at the local park, and what was growing in everyone's garden.

I nostalgically remembered our El Cajon block party that involved binge drinking and hot dogs. Our townhome manager showed off her delightful talent for removing her panties while her shorts were still on. At midnight a group of neighbors rode their kids' scooters to the apartment complex behind us and let the air out of the tires of the jeep whose car alarm was constantly waking us up in the middle of the

I feel a little like the outcast of Tierrasanta. I don't own a minivan, I rarely water my plants, and my kid got sent to the principal's office for swearing at recess. Slowly I am adjusting to life in the 'burbs. I will draw the line at owning a dog that fits inside my purse. However, I did sign my kids up for tennis lessons this summer.

RESEARCH STUDIES

# Where is your focus?

...on your overactive bladder?

Overactive bladder makes it difficult to perform daily activities. You do not know when the sudden, strong urge to urinate will happen.



The Women's Overactive Bladder Study is a research study testing the safety and effectiveness of a new delivery method of an overactive bladder medication for women. Qualified participants:

- are women age 18 and older
- are experiencing overactive bladder symptoms with urgency for over 6 months
- have not had three or more urinary tract infections in the past year

Qualified participants will receive study-related exams, lab tests and study drug at no charge.

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# Do you have Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes?

The Profil Institute for Clinical Research is conducting a research study to evaluate an investigational device for continuous glucose



# To qualify, you must be:

- Diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes and currently on insulin therapy
- At least 18 years old or older
- Otherwise healthy with no major medical conditions

One in-clinic session for up to 72 hours may be required. You may be compensated up to \$1170 for time and travel.

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





If you experience a frequent urge to urinate, difficulty preventing leakage or other problems with urinating you may be able to participate in a clinical research study.

We're conducting a clinical research study of an investigational drug designed to treat overactive bladder. If you participate, you will receive study-related care, monitoring, and study drug at no cost. To learn more,

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# **Pain from Endometriosis?**

A 16-week clinical research study is underway to evaluate a non-hormonal, injectable, investigational medication versus placebo for the relief of pelvic pain caused by Endometriosis. Have you tried a variety of hormonal medications without success over the years of dealing with Endometriosis cramps and pain? This study is for women who have a surgically confirmed diagnosis in the last 8 years.

# To possibly qualify for the study, must be:

- 18-49 year old females, regularly having periods
- · Surgical confirmation of Endometriosis in the last 8 years (operative report must be available)
- · Moderate to severe period cramps and pelvic pain

### **Qualified participants** may receive:

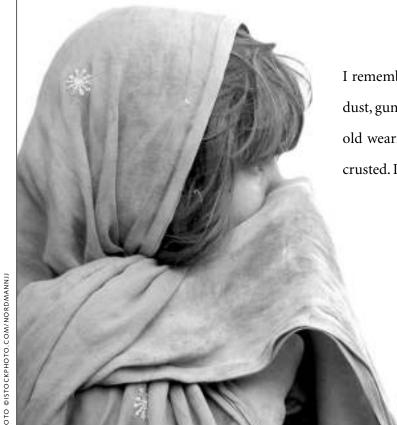
- · Exam and consultation with a board-certified gynecologist
- · All study-related labs, EKG, and study medication
- Compensation for your time and travel

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# Blood on the Pomegranate Tree



I remember it was noon on a warm and sunny day. The air smelled of food, dust, gun powder, and smoke, just like every day. I was a dusty-haired six-year-old wearing a sticky dress and dirty, half-torn slippers, my nose runny and crusted. I was attempting to fly a kite, not that well, when all of a sudden, *boom!* 

It felt as if the whole building near me was collapsing, like in an earthquake. All I saw was smoke, fog, and darkness.

I woke up after being unconscious; not only was my kite gone, but my hearing as well. I couldn't stop screaming and crying because I was hurt, and I saw a doctor and some other people around me putting strange liquids, like wet ash and olive oil, in my left ear.

In my country, most doctors were not official. They were usually poorly trained and inexperienced or knew only about traditional medicine. There was one real doctor named Dr. Shahnaz, but she was working only at home because the Mujahedins (anti-Russian

fighters) did not allow any women to work outside of their homes. Later on, I heard that the Mujahedins had killed her in her own house because besides treating regular people, she was also treating Khalqiha, soldiers who were longtime rivals of the Mujahedins.

Instead of making my ear and hearing better, they made it worse.

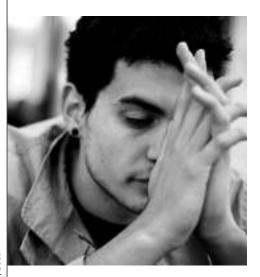
There was a war going on in Afghanistan, so how

They held the man on the ground, and then one of them started cutting his throat.

could there be doctors like in the United States? Most people, let's say 95 percent, had been born in their houses, without any hospitalization, records, or birth certificates. There was no

# **Avoiding Relationships?**

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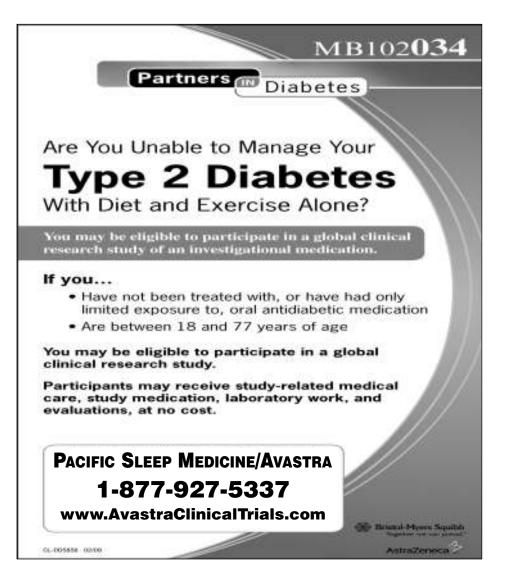
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official education except the study of the Quran with a mullah or a home teacher. Children grew up with war, and we were used to it; it was normal to me. I was not scared of fighters, shootings, bullets crossing over my head, or people getting hurt or killed.

My family lived in Qandahar, the most dangerous city in the country. Our house was located at the end of a short and dark tunnel. The streets were dirty, dusty, and polluted. As a child, I played on the streets and watched people living their poor dayto-day lives among soldiers and the scary Mujahedins, with their long robes, beards, and a long cloth wrapped around their heads that covered their faces except for the eyes. Almost every day, I saw the soldiers running around, hiding, looking for trenches around the people's houses, or I saw the Mujahedins. I thought it was like playing hide and seek, except they all had guns and were firing.

One day, just after the last day of Eid — the national Ramadan holiday and celebration of all Muslims in the world — my family were still celebrating, wearing new clothes and visiting friends. My two younger brothers, Jamil and Khalil, and I had just visited one of our favorite bakeries in Chawke Shaheeda in Qandahar, and we wanted to go home.

My older brother, Arif, escorted us from the store and showed us how to take a shortcut through the private streets to walk home quickly and safely. When we left the store, my brothers turned right at the first street and continued, as directed by Arif, but I kept going straight. Then my oldest brother noticed me going the wrong way and shouted loudly, "Laila!"

Then, somebody started firing, and my brother bent down to the ground to be safe, but I could not hear him and kept going straight down the dangerous public street. As I walked further and fur-

ther, I saw the covered faces of the Mujahedins hidden behind walls, firing guns. A couple of them saw me and waved me away, but I didn't get it. Finally, one of them ran to me, quickly grabbed me and pulled me over next to himself, so I wouldn't get killed. He asked me in Pashto, "Ta se kawee!? Esta kor cher day?" ("What are you doing!? Where is your home?")

I told him where I lived, and he guided me to one block away from my house, and I got home safely. My mother was very worried about me, and definitely thought that I was already dead. This was all the result of losing my hearing. I almost got killed, but Allah saved me.

Another day, about 3:00 in the afternoon, my mother sent me to buy bread. I went to a bakery and got in line to wait my turn. Two Mujahedins appeared and violently grabbed a man out of the line and took him a few streets away. It got my attention, though nobody seemed to even care what happened because people were scared to get involved in these things, and they pretended to be ignorant. However, I left the line and started following the two Mujahedins who had taken that man.

Mujahedins and soldiers were usually not concerned about children, so we kids could go anywhere and see anything we wanted to. I saw the two Mujahedins take the man to a narrow muddy street. They talked to him and then whispered to each other, again and again. The poor guy looked so scared and hopeless that I knew something bad was going to happen very soon. The two Mujahedins put the man on the ground, tied his hands and feet, covered his mouth tight and held his head in the dirty stream of water. Then one of them unfolded a long and very sharp bayonet from the point of his gun. Both of them held the man tightly on the ground by stepping on him, and then one of them started cutting his throat; it was like



# Impulsive behavior? Hyperactive? Hard time paying attention? Trouble sleeping?

These are symptoms of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder(ADHD)-Associated with Insomnia

### If you or someone you know is:

- Male or female Between the ages of 6 and 17
- Experiencing sleepless nights while spending the day feeling overly hyper with impulsive behavior and having a hard time paying attention
- In overall good health

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for our research study! If you qualify and choose to participate, you will receive investigational study medication, study-related physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits all at no charge. Compensation for time and travel is provided.



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# Is your current Schizophrenia medication not working?

- · Currently taking one of the following: Seroquel, Zyprexa, Risperdal, Invega or Abilify for the treatment of Schizophrenia?
- Between 18 and 65 years of age and diagnosed with Schizophrenia before the age of 35?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for our investigational drug research study. If you qualify and choose to participate, you will receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits at no charge. You may receive study medication to be used in addition to the Schizophrenia medication you are currently taking. Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.



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# Are you living with Depression?

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# Excessive Underarm Sweat?

Do you suffer from **excessive underarm sweat**? Does your sweating cause you anxiety at work or embarrassment in social settings? Are you frustrated over constantly ruining clothes?

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they were slaughtering a sheep. I was in severe shock and couldn't look away. The man was moving hard, twisting, and he looked like he was bicycling. His blood, bright red, flowed in the dirty stream and around his head and shoulders.

The two Mujahedins left the dead body there and moved on, but I still watched for a few more minutes. At last, I ran home, with no bread, of course, because I had completely forgotten. When I got home, my mother was so worried about me again. She got mad at me and started slapping and pinching me all over, but I did not feel anything. I was numb because my whole mind and all my thoughts were occupied with that horrible sight. I was frozen all that evening and couldn't eat or drink. I was deep in thought and curious about that dead body, so I quickly put on my halftorn slippers again and

started running as fast as I could to see what had happened to the body. When I got there, the corpse was still laying there. Nobody had even touched it. People were passing by as if nothing had happened. The man's blood had turned thick, and the flies feasted upon it. I have never forgotten that day.

ten that day. Another time, two or three Mujahedins with guns appeared at our door asking for something to eat. We were very nice to them and treated them like our guests, but they were asking weird questions: "How big is your house? How many bedrooms? How many exits? Where is the roof access?" We did not have any idea why they were asking these things. About one month later, on a summer night, we were having a nice family picnic with a fancy lamb and fish barbecue dinner in our yard. Afterwards, everybody got ready for bed in the yard, which is where we used to sleep due to the hot weather in Qandahar.

I was laying down on my space, facing the dark sky full of beautiful stars and singing, "Anar gul dana dana dana dana...negar jan qar kada namyaya khana..." (Pomegranate seed, seed, seed, seed...my friend is mad that much and not coming to me). Suddenly, it seemed like big rocks were falling down into our yard from the roof. The same Mujahedins who had been welcomed as guests in our house had returned to rob us of our money and jewelry, which they had a habit of doing to rich people in Afghanistan. Later, I would come to realize that was how they made money for their survival. They captured all of us and put guns to our heads. Then they started collecting all the money and jewelry. We were pretty rich — my

# RESEARCH STUDIES



# Hand Eczema?

Therapeutics Clinical Research, a center of excellence in dermatological care, is conducting a clinical research trial of an investigational medication for hand eczema (also known as hand dermatitis).

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- A nonsmoker
- Otherwise healthy

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# **TYPE 2 DIABETES MAKES UP 95% OF THE DIABETIC** POPULATION.

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- A nonsmoker
- Treating your diabetes with or without oral anti-diabetic medication but without insulin.

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father had two bakeries plus some real estate and the Mujahedins had found out about that.

I stared at the Mujahed who had a gun to my poor little dusty head and had a flashback of that terrible and wild murder I had seen in the street. One of them got thirsty and asked for a glass of water, and my sister-in law gave it to him. When he finished drinking the water, he tossed the empty glass onto our blankets so that it wouldn't break, quite an ironic gesture of care. After wrapping up all of our valuables, the Mujahedins left, and we were all frozen in a long and deep silence; of course, we could not go to sleep at all that night. The next day, the police "investigated," but without luck, as usual.

My parents then decided to leave Qandahar and move to Quetta, Pakistan, because our lives were at risk in Afghanistan. First, my father sent almost all of our household things and furniture, and then he grouped the family members into twos and sent each pair one at a time because it was not safe to send the whole family at once. I was in my father's group. Early one chilly morning, when the fog and some stars were still in the sky, my father woke me up and made us get ready to leave quietly. I had tears in my eyes and started looking around the house, especially at the pomegranate tree in the middle of our yard, my

So, that early morning we started to leave

Afghanistan to go to Quetta, Pakistan. On the way, we saw a dead body face down on the street, a bowl of yogurt near his body. His blood had mixed with the yogurt and turned it a yellow greenish color. His shoes and headcloth were thrown next to him. He was shot while buying yogurt. We crossed over that body and kept walking. I slowed down to look, but my father said, "Hurry up, keep walking fast!"

We finally got on the truck headed to the border town, Chaman, with three Pashtoon families. It got darker and darker, and suddenly, the truck stopped. Two Mujahedins got all the men out of the truck. I was terrified because my father had to get out too, and I thought they were going to

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kill him. The Mujahedins started searching the men and took their money, then sent them back to the truck. The truck continued on.

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It was the early '80s, and we settled into our life in Pakistan. After a few months, less than a year, we heard that the same Mujahedins who had robbed us before went back again to our old house to rob us again. When they saw we were not there, they were really mad and asked the renter where we were. The renter didn't really know anything about us because, for safety, we never told anybody about moving to Pakistan. So those Mujahedins tortured the father of that family and cut his throat at the base of our pomegranate tree to water it with his blood. When I heard this, I went into deep thought again about the horror of my past in Afghanistan. I thought, "If the Mujahedins had fought for Afghanistan against the Russians, then why were they so cruel to their people?" I never understood that.

In Quetta, my family registered me, my twin sister, and my older brother in a Persian (Iranian) school. My twin sister and I were in first grade, and my older brother was in fourth grade.

After two years, for some reason, my older brother quit Persian school and was registered in Urdu (Pakistani) school with my other two youngest brothers. My twin sister kept failing at school the whole two years she was there, and then she dropped out and stayed home until she got married at the age of 14. I was an A and B student but had trouble getting along with other students. I was very hyper and energetic and often got into physical fights, and our school principal was always in contact with my parents.

When we were in Pakistan, my father applied for a U.S. refugee case, with the help of one of his friends, so that we could have a much better life in the future and also repair my ear and hearing in the U.S. I had finished 8th grade when our case was approved, and we got our visas for the U.S. I was not happy or excited

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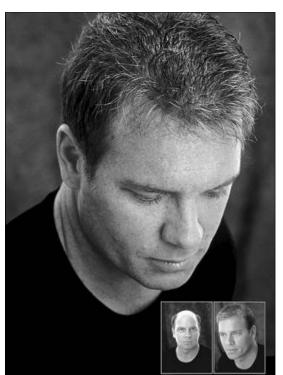
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about coming to the U.S., because, first of all, I had been brainwashed by the Iranian school, and second, I was worried about not hearing any more news about Afghanistan's situation. I have always hoped for Afghanistan to be a normal and peaceful country, like some European or Western countries. But it has not happened yet. Sometimes when I think about Afghanistan and its people and culture, I feel sorry and hopeless, and I start asking myself, "What is wrong with Afghanistan? Is Afghanistan's fortune supposed to be like this (war-torn, undeveloped, poor, and chaotic)? Is it because Allah is mad at Afghanistan and this might be a punishment?"

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I was registered in Kearny High School in 10th grade, despite my very limited English skills. My two younger brothers were registered in an elementary school. While I was going through hearing, language, and cultural barriers, my father decided to have my left ear treated. I received two major surgeries. However, the doctor botched the surgery on my left side, making the whole left side of my face paralyzed and ugly.

My hearing is now fine but not completely normal. The doctors told us that as time went on, my paralysis would go away, but it has only decreased slightly over the last 13 years. I graduated in June of 1994 from Kearny High School with a 3.6 grade point average and began attending San Diego Mesa College in 1995. At Mesa College, I worked hard on my writing, spelling, and grammar, with a lot of help from some English tutors. I even wrote an essay for the Mesa College Foundation scholarship award, and I got it.

Every step I took in my life was like entering into a different world but with a little more progress educationally and culturally. I met a lot of people from a lot of cultures in my school and jobs. My friends were usually Afghan people, some Arabs, Vietnamese, Chinese, and only a few Americans. I was more excited

and happy when I met Afghans, Indians, or Pakistani people because, for some reason, it gave me a feeling of comfort and closeness, the feeling that I was not the only refugee from our country. I've also learned

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Farzad Yaghouti, MD Medical Director good things from those people, like some new languages and traditional activities. For instance, during my first college years, I did not know what a birthday celebration was. I never thought about my birthday because in Afghanistan most people don't celebrate birthdays, and there weren't any records of birth. So when some of my friends, teachers or tutors, knew my made-up birthday and said happy birthday to me, instead of me feeling happy and saying thank you, I felt bad and was offended. That was because I'd rather be

dead than alive with my ugly, paralyzed face and life problems. Later on, when I learned that I was supposed to say thank you, I started saying thank you while chuckling. Some of my friends asked me what I wanted for my birthday, and I've always said as a joke, "A machine gun!" Then they asked me, "'Really?' I said, 'Believe it! I will go to my country and shoot all the Taliban!'"

I graduated from Mesa College with an AA degree and was accepted to San Diego State University in late 1997. My education

was getting harder and harder and so was my financial status. During my last year at Mesa College, through the beginning of SDSU, I overcame a lot of problems, such as my facial paralysis, language barriers, and cross-cultural shocks. My family and I moved from our first apartment in Kearny Mesa to government housing on La Mesa Boulevard. My mother became sick and lost a lot of weight due to depression. Most Afghan women are so committed to their dominant husbands that they would do

anything to please their husbands. I remember when my father used to take my mom to the doctor. When the doctor checked her weight, my mom used to attach a heavy brick on her stomach under her clothes so she would weigh a little more, just to make my dad feel better, even though she had actually lost weight. I was too young and immature to say something and wasn't sure what she was doing anyway. So, in addition to having to study very hard, I had to take care of my sick mom, dad, brothers,

and the house at the same

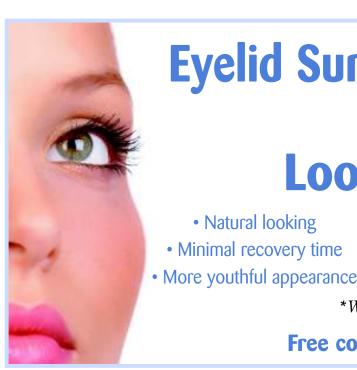
After being sick for almost a year, my mom passed away in January of more, and I got really scared because I know how dangerous Qandahar is. Who knew what might happen to my dad? I became angry

# I did not know what a birthday celebration was.

1998, which exacerbated my problems. My mom's grave is on Imperial Avenue in San Diego. Sometimes I go visit her.

After my mom died, my dad went back to Qandahar, Afghanistan, forever. That freaked me out even at my dad, but he told me he would never leave his hometown no matter what. He loves Afghanistan, even though his life was in great danger there and bombs often exploded around his house. I called him often, when I heard news about

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Afghanistan, to make sure he was okay. But it still didn't ease my fear about him. My brothers and I were broke, with almost no money and no family. I started working parttime at the SDSU Student Resource Center and full time in a department store, Marshalls. During these times, we really needed someone to talk to and share our pain and loneliness.

I started missing classes and got bad grades because my life was very busy, and I was thinking about my two younger brothers' futures and where we might end up. Then I stopped going to school, maybe forever, which made me cry, but I didn't have any other choice than to work just to live a simple life. We loved California and tried different ways to continue living there. We had lived in San Diego for almost ten years and loved the weather, the

city, and all the beauties of California. But even though my brothers and I all worked, it wasn't enough to survive in San Diego. Finally, one of my friends told us about Colorado, and I moved to Denver, in mid-2001. Denver's seasons are similar to Afghanistan's seasons, but of course it's much cleaner.

Again, I started thinking that not only had Afghanistan's situation affected me emotionally, but also left part of my face paralyzed as well. I have never been happy about my appearance and thought nobody would ever marry me. I think it is a miracle from Allah that today I am married to a very special man and have a beautiful life full of love and care. But my mind is never far from Afghanistan. I always hope Afghanistan will be a normal and peaceful country in my lifetime. ■

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f they think of him at all these days, most San Diegans probably remember Allen Glick as the Mafia puppet, thinly disguised as "Mr. Green," in Martin Scorcese's movie version of *Casino*, a book by Nick Pileggi. Back in the mid-1970s, Glick, a small-time San Diego real estate developer with an office just down the street from Mr. A's restaurant, was set up by the Midwest mob as straw owner of the Stardust and Fremont hotels on the Las Vegas strip.

Glick's main job in Las Vegas, it later emerged, was to sit quietly while two Mafia henchmen, Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal and Tony "The Ant" Spilotro, skimmed millions from the hotels' casinos. Rosenthal, a handicapper, bookie, and sports fixer, was variously billed as Glick's entertainment director, assistant, and food-and-beverage manager. He allegedly reported to his bosses in Chicago and Kansas City, who had arranged Glick's hotel purchases with \$62 million in

loans from the corrupt Teamsters Central States pension fund.

Rosenthal's friend Spilotro, a hit man suspected of at least 25 killings, provided the muscle for the operation; in his spare time he freelanced around Las Vegas with his own makeshift crew of Mafiosi, breaking into upscale homes in a series of high-profile "Hole in the Wall Gang" jewel thefts. Spilotro also ended up two-timing with Rosenthal's wife Geri, an ex call girl.

In the movie, a fictionalized version of Spilotro, played by Joe Pesci, is seen to murder a character closely resembling Tamara Rand, a San Diego real estate woman whose business dealings with Glick had soured and who had threatened to blow the whistle on him. Rand was gunned down in 1975 in the kitchen of her Mission Hills home, arguably becoming one of San Diego's most famous victims of a Mafia hit, though the case was never





officially solved.

When the feds moved in on Glick's operation and shut it down in 1979, he lost his casinos and became a cooperating witness, immunized from prosecution in a celebrated criminal case against 15 members of the mob. In 1983, Rosenthal narrowly survived a Las Vegas car bombing. Spilotro was said to be a suspect, but nothing became of the case. Never charged with a crime, Rosenthal retired to Florida and told his story to author Pileggi. He was portrayed by Robert De Niro in the movie.

Spilotro, indicted for his jewel thefts, disappeared in June 1986; his body was later found alongside that of his brother Michael's in shallow graves dug into an Indiana cornfield. Casino depicts their gruesome murder by baseball bat-wielding executioners from the Chicago mob.

Glick, meanwhile, always maintaining he had been duped by the mob, continued to live an outwardly peaceful and prosperous life behind the large walls and elaborate security devices ringing his La Jolla mansion. Over the years since his Las Vegas endeavor, Glick's business links have variously been reported to include casinos in the Philippines and Costa Rica; riverboat gambling ventures in Pennsylvania; electronic lotteries; and the manufacture of a canned diet drink called California Slim. Author Dan Moldea wrote that Glick had been in a real estate deal with Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis. Glick was also an investor with convicted felon Richard Silberman in Silberman's illfated gold-mining venture, Yuba Natural Resources.

For the most part, Glick has managed to lead a lowkey existence, giving generously to the private schools attended by his children, playing golf at La Costa, and easily mixing with La Jolla's beautiful people. But that began to change last fall when the Arizona Republic blew the whistle on part-time La Jollan Jeremy Simms, a Glick associate with a checkered past who now heads

the Turf Paradise horseracing track in Phoenix.

Simms, his family members, and some La Jolla friends — including highdollar residential real estate broker Maxine Gellens and Dr. Don and Emily Einhorn — were granted a threeyear license to run Turf Paradise in May of last year by the Arizona Racing Commission. But after a series of September stories in the Republic linking Simms to Glick, Arizona governor Jane Hull sacked racing department chief Jim Higginbottom and ordered an investigation into Simms and his operation.

Last week, the Arizona gaming department notified Simms that his application to operate video-gambling devices and offtrack betting at Indian casinos in the state would be denied.

In addition to his relationship with Glick, regulators said, Simms's connection with a bribery case against ex-California coastal commissioner Mark Nathanson in which Simms sought a permit to build a pool at his La Jolla mansion, made him unworthy of an Arizona gambling license. An unsuccessful attempt to stop construction of the Sheraton on Torrey Pines by other payoffs to Nathanson also figure in the license denial.

Simms has vowed to appeal the ruling. He and his partners reportedly paid \$53 million for the track operation last year and hope to add slot machines at the track. He claims that he no longer talks to Glick, and the monetary dealings he had with Nathanson were the result of extortion.

In any case, the allegations against Simms, as spelled out in the official "Investigations Report" and "State Certification of Denial" from the Arizona Department of Gaming, provide an intriguing glimpse into the fast life and allegedly shady doings of Simms and his old pal from La Jolla, Allen Glick. Excerpts follow.

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"Glick, meanwhile, always maintaining he had been duped by the mob, In interviews with Department Investigators, Jeremy Simms and Allen Glick both stated all funds advanced to Glick by Simms are business transactions. The investigation disclosed only the first three loan transactions dated back to 1992 and 1993 are evidenced by loan documents. The schedule of loans provided by Jeremy Simms indicates Glick owes Simms

\$252,122 including an unreconciled difference of \$60,000.

"Principal payments are irregular and interest payments cannot be reconciled to loan balances. All other business loans made by Simms appear to be well documented. The investigation failed to disclose a reason why the business loans between Simms and Glick lack documentation and

"In a September 22, 2000, interview, Simms stated he would advance funds to Glick by check and wire transfers. Simms would make the checks out pursuant to Glick's instructions. For wire transfers, Simms stated, 'I would call Bank of America and tell them they will be receiving a phone call from Mr. Glick and the amount, and then it was okay to wire it wherever he said to wire it.'

'The investigation disclosed that in 1995 Simms authorized monthly wire transfers to accounts controlled by Glick totaling \$2,273,051.29, and Simms received monthly wire transfers from accounts controlled Glick totaling \$2,573,051.29. Simms would liquidate Treasury Bills held at Bank of America at a loss, and the proceeds would be advanced to Glick. The documentation submitted by Simms regarding Simms' loans to Glick did not disclose these monthly transactions. The transactions were contained in tax files held on Simms's behalf by his accountants. Other than a handwritten note by Simms noting the loss on the sale of these 'bonds' and that he was loaning Glick approximately \$250,000 each month, no documentation exists to support the loans from Simms to Glick. When shown the documents evidencing the cash transactions, Glick's accountant Thomas Reid, CPA, indicated he did not know anything about the

monthly wire transfers

between Simms and Glick.

"Mr. Simms outlined his relationship with Mr. Allen R. Glick as follows: Mr. Simms met Mr. Glick in the 1970s. His cousin, Ron Hecker, introduced them. In 1985 Mr. Simms started to socialize with Mr. Glick and his family.

"Around this time, Mr. Simms learned Mr. Glick had owned some hotels and casinos in Las Vegas during the 1970s. Mr. Simms learned that Mr. Glick owned and sold the Hacienda Hotel, Fremont Hotel, Marina Hotel, and the Stardust Hotel. Mr. Simms also learned Mr. Glick was to be a government witness in a trial in Kansas City against several organized crime figures. Simms's cousin, Ron Heckler [sic], continued to tell Simms that Glick was not an organized-crime figure and had been victimized by the Mafia. 'More recent magazine articles and a book about the trial seemed to confirm my cousin's belief

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that Mr. Glick was a victim of the Mafia.'

"After the trial, Mr. Simms and his cousin were among the few friends Mr. Glick still had in the area. According to Mr. Simms, the book Casino, published in the mid-1990s, was supposed to be the true story about Mr. Glick's involvement in the hotels and the infiltration of the Mafia into the hotels. Even though the book and the trial 'tainted' Mr. Glick, Simms remained friends with Mr.

"In his affidavit, Mr. Simms stated the book Casino indicated Mr. Glick did not know the Teamsters Pension fund was controlled by organized crime. The book actually stated that Mr. Glick knew the person arranging the loans, Frank Balistrieri, was the organized-crime boss

of Milwaukee.

"During Mr. Simms's interview, conducted on September 22, 2000, Mr. Simms stated he no longer had a relationship with Mr. Glick. He stated he ceased the relationship about 'a week or two ago.' 'I told him that based upon things that have been put in the newspapers recently, I thought it would be best for myself and for him if we didn't continue

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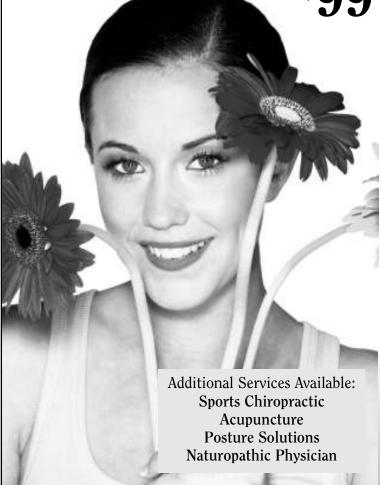


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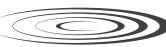
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our friendship, even though I still cared about him, because I'm in the gaming business and because of his articles — the articles in the paper.'

"Corporate Manager Connie Clapper and Investigator Callaghan interviewed Mr. Allen Glick on October 24, 2000, in La Jolla, California. Mr. Glick stated that Mr. Simms was a very dear friend and that they spoke on the telephone every day for the past 15 to 17 years. Mr. Glick did not indicate his relationship with Mr. Simms had ceased as Mr. Simms stated a month before.

"Mr. Glick also stated that he did not enjoy playing golf, but because Simms did, Glick would often play golf with Simms because he was a 'dear friend.'

"Mr. Simms attempted to describe himself as a naive businessman. Even though he founded a bank and sat on the finance committee, Mr. Simms stated he was not aware of the rules regulat-

ing the reporting of certain financial transactions. Specifically, he stated he did not know that money transactions at a bank of \$10,000 or above had to be reported. To the contrary, Mr. Glick described Mr. Simms as a very astute, detail-oriented, hard-boiled businessman. Mr. Glick also stated he would not want to be on the wrong side of the table from Mr. Simms. He added Mr. Simms always makes sure he gets repaid.

"In November 1985, Alan Robbins informed Jeremy Simms that he could acquire a franchise for a luxury automobile dealership that Honda planned to open under the name of Acura. Robbins indicated he had connections with Honda, having performed favors for Honda as a California State Senator in connection with legislation regarding Honda's all-terrain vehicles, and in turn Robbins would receive the rights to an Acura dealership franchise. Robbins offered Simms a 50 percent interest if Simms would act as a front man to the Acura dealership.

"It should be noted that Honda was awarding Acura dealerships only to existing owners of Honda dealerships. Neither Robbins nor Simms held an ownership interest in a Honda dealership. Robbins told Simms that if they could find an existing Honda dealer who was not interested in an Acura franchise, Honda would turn the Acura franchise over to the Honda dealership, acting as a straw man for Robbins and Simms, who would then transfer the Acura franchise over to Robbins and Simms. In consideration for the inside deal, Robbins would have to purchase a new Acura Legend for a Paul Priolo. Paul Priolo was a lobbyist for Honda.

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ing Honda dealer willing to act as a straw man in the transaction. In October 1986, Robbins and Simms sold their rights to the Acura franchise, for which they received \$400,000. Simms received \$150,000 and Robbins received \$250,000.

"On February 28, 2001, Investigator Thomas spoke with Mr. Bob Baker on the telephone. Mr. Baker is the person who bought the Acura dealership from Mr. Simms and Senator Robbins. Mr. Baker stated he met with Mr. Simms at Simms' La Jolla residence. Simms informed Baker that he wanted \$400,000 for the dealership. Mr. Baker became uncomfortable with Mr. Simms when Mr. Simms stated that he (Simms) had 'underworld' contacts. Investigator Thomas asked Mr. Baker if by underworld he (Baker) meant Mafia

or Organized Crime. Mr. Baker replied, 'Yes.' From then on, Mr. Baker only dealt with Senator Robbins.

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his residence in La Jolla. In April of 1987, California Coastal Commission staff recommended denial of the permit. Mr. Simms discussed the denial with Senator Robbins, and the Senator suggested Mr. Simms contact California Coastal Commissioner Nathanson. Mr. Simms contacted Coastal Commissioner Nathanson. Coastal Commissioner Nathanson asked Mr. Simms for a \$100,000 loan. Nathanson reminded Simms that he was helping him get his lap pool...Mr. Simms received approval to build his lap pool. Coastal Commissioner Nathanson received his \$100,000 loan.

"On April 29, 1992, Simms, in sworn testimony before a federal grand jury, admitted the following:

"Question: And did you understand, sir, that if you made the loan to Mark Nathanson for \$100,000, he would use his position as a Coastal Commissioner to make sure that you got a Coastal Commission permit for your lap pool and that the Sheraton Torrey Pines project would be defeated?

"Simms: Yes.

"In early 1987, Jack Naiman was attempting to have a hotel project located in Torrey Pines approved by the California Coastal Commission. At the same time a competing hotel project (Sheraton Torrey Pines) was seeking similar approval from the California Coastal Commission. Naiman asked Simms for assistance in defeating the competing project. Simms formed the Friends of Torrey Pines and appeared at community group, city council, and planning commission meetings to voice opposition to the Sheraton Torrey Pines project. Simms approached Robbins about his (Simms) work in opposing the Sheraton project, and Robbins suggested that Simms contact Nathanson for assistance.

"Despite Simms's efforts, the Sheraton Torrey Pines project was approved by the local city council. Simms contacted Robbins about the city council approval and

Robbins again suggested Simms contact Nathanson for assistance as the Sheraton project still required California Coastal Commission approval. Simms agreed to call Nathanson. Robbins also told Simms to use pay telephones when contacting Robbins or Nathanson to discuss the Torrey Pines project. In May 1987, Naiman at Simms suggestion met with and asked Nathanson for assistance.

"In June 1987, Robbins

and Nathanson met and agreed to seek a \$250,000 payment from Naiman for Nathanson's assistance. On June 4, 1987, Naiman met with Robbins and Robbins solicited the bribe. On June 5, 1987, Nathanson met with

Robbins and received cash from Robbins that Robbins had received from Naiman earlier that day. Between June 1987 and February 1989, Nathanson received several cash payments totaling \$116,000 from Naiman.

"On June 4, 1987, Naiman informed Simms that Robbins had demanded a cash payment from Naiman. Sometime during that day, Simms had a conversation with Nathanson and informed Nathanson

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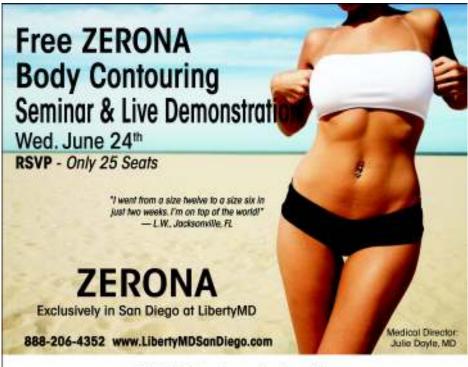
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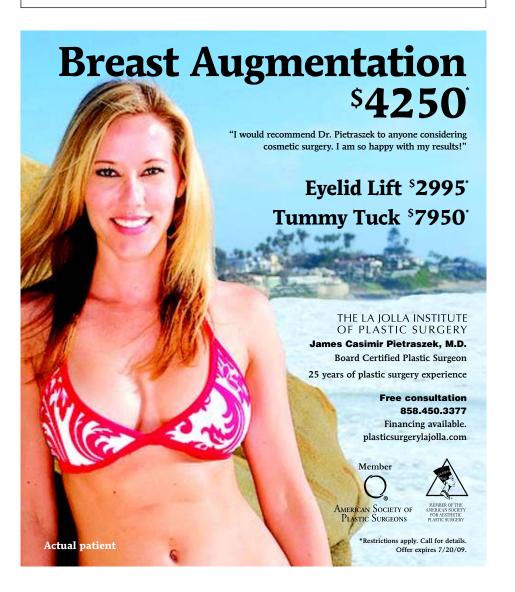


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the money would be paid. On June 4, 1987, Nathanson asked Simms if he could borrow some cash to make the payment demanded by Robbins. Simms agreed to advance Naiman the cash. Simms also told Naiman that Robbins informed him Naiman should make withdrawals from the bank in increments below \$10,000. Robbins informed Simms any transaction over \$10,000 would cause the bank to make a record, which is something Robbins wanted to avoid.

"On the morning of June 5, 1987, Simms withdrew \$9000 from First Interstate Bank using his MasterCard. Later on the same morning of June 5, 1987, Naiman went to Simms's house and collected the \$9000. Naiman informed Simms he would combine Simms's money with the cash he withdrew and made a payment to Robbins.

"On May 9, 1991, Simms in sworn testimony before a federal grand jury admitted the following:

"Question: Did you understand that the \$9000 that you had withdrawn and gave to Naiman was part of the \$250,000 demanded by Robbins and Nathanson?

"Simms: Yes.

"Question: And that that \$9000 was part of an illegal payment — an extortion or bribe payment that Robbins had demanded from Naiman and that Nathanson had confirmed had been demanded from Robbins?

"Simms: Yeah.

"Question: You understood that that was a corrupt payment?

"Simms: Yes, I did.

"Question: And you understood that that money was being paid in connection with an effort to influence the official vote of the Coastal Commission, correct?

"Simms: Yes.

"Both Robbins and Nathanson pled to violation of the racketeering statute and filing a false tax return. Mr. Simms received immunity from prosecution in exchange for his testimony against Robbins and Nathanson. During his grand jury testimony, Mr. Simms admitted that on at least three occasions, he made corrupt payments or loaned money to public officials for his personal gain.

"During his interview with Department of Racing

investigators, Mr. Simms made the following comment about FBI Agent Wedick writing a letter on his behalf.'...I wish I could send Jim Wedick something for taking the time to write that letter that he wrote that

time because he took heat for that letter...I swear to you when I got that letter, if I could have done something to make his life better, if I could have gone and paid off his mortgage, not as a bribe...' "This is not to say Mr. Simms was seeking to bribe the Racing investigators during the interview. However, it is evidence of how cavalier and comfortable Mr. Simms is in paying money to influence people's

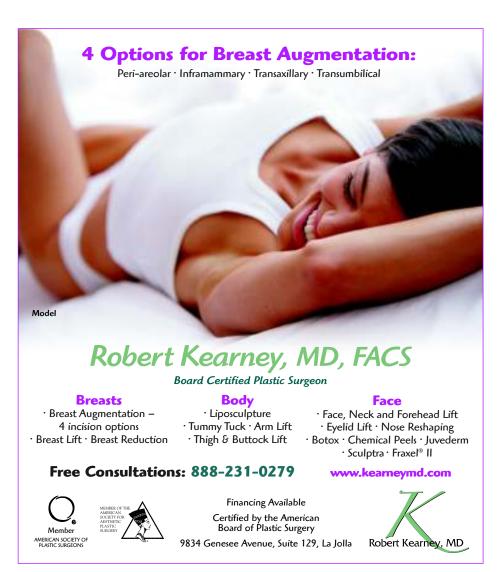
decisions." *Update:* Turf Paradise is still owned and operated by Jerry Simms. ■

— Matt Potter

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HEALTH AND BEAUTY





## **LETTERS**

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a lawsuit if you continue to allow her to use such outlandish things. That was the most ridiculous, ludicrous, I don't even think that there's words to describe the dumbness of this person to put such rubbish

And then, who's minding the mint? Is there anyone who goes over and reads what she's putting out before you even say, hey, this is okay? It's not okay, and you're going to have to start being more responsible for the people that you hire. I understand that there's free speech and it's a free newspaper, and I really do love the Reader dearly. We're going to have to make some radical choices and some radical changes because this nonsense will allow people to lose their jobs and lose their businesses if you don't watch out.

So please, think about it,

and to be quite honest, she's not that great of a reviewer. I think I could probably get my dog Rin Tin Tin to do a lot better than her. And also, I called Frankie "The Bull's" BBQ and asked if they'd read what was written, and they were very, very upset. You don't want a lawsuit. You, at least, want to be able to put the Reader out the way you've been doing, but not like this. Take care.

> Name Withheld via voicemail

#### **BBQ Needs A Do-Over**

About House of BBQ aka Chicago House of BBQ — the ribs do fall off the bones, the pulled pork is heavenly, and the sauce divine ("Smoking or Non?" Restaurant Review, June 11)! We've been eating there weekly. Also, don't forget to try Pete's daily homemade soups, yummmmmm. We also enjoy the fact that our favorite kind of wine is remembered as well as our names when we walk through the doors. Ms. Wise, give this place another try. You might have been having an off day. Nanette Lehr via email

#### **Lies And Slander**

I read the Reader today and saw what you wrote about House of BBQ ("Smoking or Non?" Restaurant Review, June 11). I eat there all the time with friends and family, and I always recommend this place to everyone. This place has amazing barbecue. You made a comment about the pulled pork being dry and that it's so hard you have to cut it because there is no way it was pulled. Well, let me say that we (my family and friends) call it Heaven on a Bun because it is delicious. It is tender. The coleslaw is homemade and out of this world; it is not over mayo. You also commented on paying \$3 for bread to have with your dinner. They always give three pieces of garlic bread with all the dinners —

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This barbecue house has opened in tough times with this economy. God bless them and all the other restaurants that have the courage. Also, they have brought to us a menu with great prices, greatquality food, huge portions, and homemade delicious items on the menu.

I just want to voice my opinion on your review and tell you you're wrong, and you will be getting more letters from House of BBQ fans emailing you and standing behind this restaurant. You should make an apology to this restaurant for slandering their name that way with lies. You can have an opinion, yes, but if you didn't believe it was pulled you should have asked the chef to invite you in the kitchen and see for yourself before writing your review.

Also, one last thing, the ribs are not charred like you said; they are tender and fall off the bone. The barbecue sauces — house and spicy are better than a lot of places' out there now. (Won't mention names.) We always ask for extra when we take home our leftovers. I like to end this with House of BBQ, five stars.

> Dimi via email

#### **Future Freebies**

Tokeli is a truly great talent and now a bit of a visionary ("Free-For-All," Blurt, June 11). Whether or not she is serious about offering her rather significant talents (I was at the show and blown away) for "free" or not, I can tell the readers that those of us in the entertainment business have been there and are doing that very same thing albeit kicking and screaming.

Not only did Napster and others eternally change the way prerecorded music has evolved as a business model a decade ago, VOD (video on demand) is now flirting with the very same concept of "free" with movies and favorite TV series. Check out the story in The Wrap on a new company, Zillion TV, that has just signed up a

major studio and will offer their content free of charge. Putting aside the concept that if an artist is truly passionate about pursuing their craft, rewards will follow (with monetary hopes), this concept of "free" is here to stay

and for those innovative

enough to figure out a way to make that work, they will be the pioneers of the future.

All Tokeli needs is an audience to hear her music, and now there is no excuse for anyone to miss her amazing show. She will survive — go see for yourself!

Steven Galloway via email

#### **Money No Object**

Why in the world would you concern yourself with who paid for what for the Idol return ("Mad World," Neighborhood News from Stringers,

May 21)? That is ridiculous. Adam is a hometown guy and this is the article he gets for working so hard to make his town proud of him? You should be ashamed; it is a disgrace. Keep in mind the teachers salaries are ongoing — Adam was a one-time

event. Big deal. If you had some positive articles running about this talented young man your hits on this site would be tremendous. I found this article to be very sad.

> Name Withheld by Request via email

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# **Baloney Sighted Offshore**

Regarding "Searching for San Diego's Sea Turtles and a Job" cover story of April 30, I heartily laugh at all the letters of protest coming in on behalf of author Nasreen Atassi. I can spot a phony baloney a mile away! Last week's letter from Misty bemoaning the deeper misunderstanding of Nasreen's story and negative criticism of it was a crock. I bet that was Nasreen herself, writing the letter in defense of her questionable skills. Neil Allen of Normal Heights: Let's call a spade a spade! Nasreen's writing sucked — there were no layers of meaning or "unique view and style." It was just plain bad. The Reader should know better than to publish shit like that when there are so many better authors out there (such as myself) with far better stories to tell. To add insult to injury, the Reader puts this dreck on the front page!

Now I am sure Neil Allen of Normal Heights and If do not wish to beat a dead horse or kick someone when they are down. Let's suffice to say people are entitled to their opinions. But they should be sincere ones not hiding behind false names or friend's emails. Nasreen, call off your dopey relatives and friends. Try and write something worthwhile next time. And no more letters that are obviously written, if not by you, then by your cousin!

Gail Powell via email

#### **Mystery Makers**

In reading your article "Eyes on the Freeway" (Neighborhood News from Stringers, March 19), it's apparent CalTrans may not be disclosing the entire story. I drive the stretch of the I-5 freeway from near the U.S. border to Carlsbad on a fairly regular basis, and these freeway solar-array—powered devices extend all the way to the border on both sides of the freeway, every few miles.

I hope the *Reader* will follow up on this story by contacting CalTrans and obtaining a list of venders (and their contact information) supply-

ing the various components of these vehicle-detection devices. Perhaps then we will be able to ascertain for certain whether the information Cal-Trans is supplying the Reader is actually true. I have my doubts. I have photographed these devices numerous times and have noticed a company logo on some of what appears to be transmission units (as opposed to detector units): it is a stylized globe printed on a blue foil background of the earth outlined in white with white lines of latitude and longitude. Printed across what would be the equatorial region in bold white letters is "EIS" — maybe this information will be helpful in trying to identify what the actual purpose of these freeway devices

I would be pleased to supply any photos I have.

Owen Burcham via email

#### **Gastro Geography**

Normally, I love Naomi Wise's well-written, thoughtful, and often entertaining reviews. However, this time I had to

agree with her that "the state of local North African restaurants [in San Diego] came as a shock" (Restaurant Review, March 19). In fact, I am not surprised at all, since she seems to think that North Africa includes Ethiopia. I'd be shocked, too, having lived in Morocco, if I had gone to an Ethiopian restaurant expecting couscous bedaoui or chorba. North Africa is generally considered to include Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, and the Western Sahara, with Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya making up the Maghreb. While these countries have some dishes similar to those of Ethiopia, North African cuisine is quite distinct. If Ms. Wise is looking for a good local offering of Moroccan food, she need look no further than Kous Kous on Fourth in Hillcrest.

Geography aside, the review of Muzita Abyssinian Bistro is very informative, and we just might wander a bit out of the Maghreb for dinner soon.

Rebecca Romani via email Naomi Wise responds: Thanks for the input. You make a very valid point. I took the lazy way out under deadline, trying to lump in the Horn of Africa with the area north of the Sahara, when what I really meant was "northern sub-Saharan African." (That's too much of a mouthful.) Probably should just have said "African restaurants," since as far as I know we don't have any eateries from Nigeria, Kenya, etc., and our delightful, one-and-only South African restaurant regrettably closed a few years ago. And yes to Kous Kous — I am also a raving fan of their Moroccan food!

#### Help Us, Jerry

Re: "Black Canyon to Pamo Valley," Roam-0-Rama, February 12)

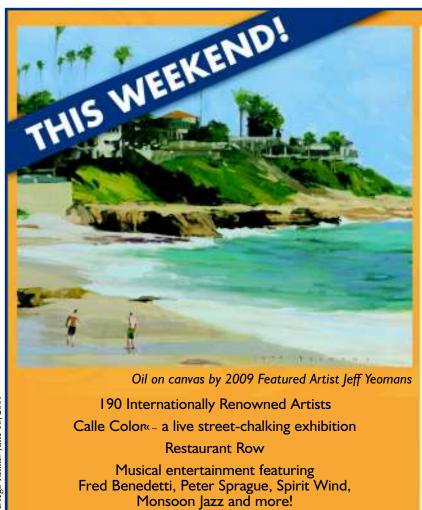
Jerry Schad, I noticed a story in today's *U-T* about some of the squabbles surrounding completing the Coast to Crest trail in San Diego County. A trail like that would be a wonderful thing to San Diegans who are looking for long-distance trails without having to drive through the dreaded Inland Empire. Can

you please keep us in the loop about its progress? What can we do to make it happen? I would love to hike it start to finish to commemorate its grand opening!

> Alissa via email

Jerry Schad responds: The squabble has to do with a section of the Coast to Crest Trail through the San Diego Polo Club at Rancho Santa Fe and centers on the exact usage of a section of public trail that is also used as a pony exercise track by the polo club. For information and construction updates on the entire 55-mile-long Coast to Crest Trail, which belongs to the San Dieguito River Park, visit sdrp.org/trails.htm.

Incidentally, San Diego County has long been the home of the southernmost piece of the 2600-mile Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (Pacific Crest Trail), which starts at the Mexican border at Campo and stretches north through California, Oregon, and Washington to the Canadian border. The last piece of that trail was completed in 1993.



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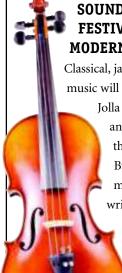
From dog parks to puppy spas to...spiritual pet massages? This class (for people only) will teach the basics of this Japanese technique that is said to transmit good vibes through the palms of the practitioner's

hands. See **LECTURES**, page 61.

#### **WOMEN WITHOUT MEN**

To each her own utopia! Iranian-American filmmaker Shirin Neshat shares her vision in this adaptation of exiled Iranian writer Shahrnush Parsipur's novel about a magic garden and the women who are led there. Neshat will be on hand to answer questions. See FILM, page 58.

# Friday | 19



#### **SOUNDON FESTIVAL OF** MODERN MUSIC

Classical, jazz, and modern music will be featured at the La Jolla Athenaeum Music and Arts Library at this three-day festival. By "modern," they mean "chamber music written by 20th-Century com-

> posers." See **CLASSICAL**

MUSIC, page 56.

## Saturday | 20

#### GEOCACHING WITH DAD TREASURE HUNT

After a GPS-navigation training session, head out on a treasure hunt in the Sacred Rocks Reserve, a few miles southwest of Anza-Borrego. Hungry hunters will then enjoy a hot dog roast. Participants must bring their own GPS receiver or iPhone 3G.

See **SPECIAL**, page 63.

#### TAKEN WITH TRACTORS?

The first tractor, its engine powered by steam, was built in 1868. At this event showcasing California-

made tractors and engines, 50 acres will be decked out with

working

antique-equipment demonstrations, model trains, wagon rides, and more. See **SPECIAL**, page 63.

# Sunday | 21

#### TOUR AN "ORGANIC" ARTIST'S HOME

Working with local stone, adobe, and sprayed concrete, artist and architectural designer James Hubbell has created eight hand-built structures that "appear to grow out of the landscape." View his handiwork at the Ilan-Lael compound in Santa Ysabel.

See **SPECIAL**, page 63.

FATHER'S DAY WITH



Prize winner Lynne Thompson read from her work.

Monday | 22

See IN PERSON, page 60.



#### H.P. LOVECRAFT'S THE FESTIVAL

See the famed horrorfiction writer's short story brought to life under black lights, featuring "characters that slither, books that fly, and monsters that glow in the dark." See THEATER, page 94.

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# Tuesday | 23

#### **WORLD OF WHISKEY**

Ready your livers, because Ed "Dirt" Adams, esteemed Master of Whiskey, is going to guide you through a six-course whiskey-pairing dinner. Food paired by chef Pete Harbison.

See FOOD & DRINK, page 60.

# Wednesday | 24

AND-**PURPLE WEEK** Come to Warwick's Bookstore dressed in pink-andpurple attire for story time with Princess Cindy, pinkand-purple crafts, and pink-andpurple cupcakes. See FOR KIDS page 60.



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#### CLASSICAL MUSIC

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Consort Concert Hutchins Consort performs music of masters and original compositions commissioned for this octet of violins. Recommended reservations: 760-438-5996. Saturday, June 20, 7pm; \$10. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

#### Mainly Mozart Festival 2009

The 21st annual festival continues with Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra performing Mozart's "Piano Trio No. 2 in B Flat," Spohr's "Octet in E," "Vocalise No. 14" by Rachmaninov, and "Serenade for Strings in C" by Tchaikovsky on June 18.

Timothy Day (flute) and Andrew Armstrong (piano) join St. Petersburg String Quartet in recital on June 19. Program includes the Mozart "Flute Ouartet No. 3 in C," Tchaikovsky's "Suite from the Nutcracker" and "String Quartet No. 3 in E Flat Minor."

Festival concludes on June 20 when Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra performs Stravinsky's "Suite No. 2," the "Serenade in D Minor" by Dvořák, Tchaikovsky's pas-dedeux from Sleeping Beauty (arranged by Stravinsky), and Mozart's "Symphony No. 41 in C (Jupiter)." Reservations: 619-239-0100 x2. Thursday, June 18, 8pm; Friday, June 19, 8pm; Saturday, June 20, 8pm; \$10-\$85. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Renaissance and Baroque Italian Music Pacific Camerata performs motets and madrigals by Giovanni Croce, Adriano Banchieri, Giovanni da Palestrina, Gioseppe Caimo, others. Of special interest are several works by women composers from Lombard region, including "Litany of the Blessed Virgin" by Isabella Leonarda. 619-527-4457. Saturday, June 20, 7:30pm; \$10-\$15. Saint Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

**Summer International Organ** Festival 2009 Opening-night concert features 130-voice La Jolla Symphony Chorus and former San Diego civic organist Jared Jacobsen. 619-702-8138. Monday, June 22, 7:30pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

The Young Organist Organ concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, June 21, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road, (BALBOA PARK)

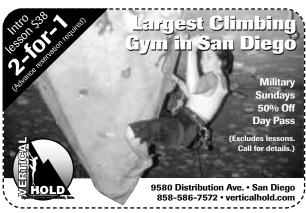
DANCE Belly-Dance Showcase Gloria, Heather, Kamila, Tarciana perform to live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Donation: \$5, 619-688-9845. Thursday, June 18, 8pm. Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue, (NORTH PARK)

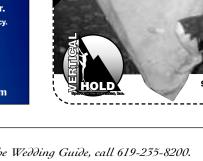
Cuban Dance Workshop Learn dances of Cuba from master folkloric artist Juan Carlos Blanco from Havana, On schedule: Cuban popular dance with Rumba Guaguanco (2-3pm), Afro-Cuban folkloric dance focusing on Yoruba traditional Orisha dances and Congo dance of Makuta (3-4pm). Accompanied by live traditional percussion. Fee: \$12 for one class, \$20 for both. 858-551-1069. Saturday, June 20, 2pm; \$12-\$20. Performing Arts Workshop, 1105 Second Street. (ENCINITAS)

**English Country Dancing Judee** Pronovost calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6pm 858-676-9731. Thursday, June 18, 6pm. Sunday, June 21, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

More Summer Swing! Firehouse swing school's June classes include beginning East Coast/jitterbug, beginning Lindy Hop, and intermediate Lindy Hop. Los Angeles swing DJ Morgan Day is featured on June 24. Class fee includes admission to Firehouse Swing Dance (8-11:30pm). Fee: \$50 for







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

orn from snow-fed rivulets, the many tributaries of the East Fork San Gabriel River gather together to form one of the liveliest streams in the San Gabriel Mountains. At "the Narrows" of the East Fork, the water squeezes through the deepest gorge in Southern California, rising 5200 feet high on the east side and 4000 feet high on the west side.

On this grand journey down the upper East Fork, you'll descend nearly a mile in elevation, and travel from high-country pines and firs to sun-scorched chaparral. With an estimated time-in-motion of around eleven hours, this hike could be done in one monumental day, or it could be backpacked in two days. Heavy runoff after a storm can create hazardous stream crossings, which is a good reason why this trip is best undertaken well after the rain and snow season has ended. This is not a trip for hikers without plenty of successful experience in off-trail wilderness travel. Contact Angeles National Forest, 626-335-1251, for the latest information about access and river conditions.

It's best to have someone drop you off at the starting point on Angeles Crest Highway at Vincent Gap (ten miles west of Wrightwood), and later pick you up at the East Fork Station. That's an 85-mile drive around by way of Angeles Crest Highway, Interstate 15, Interstate



Falls in Fish Fork

10, Highway 39, and East Fork Road (which leads directly to East Fork Station). A National Forest Adventure Pass must be posted on any car parked at either

From the parking area at Vincent Gap, walk down the gated road to the southeast. After only about 200 yards, a footpath veers left, into the area known as Sheep Mountain Wilderness. Take that path; the road itself continues toward the Bighorn Mine, an "inholding" of privately owned land inside the wilderness boundary.

Intermittently shaded by bigcone Douglas-firs, white firs, Jeffrey pines, and live oaks, the path descends along the south slope of Vincent Gulch. At 0.7 mile, on a flat ridge spur, look for an indistinct side path intersecting on the right. This leads about 100 yards to an old cabin believed to have been the home of Charles Vincent, who led the life of a hermit, prospector, and big-game hunter from 1870 until his death in 1926.

After a few switchbacks, the main trail crosses

miles. Thereafter it stays on or above the east bank as far as the confluence of Prairie Fork, a wide drainage coming in from the east at 3.8 miles from the start. You veer right (west) down a gravelly wash, good for setting up a camp. Shortly after, at the Mine Gulch confluence, you bend left (south) into the wide bed of the upper East Fork, For several miles to come. there's essentially no trail. It may take several hours to traverse this stretch, depending on the energy and motivation of your group.

Vincent Gulch at 1.6

Proceed downstream, crossing the creek (and battling alder thickets) several times over the next mile. The canyon becomes narrow for

a while starting at about 5.0 miles, and you must wade or hop from one slippery rock to another. Fish

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Fork, on the left at 7.3 miles from the start, is the first large stream below Prairie Fork.

#### **DOWN THE EAST FORK**

Descend nearly a vertical mile along the East Fork San Gabriel River in Angeles National Forest.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 140 miles Hiking length: 14.5 miles Difficulty: Very strenuous

Well below Fish Fork, you enter the Narrows. A rough trail, worn in by hikers, traverses this one-mileplus section of swift water. You'll pass swimmable (if chilly) pools cupped in the bedrock, and cross the stream when necessary. Listen and watch for water ouzels (dippers) by the edges of the pools.

At the lower portals of the Narrows (9.7 miles), vou come upon the "Bridge to Nowhere." During the 1930s, road-builders managed to push a highway up along the Fast Fork stream to just this far. The arched, concrete bridge was to be a key link in a proposed route that would carry traffic between the San Gabriel Valley and the desert near Wrightwood. Floods intervened and thoroughly demolished most of the road in 1938, leaving the bridge stranded.

Below the bridge, on remnants of the old road, you'll probably encounter other travelers out for the day. At 12.0 miles, Swan Rock, an outcrop of metamorphic rock, comes into view on the right. At 14.0 miles you come upon Heaton Flat Campground. From there a final 0.5-mile stroll takes you to the East Fork Station and the end of your journey.

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four weeks or \$15 per class. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, June 24, 7pm; \$15-\$50. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Women's Club: 2557 Third Avenue.

**Old Twine String Band** Provides music, Chris Page calls for contra dancing 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, June 19, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity

United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

**Scandinavian Dance Party** Enjoy live music for dancing. Bring snack to share. 619-281-5656. Wednesday, June 24, 7:30pm; \$8. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

#### FILM

"Page to Screen" The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and

the Wardrobe (2005) is on offer when "movies based on books" are showcased for Carlsbad Library film series. Ann Zivotsky leads prefilm (5:30pm) and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, June 24, 3:30pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library. 1775 Dove Lane. (CARL SBAD)

"San Diego Now: Preacher's Sons" Screening of film following "a unique alternative family across five years and four locales in the United States." Following panel discussion includes film pro-

ducer C. Reed, Barbara Cox, Clara Shortridge, other local experts focusing on changing dynamic of families in S.D. 619-232-6203 x129. Friday, June 19, 5:30pm; frees 10. Museum of San Diego History. 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Race Is the Place Movies That Matter series continues with "spicy" documentary about race, language, society by some of nation's top spoken-word artists. Also screening: the short film Poets Without Borders, a documentary about local Taco Shop Poets. 619-531-8950. Friday.

June 19, 7:30pm; \$5. 12 and up. Centro Cultural de Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

A Thousand Years of Good Prayers Wayne Wang's 2008 film screens — in Mandarin and Farsi with English subtitles — for Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Monday, June 22, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**Happy-Go-Lucky** Mike Leigh's "effervescent new comedy" stars Sally Hawkins as a free-spirited

school teacher. Film screens for Sunday Matinee. 619-236-5800. Sunday, June 21, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Women Without Men Iranian-American visual artist/filmmaker Shirin Neshat's first feature-length film/work-in-progress will be screened. Set in Tehran in 1953, film is Neshat's adaptation of exiled Iranian writer Shahrnush Parsipur's magic realist novel. In addition, view small selection of Neshat's short films. Neshat will be present to answer questions. 858-454-3541.









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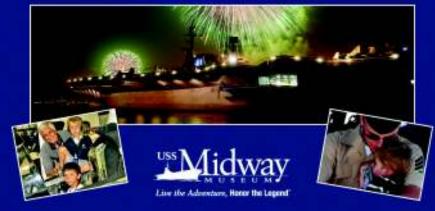
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# Lalendar

Thursday, June 18, 7pm; \$10-\$15. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Movies in the Parks Enjoy E.T. when the series gets underway. Preshow activities at 6pm; movie begins at dusk. Bring beach chairs or blankets for lawn seating, or swimsuits to "Flick and Float" in pool (\$5). Admission is free. 760-744-9000. Saturday, June 20, 6pm; free-\$5. Cerro de Las Posas Park, Borden and Las Posas Roads. (SAN MARCOS)

Screen on the Green 2009 Series begins with introduction by guests from Comi-con, guest curated by Dan Bennett and San Diego International Children's Film Festival. Screenings take place on east lawn. 619-232-7931. Wednesday, June 24, 8pm; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Tuesdays in the Park Enjoy Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull when Movies in the Park series continues at Vieias Outlet Center. 619-659-2070. Tuesday, June 23, 8pm; free, Vieias Casino, 5005 Willows Road, (ALPINE)

#### FOOD & DRINK

Luau at the Ranch and Great Duck Race Aroma of spicy barbecue will mark third annual benefit for Alpine school students.

Events include luau barbecue rib cook-off, music, dancing, no-host bar, tours of the rural ranch. Tropical attire encouraged. Tickets include five rib-tasting tickets with dinner fixings. 619-445-2722. Saturday, June 20, 5pm; \$40. Campbell Creek Ranch, 3535 Alpine Boulevard, (ALPINE)

N.Z. Wine Time Waipara Springs of New Zealand wine tasting, with winemaker Frank Manifold on hand to answer questions, 510-636-4016. Saturday, June 20, 3pm; \$20. 21 and up. The Wine Bank, 363 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Summer Solstice 2009 Wine and ale tasting, food from over 15 restaurants on offer. Reservations: 858-755-1179. Thursday, June 18, 5pm; \$40-\$50. Powerhouse Community Center, 1658 Coast Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Taste of Adams Avenue Fare from 30 restaurants, pubs, eateries along Adams Avenue on offer during self-guided walking tour. 619-233-5008. Sunday, June 21, 11am; \$25-\$30. Adams Ave., 32nd Street & Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Whaddava Know about New Zealand's Wines? Waipara Springs of New Zealand wine tasting, with winemaker Frank Manifold on hand to answer questions. 510-636-4016. Sunday, June 21, 3pm; \$20. 21 and up. Muzita Abyssinian Bistro, 4651 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

World of Whiskey Six-course whiskey-pairing dinner featuring guest speaker Ed "Dirt" Adams, described as "one of a select few 'masters of whiskey' worldwide." Food pairing by chef Pete Harbison. 619-713-6900. Tuesday, June 23,

7pm; \$50. 21 and up. Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive #277. (LA MESA)

#### FOR KIDS

"Carbonated Oceans" Investigate effects of climate change in oceans with Scripps Oceanography researchers during family day program. Hands-on activities demonstrate science of ocean acidification and ways people can change the environmental outcome. Included in admission (free for kids, \$11 general). 858-534-3624. Saturday, June 20, 11am. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

"Exploring the Self-Portrait" Family drop-in day program encourages exploration, learning about self-portraits by surveying "Richard Avedon: Portraits of Power" in a variety of childfriendly activities. For families with kids 6-12. Included in museum admission (\$10 general). 619-231-7092. Sunday, June 21, 1pm; 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Motion" Time for family science day with hands-on activities. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, June 20, 12 noon; \$6-\$8. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Along for the Ride Young adult novelist Sarah Dessen on hand to discuss her latest novel during "teen-friendly afternoon of food, fun, and fashion on the lawn," VIP tickets available with purchase of Dessen's book from Warwick's. 858-454-0347. Saturday, June 20,

1pm; free. La Jolla Historical Society, 7846 Eads Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Frog Prince Who will help the Frog Prince return to life as a frog? Find out when Zacker's Puppets take stage. 619-544-9203. Thursday, June 18, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Friday, June 19, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Saturday, June 20, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, June 21, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm: \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West, (BALBOA PARK)

Puppet Circo Gaston's Puppets present "zaniest, funniest circus you'll ever see with surprise endings to the acts." 619-544-9203. Wednesday, June 24, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West, (BALBOA PARK)

It's Pink-and-Purple Week! Dress in your favorite pink-andpurple attire for story time with Princess Cindy, pink-and-purple crafts, pink-and-purple cupcakes. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, June 24, 3pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Nature Explorers Kids (five to ten vears old) and their parents learn facts about native fauna, explore changes at dusk, using four senses and flashlights. Reservations: 619-582-6261. Friday, June 19, 7pm; free-\$3. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Piñata Party Oceanside Public Library Bookmobile's piñata party promises festive stories, songs, craft, raffle. 760-435-5600. Wednesday, June 24, 3pm; free. John Landes Park, 2855 Cedar Road. (OCEANSIDE)

#### **GALLERIES**

"Seeing Green: Visions of a Changing Planet" Opening reception for exhibition of textiles by Linda Gass, who creates art informed by the wilderness, maps, aerial photography, and her activist passion. She'll exhibit with nine other female artists who create appreciation, awareness of environment through Sunday, August 16. 619-546-4872. Saturday, June 20, 5pm; free. Visions Art Quilt Gallery, NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, 2825 Dewey Rd., Suite 100.

"Still+Life" Reception for exhibition showcasing this "humble genre," in conjunction with Cedros Gallery Night. View paintings by Frank Damiano, Page Laughlin, Stephen Dinsmore, Tom Seghi; sculptures by David Kimball Anderson and Joel Urruty through Sunday, July 12. 858-793-4442. Thursday, June 18, 6pm; free. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery, 415 South Cedros Avenue #160. (SOLANA REACH)

On Track for Art Reception for San Dieguito Art Guild's opening of an additional Off Track Gallery with work in many media by guild members. 760-942-3636. Saturday, June 20, 5pm; free. Off Track 2 Gallery, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

#### IN PERSON

"Frank Baum and Oz" Follow the yellow brick road to learn about life of author L. Frank Baum in

Coronado and his writings. Author's great-grandson Robert Baum and his wife will present Frank and Maude, a play about life and imagination of "the man behind the curtain," 619-435-7242, Saturday, June 20, 3pm; \$10-\$15. Coronado Museum of History and Art, 1100 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

"Friends and Lovers" Pacific Women's Chorus plans concert with "varied program of choral music celebrating the many facets of friendship and love." Suggested donation: \$10.760-634-9809. Sunday. June 21, 3pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito, 1036 Solana Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

Klezmer Summit: Klezmer and Knaidlach!" Feast of music and matzo ball soup with performances by Russian clarinet virtuoso Alexander Gourevitch and his violinist daughter Natasha, Gustavo Bulgach, and Klezmer Juice at 7:30pm for Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival. Bulgach leads discussion of klezmer in North and South America and in Eastern Europe (6:30pm). 619-544-1000. Monday, June 22, 6:30pm; \$18. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

"Neo-Soul Monday" Monthly showcase and open mike for "some of the most talented and innovative poets and musicians on the scene today," hosted by Emichele, founder/president of PoeticWorks. com. Signups: 8:30pm; featured show: 9pm. 619-395-5019. Monday, June 22, 8pm; free. 12 and up. The Metaphor Café, 258 East 2nd Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Off the Charts" Comedian Tim Lee's show blends stand-up comedy with science and "humorous"



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PowerPoint visuals. Lee "uses scientific phenomena and tools to explain everything from the hair that collects on a bar of soap to how his standards drop rapidly with abstinence." 760-720-2460. Saturday, June 20, 8pm; \$20, 13 and up. Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2808 State Street, (CARLSBAD)

"One Mike...San Diego: The Comedy Show" Evening hosted by Aida Rodriguez, featuring Lamont King, starring Joe Clair. 619-708-7975. Sunday, June 21, 8pm; \$20. 21 and up. The Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

"Viva Palestina" George Galloway — the British politician who has been a member of parliament (MP) since 1987, author, broadcaster — speaks for fundraising banquet for Viva Palestina humanitarian aid convoy to Gaza. 760-685-3243. Tuesday, June 23, 6:30pm; \$35. Holiday Inn on the Bay, 1355 North Harbor Drive.

Augusto Lives! Employing modern techniques of late Brazilian director Augusto Boal, an ensemble of Palomar students performs short plays based on real situations taking place in local communities. Directed by Michael Mufson and Carlos von Son. Pay what you can. Friday, June 19, 8pm; Saturday, June 20, 8pm. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road, (SAN MARCOS)

Coyote Heart San Diego author Paula Margulies reads from, signs copies of her debut novel, "a multicultural love story set against the backdrop of the Pala Indian Reservation." 858-538-8159. Saturday, June 20, 1pm; free. Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13350 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Bird With Brain! Science series continues when Brandeis University's Irene M. Pepperberg discusses her book Alex & Me: How a Scientist and a Parrot Uncovered a Hidden World of Animal Intelligence — and Formed a Deep Bond

in the Process. Alex proved "he could add. He could sound out words. He understood concepts like bigger, smaller, more, fewer, and none." Question and answer, book signing follow. 858-755-3735. Saturday, June 20, 7pm; free. The Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle, (DEL MAR)

**Environmental Thriller Author** Warren Fahy explores our fascination with possibility of surviving or revived prehistoric life in Fragment, which he'll sign and discuss. 858-268-4747. Saturday, June 20, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Epic Historical Fiction! Murder mystery The 19th Wife, set in contemporary times and 1875, signed and discussed by author David Ebershoff. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, June 23, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Father's Day with Sunset Poets Los Angeles poet Lynne Thompson — who won 2007 Perugia Press Prize for her first collection of poems, Beg No Pardon - reads from her work. Openmike reading follows. 760-758-2410. Sunday, June 21, 3pm; free. The Flying Bridge, 1105 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Fenway's Comedy Night Stand-up comedy with Bob Murphy, others. 760-720-4300. Saturday, June 20, 8:30pm; \$5. 18 and up. Fenway's Sports Bar & Grill, 1814 Marron Road. (CARLSBAD)

**Hinges Improv Comedy Show** Sketch comedy with guest performers Jason Horton and Steve Greene. 619-414-7723 Saturday, June 20, 8pm. \$8-\$10. 16 and up. Theatrx, 155 East Grand Avenue.

People's Billionaire versus Ballerina Gigi Levangie Grazer (The Starter Wife) returns to discuss and sign her newest novel Queen Takes King. 858-454-0347. Monday, June 22, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Time to Laugh! Howie Mandel takes stage. 866-843-9946. Saturday, June 20, 7:30pm; \$45-\$55. 21 and up. Valley View Casino, 16300 Nyemii Pass Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

Wild and Crazy Local dog behaviorist, trainer Nan Arthur discusses, signs her new book, Chill Out, Fido! How to Calm Your Dog. Book addresses "wild and crazy" dog behaviors. 619-463-1134. Saturday, June 20, 10am; free, Paw Country, 5652 Lake Murray Boulevard. (LA MESA)

#### **LECTURES**

"Are Barack Obama and Tiger Woods Black?" MiraCosta sociology professor Bruce Hoskins illustrates "changing concept of race and how race relations will be affected because of this new understanding" at 2:30pm for Life at MiraCosta group. Event begins at 1pm with discussion of Novalis Tx technology by Lori Coleman, M.D. 760-721-8124. Friday, June 19, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Finding Elusive Wives' Names" Genealogist Wendy Elliot speaks for North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome, 858-509-4937. Tuesday, June 23, 10am; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Following the Golden Thread: **Hinduism"** Series of examinations of world religions concludes with look at Hinduism offered by Mark Obcamp. Each program is unique. "To study religion is to study oneself." Donation, 619-491-3087. Wednesday, June 24, 7pm, San Diego Center for Spiritual Living, 1009 G Street, (DOWNTOWN)

"Genealogy in the Cloud" Gary Hoffman discusses specialized websites in Internet "cloud" for uploading genealogy, sharing your family history from anywhere, when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego gathers. User groups meet for Family Tree Maker, Macintosh, and

user group on new genealogy websites. 619-426-8295. Saturday, June 20, 9am; free, Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"H2O 911!" Concerned about current water shortage? Join Vickie Driver for "fast and furious introduction to dealing with our water shortage." Learn simple steps for saving water and money inside and outside the home, 619-660-0614 x10. Thursday, June 18, 6pm; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden. 12122 Cuvamaca College Drive West, (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Introduction to (Pet) Reiki" "Reiki is used to accelerate the natural healing process and provide relaxation in both animals and humans." Reiki may help enhance your pet's positive behaviors while relieving pain, stress. Class is for people only. Registration: 619-243-3424. Thursday, June 18, 6:30pm; \$12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street.

"KIN Breakfast" "Keeping Inside the Numbers" breakfast event promises discussion of how to prevent, manage "health issues facing the black community" with former NFL players Jack Tatum, John Brockington, MacArthur Lane, Willie Buchanon, Mike Douglass, Ken Stills, Pete Shaw, others. Physicians on hand to answer questions. Required reservations: 619-299-0822. Saturday, June 20, 8am; free. 16 and up. George Stevens Senior Center, 570 South 65th Street, (ENCANTO)

"Really Reliable Recall" Frustrated when Spot won't "come when called"? Remedy problem during workshop. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Saturday, June 20, 9am; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"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 staving safe online, information on technologies and tools to reduce, prevent cybercrime. Registration: 619-876-5400. Tuesday, June 23, 8am and 12 noon; Wednesday, June 24, 12:30pm; free. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"What Can High School Students Learn from an Estu-



ary?" Students from Mar Vista High School and Kearny High School used Tijuana Estuary as an outdoor classroom to conduct experiments. Groups will discuss their projects, findings, and what they learned about field biology process for Tijuana Estuary





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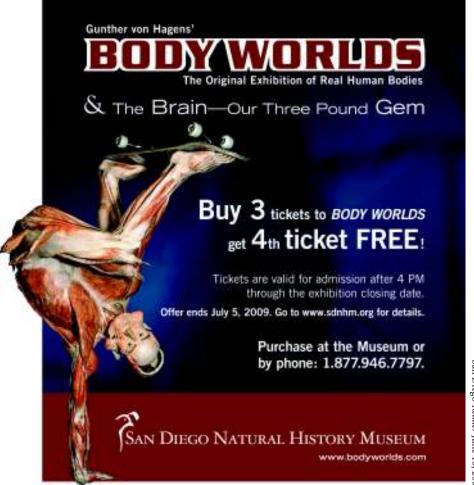
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Speaker Series. 619-575-3613. Saturday, June 20, 11am; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Climate Wake-Up Call Emily Young summarizes San Diego Foundation's report entitled "San Diego's Changing Climate: A Regional Wake-Up Call." 619-691-5069. Saturday, June 20, 10:30am; free. Chula Vista Civic Center Library, 365 F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

**Explore S.D. Aviation History** Senior archivist Jane Kenealy and Chris Travers (director of Booth Historical Photograph Archive) present "a rare glimpse at some of the San Diego Historical Society's unique document and photograph collection associated with aviation history in the region." Learn to conduct research in the library, identify source materials for research projects. 619-232-6203. Saturday, June 20, 2pm; free-\$6, Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

First Aid for Dogs and Cats American Red Cross class covers treatments for pet emergencies including choking, shock, poisoning, broken bones. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. Saturday, June 20, 1pm; \$55. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Fold a Nut Cup Make origami party ware during class led by Lisa Koide Halverson. Registration: 619-232-2721. Saturday, June 20, 2pm; \$8. 16 and up. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Foreclosure Workshop California Foreclosure Institute presents workshop for investors and realtors on how to get started finding, buying foreclosure properties. Reservations: 888-285-0101. Monday, June 22, 5:30pm; Tuesday, June 23, 5:30pm; Wednesday, June 24, 5:30pm; free, San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Get to Know Consolidated **Aircraft Corporation** Authors Katrina Pescador and Mark Aldrich present photographic history of company for "Third Thursday Author Series." Fee: \$35 at door includes lecture, book; pay \$15 for lecture only. Tickets: 619-297-9327. Thursday, June 18, 6pm; \$15-\$35. Adobe Chapel, 3963 Conde Street. (OLD TOWN)

Home Grown: Planting a Sec**ond Crop** Keep the crops growing year-round after you attend community gardening seminar with master gardeners Diane Hollister and Pete Ash hosted by Agri Service Inc. Reservations: 800-262-4167 x4. Saturday, June 20, 1:30pm; free. El Corazon compost facility, 3210 Oceanside Boulevard.

Living History Historian Bob Watson, who was a member of the 6th Beach Battalion, spent 28 days on Omaha Beach during the battle 65 years ago. He'll divulge "What It Was Really Like on D-Day, June 6, 1944," sharing materials and artifacts from that period. 760-753-7376. Tuesday, June 23, 4pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive, (ENCINITAS)

Meet the "Cell Memory" Artist Valentyna Roenko Simpson has created a fiber installation addressing potential that DNA holds for unlocking secrets of human ancestry, exhibited in "Cell Memory." During artist talk, Simpson discusses "the universal thread of humanity that lies within our DNA." Included in museum admission (\$8 general). 760-435-3720. Saturday, June 20, 2pm. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

See, Touch, Smell Landscape designer Doug Kalal focuses on drought-tolerant plants including salvias, rosemary, and California natives. 619-200-7066. Wednesday, June 24, 6:30pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive, (ENCINITAS)

Seldom Seen Curator John Marciari takes Luis Paret y Alcázar's Portrait of a Lady with a Parrot out of the vault for one night only, discussing multiple interpretations, misattributions of the piece. 619-696-1978. Thursday, June 18, 7pm; \$5-\$10. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Sun Power Solar water heater pilot program explained; learn how to qualify for up to \$1500 incentive as part of California State Pilot

Program. 858-720-0346. Monday, June 22, 7pm; free. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Who Was Hildegard of Bingen? Find out about this medieval mystic, healer when Stephanie Georgieff explores the German abbess's work, music, art, medicine. Requested donation: \$10.760-740-9074. Saturday, June 20, 1pm. Waldorf School of San Diego, 3547 Altadena Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

#### **OUTDOORS**

**Summer Solstice,** the time when the sun reaches its northernmost point in the sky, occurs this year at 10:46 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on Saturday, June 20. Think of it as an excuse to throw a terrific Saturdaynight solstice party, with a toast at precisely 10:46. The summer solstice not only marks the beginning of summer for the Northern Hemisphere, it also means that the daylight hours are maximized. San Diegans now enjoy approximately 14 hours of daylight, in contrast to the meager 10 hours or so we will experience next December. Anytime this week or next, try checking your shadow at 12:50 p.m. (the local daylight time in San Diego currently equivalent to astronomical noon). The sun is then only 10 degrees south of the straight-up direction and casts near-vertical shadows. A lesser-known consequence of the summer solstice is that our twilight periods are longer than usual. Evening and morning twilight periods are now lasting more than 90 minutes

**Extreme High and Low Tides** for June occur near the month's end. Highest tides of around +7.0 feet happen at 9:22 p.m. on Monday, June 22, and at 10:10 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23. Extreme low-tide events occur at 3:50 a.m. on Monday, June 22 (-1.6 feet); at 4:35 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23 (-1.8 feet); at 5:21 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24 (-1.7 feet); and at 6:06 a.m. on Thursday, June 25 (-1.5 feet). These are rock-bottom tide levels for the year. but as is typical for the months between April and September, they occur during the wee hours of the morning. Early-rising tidepooling enthusiasts might take advantage of the last two low tides listed above, when there is some light in the sky.

Where's the Moon Been Lately? Happily hanging out in the early morning sky until Monday, June 22, when it reaches new-moon phase. It will return to easy visibility as a waxing crescent moon, visible low in the western sky, by Wednesday, June 24 — absent the low clouds that often sweep in from the ocean on June afternoons or evenings in the coastal parts of San Diego County.

The Best Grunion Runs in June could occur Monday through Thursday, June 22 through June 25, roughly during the hours of 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. This corresponds to one or two hours after highest nocturnal tide, during a string of nights immediately following June's new

moon. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. California law allows the taking of grunion in summer by those possessing a state fishing license. The grunion must be caught by the hands only, and should be eaten (not wasted). The website www.grunion.org offers more particulars about the likely timing of grunion runs in Southern California.

Agaves (a.k.a. century plants), are coming into bloom in many summer gardens this month. After a decade or more (not a century) of growth, the larger kinds of agave send up a tall, yellow-blossomed flower stalk from a base of fleshy, succulent, thorn-tipped leaves. The stalk and basal leaves die, but suckers make new plants and begin the

"Early Birds, Bugs, and Botany" Naturalist Lee Dezan plans moderate hike, about three miles long, in search of wildflowers blooming on trails. Hike encompasses a meadow, two ponds. Wear treaded footwear, bring 1-2 liters of water, 760-839-4680, Saturday, June 20, 7:30am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Rewarding Workout" Naturalist Don Parnell leads "sometimes strenuous, but always interesting" ten-mile hike boasting "some of the best hills on the ranch." Expect to be on trails for about 4.5 hours; bring snack, minimum of two liters of water, 760-

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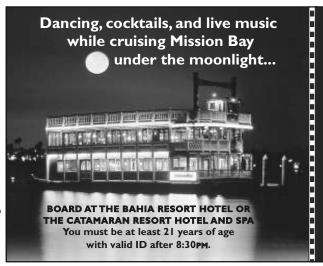
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**Guided Bird Walk** Mission Trails guides lead adventure in bird watching. Bring binoculars and/or a field guide, if you have them. 619-668-3281. Saturday, June 20, 8am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Herb Walk in Peñasquitos Canyon Join Will Bowen on hike, learn to identify different trees, plants, shrubs of Peñasquitos Canyon used for food and medicine by Native Americans, Spanish, and Anglo-American settlers. 858-484-3219. Sunday, June 21, 5pm; free. Sorrento Valley trailhead, 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**Little Italy Tour** Explore the neighborhood. Required reservations: 760-736-1138. Saturday,

June 20, 3pm; free. Café Zucchero, 1731 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Miner's Loop Trail Walk Naturalist-led hike along trail on north face of Black Mountain Park. Wear hiking boots, bring water. 858-484-3219. Saturday, June 20, 8am; free. Black Mountain Open Space Park staging area, 14850 Carmel Valley Road. (RANCHO PEÑASOUITOS)

Mystery Walk Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles based on makeup of the group. Expect "a lot of map reading." Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, June 19, 6:30am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Take a Hike, Dad** Bring the family for a day of discovery, starting with trail-guide-led walk exploring nature in your community. 619-668-3281. Saturday, June 20, 9:30am; Sunday, June 21, 9:30am; Wednesday, June 24, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Tree Walk** Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, June 20, 10am;

free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Twilight Walk in the Park Join trail guides for evening walk through grasslands. Learn of changes that occur during dusk and as the sun goes down. Reservations: 619-668-3281. Saturday, June 20, 7:15pm; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Where Was Wyatt Earp's Favorite Oyster Bar? Find out when San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of historic Gaslamp Quarter. Learn about area's architectural evolution from 1880s dirt streets and saloons to current restorations and adaptive reuse projects. Tours begin at Arts Tix kiosk. 619-232-1385. Saturday, June 20, 9:50am; \$8-\$15. 10 and up. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

#### SPECIAL

"Festival Regional Mexicano" Promo Sol de Oaxaca showcases

Promo Sol de Oaxaca showcases food, regional dances from six participating Mexican states. 760-535-8245. Sunday, June 21, 11am. Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North, the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

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GPS navigation training course (recommended for beginners) at 8:30am; "GeoCaching Treasure Hunt" runs 9am-noon; horseshoe tournament 1-4pm. Hot dog roast at 5pm (\$5 per person). 619-766-4480. Saturday, June 20, 8:30am; \$5. Sacred Rocks Reserve and RV Park, 1331 Shasta Way. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

"Music Mania!" San Diego County Fair promises numerous competitions and exhibits, including fine arts, livestock, children's art, gems, minerals, home arts; fun zone with rides, games; commercial exhibits; food; contests (bubblegum blowing, pie eating); many concerts, Closed Monday, June 22. 858-793-5555 or 858-755-1161. Thursdays, 11am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; Mondays, 11am; Tuesdays, 11am; Wednesdays, 11am; through Sunday, July 5, free-\$13. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

"Page and Stage: The Power of the Iliad Today" Events designed to inspire people to come together to read, see, think about

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classical literature, how it continues to influence and invigorate American cultural life. Next up: discussion of Jonathan Shay's Achilles in Vietnam: Combat Trauma and the Undoing of Character led by UCSD classics scholar Eliot Wirshbo. "Although the Iliad was written 27 centuries ago, it has much to teach about combat trauma, as do the more recent, compelling voices and experiences of Vietnam vets." 619-236-5800. Monday, June 22, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Mystical Arts of Tibet" Monks of Drepung Loseling will be on hand for "Brain Glow — A Week of Brain Exploration." Monks begin by consecrating site of mandala sand painting with approximately 30 minutes of chants, music, mantra recitation. Afterwards, they start drawing line design for mandala.

Mandala construction continues in museum atrium June 18-20. Monks will dedicate about 30 hours of team work to pour millions of grains of sand into place, using *chak-pur* (traditional metal funnels).

During Sunday's closing ceremony, monks will dismantle mandala, sweeping up the colored sands to symbolize impermanence of all that exists. Half the sand will be distributed to audience. 877-946-7797. Thursday, June 18,

10am; Friday, June 19, 10am; Saturday, June 20, 10am; Sunday, June 21, 1pm; free-\$27. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Be Healed** Healing clinic with practitioners of arts such as reiki, theta, jin shin jyutsu, and yuen healing modalities on hand (\$25 per consultation). 619-298-3422. Saturday, June 20, 12 noon. Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Dr., Suite G. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Celebrate Lavender Harvest festival promises walk and talk through the eight-acre farm (10:30am), live music, barbecue (for purchase), bee talks with John de Wilde (all day), "Commercial Essential Oil Distillation" talk (1pm), labyrinth, plant sales. 760-742-844. Sunday, June 21, 10am; free. Keys Creek Lavender Farm, 12460 Keys Creek Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

Check Out "New Talent" "Spring 2009 Portfolio Show" boasts work by institute's graduates in advertising, graphic design, interior design, game art, web design, more. RSVP: 858-598-1334. Friday, June 19, 10am; free. Art Institute of California-San Diego, 7650 Mission Valley Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

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)

**Draw a Sexy Space Diva** Model and artist Leia poses as Barbarella for Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School. Bring your art supplies, draw, drink, listen to tunes, compete in contests for prizes. 619-299-7372. Saturday, June 20, 3pm; \$10. 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Happy (Psychic) Father's Day In honor of Father's Day, take in lecture entitled "Your Sacred Self—Making the Decision to Be Free" (emphasizing "the male viewpoint and how to go beyond it"), 2pm. Also planned: tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. Sunday, June 21, 12 noon. Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Dr., Suite G. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Health and Wellness Fair "Live a longer, more healthy life!" Learn from variety of speakers ranging from a hypnotherapist to a Chinese medicine specialist to a medical doctor. Fair includes variety of traditional and nontraditional wellness and medical speakers, vendors. 760-729-6154. Saturday, June 20, 10am; \$20. Unity Christ Church of Carlsbad, 2555 Roosevelt Street. (CARLSBAD)

House of Finland Finnish fun including dancing, ethnic costumes for lawn program at House of Pacific Relations. 619-234-0739. Sunday, June 21, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

International Labyrinth Walk 2009 Join "an international labyrinth walk, 8000-drum rhythm, and healing prayer based on a 500-year prophecy." 619-766-4480. Sunday, June 21, 9am; free. Sacred Rocks Reserve and RV Park, 1331 Shasta Way. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

Juneteenth Celebration Cooper family hosts annual celebration with educational program, fun zone for kids, food, live entertainment, DJ. Day commemorates announcement of abolition of slavery in state of Texas. 619-264-3268. Saturday, June 20, 10am; free. Juneteenth site, Imperial Avenue at 30th Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Juneteenth San Diego Juneteenth is described as "oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of end of slavery in the United States." Enjoy spoken word by Collective Purpose, gospel by Gwen Matthews and Family and Undefeated, African drumming and dancing, dance band, a step show, dance battle, kids' activities, Southern barbecue, vendors. 619-527-6161. Saturday, June 20, 2pm; free. Market Creek Plaza, Euclid Avenue and Market Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

**Knitting Circle** Knitters! Make new friends, share ideas and techniques every Saturday. No "outside yarns." 858-509-9276. Saturdays, 3pm; free. Knitting by the Beach, 616 Stevens Avenue Suite B. (SOLANA BEACH)

La Jolla Festival of the Arts Organizers promise over 190 local and national artists displaying their work in variety of media, food, live entertainment, kids' area, all found in UCSD's east campus parking lots (at Genesee Avenue and Regents Road). 858-456-1268. Saturday, June 20, 9am; Sunday, June 21, 9am; \$10. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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)

**Old House Fair** Has your contractor been dead for 75 years? Festival organizers plan tours, semi-

nars, design consultations; vendors, exhibits, live music (Zoo-2, Zzymzzy Quartet, Marcia Forman Band), food, arts and crafts, green ideas for old houses. Admission is free. Fair location: 30th Street at Beech Street. 619-233-6679. Saturday, June 20, 10am; free-\$15. South Park, 30th Street at Juniper Street.

Pacific Beach Scavenger Hunt

Adult scavenger hunt includes 25 tasks to complete, such as helping an elderly person across the street, shaking hand of a firefighter. However, "most of these tasks have something to do with drinking" at PB bars. Check-in at Hennessey's Tavern. Event concludes with a private party at Hennessey's promising hosted bar, catered dinner, live band. This year's charity beneficiary: Grind for Life. 619-454-0655. Saturday, June 20, 12 noon; \$40. 21 and up. Hennessey's Tavern, 4650 Mission Boulevard. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Pet Fest and Doggy Dash 2009 Festivities include 1.5-mile fun run/walk, pet blessing, pet adoptions, pet-related vendors and services. Doggy Dash for leashed pets at 9am (\$15 entry fee). Proceeds benefit Chula Vista Animal Care Facility. Admission is free. 619-422-1982. Saturday, June 20, 8am; free-\$15. Third Avenue Village, Third Avenue at K Street. (CHUIA VISTA)

Plant Yourself San Diego Master Gardeners plant sale in Casa del Prado room 101. Exhibits on invasive plants, drought-tolerant plants, citrus care, good and bad bugs. Experts offer advice. 858-694-2860. Saturday, June 20, 10am; free. Casa del Prado. El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Ponder Patent Laws** P&R Discussion Group considers whether American patent laws discourage innovation in marketplace. 619-370-1027. Thursday, June 18, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Put One Candle on the Cake La Mesa Library celebrates first birthday with party including music by Hullaballoo (10:30am), Trails and Rails (noon), California





Notecatchers (3:30pm). Birthday cake served at 11:30am. 619-469-2151. Saturday, June 20, 10:30am; free. La Mesa Library, 8074 Allison Avenue. (LA MESA)

Solar Water Heating Expo Learn about solar water heating, rebates from energy experts. View exhibits and displays of products and services by manufacturers and installers. "Solar Water Heating Basics for Homeowners" workshops (10am, 12:30pm). 866-SDEN-ERGY. Saturday, June 20, 10am; free. California Center for Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, June 21, 10am; free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Stone Mosaic Pictures Commesso artist Dennis Paul Batt addresses Vista Gem and Mineral Society. 760-724-0395. Thursday, June 18, 7pm; free. McClellan Senior Center at Brengle Terrace Park, 1400 Vale Terrace. (VISTA)

Taken with Tractors? California-made tractors and engines showcased during 33rd spring tractor show. Antique equipment parades (1pm), 50 acres of fun including working antique equipment demonstrations, model trains, weaving demonstration and sales, tractor games, wagon rides, blacksmithing, food, vendors. Entertainment by Michael Chain (June 20), Bayou Brothers (June 21), Virtual Strangers (June 27), Nitro Express (June 28). Fee for family of four: \$25. Camping available by reservation (\$50 for weekend). 760-941-1791. Saturday, June 20, 9am; Sunday, June 21, 9am; free-\$9. Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, (VISTA)

Tour an "Organic" Artist's Home During 27th annual open house at Ilan-Lael, with its eight hand-built structures designed by artist/architectural designer James Hubbell. Structures are constructed of local stone, adobe, and sprayed concrete, "appear to grow out of the landscape." Tickets: \$40 advance; \$50 at door; kids 12 and under free. 760-765-3427. Sunday, June 21, 11am; free-\$50. Ilan-Lael, 930 Orchard Lane. (SANTA YSABEL)

World Refugee Day Breakfast 2009 Learn of "the struggles and celebrate the successes of refugees worldwide" during event hosted by Alliance for African Assistance. Interested in sponsoring a refugee to attend the breakfast? Call 619-286-9052 x230. Saturday, June 20, 9am; \$35. La Jolla Presbyterian Church.

#### **SPORTS**

7715 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Father's Day Kayak Adventure Adventure in Lake Hodges hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum. Fee includes equipment, instruction. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Sunday, June 21, 9am; \$20-\$65.6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Hoyman Memorial Cup Finals San Diego Polo Club hosts competition and "7th Chukker Party." Preliminary matches at 1:30pm, feature match at 3pm. Parking: \$5. 858-750-6841. Sunday, June 21, 1:30pm; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Night Fishing Returns! Lake is stocked regularly with catfish for the catching, along with "a thriving bass population." Motorboats, rowboats available on first-come, first-served basis. Will you break the current 34.5-pound catfish record? Required fishing licenses available at Lake Poway Concessions. 858-668-4771. Fridays, 4pm; Saturdays, 4pm; through Saturday, August 15, \$6. Lake Poway, 14644 Lake Poway Road. (POWAY)

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. A's San Diego Padres host the Oakland Athletics. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Friday, June 19, 7:05pm; Saturday, June 20, 7:05pm; Sunday, June 21, 1:05pm;

\$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

**Pug K Walkathon** Benefit for Pug Rescue. Registration, check-in at 9am, walk at 10am. Registration fees based on number of pugs participating: \$35 for first pug, \$10 for each additional pug. Donations welcome. 619-685-3580. Saturday, June 20, 9am; \$30. Tidelands Park, 2000 Mullinix Drive. (CORONADO)

Race Across America 2009
Starting line is in Oceanside, finish line is over 3000 miles away in Maryland; each day a set distance is covered by the bicyclists. Women and solo racers over 60 years old started on June 16. Men solo racers crossed the starting line on June 17.

Teams take off on June 20, 2pm. Prior to the race start, Saturday also promises family day bike ride; the Strand will be closed to traffic for families to ride bikes. RAAM speed record-holder Pete Penseyres and other guests speak about RAAM (noon); team introductions (1pm). Bicycle out with the RAAM teams out to Bonsall Bridge when pack departs at 2pm. 866-460-4288. Saturday, June 20, 9am. Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

Ride the Fallbrook Hills Join up with San Diego Bicycle Society riders for 75-miler starting in upper parking lot at Third and C. Bring money for deli lunch. 619-561-3846. Sunday, June 21, 8:45am; free. Moonlight Beach, 200 B Street. (ENCINITAS)

San Diego Fathers Knickerbikers bicyclists head out to visit site of California's first mission, established by Father Junípero Serra, and places honoring "father of San Diego" Alonzo Horton, during 25-mile ride



starting in parking lot just north of visitors' center. 858-450-0373. Sunday, June 21, 9am; free. Mission Bay Visitors' Center, 2688 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

# MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

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

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

Heritage Museum An interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in

Old Poway Park. 14134 Midland Rd., 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

#### Mingei International Museum

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

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

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

**Museum of Contemporary** Art San Diego, La Jolla Work by nine architects who lead San Diego-based architectural design firms "redefining housing design, development, and urbanization in the San Diego region and beyond" showcased in "MIX: Nine San Diego Architects." Curators selected estudio teddy cruz, LUCE et studio architects, Sebastián Mariscal, Public (James Brown and James Gates), Rinehart Herbst (Todd Rinehart and Catherine Herbst), Lloyd Russell, and Jonathan Segal as representative of a generation of architects who have pursued sophisticated design forms aligned with a critical understanding of the economic and social context of the region. Closes Sunday, September 6.

Alice Aycock, Robert Irwin, Matt Mullican, and Robert Venturi are presented in "Abstraction for Everyday Life," an exhibition of promised gifts and works on paper from museum's collection, on display through Sunday, September 6. "Featured works all utilize forms of architectural drawing, rendering, and sketching to represent abstracted and evocative states and ideas, as well as the opposite drawing plans made to create functional objects and physical structures whose origins lie in theory and subjective perception." 700 Prospect St., 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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San Diego Reader June 18, 2009

**Swift Serenade** Luke Walton, an 18-vear-old Carlsbad resident and recent graduate of La Costa Canyon he could online.

Walton's song, a male version rewrite of Swift's hit "Love Story," has garnered

# the inside track



High, is getting popular because of a song he sort of wrote, a love song for Taylor Swift. He posted it on YouTube and anywhere else

CELEB CRUSHER LUKE WALTON

interviews on local news stations. He's on KSON's morning show every other day talking about it and giving updates.

The video of Walton serenading Swift, at this writing, has gotten over 45,000 hits.

I asked Walton about his celebrity crush. "Well, it's not my first celebrity crush. It's just the first I've acted on. I was with my friend Jonathan. We ate some burgers and then brainstormed. He said, 'Dude, go for it.' We got our digital cameras and made this video."

Have people posted any critical comments after seeing the video?

"A few people have, and they swear at me once in a while. But 95 percent of the responses are positive — 462 ratings gave the video five out of five stars, and 368 people have given positive comments. I have a Facebook group with 800 kids, and they're posting things on her MySpace page. I've also done the Twitter page and...well, I'm attacking this from all sides."

Did vou attend her San Diego show last month?

"Yeah. I went with my little sister. It was very entertaining. And her opening band was signing autographs at the merch booth. I gave them a copy of my CD [Walton has two self-produced discs] with a note in it for Taylor. I asked them to give it to her and they said they would."

I wondered what would happen if Walton got a girlfriend that didn't care for his online crush.

"I'm single now. But, I'm sure if I get a girlfriend she'd make me put up another video on YouTube saying that I'm off the market."

You can see Luke Walton perform at the San Diego County Fair on June 23 at 3 p.m. on the O'Brien stage and on June 30 at 4 on the Plaza Stage.

- Josh Board

**Eyeless as a Calling** 

Card? "I call it a Sludge Opera because the music is thick and lugubrious," says one-man band Zsa Zsa Gabor (real name Samuel Lopez) of his elaborate sci-fi stage production The Blind Dead. "The opera part comes in because there are different acts. It's a journey through the inner circles of hell.

"The story involves a violent death clan that massacres a whole village, leaving their victims eyeless as a calling card," explains Gabor. "In hell, there's a battle between the eyeless dead and the black gods. The gods, bent on destruction, allow the blind dead to return to the world seeking revenge. The final act is the blind dead, thirsty for blood, taking revenge."

The Blind Dead: A Sludge Opera will be staged July 11 at the Ché Café. "Although I typically operate solo, the Sludge Opera is a five-person operation," says Gabor. "I'll be playing the part of the

Sunday, June 28

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death clan, and my wife [Mandy Galarza] will be singing the lament and casting the revenge hex. Michael Zimmerman is playing the blood organ, and Art Ulloa will be on drums and percussion. Esteban Flores closes the show as the Blind Dead

Further, says Gabor, "There will be a middle part consisting of guitar-driven feedback, symbolizing the battle in hell, complete with human skull.

Chorus."

"I really can't compare it to anything. I don't think anybody would want to compare their work to it, either."

Wolves in the Throne Room and Minsk also perform.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Family Banding Mid-

May, after a show at Canes, Rhythm and the Method lead singer Rhythm Turner was saying goodbye to her girlfriend when she was attacked. Her dad, Papa Shawn, is a guitarist in Rhythm and the Method, and he told me this about the incident: "She was hugging her friend goodbye. Two guys were walking out and one said, 'Are you two lesbians? Let me see you kiss.'

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My daughter told them to get lost and the guy kept making comments. I'm sure at that point my daughter said a few curse words toward them.

The guy said he'd slap her, and he did. And then he started punching her before running. My son, Evan, who's the lead guitarist in the band,

[who caught him], or maybe it was just security guards outside, I'm not sure. They held on to him until the police showed up."

Local rapper MC Flow organized fundraisers for Turner. Papa Shawn said of her efforts, "Yeah, she's putting lots of things together. At Humphrey's on June 13, that's the biggest event. We've been getting love and support from people all over the world. The benefits help.



FAMILY THAT PLAYS TOGETHER... (RHYTHM AND THE METHOD)

caught him and brought him back. He ended up running out of the club again, and he was caught again. This time [it was] security at Canes Rhythm didn't have health insurance. She works as a yoga teacher and is a fulltime student. The attack left her with fractures to her nose



and eye socket. The guy is going to plead guilty, but the police aren't going to charge him with a hate crime, which is something we had hoped

they would."

You can catch Rhythm and the Method at P.B. Bar and Grill on June 26, U-31 on June 29, at the Beauty Bar on July 1, and August 16 at South Bay Pride in Chula Vista

— Josh Board

#### **Clay Pigeon Flies Solo**

"I've always considered my career in the defense industry to be my plan A," says rapper Jimmy Powers, who by day is an administrative security engineer with a Department of Defense contractor in Torrey Pines. "I do very well for a 26-year-old with no college degree."

It was military service that first brought the

Houstonite to San Diego. After his enlistment was up in 2007, he began fronting rap group Clay Pigeons, and sometimes, and then have to wake up at 6 a.m."

Powers is reluctant to divulge details about his day



PLAN B? RAP STAR (JIMMY POWERS)

he went solo the following year. "I was organizing and promoting at least two shows a month and also hosting and performing at them, so I would have to go out on weeknights to pass out flyers until 1 or 2 a.m.

job. "I spend a lot of time making sure our boys over there pounding sand can communicate fully with each other in any situation, whether it be basic daily situation reports or when they are pinned down by insurgents in an ambush and require immediate support."

Few coworkers are aware of his second life. "I dress business casual, and there's a significant culture gap with the great folks that I work with. Some may just not understand hip-hop in general and might think it carries a stigma of negativity, which is not what I try to portray at all.

"I think my music career would come as a surprise to most of my coworkers," he says.

Powers's upcoming album, *Califoreigner*, includes contributions from local hiphop artists Blame One, Slaine, Copywrite, Randam Luck, and others.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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There will be a Golden Shower of Hits when Hermosa Beach hardcores the Circle Jerks hit the pit at House of Blues tonight. The tenacious trio of Keith Morris (hollerin'), Zander Schloss (bassin'), and Greg Hetson (guitarin') still man the band that, for '80s skaters, pumped out consistently energizing and intelligent hardcore "hits" that still resonate today. Just ask your uncle Tony Hawk kids. And if he's not available, dig up your dad's Wild in the Streets and Wonderful vinvl. With

Briggs, Channel 3, and Authentic Sellout, there's gonna be some age range in the mosh pit.. Country-fried barroom rockers the Farmers (née Beat Farmers) reap a CD release for Fulmination at Casbah. Fulmi-wha?... 94/9 props a localsonly showcase at Belly Up featuring punk-pop quartet No Knife and up-and-comers Focus Group, whose dark and overblown atmospherics hit you like nine-inch nails.... Bar Pink books indie kids **Bright Light Fever** (Sacramento) and By Sunlight (Seattle) with our own indie elder



CIRCLE JERKS AT HOUSE OF BLUES

statesman Scott Mercado and Manuok.... Else: Nitro Records punk-by-numbers guartet Hit the Switch (Chino) hit the switch at Radio Room...Chilean rockers Lucybell toll at 4th&B...and Miami band Awesome New Republic rules Ruby Room with what looks and smells like boy-band electroclash.

Friday

Shine up them skids, kids, because there's lotsa dance jams to choose from Friday night. Right to it, you got brass with class, as jazz-and-blues bombshell Candye Kane sings from her new disc Superhero at Anthology. The down-home diva's publicized bout with cancer exposed a cult of personality spanning porn stars to politicos. Here's where the fun is.... And O.B.'s where the funk is, as Naked Funk streaks through Winstons. The local brass-and-

bass band boasts some service in iconic collective Parliament-Funkadelic.... Somalian hip-

hop hit **K'NAAN** joins Beverly Hills trip-hoppin', party-rockin' duo **Rootbeer** at the Belly Up... Soma stages Cali electro-glam bands Jeffree Star and Von Iva.... While round town. Whistle Stop rocks soul-jazz jam band Pocket...Casbah hosts a "ghoulish dance party" with the **Creepy Creeps**, **Loons**, and **Omens**...Soda Bar draws Oakland's electro-pop bad boy **Hawnay Troof** with Aussie she-freaks **Baadd**...and the soul-funky Styletones dress up Bar Pink.

Saturday

Hillcrest hot spot Ruby Room looks like your allnight site Saturday night, as the Found Magazine Tour finds the hideaway hosting indie-pop darlings the Watson Twins, who are out to tout Vanguard disc Fire Songs. The Silver Lake siblings will play an early set that sets up a late show by locals Ghost Bird and Republic of Letters. Ruby Room's calling it a twofer on the early cover. Deal.... The Bay Area-based pop-rock heartthrob Ben Kweller visits the House of Blues. Kweller's got a commercial hit and critical curiosity in new one, his fourth on ATO, Changing Horses. Sounds like Jeff Tweedy in a cowboy hat. Jones Street Station and Local Natives set the downtown stage.... There's an odd-pop party at the Ché Café Saturday night, featuring Da Bears, Nurses, Cuckoo Chaos, and **Prussia**.... Soma sets up an EP-release thing

for radio-ready quintet Get Back Loretta.... And the U.S. Air Guitar Championships are calling all "fake shredders" to Casbah. Recommend vou check out Air Guitar Nation (2006) from your local video emporium to see how seriously insane this shit is.

Sunday

Who isn't hanging out at Casbah all day Sunday? Okay, here's what you're missing: 3p you'd see SD space-rock prog pros **Earthless** sweating through a

set to get you to Dinosaur freaking Jr. J Mascis, Lou Barlow, and Murph are about to drop their hotly anticipated Jagjaguwar disc Farm, the Beantow trio's ninth proper. And if you've any doubt about the necessity and validity of this comeback, work the web for a taste of "Over It." Video's pretty cool, too, with stunt doubles shredding decks and BMX. (Prediction: a lot of you are

going to be looking to trade those new Sonic Youth discs in on Tuesday for store cred toward this one. I know I am)...and Sunday night at the Midtown mainstay, punk perennials the Queers headline another tasty bill that includes Glossines Atom Age, and the Mansfields.... Your girlfriend

won't mind your getting wrecked down there, dood, because she's got tix to get all Anglo-serious and she-empowered with PJ

Harvey out at Humphrey's. PJ and John Parish blah frickin' blah blah.... Utter mentionables, because I guess, you know, it takes all kinds: singer-songer Tom Brosseau's gonna play a set for his friends out

AT HUMPHREY'S at North Park's

Vaudeville and Candy Shop. Or is it Shoppe? I dunno...and New Orleans' performer of the year, Troy **"Trombone Shorty**" Andrews, slides into Anthology Sunday night with a super-sized set of his "supafunkrock."

Monday

Bar Pink books a booya double bill with downbeat indie trio **Roxy Jones** and Portland psych-pop quartet **Minmae** Monday night.... While Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up hits back like a girl with Brooklyn iPod shills Chairlift. "I tried to do handU.S. AIR GUITAR CHAMPIONSHIPS AT CASBAH

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Belly Up bills masta rastas the  ${\bf Abyssinians}.$  The Jamaican roots group is 40 years strong and best known for their mid-'70s hit and album of the same name, Satta Massagana. Etana and Roots

Revealers share the stage.... East County honkytonker Bill Cardinal and his Canyon Band join the Whiskey Wisetales and **DJ Heather** Hardcore at

Radio Room. Which one of these things doesn't go with the others?

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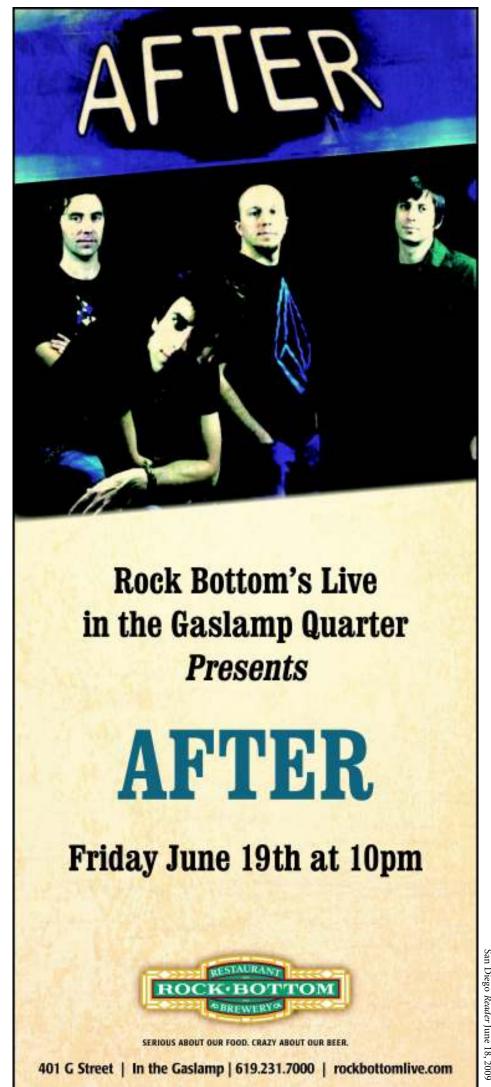
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# **Like Stank on Erykah**

"[Grand Ole Party] is what I listen to before I go out to amp me up.'

JAY ALLEN

SANFORD

y parents maintained a very muhousehold," singer-trumpeter Tori Roze. "My

mom played with Randy Holden, the lead guitarist in Blue Cheer, and she opened for groups like Canned Heat and Three Dog

Night. She used to hold Janis Joplin's Southern Comfort bottle for her offstage."

Roze's parents were also involved with the San Diego Repertory Theatre and with Indian Magique, a theatrical troupe that won the Canadian Emmy for Best Comedy Show in 1977. In high school Roze fronted the band Carne Askata before departing to attend Boston Conservatory for a year. After doing a semester in London with music and theater classes at the Old Globe, she eventually graduated with a degree in theater from UC Santa Cruz.

She currently fronts the six-piece rock 'n' soul combo Tori Roze and the Hot Mess. "If Erykah Badu, Amy Winehouse, Ella Fitzgerald, Pink, and Adele were all to get together," she says, "you'd get the essence of our sound. Bottom line: we like to put some stank on it."

Tori performs Friday at Portugalia and Saturday at Winstons.

#### WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

1. Michael Jackson, Off the Wall. "Can we just talk about how incredible this record is? Fully orches-

> trated, the man sings his heart out, and it makes your booty wanna move.

2. Erykah Badu, Mama's Gun. "I could listen to this forever and be happy."

3. Björk, Family Tree. "I love how this woman sings from her soul, and you feel it viscerally. I have to see her perform before I die."

4. Grand Ole Party, Humanimals. "A local band doing something way different — this is what I listen to before I go out to amp me up."

#### **MOST-VISITED WEBSITES?**

1. Myspace.com "I'm always checking up on my music page and updating things, and I'm constantly looking for female-fronted bands that rock."

2. Sonicbids.com "Always updating my EPK [electronic press kit] and looking for exciting gigs." 3. Astrology.com "I gots to know my horoscope,

4. Google.com "I get extreme usage of the image finder, for flyer-making and whatnot."

5. Facebook.com "Man, this is the most un-user-



Tori Roze

friendly site ever, but all my friends are addicted to its crappy layout, so I use it to check in with friends who are too cool to use Myspace anymore. What the heck are they thinking?"

#### MAC OR PC?

"PC, because I can right-click."

#### DO YOU PLAY VIDEO GAMES?

"Eww."

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Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.

Thursday, 7:30pm — WPA. With Glenn Phillips. Rock. \$26.

Friday, 7:30pm — Candye Kane.

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Saturday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm —

Hiromi. Jazz. \$20-\$25.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Trombone

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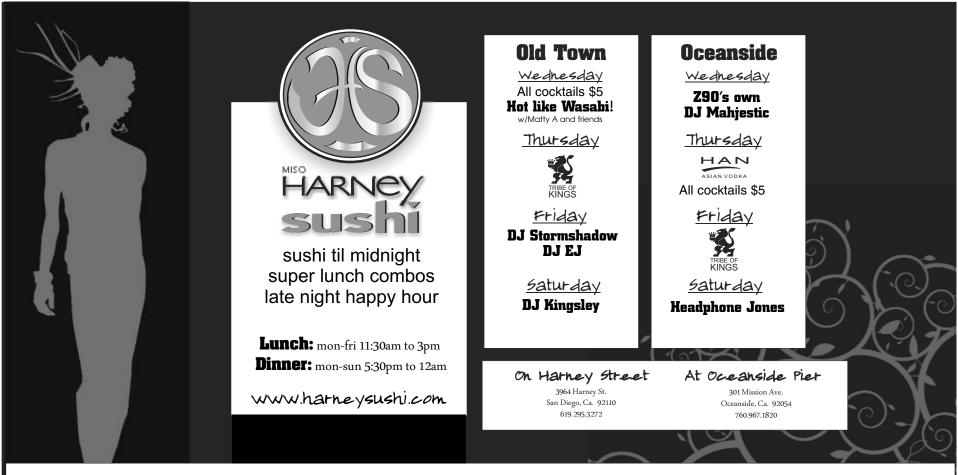
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Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. Thursday, 9pm — No Knife. With the Focus Group and the John Foothills Band. Pop/punk/rock. 21 and up. Friday, 8:30pm — K'naan. Hip-

hop. \$15-\$17. 21 and up. Saturday, 9:9m — EOTO. With Delta Nove, Swiv Tackle Circus, Alfred Howard, and more. Breakbeat/house. \$15-\$17. 21 and

Sunday, 8pm — Jimmy Herring. With Moontucky Risin. Country/rock. \$20-\$22. 21 and up. Tuesday, 8pm — High Tide. With Mike Pinto. Reggae. \$8. 21 and up. Wednesday, 9pm — The Abyssinians. With Etana and Roots



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**Boar Cross'n:** 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989. *Thursday* — International Farmers. With Self Made Men and DJs D-Niall and Luminous. Reggae/ska. \$5.

**Bondi Bar and Kitchen:** 333 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-342-0212.

Friday, 9pm — Acoustic Mayhem. Featuring Jesse LaMonaca and Sven-Erik Seaholm. Acoustic/ alternative/soul. Free.

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Café Sevilla: 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-5979. Thursday — Orquesta LGC. Latin. Sunday — Noche de San Juan. Featuring Angel Lebron y Su Sabor Latina with a Bomba demonstration from Arieto Borincano. Tuesday — Orquesta Primo. Latin/Mariachi/Tejano. Wednesday — Charlie Chavez y su Afro Truko. Latin.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. *Thursday*, 8pm — Heavy Glow. With Chimney Fish, Likewize, and Vera's Veil. \$6.

Friday, 9pm — The Concrete Project. With the Kneehighs, Pyramid, and DJ GarGar. Hip-hop. \$10. 21 and up.

Story 8pm — Wild Child. A tribute to the Doors. 21 and up. Sunday, 4pm — Reggae Sunday. Reggae. Free. 21 and up.

**Carmel Valley Library:** 3919 Townsgate Dr., Carmel Valley, 858-552-1668.

Wednesday, 4pm — Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle. Celtic/jazz.

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

Thursday, 8pm — The Farmers.
Roots/rock. Free. 21 and up.

Friday, 8:30pm — The Creepy
Creeps. With the Loons, the
Omens, DJ Tony the Tyger, and
guests. Punk/rock/surf. \$10. 21 and
up.

Saturday, 8:30pm — US Air Guitar Championships. With the Cameltones. Rock. \$14-\$16. 21 and up.

Sunday, 3pm — Dinosaur Jr. Plays an early show with Earthless. Alternative/rock. 21 and up. 8:30pm — The Queers. With the Mansfields, Atom Age, and the Glossines. Punk rock. \$15. 21 and up.

*Monday*, 8:30pm — Chairlift. With guests. Indie/pop. \$10-\$12.

Christ United Presbyterian Church: 3025 Fir St., South Park



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

We all get excited when our favorite old bands reunite, and we tend to overlook the fact that the musicians probably hate each other and are only getting back together because their solo careers have stalled. But few bands have been more public about their mutual dislike than **Dinosaur Jr.** After singer-guitarist **J Mascis** kicked out bassist **Lou Barlow**, Barlow's other band, Sebadoh, went on to skewer Mascis in interviews and in songs like "The Freed Pig." That didn't bother Mascis much: When the Breeders recorded a cover of "The Freed Pig," Mascis was the producer. Of course, Mascis isn't what you'd

call a sensitive soul. In one of Dinosaur Jr.'s early break-through songs, he described his personal philosophy: "Everyone's idea of fun — repulsion!" Years later, in the band's post-Barlow altrock radio hit he sang, in his customary laconic style, "Feel the pain of everyone/ Then I feel nothing."

All that antisocial attitude was pretty damn cool in the late '80s. Without Mascis's painfully loud guitar ripping through American clubs, the alt-rock ex-

plosion of the '90s probably would not have happened. Let me put it this way: the last time I saw Dinosaur Jr., the opening act was Nirvana.

So, nostalgia explains why Mascis, Barlow, and the band's original one-named drummer **Murph** reunited in 2005, but it doesn't explain why the 2007 album *Beyond* was so good. And it doesn't explain why the new al-



bum, Farm, sounds so exciting and vital. Maybe Mascis and Barlow and Murph still all hate each other, and maybe they only got together because they want our money. But they sound as if they have rediscovered the fact that they love making music together.

DINOSAUR JR.: The Casbah, Sunday, June 21, 3 p.m. 619-232-4355. Sold out.

Saturday, 2pm — South Park Jammin' Jazz Fest on Fir. Featuring Manny Cepeda's Ritmo Caribe, Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind, the Dennis Dawson Jazz Ensemble, and the Marcia Forman Band. Jazz.

Claire de Lune: 2906 University Ave., North Park, 619-688-9845. Saturday, 8pm — Quinazo. Latin/jazz.

**Cow Shed Bar and Grill:** 502 East Mission Rd., San Marcos, 760-471-2939. *Friday*, 9pm — Rock-It Science. Rock. \$5.

Cox Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947. Saturday, 8pm — Yanni. Contemporary/new age.

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Monday, 7:30pm — André Rieu.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1161.

Thursday, 7:30pm — David Cook. Pop/rock. \$24-\$57. Friday, 5:30pm — Loretta Lynn.

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8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa. Thursday — Federal Funk. Funk. Tuesday — Haute Flash. Covers/standards. Wednesday — Manny Capeda's Ritmo Caribe. Latin.

**GIO Bistro & Wine Bar :** 8384 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-9100

Friday, 7pm — The Chris Klich Jazz Quartet. Jazz. Monday, 5:45pm — Edison Riggs. Hosts and performs during Open-Mike Night. Jazz.

**Golden Acorn Casino:** 1800 Golden Acorn Way, Inland Border Towns, 866-794-6244. *Saturday*, 2pm — Agua Dulce. Latin.

Harry Griffen Regional Park: 9550 Milden St., La Mesa, 619-667-

1307. Sunday, 6pm — San Diego Concert Band. Jazz/pop/standards. Free.

**Hennessey's Tavern:** 708 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-9994.

Thursday, 9pm — Nick Z. Acoustic/soul/jazz. Wednesday, 9pm — Jesse LaMonaca. Acoustic/alternative/ soul. Free.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660. Thursday, 8pm — Skelpin'. Irish/folk.

Friday, 8pm — Graceland. A tribute to Elvis.

Sunday, 8pm — Fire Whiskey. Rock.

Monday, 8pm — The Tail Draggers. Bluegrass.

*Tuesday*, 8pm — Taryn Donath. Blues/soul.

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*Friday*, 8pm — Keyshia Cole. R&B. \$75.

Saturday, 8pm — Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons. Doo wop/pop. \$95.

Sunday, 8pm — PJ Harvey and John Parish. Indie/pop/rock. \$40. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Three Girls



BY DAVE GOOD

There's a kind of primal pleasure in watching a slight Asian woman systematically manhandle an array of expensive keyboards onstage. That's one way to describe watching **Hiromi** — a jazz-fusion pianist — and her unique approach to music. Call it an attack more than a performance; at times she herself seems surprised by the notes that she pounds out. I'm hard-pressed to come up with comparisons. Maybe Art Tatum, maybe Keith Jarrett. Then again, Hiromi's thing isn't really straight-ahead jazz. Hers is a blend of complex rhythms and meters that bop around her classical, jazz, and funk interests. You'd be accurate if you called her a keyboard

prodigy, but I see her as more of a jazz rock star.

. Hiromi Uehara (she prefers to use her first name only) mastered classical piano as a child and graduated to jazz as a teen after meeting with American jazz icon Chick Corea (she performed and later recorded a project with him). After she turned pro. she wrote jingles in order to pay the bills while she developed her own thing. Expressed on a variety of electronic keyboards, synths, and acoustic pianos, Hiromi pelts a listener with a rush of notes, but she once told a reviewer that it

all comes down to one note. "The first note I play is like a key of the day of the concert. That's the very first thing they hear. The whole message and focus needs to be there."

Hiromi's fusion is improvisational, for the most part, even though her latest CD is a collection of cover tunes. She notes a disparate crew of influences: Jeff Beck, King

HIROMI

Crimson, Ahmad Jamal. "The hardest thing in music is surprising myself," she told *Keyboard* magazine. "And I always like to keep surprising myself."

HIROMI: Anthology, Saturday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 619-595-0300. \$20, \$25.

and Their Buddy. Featuring Emmylou Harris, Patti Griffin, Shawn Colvin, and Buddy Miller. Country rock.

**J.J. Lander's Irish Pub:** 125 South Main St., Fallbrook, 760-731-0839. *Friday* — The Mighty Regis

Friday — The Mighty Regis. Celtic/punk.

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

Sunday, 9pm — Locura. With Son Sin Fronteras and DJ Jon Wesley. Latin/reggae. 21 and up.

**The Kraken:** 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483. *Thursday* — Chill Boy.

Friday, opm — Live Wire. Covers classic rock and dance.

Wednesday — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors. Down-home Americana blues rock.

**La Costa Resort and Spa:** 2100 Costa del Mar Rd., Carlsbad. *Friday*, 7pm — The Mar Dels. Rock. \$10.

**La Jolla Village:** 8879 Villa La Jolla Dr., La Jolla, 619-819-0236. *Sunday*, 2pm — Adrienne Nims. Jazz.

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

Thursday, 9pm — Lisa C. Pollock. With John Hull and Rob Deez. Acoustic.

Saturday, 6pm — The Eben Brooks Band. With Allison Lonsdale. Acoustic. Free. The Lumberyard Shopping Center: 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101,

Encinitas, 619-987-1277.

Saturday, 6pm — Keith Jacobson.

Jazz. Free.

Mangia Italiano on Third: 248 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-

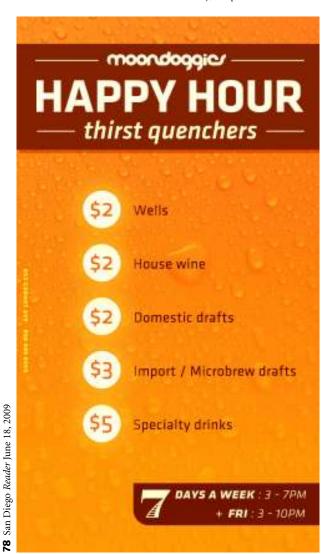
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Sunday, 9pm — Vitamin Party. Pop/punk. 21 and up. Tuesday, 9pm — Adriana Smith and Ghost in the Graveyard. Rock. 21 and up.

Wednesday, 9pm — Honkys. With Soup and the Mitchell Schaffer Band. Folk/rock. 21 and up.

**Ocean House:** 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4131.

Friday, 9pm — The Moods. With DJ Grim. Covers/hip-hop/pop. \$5.

# ZANK > hometown CDs BY ROSA JURJEVIC

Album: Without a Bridge (2009)

Artist: Zank
Label: Unsigned

Where available/price: iTunes for \$9.99; Amazon for \$8.99 Songs: 1) Sorry 2) How It Feels Right Now 3) The Last Car Ride 4) Wonderful 5) Like Flowers For The Sun 6) Stay 7) Growing Old 8) Letting Go 9) So Slow 10) With You 11) You Always

**Band:** Zank (lead vocals, assorted instruments), "Shauney Baby" (drums), Shawn Davis (bass), Jessie Taylor (violin), Peter Stanasoff (electric guitar), John Fretwell (backing vocals), and others

Website: mvspace.com/zankmusic

Zank's new album, Without a Bridge, sounds like a primer for how to make a pop album, right down to the key changes. The construction is there — harmonies in the right place, solos expertly executed — but the songs lack originality. With a

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sound mastered in the '90s by bands such as Train and Counting Crows, Zank is treading on trodden ground with *Bridge*, however tight the arrangement.

Much of the album showcases Zank's vocals, as opposed to ensemble performances by the crew of

Monday, 9pm - Rastus Kain.

Tuesday, 9pm — Blue Four.

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studio musicians. This is one of the album's biggest flaws, as Zank's country-tinged, alt-folk voice does best against a backdrop rather than over the top of stripped-down guitars on tracks such as "Wonderful"

Overall, Zank does a good job with what he's written. Some tracks are more inventive, like the slightly dark "Like Flowers for the Sun," which features a haunting electric guitar and timely cymbal crescen-

and "Stay."

dos. Opener "Sorry" stands out as one of the stronger tracks on the album, with its driving rhythm and rising harmony.

Without a Bridge is radio-ready and well-packaged but feels generic.

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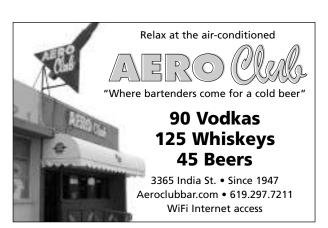
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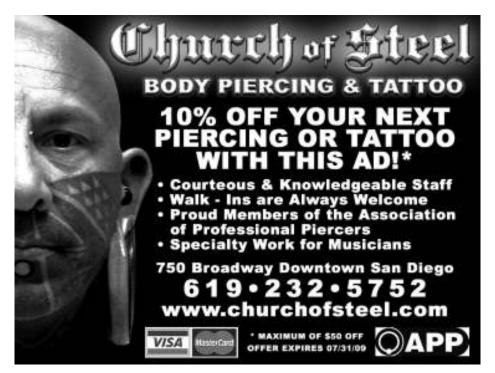
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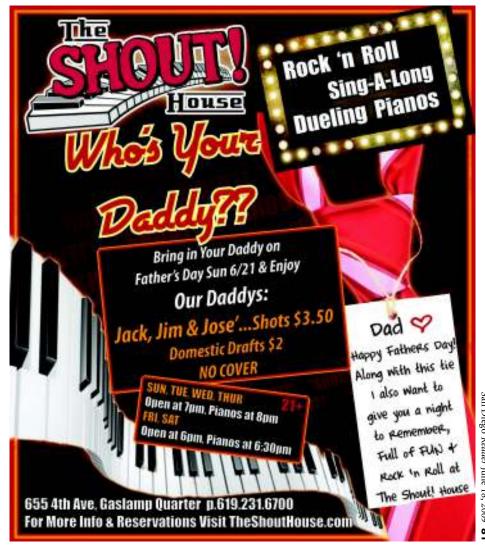
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Friday, 8pm — Low Red Land. Rock. 21 and up. Saturday, 8pm — Students of the Drum. Roots/world.

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Rock Bottom Brewery, Downtown: 401 G St., Downtown, 619-231-7000. Friday — After. Saturday — 80z All Stars. Covers/pop/rock.

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Saturday, 7pm — Get Back Loretta. With the Material, Flight to Athena, Madder Yellow, and the Color of Glass. Alternative/pop/rock. \$9.

**Spreckels Organ Pavilion:** 2211 Pan American Rd., Balboa

# as i hear it

Artist: The Shamey Jays
Song: "My Machine Kicks Your Machine's
Ass" (from the CD Your Pretty Packages)
Heard By: Sarah Nelson, Downtown



Sarah Nelson

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It was fun. It's something that I'd want to listen to while I'm doing something like washing my car. I would describe it as rock 'n' roll. I heard lots of guitars. It kind of reminded me of the Bronx. Their lyrics

were about how their machine is going to kick the other machine's ass. It was about cars and how their car is better than some-body else's car. I could see this music being popular with boys. I imagine [the Shamey Jays] would play a place like Soma. That'd be a good soundtrack for an action movie. It was upbeat and fast. I'd give it a 7.5 out of 10.

#### SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **The Even Keel**Song: **"The Natural (Feat. Zee-O)"** (from the CD *Coming Up!*)

Heard By: Bobby Loiseau, San Diego



Bobby Loiseau

I'm not really much of a hip-hop fan, but I did like the tune. It didn't really remind me of any artist I know, so it was original for me. I liked the lyrics because I was a Marines reservist and it reminded me of some

buddies I have in the military who were part of a unit that does supplies. There's a lot of Humvees and seven-ton drivers, and I can hear them listening to this very easily. Plus, I noticed a lot of military stuff in the lyrics. The message of the song seemed to be "Just keep on going even if the world is messed up for now. Don't give up on your guys. Keep on truckin'."

Artist: Berkley Hart

Song: "Stir it up" (from the CD Las Vegas) Heard By: Brit Malpiede, Banker's Hill



Brit Malpiede

I thought it was great. It was a Bob Marley cover. It sort of takes it out of reggae while keeping the essence and intent of the song. It's more mellow and modern, and his voice has a ghostly, ethereal

quality that reminds me of a cat's purr. It speaks to your soul in the same way — it has that same richness. It's reminiscent of a bluegrass sort of sound but not twangy — more gentle and uplifting. It sort of has a subtle sweetness like when a child giggles that lifts you from the inside. I come from Fort Collins, Colorado, and as I'm listening to this song, I imagine sitting around a fire pit while the snow is falling.

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Sunday, 6pm — Kearny Mesa Concert Band. Standards.

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**Stagecoach Park:** 3420 Camino de los Coches, Carlsbad. *Friday*, 6pm — Canned Heat. Jazz. Free.

**Star Ranch:** 32060 Highway 94, Inland Border Towns, 858-350-4425.

Saturday, 8pm — The Pine Creek Posse Band. Performs at the Kiwanis Campo Barn Dance. Country. **Sunset Temple Theatre:** 3911 Kansas St., North Park.

Saturday, 7pm — Quinazo. Latin/reggae. **Terra:** 3900 Vermont St., Hillcrest,

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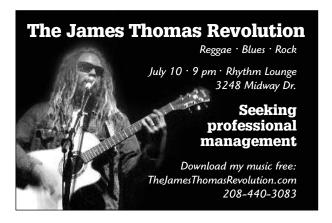
Thursday, 6pm — Robin Henkel.

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Friday, 9:30pm — Agave. With Joey Harris and the Mentals. Jazz/ Latin/rock.

Saturday, 9:30pm — The Nards. Americana/pop/classic rock. Saturday, 10pm — The Pheromones

Sunday, 9:30pm — The Chris Kelly

Tio Leo's: 6333 Mission Gorge Rd., Grantville, 619-280-9944. Friday — The Farmers. Roots/rock. 21 and up.

**U-31:** 3112 University Ave., North Park, 619-584-4188. Wednesday, 8pm — Agua Dulce. With guests. Latin. \$7. 21 and up.

VFW Post 5179: 1116 South 43rd St., Southcrest, 619-262-0566. *Wednesday*, 8pm — Willovealot. Blues/soul. Free.

Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Rd.,



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Tuesday, June 23

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September 10 — Cheryl Wheeler. October 25 — Catie Curtis.

October 30 — Tim Flannery November 6 — The Battlefield Band

December 4 — Tom Russell.

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June 25 — Fattburger.

June 26 — Lee Ritenour.

June 28 — Marc Cohn.

July 11, July 12 — Ottmart Liebert.

July 16 — Tyrone Wells.

July 17, July 18 — Earl Klugh. August 2 — Marcus Johnson.

August 26 — The Duhks.

September 23, September 24 — Stanley Jordan.

October 7, October 8, October 9 —

Shawn Colvin.

October 16 — Michael Burks.

October 23 — Blues Lavay Smith

and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers. November 19 - Jake Shimabukuro.

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July 16 — Minsarah Trio.

July 23 — Geoffrey Keezer.

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June 25 — Carbon Leaf. June 26 — The Dirty Heads. June 27 — Switchfoot Bro-Am After Party.

June 28 — Nathan James.

June 30 — Club Up and Up.

July 2 — '80s Heat.

July 8 — The Surrender.

July 13 — Blitzen Trapper.

July 15 — Hot Buttered Rum. July 20 — Cage.

July 23 — X.

August 3, August 4 — Toots and the Maytals.

August 5 — Dave Alvin & the

Guilty Women. August 8 — Stepping Feet.

August 20 — Cody Chestnutt. August 22 — Arrested

Development.

August 24 — Alpha Blondy. August 27 — JJ Grey.

September 1, September 2 — Israel Vibration.

September 10 — Eddie Money.

October 8 — Groundation. November 14 — Keller Williams.

November 22 — B.B. King. December 13 — Average White

#### Birch Aquarium at Scripps:

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July 15 — Steve Poltz. August 19 — Jack Tempchin. September 16 — Venice.

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*Iune 25* — The Beatnuts.

June 26 — The Cured.

June 27 — The Iron Maidens.

June 28 — Project: Out of Bounds.

Iune 30 — Chanauk. July 2 — Spitfiyah.

July 3 — The Supersuckers.

July 10 — Tony Tuff.

Iuly 11 — Tainted Love.

July 17 — Eek-A-Mouse.

July 18 — Devin the Dude.

Iuly 19 — Jim Rose Circus.

July 20 — Clutch.

July 22 — The Wailing Souls.

Iuly 24 — Latin Funk Festival.

Iuly 31 — Mutaytor.

August 14 - Method Man &

August 19 — Jedi Mind Tricks.

August 26 — Lee "Scratch" Perry. The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl.,

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June 28 — The Minor Keys.

Iune 29 — Ida Maria.

June 30 — John Vanderslice. July 1 — Amazing Baby.

July 3 — Jivewire/One Nation

Under a Groove July 4 — Lady Dottie & the

Diamonds.

July 6 — Strange Boys. July 9 — Dirty Projectors.

July 12 — Natalie Portman's Shaved

July 14 — Mika Miko.

# <u>Yo, DJi</u>

### Talk About a Star



Loretta Lynn performs at the San Diego **County Fair on June 19** 

Back in November of '97, I was doing a live broadcast from Nashville. It was the day before the Country Music Awards. It is a crazy and massively fun, long day — a cattle-call of country stars, big and small, who move from table to table, station to station doing interviews in one big room.

I'd done so many artist interviews in my radio career, this type of day was a walk in the park for me...until she showed up.

In the middle of one of my interviews — I can't remember who now - I heard a commotion break out in the room. I looked up and Loretta Lynn had just walked in. Suddenly. everyone - radio folks, managers, artists, security — everyone stopped what they were doing, stood up, and gave her a standing ovation.

She stood there smiling and blushing, but graciously taking it in. I remember she was wearing this gorgeous, ruffled, Old South/plantationlike, long dress — like Scarlett wore in Gone with the Wind. She was stunning, and for a quiet, petite lady, she had a massive aura that took over that room...and my heart started pounding out of my chest.

When she finally got to my table for our interview. I was insanely nervous — wringing

my hands, stuttering and stammering to get my silly little guestions out. I felt like the biggest goofball. Sensing that I was probably about to pass out, she reached across the table and put her hand on mine — which I'm sure was sweating — patted it, looked me in the eye with a sweet, motherly smile breaking across her face. In her quiet, Southern drawl, she said, "It's okay, darlin', I'm just Loretta. Nothin' to be nervous about." I laughed and said, 'You are so much more than 'just Loretta,'

She was a wonderful interview - sweet, well-spoken, funny, and smart as a whip. Not to mention patient, to allow me to be starstruck in her presence.



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July 18 — The Builders and the

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July 22 — Ryan Bingham.

July 24 — Castiotone for the Painfully Alone.

July 27 — The Handsome Family.

July 30 — Stellastarr.

August 3 — Lymbyc System.

August 5 — Bowerbirds.

August 26 — The Dirtbombs. September 17 — The Charlatans October 14 — The Jesus Lizard.

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July 19 — Joan Sebastian. August 20 — Green Dav. August 21 — Kings of Leon.

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July 9 — Incubus

Iuly 10 - Rise Against.

July 11 — 311 and Ziggy Marley.

July 16 — Coldplay. July 25 — Slightly Stoopid and

Snoop Dogg.

July 28 — The Fray.

y Pepe Aguilar.

August 8 — No Doubt.

August 13 — Toby Keith.

August 14 — Depeche Mode. August 22 — Vans Warped Tour.

September 5 — Nickelback. September 12 — The Dave

Matthews Band. September 16 — blink-182. October 2 — Brad Paisley. October 10 — Marco Antonio Solis

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October 16 — Jimmy Buffett.

June 26 - Switchfoot. June 27 — Fifth Annual Gospel

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June 29 — Clint Black.

June 29 — Cowboy Jack. June 30 — The Marshall Tucker

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

Blackhearts. July 4 — Smokey Robinson.

July 5 — Kelly Clarkson.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Dr., Downtown, 858-270-7467.

June 27 — Mikan Zlatkovich. *Iune 28* — The Double Bass

Summit. July 3 — Dusty Brough. July 10 — Southern Exposure CD

Celebration. July 11 — Gilbert Castellanos Quintet. July 17 — Shades of Django.

July 18 — Steve White and Jack Tempchin.

East Village: 13th & K Streets, Downtown. August 28, August 29 — Street

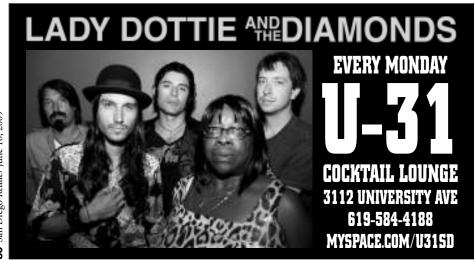
Hard Rock Hotel: 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 866-751-7625. September 26 — Sugar Ray.

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751-3100. Iune 28 — Aretha Franklin. July 4 — Stone Temple Pilots. August 23 — Tom Jones. September 11 — Gary Allan. October 4 — Vince Gill.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. June 25 - Xavier Rudd. June 27 — Sophie @ 103.7's Birthday Bash.









**KEYSHIA COLE** FRIDAY, JUNE 19 BET☆



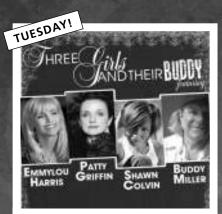
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SUNDAY, JUNE 21



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FRIDAY, JUNE 26

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

#### JUNE

Friday, June 19 • 8:00 **KEYSHIA COLE** 

Saturday, June 20 • 8:00 FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS

Sunday, June 21 • 8:00
PJ HARVEY & JOHN PARISH with special guest Pop Parker

Tuesday, June 23 • 7:30
THREE GIRLS AND THEIR BUDDY featuring Emmylou Harris, Patty Griffin, Shawn Colvin

& Buddy Miller Friday, June 26 • 7:00 **ROCK ROYALTY** featuring The Zombies, The Yardbirds & The Spencer Davis Group

Sunday, June 28 • 7:30 **ANI DIFRANCO** 

#### JULY

Wednesday, July 8 • 7:00

with very special guest Asia

Thursday, July 9 • 8:00 **HEART** featuring

Ann & Nancy Wilson Friday, July 10 • 8:00 JOAN BAEZ

Sunday, July 12 • 7:30 INDIGO GIRLS

Tuesday, July 14 • 7:30 **GREGG ALLMAN** 

Wednesday, July 15 • 7:30
COWBOYJUNKIES / SON VOLT

Thursday, July 16 • 7:30 **TORI AMOS** 

Friday, July 17 • 8:00

GABRIEL IGLESIAS

Sunday, July 19 • 7:30

Monday, July 20 • 7:30 **TEARS FOR FEARS** with special guest Wainwright Tuesday, July 21 • 8:00 SOLD OUT!

Wednesday, July 22 • 7:00 **HAPA / LEDWARD KA'APANA / JOHN CRUZ** 

Friday, July 24 • 7:00 **JOEL McHALE** 

Sunday, July 26 • 8:00 **CHICAGO** 

Tuesday, July 28 • 7:00
GEORGE THOROGOOD
AND THE DESTROYERS
& JONNY LANG

Friday, July 31 • 6:30/9:00 **JIM GAFFIGAN** 

### AUGUST

Sunday, August 2 • 6:30 HIPPIEFEST with

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Felix Cavaliere of the Rascals and **Badfinger featuring Joey Molland** 

Friday, August 7 • 7:30 **ALAN PARSONS LIVE PROJECT** 

Monday, August 10 • 8:00 DIANA KRALL

Tuesday, August 11 • 7:30 LYLE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND

Thursday, August 13 • 7:30 **JACKSON BROWNE** 

Friday, August 14 • 7:30 **AMERICA** 

Friday, August 21 • 8:00 TOWER OF POWER

Tuesday, August 25 • 7:30 CHRIS ISAAK

Friday, August 28 • 7:00
DAVE KOZ AND
BRIAN CULBERTSON SIDE BY SIDE
with special guest Peabo Bryson

Sunday, August 30 • 7:30 **SUSAN TEDESCHI** 

### **SEPTEMBER**

Friday, September 4 • 6:30 **BOB WEIR & RATDOG** with special guest Jackie Greene

Thursday, September 10 • 8:00 SINBAD

Friday, September 11 • 7:00 **AIR SUPPLY** /

**CHRISTOPHER CROSS** 

Thursday, September 17 • 7:00
BONTAJ ROULET: BONNIE RAITT
& TAJ MAHAL PLAYING ALONE AND TOGETHER

Friday, September 18 • 7:30 **LEANN RIMES** with special guest Chris Ayer

Saturday, September 19 • 8:00 **WANDA SYKES** with special guest Keith Robinson

Monday, September 21 • 7:30 AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD

Friday, September 25 • 7:30 **BEACH BOYS** 

Saturday, September 26 • 7:30 **KEALI'I REICHEL** 

Sunday, September 27 • 8:00 **PINK MARTINI** 

Mon./Tues., Sept. 28/29 • 7:30 CROSBY, STILLS & NASH OUT!



# OCTOBER

Friday, October 2 • 8:00 CHRIS BOTTI

Sunday, October 4 • 7:30 **CECILIO & KAPONO** 

Wednesday, October 14 • 8:00 **JESSE COOK** 

Thursday, October 15 • 7:30

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Saturday, October 17 • 8:30 CARLOS MENCIA



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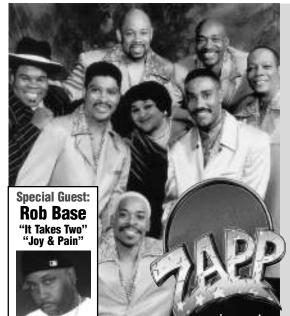


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July 8 — Copeland.

July 9 — Pete Yorn. July 10 — Nat and Alex Wolff.

July 11 — Led Zepagain.

July 12 — Bone Thugs-N-Harmony.

July 12 — Boyce Avenue. July 15 — Arc Angels.

July 16 — Toadies.

July 17 — All.
July 19 — Eric Hutchinson.

July 22 — Richard Cheese &

Lounge Against the Machine. July 23 — Bear McCreary.

July 26 — Van Hunt.

July 30 - Angel Taylor.

July 31 — 40 Oz. to Freedom.

August 2 — Gomez.

August 3, August 4 — Toots & the Maytals.

August 5 — Pat Green.

August 6 — Los Amigos Invisibles.

August 12 — Dumpstaphunk.

August 19 — The Cult. August 23 — Babasónicos.

September 12 — Maximo Park. September 16 — The Gaslight

September 18 — Gov't Mule. October 1 — Robert Earl Keen.

October 18 — KMFDM. November 4 — Boyz II Men.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point

Loma, 619-224-3577.

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.

July 16 — Tori Amos.

July 19 — Jewel. July 20 — Tears for Fears.

July 21 — The Moody Blues.

July 22 — Hapa.

July 26 — Chicago.

July 28 — George Thorogood and

the Destroyers.

August 2 — Hippiefest: A Concert

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August 7 — The Alan Parsons Live



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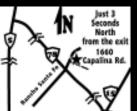
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Thursday, 18th: Irish Night with Skelpin

*Friday, 19th:* Graceland (Elvis tribute band)

Saturday, 20th: Special Guest

**Sunday, 21st:** Fire Whiskey

**Monday, 22nd:** The Tail Draggers

Tuesday, 23rd: Taryn Donath

Wednesday, 24th: Special Guest

Thursday, 25th: Irish Night with Skelpin

*Friday, 26th:* The Hank Show

Saturday, 27th: Joe Wood

**Sunday, 28th:** This is Music! Hosted by DJ Kid Jagger

Monday, 29th: The Tail Draggers

Tuesday, 30th: Deblois

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Sunday, June 21

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Thursday, June 18 8 pm • Blues

### Ruby and **The Red Hots**

Friday, June 19

Rick Estrin & The Night Cats



Saturday, June 20 9:30 pm • Latin Rock

# Viva Santana



Tuesday, June 23 9:30 pm • Classic Rock

Monday, June 22

7 pm • Blues David

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### **Private Domain**

Wednesday, June 24 8 pm • Sweet Soul Music

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August 10 — Diana Krall. August 11 — Lyle Lovett.

August 13 — Jackson Browne.

August 14 — America.

August 21 — Tower of Power.

August 25 — Chris Isaak.

August 28 — Dave Koz. August 30 — Susan Tedeschi.

September 4 — Bob Weir and RatDog.

September 11 — Air Supply and Christopher Cross.

September 17 — Bon Taj Roulet. September 18 — LeAnn Rimes. September 21 — The Australian

Pink Floyd Show. September 25 — The Beach Boys.

September 26 — Keali'i Reichel. September 27 — Pink Martini. September 28, September 29 -

Crosby, Stills, & Nash. October 2 — Chris Botti

October 4 — Cecilio & Kapono. October 14 - Jesse Cook

October 15 — Loggins & Messina.

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

July 9 — The Smart Brothers. July 19 — Red This Ever.
July 30 — Good Asian Drivers.

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July 12 - Michael McDonald and

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September 1 — The Pretenders. September 13 — The Gipsy Kings.

#### Pechanga Resort & Casino:

45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819. July 22 — Counting Crows. August 3 — Sara Evans.

#### San Diego Sports Arena:

3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. July 18 — American Idols Live. August 29 — Ricardo Ariona. September 1 — Pedal to the Metal

September 6 — AC/DC. October 17 — Wisin y Yandel.

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

June 26 — Buck-O-Nine.

June 27 — The Summer Slaughter.

July 9 — RX Bandits. July 10 — Scream the Prayer Tour.

July 11 — Ace Enders.

July 17 — Drop Dead Gorgeous.

July 19 — A Static Lullaby.

July 23 — August Burns Red. July 24 — Thrash and Burn Tour.

July 25 — Emery.

July 29 — Vamps.

July 31 — Seconds From Disaster. August 19 — Four Years Strong

**South Coast Winery Resort** & Spa: 34843 Rancho California

Rd., Temecula, 951-587-9463. June 27 — Jeffrey Osborne.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. June 25 — Bad Habits. June 26 — Slim Crowbar & the

IOUs. June 27 — Big Back Yard.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Rd., Valley Center, 866-843-9946.

Iulv 9 - Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo.

August 8 — Dick Fox's Golden

August 21 — Randy Travis.

September 12 — Three Dog Night. September 15 — James Taylor.

September 26 — The Beach Boys. October 3 — The Temptations and

the Four Tops. October 9 — REO Speedwagon.

Viejas Casino Concerts in

the Park: 5005 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400.

August 15 — Los Lonely Boys.

October 3 — Brooks & Dunn. Viejas Casino **DreamCatcher Show Room:** 

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July 17 — Otis Day & the Knights.

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Azuki Sushi Lounge: Every day. 5-7pm: \$.50 small sake w/ large beer, \$5 house wine, sangria, saketini.

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#### CARLSBAD

The Alley: Every day, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

Boar Cross'n: Thursday-Saturday, 8-9pm: \$1 Bud & Bud Light.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 wells, beer, margaritas.

Fenway's Sports Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm, 10pm-12am: \$3 domestic, house wine. \$3.50 margarita, Cape Cod. Saturday-Sunday, 10am-6pm: \$3 domestic, house wine. \$3.50 margarita, Cape Cod.

Greek Village: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

#### CARMEL VALLEY

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, house margaritas.

Twenty/20 Bar & Grill in the Sheraton Hotel: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink, 3-oz. marti-

#### **CHULA VISTA**

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7 pm: \$2 margaritas.

Veni Vidi Vici: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$1 off all drafts, wells.

#### CLAIREMONT

Viva Vino: Monday-Saturday, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

#### COLLEGE AREA

Marie Calender's: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1.95 draft, \$2.50 well, \$3.50 house margarita. Wednesday, 3-7pm: \$1.95 draft, \$2.50 well, \$3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price wine bottles all day. Saturday-Sunday, \$2 Bloody Mary/mimosa w/ purchase.

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Tent City Restaurant: Monday, Wednesday, 1/2-price bottles of wine. Tuesday, Friday-Sunday, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 house wine. Thursday, 3-close: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 house wine.

#### DEL MAR

Bully's Del Mar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottle beer, \$4.50 wells, pints, \$5 well+juice, \$6 wine by glass. Sunday, 10pm-12am: \$2.75 bottle beer, \$4.50 wells, pints, \$5 well+juice, \$6 wine by glass.

#### **DOWNTOWN**

**Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine:** Friday, \$6 pomegranate martini. Saturday, \$6 cosmos.

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$5 Imperia vodka, \$4 local beer, \$6 wine.

The Bitter End: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks, bottles of wine 1/2-price.

C-Level: Monday-Friday, 3:30-5pm: \$3.50 Bud Light, Karl Strauss, Stone IPA, \$5 specialty drinks, wells, house wine.

Café Sevilla: Monday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. Tuesday, 6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. Wednesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price martini. Thursday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2price sangarita, Friday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price garabato. Sunday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangria.

Candelas: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2-price.

Downtown Johnny Brown's: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 pints of the day. Sunday, \$3.50 local pints.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. Friday and Saturday, 11pmclose: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. \$4 Jäger, Bacardi, Svedka.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.50 wells. Saturday-Sunday, 9am-5pm: \$3.50 wells.

The Fish Market: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$3.75 draft, \$3.95 wells, \$2.95 domestic beer.

Fuddruckers: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine. Saturday, 10pm-midnight: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday 3-7pm: \$3 pints, house wine, wells (vodka, gin, rum).

\$10 pitcher sangria/draft.

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm, 10pm-12am: \$2 Bud Light/Coors Light drafts, \$3 margaritas, wine, wells, sangria.

Hive Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$2.49 large sake, \$1.99 drafts (+ \$.99 for sake bomb).

House of Blues: Every day, 2-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, wine, \$4

Jewel Box: Monday, \$2 PBR drafts. Wednesday, 6pm-2am: \$5 Jäger bombs w/ military ID. Thursday, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. \$3.75 calls. Must show apron/pay stub.

price calls, wells, tap beers, house

The Local: Monday, 4pm-close: \$3 Bud Light, Miller Lite. Tuesday, 4pmclose: \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Dos Equis. Wednesday, 4pm-close: \$10 big pitchers. *Thursday*, 4pm-close: \$3 Jaeger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. *Fri*-

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini,

6:30pm: \$5 glass of wine, 24-oz. or-

Patrick's II: Every day, 10am-7pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3.25 wells, \$1 off calls. \$3 Bud drafts, \$3.75 import bottles.

house wine, apple martinis.

The Fleetwood: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$4 calls. Wednesday, 5-6pm: \$4 calls. 5-7pm: 1/2-off wine bottles.

La Gran Tapa: Tuesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. *Wednesday*, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, 1/2-off select bottles/wine. Thursday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft,

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm:

La Fiesta: Every day, 5-7pm: 1/2wine, house margaritas.

day, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, wine, drafts.

large Sapporo, house wine.

O'Brothers: Every day, 3:30-

**RA Sushi:** *Every day*, 10pm-midnight: \$3 wells. \$4 cosmos, Kirin,

Rock Bottom Brewery, Down**town:** *Monday-Thursday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis. Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis. Sunday, 10pm-close \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95

Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

specialty drinks/martinis.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee, 12-9pm: tasting flights.

The Shout House: Tuesday, \$2.50 Karls, \$5 cosmos. Wednesday, \$1.50 domestic bottles. Thursday, \$2.50 Miller Lite drafts, \$10 Miller High Life buckets, \$2 lunchbox shots, Friday, 6-7pm: \$1 any draft. Sunday, \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wells, wine, Jäger.

Stage Saloon: Every day, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Stout Public House: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 premium pints, \$4 wells, \$5 cosmo, appletini, margarita. Saturday-Sunday, till 6pm: \$3 domestic and Canadian bottled beer, \$4 wells, Bloody Mary, \$5 mimosa.

Suite & Tender: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: Monday-Saturday, 3-8pm: All drinks 2 for

Tivoli Bar: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-8pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$2 off

#### **EL CAJON**

El Cajon Grand: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells. Saturday-Sunday, \$5 20-oz. Bloody Mary w/jumbo shrimp.

Main Tap Tavern: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. Sunday, all day: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls.

#### **ENCINITAS**

The Calypso Café: Every day, 5-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

#### **ESCONDIDO**

Holiday Wine Cellar: Monday, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 for 5 wine tasting.

Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 beer tasting. Tango Restaurant & Lounge: Monday, all night: \$1 off all drinks Tuesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$1 off all

#### **GRANTVILLE**

Tio Leo's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

#### HILLCREST

Cafe Eleven: Every day, 2-6pm: \$4 house maragritas, \$3 wells, house wine, bottled beer.

Café Bleu: Monday, \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. Tuesday-Saturday, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles.

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

#### **KEARNY MESA**

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

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$1.25 off draft, \$1 off glass of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: Tues*day-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials.

Taiima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/draft beer.

#### KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Beauty Bar: Monday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. Tuesday, \$4 bombs, \$5 Brunettes/Blondes, \$4 Three Olives. Wednesday-Thursday, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles. Friday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes, \$3 Fernet,

The Kensington Club: Every day, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: Monday, 3pmclose: \$5 fine wine. Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine.

#### LA JOLLA

Beaumont's: Every day, 4-7pm: \$3-5 cocktails, wine, beer.









**Clay's La Jolla:** Every day, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 sangria, \$6 house wine.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beers.

**La Jolla Brew House:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, house drafts. \$4 house wine. \$5 premiums.

**La Jolla Rancherita:** *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 wells, \$2.50 domestics, \$2.75 imports.

**The Shack Bar & Grill:** *Every day*, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, domestic taps.

**Su Casa:** *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells.

#### LA MESA

**Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill:** Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday, 2-6pm: \$1.50 off drafts, \$3 off bottled wine.

**Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:** Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 off all cocktails, wine, drafts.

#### LEUCADIA

**Bar Leucadian:** Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics. \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperiala.

#### LINDA VISTA

**Brick by Brick:** *Every day*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

**Tio Leo's:** *Monday*, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, margaritas. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

#### LITTLE ITALY

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

**Illume Bistro:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 draft, \$5 wells, wines, \$7 martinis.

#### **MIDWAY DISTRICT**

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

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

#### MIRA MES

**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 pitchers. \$2.50 wells.

#### MISSION BEACH

**Canes:** *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$2.50 beer of the month. \$3 wells, margaritas. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

**Guava Beach Bar & Grill:** 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 bottles

#### 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-off.

**Triple Crown Pub:** Saturday, 12-2am: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers. Sunday, 12-5pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers.

#### **NORTH PARK**

**Apertivo:** Tuesday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 glass of wine, imported beers. Sunday, all day: \$2.75 glass of wine.

**Crazee Burger:** Every day, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers of beer, \$3.99 Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Nero d'Avola, Tempranillo.

**Cricket's Pub and Grill:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$2.75 domestic bottles, wells, \$4 margaritas.

Lips: Sunday, \$5 homojitos.

**Red Wing Bar & Grill:** *Monday*, 8pm-12am: \$2 domestic pints. *Tuesday*, 8pm-12am: \$2.50 wells, domestic bottles. *Wednesday-Sunday*, 11am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic bottles.

**Toronado:** *Monday*, 11:30am-5pm \$1 off drafts, 6-10pm: \$3 drafts. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

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

#### OCEAN BEACH

**Blue Parrot:** *Monday-Friday*, \$2 off glass of wine, \$3 margaritas. *Saturday-Sunday*, 10am-3pm: \$2.50 mimosas. \$5 Manmosas. \$4 screwdrivers, tequila sunrises, greyhounds.

**Dream Street Live:** *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

**Portugalia:** Tuesday-Sunday, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5

**Winstons:** *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

#### **OCEANSIDE**

**Harney Sushi:** *Thursday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$2 cans of Tecate.

**Tremont Street Bar & Grill:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

#### OLD TOWN

**Harney Sushi:** Wednesday, \$5 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. Saturday, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. Sunday, \$3 Bloody Marys.

**Costa Brava:** Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2-price sangria. **The Dog:** Monday-Thursday, Sun-

day, \$6 pitchers. **Hennessey's Tavern:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm; \$2.50 domestic drafts.

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 Marys.

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 bottles, 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:

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Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: Tuesday, \$2.50 Mexican bottled beer, \$3 frozen margaritas. 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, Café-Bar Europa:** *Monday-Thursday, Sunday,* 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft.

#### POINT LOMA

**The Boathouse:** *Every day*, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month.

**Extreme Pizza:** *Monday*, all day: \$1.50 domestic drafts. *Tuesday*, \$6 wine carafes, beer pitchers. *Saturday*, \$2 bottled beer of the month. *Sunday*, \$5 domestic beer pitchers.

Riley's Music Lounge: Monday, 4-7pm: \$4 calls. Tuesday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 pints. Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$4 Jäger bombs. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$3 kamikazes, \$4 Jäger bombs. Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 calls. Saturday, 4-7pm: \$5 Long Island/Long 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 bottle wine.

#### RANCHO BERNARDO

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

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

#### **RANCHO SANTA FE**

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#### SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 8am-11am: \$1.50 drafts, wells.

#### **SOLANA BEACH**

**The Fish Market:** *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-Satur day*, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 drinks.

**Karl Strauss Brewing Company:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

#### **SOUTH PARK**

**Alchemy:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

**Hamilton's Tavern and Café:** *Every day*, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.

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### THEATER LISTINGS

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#### The 16th Annual Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival

The San Diego Repertory Theatre presents the 16th annual exploration of "Jewish culture through theater, music, dance, and visual arts." The Festival takes place at various locations. For shows, days, and times, call the Rep at 619-544-1000.

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HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 7:30PM
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TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS,
THROUGH JUNE 30.

#### **Augusto Lives!**

Palomar Performing Arts Theatre stages a collection of short plays using the techniques of the late Brazilian director Augusto Boal. Michael Mufson and Carlos von Son directed. PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MIS-SION RD., SAN MARCOS. 8PM SATUR DAY, 8PM FRIDAY.

#### Baby with the Bathwater

North Park Vaudeville & Candy Shoppe stages Christopher Durang's satiric comedy about dysfunctional parenthood. John and Helen can do no right. Neither can their nanny.

NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE AND CANDY SHOPPE, 2031 EL CAJON BLVD., NORTH PARK. 619-647-4958. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH JUNE 20.

#### Bad Night in a Men's Room Off Sunset Boulevard

The situation has promise Michael, a "top five around the world" action-actor, was discovered en flagrante with another man. It's 1982 and the "star bust" may have ended his career. For a comeback, he joins his estranged parents for a show in the hinterlands. Author of the intriguing Hundred Birds, also at Compass Theatre, Ira Bateman-Gold has at least two plays in Bad Night in competition with each other: a serious, near-tragedy in Act one (performed with an unrelieved din) and a comedy, in Act two, that concludes with a resolution too comfy for most sitcoms. As written and performed by Douglas Myers and Marilyn Wolfe, Michael and his mother are one-note characters. Young Eduard Cao wins sympathy as Jamie, a heartstruck transvestite The play, which needs to tighten its speeches, has a terrific role: Michael's father Jake is a burnedout, larger-than-life, world-traveling, drunken actor. Dale Morris makes the character so vivid and funny he distorts scenes, consistently pulling focus away from the less well written characters. COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. 8PM THURS-DAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 28.

# **The Butcher of Baraboo**Midwestern Gothic. Tourists pass

through Baraboo on their way to the beautiful Wisconsin Dells. Marisa Wegrzyn's twisted comedy'll make them speed up through the city limits. Frank's been gone a year. Some say he ran off. Others whisper that wife Valerie, the local butcher, sliced and diced him out by the lake. Her knife-infested kitchen's full of secrets and potential culprits (too many, in fact). Along with Frank's disappearance, Butcher raises another question: how could a play with a gruesome subject be such a screaming hoot? Casting Deanna Driscoll as Gail, in the Moxie production, is one answer. Driscoll blazes through the role and, when the suicidal cop experiments with crack, goes fouralarm (Driscoll matches that scene, in a different key, when Gail tries to tape a farewell note). As Valerie's daughter Midge, Wendy Waddell merits high praise for creating a hilarious, and almost speechless, slacker. Linda Libby (Valerie), Jennifer Eve Thorn (a squeaky-nice neighbor), and Don Evans (though he tends to speechify his lines as Donal) make strong contributions. Amy Chini and Esther Emery's set brims with details, and Jennifer Brawn-Gittings' costumes support an ongoing theme: baby, it's cold outside.

Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK

BLVD., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 28.

#### The Fantasticks

Lamb's Players presents Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's minimalist musical about "children, lovers," and "fantasticks." Deborah Gilmour Smyth directed.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600.
7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM
WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JULY 26.

#### Four Dogs and a Bone

Compared to his Doubt and film script for Moonstruck, John Patrick Shanley's one-actor's a five- (make that four-) fingered exercise. A producer, two actresses, and a screenwriter battle to control in in progress movie, not for art or human truth but to further careers and the chance to battle anew. Part farce, part verbal eye-gouging, Four Dogs is yet another Hollywood satire, allowing the author to vent vitriol between projects. In the New Village Arts production, the cast — Kristianne Kurner. Joshua Everett Johnson, Erick Poppick, and Amanda Sitton - has obvious fun dishing each other in scenes constructed solely, it appears, for that purpose. Sitton, in particular, revels in rant and the one-up-person-ship, survival tactics required for life on the silver screen. Tim Wallace's scenic design includes sliding walls that underscore the characters' lack of boundaries. Worth a try.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787-B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 28.

#### Gangsters

Rasechaba writes about things as they are in Soweto (the SOuth WEstern TOwnship of Johannesburg). Like Eddy Grant, whose song "Gimme Hope Jo'anna" was banned by the government for its indictment of apartheid, a white official declares Rasechaba's poems inflammatory. In Maishe Maponya's sketchy one-act (set in 1976), Major Whitebeard brings

her in for questioning, then detention, then issues a "banning order." When she persists, Whitebeard has his black aide, Jonathan, suspend Rasechaba from a cross and torture her. In the end, as with the death of Steve Biko, founder of the Black Consciousness Movement, Whitebeard and Jonathan ponder the best possible cover story for her demise (they've used all the standard clichés on other murders). In the San Diego Black Ensemble/Blue Trunk/and Theatre Inc. co-production, director Rhys Green makes full use of a limited space. Though he could modulate his voice more. Joe Powers gives Whitebeard a strident paranoia. Chris Bland plays Jonathan too flat and has yet to explore subtexts (whose side is he on?). Craig Noel Award-winner Monique Gaffney gives Rasechaba fierce commitment and turns a relatively slender role into a modern

# Antigone. Worth a try.

THEATRE, INC., 899 C ST., DOWNTOWN 619-216-3016. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 28.

#### Hedwig and the Angry Inch

Cygnet Theatre completes the circle, closing its Rolando Stage doors with the rock musical that opened them. Hedwig's still angry (in this more polished version, directed by James Vasquez, angry-er) about his botched sex-change operation, which resulted in a "Barbie Doll crotch." As his nemesis, Tommy Gnossis, wows fans next door with pilfered tunes, Hedwig tells a life story to which few compare. As Hedwig, his wig a platinum tsunami, his outfits recalling Rocky Horror's Frank N. Furter — whom he has also played — talented Matthew Tyler belts ("Tear Me Down") and croons ("Origin of Love") with equal panache. As Hedwig's husband Yitzhak, a bearded roadie and Willie Nelson lookalike, Katie Alexander has the chops when her spotlight finally shines. The backup band kicks. Although the sound system's more attuned to the music than the dialogue (portions of the story blur by), in a way even that works, since Hedwig's no headliner. He bares

body and soul in the Aztec mini mall.

#### Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BLVD., SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURS-DAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 6PM AND 10PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 9.

#### **High School Musical**

Disney's degreased Grease boasts the nicest high school on the planet where, if people will just think outside the box a tad, everyone will come together and life will assume sitcom buoyancy. Troy's a basketball star, Gabriella's so smart she must have an "extra brain." They fall in "like" with each other — this is Disney after all, so everything happens from the nose up - and with singing in the annual musical. But dare they do a show in the face of peer pressure? YES! and will inspire others to reject the status quo and follow their bliss. Starlight's guest artistic director Carlos Mendoza has worked wonders before (twice winning Craig Noel Awards for musical direction) and has done it again, with probably the youngest cast ever at the Balboa Park amphitheater. It helps to have Arianna Afsar and Donovan Hurst in the leads, their well-matched voices especially effective in duets. Megan Martin (Sharpay, a wicked witch redeemed), Christopher Blake Withall (her snide henchperson, Ryan), and Leigh Scarritt (gleefully over-the-top as the drama teacher) head a game supporting cast so large that Starlight's legendary Red Box was nowhere in sight. Troy Magino's smart choreography often puts the whole stage

#### Worth a try.

STARLIGHT MUSICAL THEATRE, SOUTH PAN AMERICAN PLAZA, BALBOA PARK. 619-544-7827. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 8PM SUNDAY, THROUGH JUNE 21.

#### H.P. Lovecraft's The Festival

A blacklight production, featuring "characters that slither, books that fly, and monsters that glow in the dark," turns Lovecraft's horror story into an "extravaganza."

SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE.,





UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 8PM WEDNES DAY, 8PM MONDAY

#### The Iceman Cometh

For two evenings only, Vagabond Theatre Project of Ocean Beach stages a site-specific production of Eugene O'Neill's drama, set in the back room of Harry Hope's shabby saloon. Act one performed on Sunday, June 21, act two on Monday, June 22.

CHESWICK'S WEST, 5038 NEWPORT AVE., OCEAN BEACH. 619-225-0733. 8PM SUNDAY, 8PM MONDAY

#### **New Perspective Festival**

The second annual New Perspective event (which replaces the Actors Alliance Festival) presents 24 short plays by 17 local playwrights, performed, directed, and designed by San Diego theater people. SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS. THROUGH JUNE 28.

#### Over the Tavern

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Tom Dudzick's comedy about growing up in a Polish-Catholic family during the 1950s. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH, 858-481-1055, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 12

#### 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-'60s 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, Suds 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 try.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469, 1:45PM AND 8PM THURS-DAY, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAY. 1:45PM SUNDAY, THROUGH JUNE 21.

#### **Unusual Acts of Devotion**

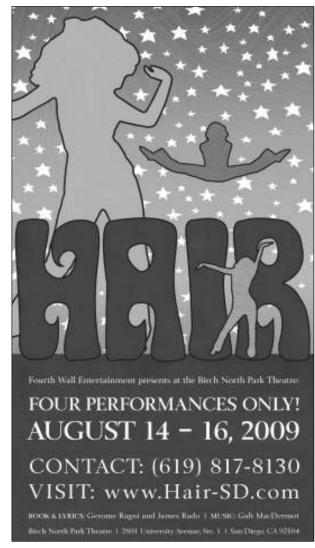
A hot summer night brings five residents of 218 West Tenth to the rooftop. A sixth figure — aka the Symbol in the Hooded Sweatshirt - hovers over the scene on a water tower. In Terrence McNally's 90-minute talkfest, there is no privacy, yet the five reconfigure into smaller groups, open up, confess, and (though some could wish others grave harm) forgive with the compassion of saints. Even the hooded figure, sought by searchlights and helicopters that blast like machine guns, becomes benevolent. The quintet, it turns out, are not only interconnected, they're wonderful human beings who just need to hear some Our Town Lite pseudo-wisdom about life and loving the one you're with. Best of show at La Jolla Playhouse: Santo Loquasto's set - rooftop, water tower, and Village-eye view of Manhattan. The cast boasts headliners Doris Roberts, Richard Thomas, and Tony Award-winner Harriet Harris. All coax what they

changes and revelations often feel contrived, as if the characters were colored shards, having to conform to a mosaic, rather than people. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS 8PM FRIDAYS 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 28.

#### **Weekend Comedy**

Broadway Theater presents Sam and Jeanne Bobrick's comedy about double-booking. Two couples mistakenly rent the same mountain cabin for the weekend: "one couple freewheeling and young." DAY, 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY,









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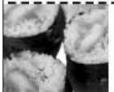
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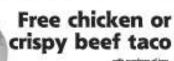
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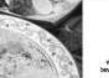
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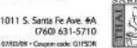
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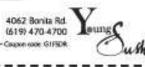
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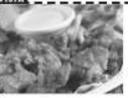
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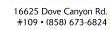
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# hen Judith Moore

suggested that because my buddy Hank and I were eating mostly cheapo street food anyway, why not write about it, I thought, "Yes, but how many ways can you describe a burger? And what do I know about cooking?" She gave me a Mona Lisa smile. "You'll soon find out."

the coast in I.B. Everyone there seemed to be military, or retired military. The palapa-sheltered bar looked straight out of the south seas, with green glass floats, dangling puffer fish, and palm fronds. The owner, Alan Winkelman, retired Navy, started a Sunday brunch to absolutely die for. Back in 2001, for \$5.95 you got a six- or eight-ounce steak, or six sausages, or a slab of ham, or a pork loin, plus, from one- to, uh, ten-egg omelets, home fries, *and* a pick-me-up drink from the bar, like a Bloody Mary. That was one hard place to leave. Chewing your steak in the sun, sipping your Bloody Mary, and hearing the waves just beyond the berm is hard to

beat, at any price.

Lee's Cafe, at 738 5th

Avenue downtown, is

also one of those golden

My Delicious Ed-ucation

Heh-heh. Was she right. What she didn't say was how much I would learn along the way, about food, yes, but also about so much more. This is the best education a country boy could ask for, 'cause it's not about how much salt the chef put in the soup, but the life these guys create around their food.

Let's face it, eating is a kind of social cement, an antidote to loneliness.

Because, basically, people have to eat.

The eateries I go to, though, you don't have to put on airs and try to look respectable. And you don't have to fret about how much each bite is costing you

Like, one of the earliest places I lucked into was Ye Olde Plank Inn, down



places — I'm a penny-pincher and love that they manage to stay cheap in among a surrounding army of pricy chichi eateries. Lee's sits next to the Bella Luna in the Gaslamp on 5th, and it has unbelievably low prices. "Uncle Lee" started cooking here 50-plus years ago. He must own his slice of the building, to be able to afford to keep prices so low. Last time I went, the beef stew (with

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# It's Hard to E

By Naomi Wise > I arrived in San Diego nine years ago, a well-spoiled food snob coming down (pun intended) from San Francisco like the culinary marshal sent in to clean up an untamed border town. Now, I find myself cheerleading for San Diego restaurants (the ones I like, and there are an increasing number of these):

Instead of spinning Colt six-shooters in both hands, I'm twirling batons of Chino Farms carrots and pompoms of local-caught sea urchins. It's not that I've lowered my standards, only that San Diego dining has changed. So I'm thrilled whenever I see increasingly frequent mentions of local restaurants in national publications — whereas in 2000, San Diego eateries were nearly terra incognita on the national scene. If New York was the Big Apple, then San Diego was the Big Fish Taco.

I didn't want to leave my adopted hometown to the north, but after freelancing as a food critic and cookbookwriter/consultant for 18 years, I could see the "dot-com crash" coming, and it boded direly for the restaurant-review budgets of Bay Area publications. Just then, the Reader's editor made me an offer I couldn't refuse, a sufficient expense budget to cover the spectrum of restaurants without having to stoop to swallowing a comped luxury-meal, or basing half a review on a gala media dinner.

After all, can you be totally honest when the restaurant is treating? It's worse than dating — you're professionally in hock for at least a good-night kiss.

As an "audition" (my tryout for the paper, and San Diego's audition to see if I could live here), my first

# at With a Paper Bag Over My Head

assignment was a free-lance cover article on the "Ten Hottest Chefs of San Diego." Camped out in a borrowed condo, I hit the Zagat and the travel guides for the best-reviewed restaurants and commenced eating out six nights a week. (On Mondays, I rested — and



digested.) I assumed that within a month I'd uncover 15 or 20 great candidates to winnow down. Wrong! After

seven weeks, I'd only found seven sufficiently impressive chefs. I started interviewing the "winners" by phone, hoping for additional suggestions. The first chef I called (a Zonie émigré who cooked a very San Francisco style of California cuisine) found my plight hilarious. "That's perfect for San Diego!" he hooted. "The city's ten best chefs — whoops, only found seven!" (Eventually, I

dredged up three more, choices I regretted after moving here permanently, when I discovered several superior overlooked candidates.)

Back then, many local restaurants, even "good" ones, draped their plates with limp steamed three-vegetable medleys, assembled and pre-cut by Sysco, the huge restaurant-supply company, and

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# You Can So Eat Well in San Diego

By Ambrose Martin

#### his is Ambrose Martin. Rich food makes me gassy.

Juvenile? Sure. But it's not like I ever intended it to see print. For the two years that I pounded out pinch-hit restaurant reviews for the estimable Ms. Wise here at the *Reader*, that tagline lived only as a silly injoke between myself and my partner in food criticism, aka The Wife. It was one way of keeping ourselves grounded — for me, airy, acrobatic food writing gets dull even quicker than trudging, "I ate this, and then I ate this" food writing. It was also, I realize, most of the reason I selected such a hifalutin' pseudonym — the boys in Monty Python weren't above mixing fart jokes with aristocratic English reserve, and neither was I. What I didn't realize was that it was funny because it was true — at least in this sense: when it came to restaurant criticism, I just didn't have the stomach for it. Or maybe it would be better to say I didn't have the guts.

What I did have was a deep and abiding love of food — and restaurants. I spent the evening of my 16th birthday in the company of my

family, enjoying the only thing I wanted that year: seven courses over five hours at L'Auberge de Cochon Rouge in Ithaca, NY. I can still remember my first lobster, my first sushi, my first really excellent barbecue. I can't tell you a thing about Easter 1993, except that I had dinner at the Red Fox Inn in Middleburg, Virginia, and that it involved filet mignon topped with a round of foie gras and resting in a puddle of sauce made from brandy and wild cherries.

In 1995, I moved to San Diego. I liked it here, and I rarely felt inclined to defend my new



home against the naysayers and culture vultures — let 'em laugh, the poor sods. And then, sometime in the late '90s, Jeffrey Steingarten sharpened up his pen and

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potato, rice, veggies, salad, soup, bread) was \$2.33. That wouldn't buy a single cawfee next door.

The other thing I love about doing "Tin Fork" is exploring life in eateries of other cultures. One of my favorite hangouts is the Trieu Chau Cambodian restaurant (4653 University Avenue). Kathy, who's Chinese-Cambodian, runs a tight ship, but she lets all the guys who come in each morning for a Cambodian coffee and pastry use the back room, so they can talk about the old days, before the Khmer Rouge nearly starved and beat them to death. I love to sit with those guys and talk. It's often about the

things they miss most: the old home, with lots of family and animals, and fields, and a garden to grow vegetables.

I get half my ideas from yakking on buses. Or sleeping on buses. Like, the evening I fell asleep on the number 15 as it headed east up University. I woke to find this Somali guy and his robed sister sitting next to me. Pretty soon he was inviting me to get off the bus, at 50th, and come with him across the road. In the gloom, we spotted a clump of men, many leaning on elaborate walking sticks, some dressed in long white cotton galabiva robes and jackets with Muslim hats. They were talking and smoking outside a place called Afrique.

That's where I learned the Somali way to eat a meat and soup

entrée — all together, and with the fingers (of the right hand, of course). At first, I couldn't believe it. The owner, Abdiaziz, showed me a plate of thin-cut steak with raw onions and shredded lettuce, then started tearing up two muufos - discshaped loaves of bread — then broke a banana into small pieces over the meat. Then whoa! — he took a bowl of vegetable soup with tomato, carrot, and potatoes, and poured it over the whole plate. Then he picked up a bottle of olive oil and poured a thin stream over everything. "Now," he said. "You eat this with your right hand, and the steak with your knife and fork. One, then the other..." He left me with a pile of paper napkins.

The result was an

incredibly sensuous meal, and all for around seven bucks. Got me wondering why we bother with clattery utensils. Afrique has since closed, but African Spice, open at 54th Street and El Cajon Boulevard, does the same food.

And "Tin Fork" level is where you often spot new food movements. Like, the Middle East's gastronomic takeover of the world. True! We may be trying to win their hearts and minds, but they're conquering our stomachs. Call it Operation Dessert Storm. Heh heh. But not just desserts. Go see the late-night lines outside Sultan Shawarma's (543 4th Avenue) for their kebabs and sandwiches. It hasn't been that long since the pizza places had the post-bar crowd

to themselves.

One night, I spotted another kebab place (Kebab Shop, 630 9th Avenue), started by this guy Aaron about three years ago. The place was abuzz with a group of students holding a gettogether after a study real kick when a spiky little lady named Cristina opened a restaurant named Cilantro Live! in Chula Vista. It was the first raw-food place in the county, and she was unstoppable. "The secret is not to heat any-

# I get half my ideas from yakking on buses.

trip to Spain. "They came here to relive the 'Spanish' food they'd eaten the whole time they were there," Aaron told me. "Turkish-style doner kebabs. Kebabs are like soccer, popular everywhere in the world except the US. So I'm bringing it here."

You'd never know it from all the burgers I've downed, but I've always carried a banner for "green" food. So I got a thing above 112 degrees," she told me. "Above that will kill the enzymes in any food, so you'll have to use up your own body's enzymes to digest it."

Cristina showed me color pix of "Kirlian" photographs which are supposed to show the energy given off by living things. The uncooked plants send out great auras, twice as big as the ones on things



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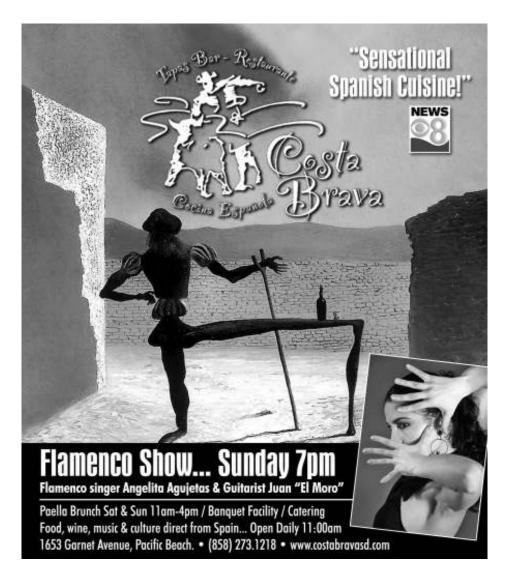
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that have been cooked. "The secret is the enzymes," she said. "Because there is so much more life in the food, you need less of

But, sigh. Cristina seems to have faded (three locations have closed), and I've mostly gone back to greasy kid stuff. Not that it's all bad. I mean, look at the Pekin Cafe restaurant (2877 University Avenue, North Park). It has been specializing in the original American-Chinese fusion dish, chop suey, since 1931. Some say this kind of food's day is gone. But I say the food's not the whole picture. I feel that if a place has atmosphere and history in its bones, well, that's half the battle. It's *important*. I don't get fascist about food perfection: if it fills my belly, doesn't give me salmonella, and has a good atmosphere, I'll down it. The Pekin reeks of old China. Enter, and you feel like you're in a 1930 film noir. The circle-glass swing doors, the rows of big, cushioned red booths, the mother-of-pearl pictures of misty Ming palaces, the red-tasseled black hanging lanterns with translucent picture-shades of painted songbirds, the five-footwide fans on the walls, the shouts in Chinese from the kitchen: Old China, for sure.

I felt that feeling too, at what I'm pretty darned certain is the town's oldest continuously run eatery, McDini's (105 East 8th Street, National City). They've been serving the same corned beef and cabbage since 1890 — 116 years. I'm not huge on corned beef and cabbage, but you

should still get on down and eat your greens like granny said, just for history's sake.

Likewise, the venerable Las Cuatro Milpas (1857 Logan Avenue, in Barrio Logan). Using lard since 1933. Bad, bad, bad for your arteries, but so-oo good for your taste buds.

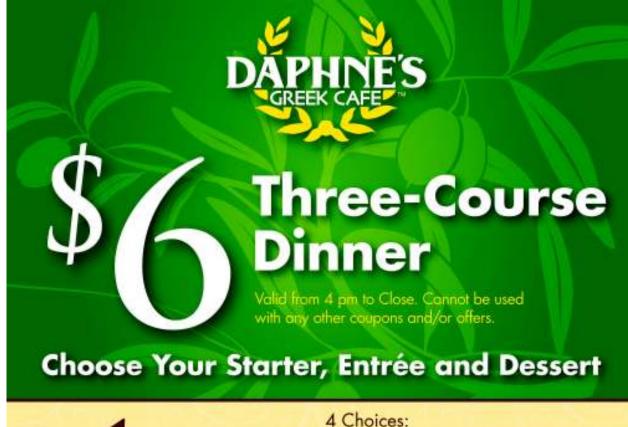
And to stand in ye old dowager of the Stingaree, the Tivoli (at 6th and Island avenues), where Wyatt Earp and his lady leaned against the self-same bar that came around the Horn from Boston. Even if I'm just downing a burger and beer, I'm a sucker for that kind of frisson.

But that's what I get all the time, doing this job. Frissons, all in the line of duty, like...

\*Sneaking into the Whaling Bar at La Valencia in La Jolla, and getting free happy-hour chateaubriand sandwiches if you buy one \$6 martini at the same bar. Drinking with the ghosts of Raymond

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Chandler, Greg Peck, Mel Ferrer, Dr. Seuss, and Art Buchwald.

\*Catching people exercising their generosity muscles, like the Plank's weekend brunches in I.B., and Tip Top Meats' (6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad) super-large lunch plates of braised ribs, or



their bottomless bacon at breakfast.

\*Smelling the grill smoke wafting down H Street in Chula Vista from Croom's Catering and BBQ's (573 H Street) 55-gallon halfdrum cooker. Impossible not to stop.

\*Gnawing (surprisingly delicious) chicken necks at Kentucky Fried Chicken Necks, at Constitución and Cahuila, Zona Rosa, Tijuana (when things settle down again).

\*Frying a \$5 fish in an upside-down hubcap straight off the boat at El Locochon, Popotla, south of Rosarito Beach.

\*Breaking open a \$5 MRE (Meal Ready to Eat) on a Camp Pendleton beach and heating then eating it.

\*Munching a taco dulce from Tacos Salceados (Tacos La Ermita), 30-A, Avenida Ermita–Norte, off Agua Caliente Boulevard, Tijuana. Inside, it has shrimp with pineapple, raspberry sauce oozing all over the top. Chopped walnuts are scattered everywhere. Mint and orange-slice garnishes make it fit for a king.

\*Eating the gonads of a sea urchin at the Little Italy Farmers' Market, India Street.

\*Eating fried grasshoppers for lunch at Mercado Hidalgo in Tijuana.

\*Eating turkey tails at Taste of Polynesia, 6937 Federal Boulevard. \*Eating pig's rectum at Tom's Chinese BBQ, 4414 University Avenue.

Okay, these are the far reaches of food-dom as we know it. But I like how they tell me: break out! Why get stuck on the three or four same old things, when there's a whole Garden of Eatin' out there? And what's great is, most adventurous stuff is the cheap stuff. If that ain't win-win, what is? Happy explorations and let me know what you find. ■

# Bag Over My Head

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some places used industrial gravy bases that
made all their sauces

taste alike. Today, you're more likely to encounter "green" (local, organic, sustainable, humanely raised) ingredients, while many local chefs have become Slow Food enthusiasts, offering doit-yourself charcuterie, salumi, even housechurned butter. (For that matter, Sysco itself is "going green.") And some popular moderately priced restaurants have switched from restaurant-supply bases to house-made stocks, the real building blocks of sauces. No wonder I've holstered my pistols.

I'm often asked why I'm so strict about reviewing anonymously. (After all, it really is hard to eat with that brown paper bag over my head — the mouthhole makes everything smell and taste like damp cellulose.) I write under a nom de plume and reserve under different fake names. I interview chefs only by phone, so that I won't be recognized in person when I show up at restaurants.

The reason, of course, is that known restaurant critics often

receive better food and service than the ordinary customer — the customer I'm both impersonating and representing. True, a restaurant can't surpass its own limits, can't cook brilliantly if its norm is mediocrity, but the kitchen can take it to the limit — or not. And servers can turn into your devoted servants if they believe you're Somebody Who Matters.

For example, during one meal (back in Frisco) at one of the city's top Italian restaurants, the food was excellent, but not nearly as exalted as the restaurant's reputation. Service was punctilious and chilly. Partway through dinner, I spotted a critic from another publication dining with a chic blonde — the restaurant's publicist, it turned out. My fellow critic waved, and I dropped by her table to say hello. She was eating a dish not yet on the menu, especially prepared by the chef-owner for her table alone. "Fabulous!" she raved. I returned to my posse, and minutes later, after







first stopping by my colleague's table, the maître d' paid me a special visit. Tall, fat, formal, and quite puffed up with himself, he loomed over me, his swollen belly so close to my nose I found myself leaning sideways to avoid contact. "How dare you come here to review us without telling me you were a restaurant critic?" he thundered. "Had I known that you were reviewing, your meal would have been **ENTIRELY** DIFFERENT!"

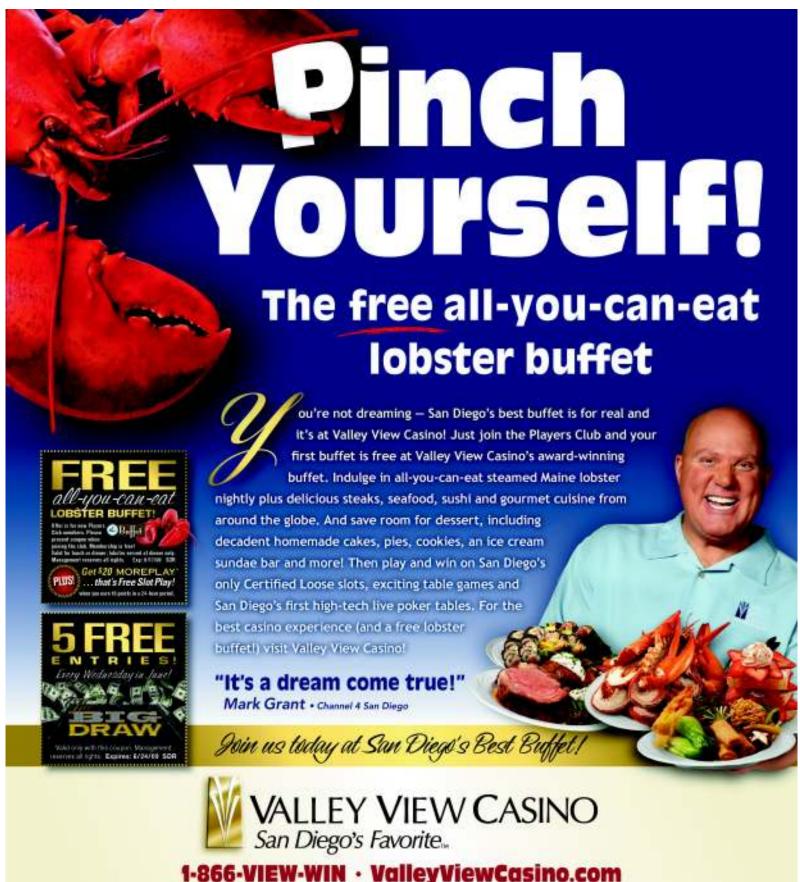
The same differential treatment applies to some high-end San Diego restaurants. At least twice, I've eaten at a restaurant in the same week as a local magazine critic well known to the industry. Judging by his subsequent rave reviews, he was treated like the Foodie Prince of San Diego; in contrast, my party and I, however nicely dressed, were treated like poor relatives at the palace table. And that's how you, dear readers, will be treated at such places but you can't say I didn't warn you in the reviews.

Sure, I've sometimes been busted, but mainly after the fact. When I go to ethnic restaurants, I'll seek out regional specialties rather than the American favorites from that cuisine. If a day or two later I phone to fact-check, my questions about the foods I ate are often such giveaways that the chefowners remember me — but no worries. The moms 'n' pops of Peru don't talk to the mom's 'n' pops of Thailand or Catalonia or Morocco, to tell each other whom to watch out for. But telephone

interviews sometimes do prove perilous: Several chefs have remarked on my "900number" phone voice — and a couple of them, after several interviews (as they move from restaurant to restaurant) have recognized the voice when they come out to schmooze with customers at the new gigs. One was a very "connected" and charming chef-restaurateur who could wreck my anonymity in a New York minute. I breathlessly phoned him the next day. "I think you recognized me last night," I said. Yes, he had. "Please, please, don't describe me to anybody else in the industry," I begged. "Of course not," he reassured me. "Why should I give my competitors an advantage? I've taken my licks, they should, too. It keeps us all on our toes. As long as nobody knows what you look like, everybody has to cook every night as though Naomi Wise were at a table." (Well, I said he was charming.)

I don't see reviewers as enemies of restaurants: Even Anton Ego, in the movie Ratatouille, confessed that all he really wanted was delicious, thrilling food — and what won

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him over was the homely title dish, authentically prepared just as his mother made it. Every critic wants delicious, thrilling, authentic food to rave about. I rarely review restaurants worth less than two stars, unless they're glam and glitzy, extracting good money for blah food. The point is to share great discoveries, not to put lackluster restaurants out of business — their customers, or lack thereof, will take care of that. (And if they're old local favorites, devoted regulars will keep coming back regardless of what

I write about limp veggies or canned gravies — for them, it's comfort food, like Mom's pressure-cooked pot roast — and they will rant furiously at me for not giving their faves a rave. Ditto for trendy new restaurants where the food may be far from fabulous but the booze flows freely. Then the rants are misspelled.)

Far from a foe, I'm a passionate partisan of serious restaurants, regardless of price range or food style. I go out hoping that every restaurant will be superb — and if sometimes I quibble over small flaws, it's meant constructively. (Besides, all rave/no quibbles

equals no credibility.) What a critic wants more than anything is to find exciting discoveries, share the good news with readers, and try to help honest, high-aiming restaurants sur-

ness. This may still take a while — San Diegans (not to mention Gaslamp conventioneers) are stereotyped as conservative in their tastes, and are just warming up to culinary

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vive in a very difficult business. In ethnic restaurants, I'm looking for authenticity — and deliciousness. At the higher end, I love the new "green cuisine," but also sometimes long for a bit more intellectual/culinary experimentation, more creative audacity — along with delicious-

derring-do. But the omens are auspicious. And when they build it, I will come — and rave about it. •

# You Can Eat So Well in San Diego

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went after San Diego restaurants in the pages of *Vogue*. Quite suddenly, I found myself as sputteringly outraged as the most boosterish local booster — how dare this man roll into town and mock us before the world? You can so eat well in San Diego!

If I recall, my

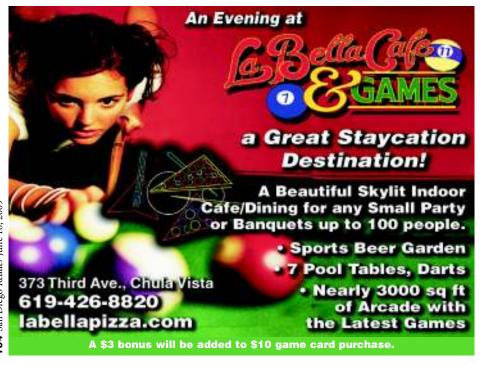
biggest beef was that he wanted San Diego to develop a local cuisine based on local produce. He had a point, of course, but it irked me that we were scolded for importing fancy foodstuffs — as if anyone complained when some high-end NYC eatery brought in French foie gras or Russian caviar. I felt like we were being made, unfairly, into a

one-horse town. If you're going to Kansas City, try the ribs, and maybe the steak. If you're going to San Diego, try the Pacific lobster, and maybe some Chino veggies. After that, don't bother. What about the rabbit done three ways that had so dazzled me at the Wine-Sellar & Brasserie? What about the napoleons at Extraordinary Desserts? What about...

When The Powers at the *Reader* tapped me for restaurant duty back in 2003, I was thrilled. A great wave of (positive) change was sweeping the city's culinary scene, and I was going to surf it. Or learn to. I had the passion for the job, and I had some measure of experience. I had a decent palate, too conditioned by years of wine tasting to isolate individual flavors while simultaneously gauging their relationship to the whole. And I had The Wife. If I was good, Deirdre was better, partly because, while I was a careful and appreciative audience for her cooking, she actually cooked. She knew how dishes were constructed,







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2270 Hotel Circle North San Diego, CA 92108 www.cp-sandiego.com the way flavors could be fixed and textures achieved. With her across the table, I could spend a little less time analyzing and a little more time luxuriating, sinking into the experience of the meal. Also, she was, you know, charming — something to give sparkle and fizz to the story part of the review. Oh, this was gonna be fun.

I started with capsules. Usually, you make a capsule by reducing a full review to its essence. But Naomi, the new sheriff in town, had inherited a great mess of capsules from previous critic Eleanor Widmer — many of them deeply outdated. My job was to find out as much about a place as \$75 could teach me, and sum it all up in 150 words. I wasn't hitting the hotspots, so eviscerations were to be avoided — why go ballistic on a neighborhood joint? Accentuate the positive, mention the negative only if necessary, and hit your deadlines.

It was a good gig, if not exactly remunerative. Between babysitting and food costs, I sometimes ended up losing money. Still, it made for a good time and a mostly free meal. Swooning over grilled ham steak at Tyler's Taste of Texas in El Cajon. Nodding as I made my way through a dictionary-thick pork chop at Dakota's down in the Gaslamp. Grinning with an odd sort of pride when my capsule for Barnes Bar-B-Que got Xeroxed and posted inside the restaurant. (Don't know if it's still there — it's gone from the Reader website,

replaced by a newer piece from Ed Bedford.)

After a few months, I started in on the fulllength reviews. I actually got to La Mesa's Antica Trattoria a few years before Naomi did. though I sort of doubt my two-and-a-half star review is still on the wall, now that she has graced the place with four of her own. (I tried to dig up my piece for comparison, but the issue seems to have vanished from the Reader's archives.) I don't feel too badly about the discrepancy — for starters, Naomi had me on both experience and context. As she joked, she was eating in Manhattan's Little Italy "back in the Eocene, when Mario Batali was in knee pants." For her, Antica hit just the right note of delight in and nostalgia

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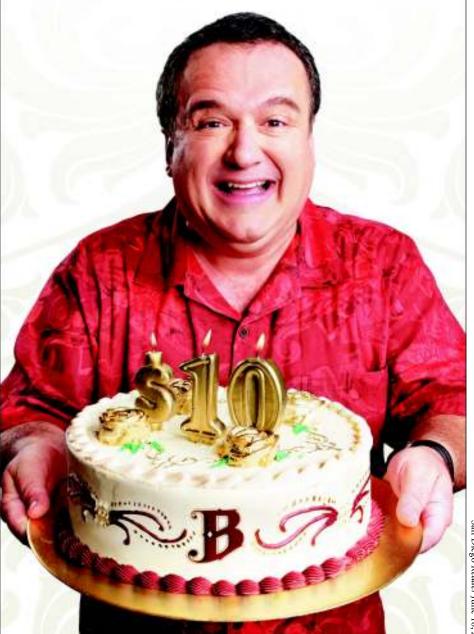


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for "full-flavored food that gladdens the heart with a warmth and joy you can taste in every bite," and "that lyrical Italian sense of the fullness of life, somehow speaking through the food." What did I have to compete with that? A sense of wonder at the ribbons of homemade pasta in the Lobster Fra Diablo special — so tender! No contest, and no wonder she was so much more enthusias-

Besides Antica, I hit The Fishery in P.B., Meatmeister Matt

Rimel's Mesquite in Scripps Ranch, Indigo Grill in Little Italy, Mediterraneo in Alpine, and a pre-Borkum Laurel in Middletown. No total disasters, no complete triumphs, plenty of interesting bits and teachable moments. I

that it lacked moisture, juice, jus. My complaint stood, but still, a critic should be more careful.

As I said, a beginner's mistake, the sort that can be remedied by experience. That's not what finished me as a restaurant critic. What

this. A profile relies on a chat, on chumminess, on friendliness for the sake of drawing out candor. A review relies on cold, unemotional assessment — here's how it is, folks. Pulling double duty has its merits — it helps to have a

was thinking about how his personal history might make a good opening to the review itself. And then he said something very much like this: "Listen. This is how I support my wife and children — my wife just had twins. I've put my life into this place. Be careful what you write."

That was it. I was done. Forever after, when I sat down to play critic, I would be haunted by those hungry, needy, newborn twins. Was I going to rob their father of his livelihood? Not a chance. I didn't have the guts. ■

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#### **Allied Gardens**

**Brothers Family Restaurant** 5150 Waring Rd., Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. All the staples: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Inexpensive.

#### Alpine

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef-lovers heaven, with a juicy special ground-in-house (so rare-cooked is feasible) Texas burger. Crowded weekends. Moderate to ex-

Fred's Old Fashioned Burgers 2754 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-1264. You get a bang for your burger buck, from the junior burger to quarterpounders and half-pounders to Fred's three-quarter-pound "monster burger." Even the BLT sandwich comes loaded with six slabs of bacon. Inexpensive.

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Rd. Alpine, 619-445-9902. Tasteful, ambitious little trattoria with scenic patio dining. The pizzas are outstanding with airy, silken crusts. Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. Expensive.

# "I've put my life into this place. Be careful what you write."

made a beginner's mistake when I criticized the cassoulet at Nathan's at Michelle Coulon's for lacking sauce. Of course, as the eventual letter of protest reminded me, cassoulet is not the sort of dish that gets sauced — it's a stew. What I meant was

finished me was "About the Chef," the mini profile that runs in the Reader after the critic has rendered judgment. It is not uncommon for a newspaper to run a profile of, say, a film director, and then, a little later, a review of that director's latest film. It is uncommon for the profile and the review to have the same author. There is some reason for measure of human understanding before blasting a place — but it can be a tricky business. For instance: I had written my

review of a North County restaurant, one that had recently ramped up its ambitions. I had lots of good things to say, but I had also found some problems. I called the chef; we had a pleasant chat. I









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**Big Boy Restaurant** Boulevard Agua Caliente #9892, Tijuana, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food and big gringo breakfasts, this Big Boy knock-off draws a cross-section of Baja's big shots. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive.

**Café Français La Belle Claude** 7th St. #8186-A, Tijuana. A family with their own farm outside town runs this chic Parisian outpost offering farmmade jams and cheeses, *panini*, *ciabattas*, an excellent French-dip sandwich, flaky dessert empanadas, and French pâtisserie to go with the genuine Cuban coffee. Inexpensive.

**Chiki Jai** Avenida Revolución #1388, Tijuana, 664-685-4955. The food's Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but try baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *à la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic. Inexpensive to moderate.

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993, Ensenada, 646-178-1809. Gourmet Mexican cuisine with unique specialties: Crisp quail with rose petal sauce proves delicious, and seasonal chiles en nogada (meatstuffed poblano chiles with walnut cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Moderate.

**Cien Años** Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Tijuana, 664-634-3039, Mexi-

can haute cuisine, with complex sauces based on Mexican ingredients including tropical fruits, nuts, and chili peppers. Treats: mushrooms steeped in beer marrow, crocodile-meat mini tacos, posole with crabmeat. Moderate.

La Diferencia Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10611-A, Tijuana, 664-634-3346. Mexican haute cuisine with inventive combinations. The menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Inexpensive.

**La Escondida** Santa Monica #1, Tijuana, 664-681-4458. House specialties at this hidden mansion are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*); the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork); or the roasted baby Monterrey goat (*cabrito tatemado*). Moderate.

**La Espadaña** Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10813, Tijuana, 664-634-1488. This place does great ovencooked leg of lamb, tasting like wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insit's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its juices with oregano. Terrific flamegrilled beefsteaks, too. Moderate.

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, km. 59, Rosarito, 646-155-0307. The bilingual menu, written on chalkboards, changes nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house, Baja wines. Great breakfasts, lavish Sunday brunch buffet, blissful patio seating. Inexpensive to moderate.

Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Bl., next to CESUN Universidad), Tijuana, 664-686-4687. Unusual dishes from Chef Roberto's native Puebla include huazontle, the Aztecs' "red spinach" in chocolate mole sauce, and Dedos de Moctezuma ("Montezuma's fingers"—cactus stuffed with steak). Moderate.

Happy Face Restaurant In Plaza Viva Tijuana (near Yellow Cab parking area), Tijuana. Breakfast (all day) includes *chilaquiles* with chips doused in cheese, a thin steak, frijoles, rice, chips, salsa, coffee, and a house salad. Inexnensive

**La Leña** Boulevard Agua Caliente #11191, Tijuana, 664-686-2920. Opengrill *charro* food with a peaceful view. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf 'n' turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabreria*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Moderate.

Lonchería la Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Best food stall in the marketplace? Maybe. Ask for carne de puerco (pork), chiles rellenos, bistek ranchero, or higado al gusto (liver), all around \$3. Inexpensive.

Manzanilla Boulevard Teniente Azueta #139, Ensenada, 646-175-7073. Sophisticated "nuevo" Mexican cuisine at this Euro-style bistro features seasonal menus with fresh-caught seafood, locally grown vegetables, and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill. A spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is a constant. Moderate.

Mercado Sobre Ruedas Colonia Lucio Blanco (from Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third), Rosarito. This huge flea market materializes every Sunday (morning to mid-afternoon); food booths offer a carnival of authentic dishes like barbecued mutton, savory Jalisco-style goat stew, street tacos. Rock-bottom prices; cash only.

**El Nido** Boulevard Benito Juárez #67, Rosarito, 661-612-1430. In a restaurant full of caged birds (and a patio with free birds a-wing), enjoy sublime mesquite-grilled aged steaks, quail with garlic sauce, or venison — especially the savory *machaca de venado* (meat





strips with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Mostly moderate; cash only.

**Original Ortega's** Calle Principal (next to Casa de la Langosta), Puerto Nuevo. The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are fried in lard, finished off on the grill, and served with melted margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Many other starters, entrées, desserts available. Moderate to high, low-moderate specials.

El Rincón del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Tijuana. Kid for breakfast? You scoop the juices and meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey — like deer or buffalo. Inexpensive.

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 664-686-5640. Steak haven with Old West decor. Entrée price includes soup of roast beef juices, beans, a quesadilla, a salad, two botana (snack) plates, and a beef-liver medley with any cut of steak you want. Or try the parrillada, a multi-meat BBQ sizzling on a tabletop grill. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

**Salón Azteca** Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. Somewhat expensive for the area.

**Super Antojitos** Fourth St. #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Tijuana, 664-685-5070. The

house special, *mole poblano*, has complex, delicious house-made mole sauce with an enchilada, eggs, rice, beans, tortillas. Also delicious: stuffed pastries, pork rind *gorditas*. Inexpensive.

**Tacos el Frances** Paseo de Playas de Tijuana #2553, Tijuana. Cisco the cook flaps the cloth open, pulls a tongue out, plonks it on the chopping block. Chop chop chop. Your first cowtongue quesadilla? Inexpensive.

Vallarta Natural Boulevard Agua Caliente #1252 (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), Tijuana, 664-686-1560. Smoke-free, lacto-ovo-vegetarian haven, making their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, salsas, and wheat-glutenfree fake meats. Wonderful juices, breakfast scrambles, excellent soups like the filling caldo tlalpeno. Inexpensive.

#### Balboa Park

Japanese Tea Pavilion 2215 Pan American Way, Balboa Park, 619-231-0048. The teriyaki bowl with salmon, the sweetish *udon soba* noodle soup with tofu *kitsune*, and even the California sandwich piled high with "krab" meat are good and feel Japanese. Inexpensive.

**The Prado** 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. Exquisite setting in the park offers generous portions on a something-for-everyone menu. Top choices: meaty crab cakes, slow-roasted pork loin, banana *tres leches* cake. Moderate to expensive.

#### Banker's Hill

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is a deli rightly famous for its Original Philadelphia Cheese Steak Sandwich. Inexpensive.

**Avenue 5** 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-542-0394. Chef-owner Colin MacLaggan offers a short, tasty menu of creative, seasonal, French-influenced California cuisine (and house-made desserts) in a chic, classy-casual neighborhood bistro. Happy-hour bargains at bar; otherwise high-moderate.

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Ave., 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open eatery offers a panoramic city view with a casual-chic, romantic ambience and fine modern French cuisine. Expensive.

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-294-2132. Also 1430 Union St., Little Italy, 619-294-7001. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by her travels from Paris to Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Uptown location desserts only; downtown offers light grazing meals, too. Moderate.

**Hane** 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-260-1411. This city branch of legendary Sushi Ota is more comfortable, with bilingual chefs at the counter exercising impeccable craftsmanship, emphasizing pristine rolls and sashimi, not party rolls. The *omakas* sashimi platter

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Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. All-day breakfasts and sandwiches, and at dinner, while there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Inn at the Park 3615 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-291-0999. Despite a touch of mango here, chipotle there, it's 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. Moderate.

Joe's New York-Style Deli 3401 First Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boar's Head liverwurst is da bomb. Inexpensive.

Mukashi 2706 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-298-1329. The sushi is fresh and competent, if not inspired. The menu includes fusion and Japanese entrées. Noodles inexpensive; sushi slightly higher than average (deep happy-hour discounts on selected rolls); entrées moderate to very expensive

#### Bonita

**Romesco** 4346 Bonita Rd., Bonita, 619-475-8627. Sophisticated Mexican food, including smoked marlin carpaccio, grilled duck breast, escolar. The whole menu is worth exploring, full of surprising treats. Moderate to expensive.

#### **Borrego Springs**

La Casa del Zorro 3845 Yaqui Pass Rd., Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers and entrées with subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Very expensive.

**Olde Homestead Fudge Co.** 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The chocolate walnut fudge is delicious, but the masterpiece when in season is the Date Shake — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Inexpensive.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. The most authentic dishes come from the Specialties section of the menu, including a good pork in green chile sauce, enchiladas, and *chilaquiles*. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

#### Campo

Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Pl., Campo, 619-478-2888. The burgers are made from Black Angus beef, so they cost more. But there are deals, too, like the huge The Works omelet and the robust lunchtime homemade soup of the day. Inexpensive.

#### Cardiff

**Beach House** 2530 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321. Branch of a beachy mini-chain. Great oceanfront view, but stay with the simplest foods — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs. Weekend brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive.

**Besta Wan Pizza House** 148 Aberdeen Dr., Cardiff, 760-753-6707. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you want to fill up. Inexpensive.

**Trattoria Positano** 2171 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-632-0111. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Upper-moderate.

#### Carlsbad

**Armenian Café** 3126 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, but even better are the owner's mom's *kibbe* (nut-filled lamb meatball) and rosewater-scented *kashta lea* dessert. Lovely elevated patio. Moderate-plus.

**California Bistro** 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. Fresh California cuisine in a luxurious hotel dining room. Moderate to expensive.

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex, but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Inexpensive.

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Also 4645 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. It's not Southern so much as SoCal "Q," but the meats are genuinely smoked. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor; ribs come in three versions. Inexpensive to moderate.

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza, only here. They make the pies with thin, crisp crusts and toppings like meatball or garlic. Maybe their best is the Bronx Special: pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper, and garlic. Inexpensive.

**Nozomi** 3050 Pio Pico Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-7877. Gorgeous Japanese inn-style premises with food ranging from simple *nigiri-zushi* to party rolls to fusion grazing dishes and entrées (including genuine Wagyu beef) and back to Japanese standards. Don't miss the *ankimo* (monkfish liver pâté). Moderate to expensive.

O'Sullivan's Irish Pub of Carlsbad 640 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-4072. Above-average pub grub, especially the moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, salads, and housebaked brown bread. Noisy interior, serene patio out back. Inexpensive.

**Pizza Port** 571 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-720-7007. Also 135 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the Pizza Carlsbad or the Pizza Solana. Inexpensive.

**Tip Top Meats** 6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish. Inexpensive.

**Vivace** 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. First-class ingredients enliven skillfully executed Italian haute cuisine — think Medici princes, not *mamma mia*. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive.



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#### Carmel Valley

Arterra 11966 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-369-6032. Local, sustainably raised ingredients in treatments growing bolder over the years, offering treats for both palate and mind. A blithe patio, sushi bar, and happy hour at the booze bar offer more casual (still serious) eats. Expensiveplus

Athens Market Café 11640 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Valley, 858-675-2225. Vickie Pappas (sis of Mary) serves up the Greek classics at this offshoot of Athens Market, with particularly flavorful lamb souvlaki and lamb chops. Inexpensive to moderate.

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. Organic grocery chain with prepared foods to go. Best deals at the hot case are usually the daily specials, like vegan seitan stew (a low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's jerk turkey in fig sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-755-1454. Also 1355 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-1422. Flash-cooked steaks of USDA Prime, topped with butter and parsley, are the hall-mark of this chain. Side dishes are à la carte. The broiled tomatoes are a delight. Very expensive.

Spices Thai Café 3810 Valley Centre Dr., Carmel Valley, 858-259-0889. Additional locations in Mira Mesa and Rancho Bernardo. Not only elegant, but the food contains no MSG and very lite fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Inexpensive to moderate.

#### Chollas View

**Asia Café** 4710 Market St., Chollas View, 619-527-1917. Rare Laotian restaurant's dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Inexpensive.

#### Chula Vista

**Anthony's Fish Grotto** 215 Bay Bl., Chula Vista, 619-425-4200. Additional locations in La Mesa and Downtown. 18 fish to choose from, available seasonally, most prepared simply. Moderate

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. Rustic-looking family-run restaurant offers Italian-American standards, big portions, low prices, late hours. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite" eight-inch pizza. Inexpensive.

La Costa Azul Mariscos 1037 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-691-9812. Mexican seafood is their forte: Their Sinaloa aguachile (shrimp in spicy brine) is mouth-sizzlingly effective, langostinos are lush, but maybe most satisfying are whole-fish dishes like pescado Veracruzano. Moderate.

**D'Lish Pizza and Pasta** 386 E. H St., Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. This chain prides itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it's adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." Moderate

El Dorado Seafood & Grill 311 Palomar St., Chula Vista, 619-426-4545. Zesty Peruvian dishes include *papa relleno* (creamy potato with a lively beef and raisin filling), *seco de cabrito* (young goat in a complex, herbal stew). Mexican-style seafood served here, too. Inexpensive to moderate.

**The Family House of Pancakes** 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. Famous for Grandma's buckwheat pancakes, banana-pecan pan-

cakes, and rolled pancakes. Other good bets: deluxe burger with french fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Inexpensive.

**Galley at the Marina** 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. The tasty happy-hour specials make a visit worth the trip: Have a 1/2-pound hamburger with french fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Inexpensive.

Jimmy's 1198 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Also 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-448-8994. Family-friendly restaurants offer a six-page plastic menu of good old-fashioned American food — huge breakfasts, big dinners like steak with all the trimmings, homemade desserts. Inexpensive.

Miguel's Cocina 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Also 1351 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-4237. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the shellfishstuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are luscious. Great for kids. Moderate.

Restaurant el Patio 410 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-9745. Old-fashioned Cal-Mex with nothing new except the Flying Saucer (fried tortilla stacked with beef, tomatoes, and a mound of salad). Otherwise, go for the chile rellenos, enchiladas, taco combo, and open-faced chiliburgers. Inexpensive to moderate.

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Down-home dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs, 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. Inexpensive.

**Zorba's Greek Buffet** 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853, Fam-

ilies are here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in flaky pastry), dolmas (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Inexpensive.

#### City Heights

African Spice Restaurant 4348 54th St., City Heights, 619-342-5945. Fascinating Somalian food, just seven dollars — as much rice, salad, spaghetti, goat meat, beef, chicken (lamb and tilapia when available) as you can fit in your polystyrene box, along with a banana to break up and mix in, Somalistyle. Inexpensive.

Asmara Eritrean Restaurant 4155 University Ave., City Heights, 619-677-3999. Similar to Ethiopian food, with a long, interesting menu, including a fine three-meat combo platter, luscious veggies. Seasoned to your specifications: "hot" means "hot!" Cash only. Inexpensive.

**Bale French Sandwich Shop** 4879 University Ave., City Heights, 619-283-4352. The Vietnamese do French baguette sandwiches better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. Inexpensive.

**El Borrego Restaurant** 4280 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-281-1355. Specializes in fascinating Mexican lamb dishes, including spicy, smoky *mixiote* (lamb cooked inside thin maguey skin) and *pancita*, similar to haggis. Inexpen-

Canada Steak Burgers 3604 University Ave., City Heights, 619-283-4345. Run by a Greek-American family for 30 years, their hamburgers and especially their steak burgers are nicely seasoned and a great value. Interesting Greek choices include gyros souvlaki (skewered lamb), chicken kebabs. Inexpensive.

**Red Sea Restaurant** 4717 University Ave., City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned Ethiopian cuisine served on a porous pancake, *injera*. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is good, the *gored gored* (meat in spicy butter) is excellent. Vibrant veggies, too. Inexpensive.

**Saigon** 4455 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-284-4215. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the filling Vietnamese beef-noodle soup meal. Another safe bet is stirfried crispy or soft egg noodles with seafood and assorted vegetables. Inexpensive

**Super Cocina** 3627 University Ave., City Heights, 619-584-6244. Mexican housewives prepare specialties for the restaurant. They're complex meat or poultry stews made without border compromises. The dozen entrées change daily from a rotating repertory of about 100. Inexpensive.

Taste of Africa Cuisine 5241 University Ave., City Heights, 619-583-5788. At this gathering place for Somalis, the cuisine combines African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences, emphasizing fish, lamb, and goat meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed sampler plate of meats, spaghetti, rice, and veggies. Inexpensive.

**Tom's Chinese BBQ** 4414 University Ave., City Heights, 619-563-8225. The roast ribs, roast pork, and BBQ spare ribs are excellent. So is pork fried rice and the dim sum. But you should also try the pig's rectum, duck's feet, stomach lining, ears, and wiggly small intestines. Inexpensive.

**Trieu Chau** 4653 University Ave., City Heights, 619-280-4204. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Inexpensive.

**Uncle Joe's Pizzeria** 4591 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-584-2535.



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Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint 4577 Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 858-483-9500. Create-your-burger options include horseradish, artichoke hearts, carrots, cranberries, cheeses, and mushrooms. Chop and tuck these into raw burger meat, like a joey into mama roo's pocket. Inexpensive

**Buga Korean BBQ Restaurant** 5580 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-560-1010. Aside from the BBQ meats and generous free side dishes, treats include simmered black cod in spicy sauce, miso soup with pork, stone pot *bibimbap* (rice casserole), *mandoo* dumplings. Moderate.

Lightnin' Jack's BBQ 4705-H Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Mall atmosphere, but hickory-fueled Texas-style pit barbecue turns out tender, moist pork ribs and reasonably smoky brisket. Nice fried catfish, too. Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the tastiest sides. Inexpensive to moderate.

#### College Area

**D.Z. Akin's** 6930 Alvarado Rd., College Area, 619-265-0218. A full range of European-Jewish specialties including deli meats and smoked fish, house-baked breads and pastries, huge sandwiches and dinner entrées (including a

lively Rumanian skirt steak and an ethnic sampler platter). Moderate.

**4.0 Deli** 5844 Montezuma Rd., College Area, 619-281-4040. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a kick-butt Southwestern dressing. Inexpensive.

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-286-8434. Additional locations in Old Town, Point Loma, La Jolla, and National City. This Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with good breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet. Inexpensive.

**Sala Thai** 6161 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-229-9050. Classy atmosphere, tame spicing. You'll have to ask for "hot." Chicken *mussaman* is delicious with taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Health treat: *som tum*, green papaya salad. Inexpensive.

**Toshi Sushi** 5943 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-287-3536. The tempura special roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is filled with whitefish and garnishes. The Johnny roll shows octopus at its most tender. Inexpensive to moderate.

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-265-0999. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy. Inexpensive.

#### Coronado

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Ave., Coronado, 619-522-0612. House-baked breads and croissants and crunchy imaginative sandwiches like the Brie Fantasy (Brie, chicken, roasted peppers). Bino's Austrian wife makes great Viennesestyle coffee. Inexpensive.

**Bistro d'Asia** 1301 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy Lizard Lounge serves gentled-down dishes from East Asia. Good sushi bar in the Lounge. Moderate.

**Burger Lounge** 922 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-6835. Additional locations in Kensington and La Jolla. Their Tallgrass beef is juicy, tastes sweeter, and comes only from grass-fed cattle. Inexpensive, if you avoid extras like fries and onion rings.

**Café 1134** 1134 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-1134. Interesting omelets, salads, and *panini* (e.g., roast beef and bleu-cheese crumbles) from a local reincarnation of a Left Bank café to hang out, chat, think deep thoughts. Inexpensive.

Candelas on the Bay 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-4900. Same serious Mex cuisine as the downtown branch in blissful bayside surroundings, with great happy-hour grazing bargains in the bar. Otherwise expensive

Chez Loma French Bistro 1132 Loma Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0661. In a charming, historic cottage, this bistro offers classic French bourgeois cuisine, plus some lighter, modern dishes. Don't miss Normandy-style onion soup with apple cider. Prix fixe dinners moderate, à la carte expensive.

Clayton's Coffee Shop 979 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5425. The food is all American: steak and eggs, veggie omelets, old-fashioned waffles, sandwiches both hot and cold. Dinner specials include pork chops and homemade meat loaf with gravy. Inexpensive

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. Fun "aloha" atmosphere with a bay view. Herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are tasty, and the tender roast beef is USDA Prime. Moderate.

Costa Azul 1031 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3525. Enjoy peoplewatching on the patio, with tasty Mexican seafood like coconut crunchy shrimp, swordfish tacos, lobster burritos. Higher priced: flat iron steak with Gorgonzola, baby back ribs, garlic Mexican shrimp. Inexpensive to expensive.

Crown Room Hotel Del, 1500 Orange Ave. Coronado 619-435-6611 In

this vaulted dining room, presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. Open only for elaborate Sunday brunch, with cooking not quite up to the visual grandeur. Expensive.

**1500 Ocean** 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-522-8490. Modern Cal cuisine with a blissful bay view and superb ingredients, so finely cooked you'll be thrilled to eat your veggies. Expensive.

**Island Pasta** 1202 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-4545. Sidewalk tables, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta — and dog-friendly, too, plus a nice wine list. A good vegetarian special: *verdure* pasta, with artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives. Inexpensive.

Mexican Village 126 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3111. Old restaurant revives with new (Mexican) owner. Old Coronadans say the signature burritos (filled with tripe, pork and potato, chorizo and eggs, etc.) match even their gilded Korea- and Vietnam-era memories. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Mistral** 4000 Coronado Bay Rd., Coronado, 619-424-4000. The light, healthful, Mediterranean-style cuisine (northern Italy and southern France) emphasizes seasonal ingredients, as local and sustainably raised as possible, including herbs and some fruits grown organically on the resort grounds. Romantic ambience with bay view. Expensive

**Peohe's** 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4474. Fabulous seaside venue, silly with Hawaiian decor, featuring steaks and seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelicotouched macadamia beurre blanc. Expensive.

**Primavera Ristorante** 932 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0454. Classic fine Italian cooking with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a summertime special of white king salmon. Expensive.

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-2121. Meat and fish choices are prepared simply with generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

**Spiro's Gyros** 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-1225. Watch the sunset sipping Greek wines. Low prices keep Spiro's popular with locals and tourists. Try moussaka or souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with

tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Inex-

**Swaddee Thai** 1001 C Ave., Coronado, 619-435-8110. An island of serenity, with gentle dishes cooked with care. The complex but soothing coconutchicken soup can wash away all woes, and the calamari in seafood arrays is knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness. Inexpensive to moderate.

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-522-0449. Mootime Creamery owner David Spatafore decided to set up a cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white tablecloth, dangling-Chianti-bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out on great pizza and calzone. Inexpensive.

#### Del Mar

Americana 1454 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Casual breakfast/lunch, serious dinners, with flavors of the American melting pot and summer veggies from the chef's home garden. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive

**Le Bambou** 2634 Del Mar Heights Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this gracious restaurant serves exquisite versions of the sophisticated Vietnamese dishes of prewar Saigon. Low-moderate.

Il Fornaio 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Also 1333 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4911. Regional Italian dishes range from *sfilatino con bistecchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy Dijon and salad) to a mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*. Great breads, of course. Moderate

Iris Food and Spirits 2334 Carmel Valley Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. Moderate.

Jake's Del Mar Waterfront Grill 1660 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-2002. Surf 'n' turf by the sea, with a patio overlooking the waves. Menu offers seafood with fusion-y touches, Prime or Choice steaks. Crabby Dungeness crab cake appetizer makes a whole lunch. Lunch and Sunday brunch moderate, dinner expensive.

Market Restaurant and Bar 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Chef-owner Carl Schroeder is all about seasonal, local, organic — and inspired culinary imagination. Menu changes but is always exciting. The vibe is "nice neighborhood restaurant" — diners have a good time here. Expensive.

**Milton's Deli** 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. Jewish deli goes multiethnic. Stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co. 12840 Carmel Country Rd., Del Mar, 858-481-7883. Several San Diego locations. House-made brewskis and Americanstyle pizzas, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings. Also pub grub and vaguely Italian food. Inexpensive.

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-509-9293. Italian seafood, garden settingsest are the daily specials, including spaghetti a cartoccio (baked in parchment) and lobster risotto. Save room for dessert, especially if offerings include torta alla nonna. High-moderate to expensive.

Pacifica del Mar 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803. Fresh fish and organic produce enliven fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. Extremely noisy bar area. Expensive to very expensive.

**Poseidon** 1670 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-9345. It's all about the glorious seaside view. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood. Dinner dishes mingle Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. Moderate to expensive.

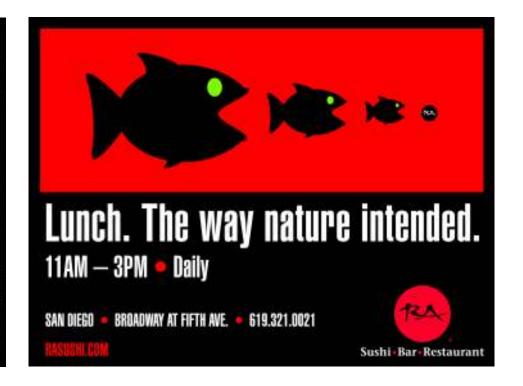
**Red Tracton's** 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Manly retro atmosphere, huge portions. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. Expensive.

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600. Additional locations in La Jolla, La Mesa, Mission Valley, and Downtown. The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Inexpensive.

**Sbicca American Bistro** 215 15th St., Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Pristine California cuisine highlights local produce in deluxe, seasonal dishes that engage the mind along with the palate,







e.g., a lemon-pistachio cake that changes as you cut it, crumbling into a berry coulis. High-moderate to expensive.

**Star of India** 3860 Valley Centre Dr., Del Mar, 858-792-1111. Also 423 F St., Downtown, 619-234-8000. The lunch buffet can lead you by the nose into Punjabi food. Pick among vegetable *pakora* fritters, eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, *palak paneer* (spinach with curry). Inexpensive to moderate.

#### Downtown

**Acqua Al 2** 322 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-230-0382. Mainly plain Tuscan cuisine, highlighted by pleasing vegetarian pastas and risottos featuring earthy porcini mushrooms. Moderate (pasta) to expensive.

Alambres Mexican Grill 756 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-2838. Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Inexpensive.

**Anthony's Fishette** 1360 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-5103. Fast fish, mainly fried, but the clam chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. Inexpensive.

**Athens Market** 109 F St., Downtown, 619-234-1955. Owner Mary Pappas serves huge portions of honest Greek home cooking (lentil soup, *spanikopita*, meaty gyros), in a classy white-tablecloth atmosphere. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-0101. Skillful, healthful cooking from an ancient high cuisine. Refined entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborately garnished; rose-flavored Persian ice cream is a romantic ending. Moderate. Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar 410 Tenth Ave., Downtown, 619-531-8869. Hipster atmosphere, late-night hours, and thin-crust Connecticut pizzas, which include toppings like mashed potato with bacon and cheese, or Little Neck clams. Inexpensive.

**Bay Café** 1050 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-595-1083. If famished at the ferry landing, you can eat decent burgers, good clam chowder, or other basic fare in the bare-bones interior, or tote it upstairs to a serene bay-view terrace. Inexpensive.

**Beach City Market** 3 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-232-2491. Enjoy soup-and-sandwich deals like minestrone and the Londonport roast beef sandwich flavored with port, white herbs, and spices; or the Deluxe roast beef with horseradish. Inexpensive.

**Blue Point** 565 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy, noisy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops. Expensive.

**Bondi Bar and Kitchen** 333 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-342-0212. Huge, raucous Australian gastro-pub with splashy, fun decor, offering Aussie brews and amusing appetizers. Culinary style resembles California-fusion, but spicier, with exotic homeland ingredients. Moderate, some entrées expensive.

**Brian's 24** 828 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-8410. Open 24/7, it has a fabulous peanut butter burger with bacon. Plus a gothic bar with Joan Crawford's heel marks denting it where she danced. And bargain breakfast and lunch specials. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Brickyard Coffee and Tea** 675 G St., Downtown, 619-696-7220. You sit under poplar trees in a brick patio—and except for the wind, it's blissfully silent. With light fare like quiche, salads, and *panini*, it's the nearest thing to a

French country café downtown. Inex-

**Broadway Pizza** 1008 Broadway, Downtown, 619-232-6264. From a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage-link sub, portions are generous if not exactly gourmet fare. Free neighborhood delivery. Inexpensive.

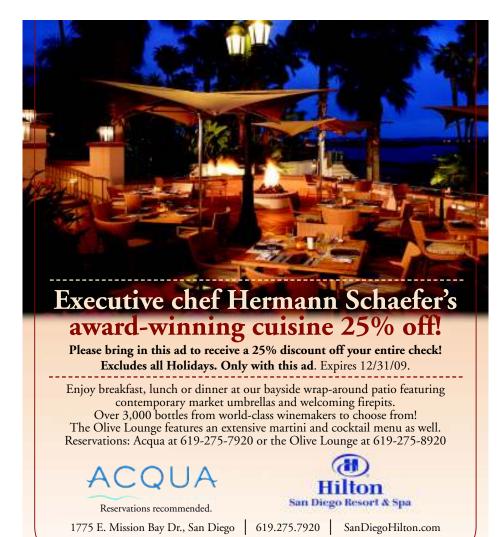
Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar 807 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-4300. The real Buster surfed the world — Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket. Here there's a surfer-pub dish from each of those waters, not one of them authentic. Bay view. Prices cover the waterfront.

**C-Level** 880 Harbor Island Dr., Downtown, 619-298-6802. Amazing bay-view venue with delicious steaks and roast beefs, plus chef Deborah Scott's creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Very expensive.

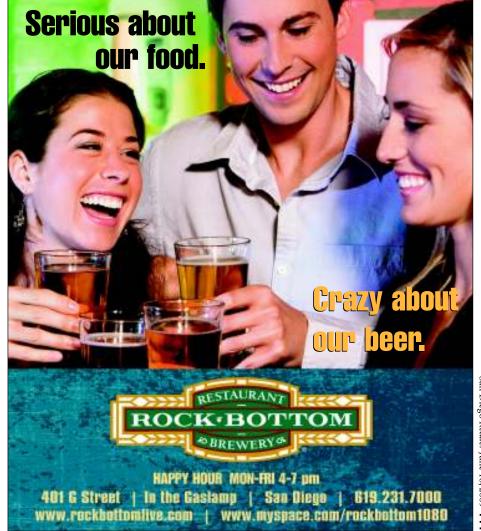
Café Chloe 721 Ninth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-3242. Parisian atmosphere, creative cooking, e.g., breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle beurre blanc. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include lavender lemonade, root beers, an intelligent wine list. Moderate.

**Café Noir** 447 Ninth Ave., Downtown, 619-235-0075. Hip E-Ville scene in antique black house, where food highlights include interesting soup du jour and a *panino* stuffed with grilled chicken, artichoke, cranberries, and Parmesan and cream cheeses. Inexpensive.

**Café Sevilla** 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-5979. A loud, convivial tapas bar adjoins a quieter, romantic Spanish restaurant, but you can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar. At both, the choices are varied, interesting, and cosmopolitan. Great sangria. Moderate.







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Café de L'Opera 1354 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-0425. Pastry chef Thierry Cahez offers a genuine French feeling and food, in a pâtisserie with exquisite dessert pastries, breakfast croissants, and Gallic lunches like minipizzas and croque monsieurs. Inexpensive.

Le Cake Château 1152 Seventh Ave., Downtown, 619-325-0977. This true French pâtisserie offers golden croissants, gorgeous pastries, and terrific lunches including *croque monsieur* (grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich covered with a Mornay sauce) and crepes with seasonal fruit and sweet cream cheese. Inexpensive.

Candelas 416 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in sophisticated, delectable Mexican haute cuisine made with French techniques. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive

**La Casita** 1247 C St., Downtown, 619-531-0044. Some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Most delicious is watching Anglo city-hallers trying to love the house-made menudo (tripe soup).

Cheese Shop 427 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-2303. Not much retail cheese anymore. They still have all-cheese sandwiches but now specialize in overstuffed spit-roasted meat sandwiches like lamb and roast beef. Inexpensive.

China Too 916 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-4283. The menu claims "New York—Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." How about decent Bronx-style eat-in/take-out? Cheap but good fare, including huge lunch specials, made with no MSG, minimal cornstarch. Free delivery to a wide area. Inexpensive.

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-9236. Enjoy grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, rice dishes, and appetizers like leek ravi-

oli (aushak), leek or meat turnovers (bulanee), and battered vegetables (pakawra). Moderate.

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-531-0955. Definitely West Coast pizza, with specialties like the Ranch Chicken pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. Inexpensive

**Croce's** 802 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-4355. Live music comes free with dinner. Seasonal, creative menu, but simple dishes are best here, like the shrimp carbonara fettuccine in white garlic cream sauce. Fun people-watching from window tables. Expensive.

**Currant** Sofia Hotel, 140 W. Broadway, Downtown, 619-702-6309. Parisian-chic brasserie decor with light, seasonal "American brasserie" cuisine that's often uneven but can include a glorious five-onion soup with short ribs and marrow that beats the French classic, and creative desserts to finish with. Moderate to expensive.

**Dakota Grill and Spirits** 901 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5554. The two-floor restaurant offers meaty American upscale fare (steaks, ribs, etc.) in plush booths, with a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950s pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. High-moderate to expensive.

Darband Fifth Avenue Grill 1556 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-230-1001. Good, fresh Persian cooking, popular with local Persians. Tasty dishes include Khoresh Bademjan (baby eggplant and beef stew), Barg (marinated beef tenderloin with rice), and the vegetarian plate. Kebabs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty flavors. Inexpensive.

**De'Medici Cucina Italiana** 815 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-7228. Sinatra atmosphere, cool street patio. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is

worth ordering. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive.

**Dirty Del's** 499 Tenth Ave., Downtown, 619-677-3789. A cozy neighborhood watering hole near the ballpark has half a dozen tables and half a dozen sports screens, and serves big, interesting sandwiches. Inexpensive.

**Dobson's** 956 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-231-6771. The food, served in a classy, comfortable atmosphere, is often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels and, when available, the soft-shell crab. Romantic upstairs dining room. Moderate to expensive.

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-232-8414. At this Euro-style sidewalk café, try the spicy grilled breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also salads: taco or Southwest chicken. Inexpensive.

**Dublin Square** 554 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-5818. The pub was handcrafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. There's a fine corned beef and cabbage, plus Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, and grilled fish. Moderate.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, transported whole hog from the Ould Sod, offers Irish music live most nights. Try the herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty — potato crepes with a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Low-moderate

**The Fish Market** 750 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-3474. Also in Del Mar and Fashion Valley. The sushi bar downtown is superb, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. Otherwise, a noisy barn with plain cooking. Moderate to expensive.

Gaslamp Pizza 505 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-7542. This joint comes alive around 2am, serving good thin-crusted pizzas (vegetarian, BBQ chicken, and chicken pesto are best-o) plus wings, "halapeno peppers" and big salads to revelers seeking post-revel ballast. Inexpensive.

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Ave., Downtown, 619-239-5478. Stick to their

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Hakka specialties, like the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in the tender centers, resembling meatflavored roasted marshmallows. Mainly inexpensive.

**Georges on Fifth** 835 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-0444. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster martini," oysters, tuna tartare). Expensive to extreme.

**Gourmet India** 810 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-7967. Rare regional delicacies include appetizers of crunchy sev poori (wheat wafers with a fresh spicy topping), bel poori (India's railway snack), and Chennai's uttapam, pancakes. Entrées include mirchi tikka, tender tandoori chicken steeped in spicy lime-juice marinade. Moderate.

**Grant Grill** 326 Broadway, Downtown, 619-744-2077. Now thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup) with nods to the "slow food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce. Very expensive.

**Greystone** 658 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on Prime beef, game meats, lobster, and pastas. Loud, conventioneer-y ambience. Extremely expensive.

**Harbor House** 831 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters to tourist families and conventioneers, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to watch the sailboats over a margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Moderate to expensive.

**Hub Market & Deli** 748 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-544-1917. Take-out only, with a hot pastrami sandwich that draws long lines. Breakfast? Try the giant three-egg burrito stuffed with sausages and hash brown patties. Open morning till late night, daily. Inexpensive.

JJ's Sunset Deli by the Bay 200 Marina Park Way (behind the Convention Center), Downtown, 619-237-1070. JJ's delivers one heckuva harbor view plus an ambitious menu running from rib-eye steak sandwiches to a pork chop plate and sometimes a half-rack of BBQ baby back ribs. Inexpensive.

Jsix 616 J St., Downtown, 619-531-8744. The chef's charcuterie — sausage, cured beef, and smoked ham — is impossible to pass up. Waitstaff talks up the seafood, but the beef dishes are betre — rib eye and Angus short ribs, especially. Grazing meals moderate to expensive, full dinners very expensive.

Kansas City Barbecue 610 W. Market St., Downtown, 619-231-9680. The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are smoky, cooked over an oak-fueled fire, although some diners complain of toughness. Good happy-hour deals. Inexpensive to moderate.

**The Kebab Shop** 630 Ninth Ave., Downtown, 619-525-0055. The menu here specializes in kebabs, including Moroccan shrimp, beef *kofte* (spiced ground meat with grilled vegetables), and the house special, *Iskender* kebab (lamb on bread with tomato sauce and yogurt). Inexpensive.

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-237-4900. Fifties-style surf 'n' turfer owned by King's Seafood, with fine fish quality, simple fare. Best dishes include New Orleans BBQ shrimp — a buttery, spicy Creole extravaganza (available as starter or entrée) — and the huge, juicy rib-eye Cowboy Steak. Fish moderate, meats expensive.

Maryjane's Coffee Shop Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-764-6950. Back to the '50s with frozen peas and instant-tasting mash. The meaty meat loaf may improve on Mom's, but the chicken pot pie is barely better than Morton's. Moderate.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant Omni Hotel, 675 L St., Downtown, 619-645-6545. Nationwide seafood chain with good, simple, fresh-fish dishes. Awesome weeknight happy-hour offers. Each for under two bucks: steamed mussels, chicken satay, a half-pound burger and fries, California rolls, fish cakes, cheese plate. Regular entrées upper-moderate.

Mediterranean Café and Lounge 1352 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-2233. They serve a panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food until 3 or 4 am. Best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Inexpensive to moderate.

The Mission 1250 J St., Downtown, 619-232-7662. Also 2801 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-8992. Econoscious big breakfasts and Chino-Latino lunches in arty surroundings are halfway between health nut and old-time diner fare. Great eye-opener: bounteous chicken-apple sausage and egg platter. Inexpensive.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-1183. Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood are ballast for the real gourmet fare: tropical umbrella drinks. Moderate.

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillorest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine sometimes shares the same chefs and serves the repertory of "northern Indian cuisine made easy." Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 pm.

Morton's of Chicago 285 J St., Downtown, 619-696-3369. Swanky, manly Chicago steakhouse offers juicy, marbled grain-fed beef in numerous cuts and sizes, wet-aged and grilled to your specification, or good fish. Pricey à la carte sides. Very expensive.

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza offers an elegant homeyness and sense of comfort. The Cal cuisine is good, including excellent grilled calamari. Moderate to expensive.

**Neighborhood** 777 G St., Downtown, 619-446-0002. This mainly malepatronized, rackety gastro-pub's menu centers on fine half-pound burgers, plus steak tartare, sweet potato fries with bleu cheese curls, creative deviled eggs, mac 'n' cheese, and big, interesting salads. Inexpensive to very low-moderate.

**Nobu** 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-814-4124. Imaginative Japanese-based fusion from international celeb chef Nobu Matsuhita, ranging from miso soup and classic sushi to moderate-priced Nihon-Peruvian grazes to caviar-topped tartares and Wagyu beef (at "market price," meaning "if you have to ask..."). No reservations for sushi bar. Upper-moderate to expensive.

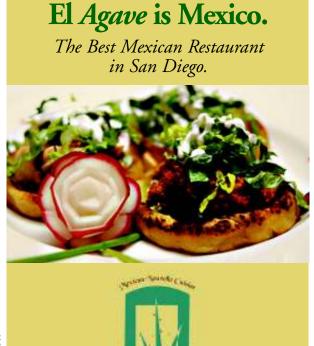
Ocean Room and Lounge 630 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-6550. Pleasant dishes include mussels mariniere, Cajun seafood pasta, seafood pan roast, and Fanny Bay oysters on the half-shell. Or try the oyster shooters. Expensive (but less than average for the neighborhood).

Oceanaire Seafood Room 400 J St., Downtown, 619-858-2277. The best dishes tend to be the least ambitious, from the "Simply Grilled and Broiled" section. Or you can gamble on more elaborately composed entrées. Great crab cakes. Happy hour at oyster bar moderate, dinner very expensive.

**Operacaffe** 835 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-6538. True Tuscan cuisine, not austere but simple and sensual, priced for a song — with salads to sing about, unique Florentine home dishes, and sublime seasonal specials. This one's for us, not conventioneers. Low-moderate.

**Organic to Go** 1143 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-0086. Lunch for most is a lunge at the salad bar, but they make a cheddar albacore tuna melt, a toasted meat loaf sandwich, and a vegan Thai-style veggie wrap. Other interesting dishes include mango-chutneycurry chicken salad sandwich. Inexpensive.

Osetra Watergrill 904 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-1800. Las Vegas glitzy decor here. Appetizers tilt Asian, but most entrées are Italianate seafood. The restaurant has switched from the endangered Caspian caviar it's named for to a California-farmed sturgeon product (at the same steep tab). Very expensive.



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Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Ave. Downtown, 619-595-7959. The glory days have passed, but starters (mozzarella campagnola, fritto misto) still shine, and pastas can be excellent. Osso buco with marrow is best entrée. Try the lemon torte, leave the cannoli. Expensive on up.

The Palm 615 I St., Downtown, 619-702-6500. The fare features tender dryaged and wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Also consider shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes. Very expensive.

Pokéz Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E St., Downtown, 619-702-7160, Hipster atmosphere and mainly Mexican vegetarian fare (with some carnivore dishes like steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Inexpensive.

RA Sushi 474 Broadway, Downtown 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant creates a high-energy atmosphere with loud music and louder decor. The grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus substantial noodle dishes and entrées. Moderate.

Rama 327 Fourth Ave., Downtown 619-501-8424. Ravishing upscale decor and chefs from top Bangkok restaurants offer a special experience. The menu includes some rare authentic dishes like chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork. Moderate.

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J St., Down town, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes and veggie side dishes tend to be tastier, High-moderate.

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-7028464. Skewer after skewer of churrasco (Brazilian barbecue of many meats). The buffet (included in meal price) includes side dishes, salads, fruit, and hot entrées like seafood in coconut milk. with exotic but comfortable flavors.

Roy's Marriott Hotel, 333 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-239-7697, Our outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain, serving Pacific Rim fusion and sushi on a daily changing, seafood-oriented menu. End with the signature chocolate soufflé. Very expensive.

Royal India 329 Market St., Down town, 619-269-9999, Standard North Indian Sikh menu. The lunch buffet costs a bit more than rock bottom, but is a decent deal if you care about flavor none of the dishes have that sludgy sameness that mars cheaper buffets. Moderate to expensive.

Sadaf 828 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619 338-0008. Also 613 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-551-0643, Good Persian food, better at the more adult-oriented L.J. branch. Try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Salad Style 807 F St., Downtown, 619-255-6731. Original salad concoc tions for lunch include Scott's Grilled Skirt Steak, with organic greens, tomatoes, smoky mushrooms, hearts of palm, bleu cheese, red meat. The Totally Vegan, a golden volcano of quinoa and snowy tofu slabs, should be in a gallery. Inexpensive to moderate.

Sally's Seafood on the Water One Market Place at Manchester Grand Hyatt, Downtown, 619-358-6740. Great view, and an appetizer sampler makes delicious grazing, as does a raw tuna and salmon Napoleon. Black cod with miso-orange broth is a sensuous entrée. Expensive.

Sidebar Deli 225 Cedar St., Downtown, 619-525-1444. Cal Western students clamor for lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Also breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches, French dip sandwiches, California wraps. Inexpensive.

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-4194, Credible Creole cooking in airy café. Sandwiches include an outstanding oyster po' boy (big juicy oysters, light batter) and a fine, fully packed approximation of a muffaletta. The jambalaya is okay, too. Inexpensive.

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market St., Downtown, 619-546-5973. Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages are served Chicago style. Other bun-held treats are the Comiskey Park Pole (charbroiled Polish sausage) and the Italian Stallion (Italian sausage). Inexpensive.

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-3140. It's DIY grilling here; no minors admitted. You can take the USDA Choice steaks up a notch with spice blends and sauces. Other choices include burgers, chicken, ahi, shrimp, and kebabs. Inexpensive to

Suite & Tender Hotel Sè, 1047 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-3003. Celeb chef Christopher Lee officially presides phoning it in from Manhattan. Cocktails are more creative than the corporate, Vegas-created "pick hits" menu. Fine raw bar and surf 'n' turf combos won't rock your world. Expen-

Super Jr. Market & Deli 1036 Sev enth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-6367. Sandwiches include Boar's Head meat, cheeses, and fixings galore. Hot dishes sold by the pound: pork loin, chicken fajitas, honey ham, turkey, catfish, tilapia — all with two side dishes like rice, veggies, baked potato. Inexpensive.

Tabule 535 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-0048. Offshoot of popular Tijuana restaurant offers eclectic, Mexican-based global fusion including fine



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#### El Cajon

Ali Baba Restaurant 421 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-442-3622. Chaldean specialties served until midnight, in a "sheik's oasis" atmosphere, offering airy house-baked bread, kebabs, lamb shanks, yummy "potato pie," and a "Feast for Three" that will feed five. Inexpensive to moderate.

Chen's Golden Palace 530 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-442-2541. A Lao-Chinese family serves mostly basic Chinese cuisine, plus a few Southeast Asian dishes like Thai spicy shrimp noodles — and good fish 'n' chips. Inexpensive.

**Downtown Café** 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687. A Mexican-style patio restaurant serving gringo food. Reasonable prices for baby back pork ribs, burritos, or Louisiana chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Geno's Barbecue** 291 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted Jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the Ripcurl (hot dog). Inexpensive.

**Greek Town Buffet** 345 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Have gyros, but also try chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken) or start with excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). Don't skip Greek desserts. Inexpensive.

**Hacienda Casa Blanca** 700 N. Johnson Ave., El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Old California-style family-friendly Mexican atmosphere and food, including lively camarones al tequila and enchiladas suizas in tangy green sauce. Brunch and all-day buffet Sundays. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Hammurabi Family Restaurant 401 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-401-3200. This Chaldean eatery in Iraqirich El Cajon offers exotica like stuffed honeycombs and intestines, along with comforting kebabs, marinated lamb shank, crushed wheat pie stuffed with beef, and baklava. Inexpensive to expensive.

Jasmine Bistro 315 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, 619-588-8228. By day, the fare centers on fresh Chinese dim sum (finger food) offered by cart and by menu. At night, multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a pan-Asian panoply. Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées).

**Paipa's Oasis** Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. The salad bar is surrounded by a U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to certified Black Angus prime rib. Moderate.

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 110 Jamacha Rd., El Cajon, 619-441-3355. Several San Diego locations. Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. The étouffée (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. Inexpensive.

**Tyler's Taste of Texas** 576 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage), smoky but uneven in texture. Good fried catfish, fried green tomatoes, ham breakfast. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

#### Encinitas

The Bird House Grill 250 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Savory Turkish cuisine includes generous plates like Iskender Kebab (mixed-meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, house-made yogurt) and *kofte* (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). Inexpensive.

**Bubby's Gelato** 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. Sandwiches include intriguing Mediterranean combinations. Gelati are twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs and feature bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Inexpensive.

**El Callejon Restaurant** 345 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. Great atmosphere in a hacienda with multiple rooms and patio spaces, serving zesty mainland Mexican cooking with unusual dishes like shrimp zarandeados with sauce of chiles, beef in cilantro sauce, and a parrillada (mixed grill) to serve two. Moderate.

The Calypso Café 576 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252. The cuisine is French, ranging from warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. Mussels are the specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Upper-moderate.

Firefly 251 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. Spacious winebar/restaurant features exciting wine choices and wine-bar snacks. The most popular lunch item is the Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a bourbon-andmustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts and weekend brunches are strong suits. Moderate to expensive.

**Firenze** 162 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., Encinitas, 760-944-9000. Gorgeous rooms and outdoor patio, offering heaping platefuls of multiregional Italian cuisine (including two dozen meatless selections) and affordable Italian and California wines. High-moderate.

Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill 101 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Kick back to reggae with a fresh coconut water and the Jamaican sampler, including luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of fillings. The jerk's way mild. Inexpensive.

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlán 290 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Also 248 Main St., Vista, 760-758-4531. The food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlán, a small city near Guadalajara. Their specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up by the plate or by the pound. Open late weekends. Inexpensive.

**Kealani's** 137 W. D St., Encinitas, 760-942-5642. At any hour the food is Hawaiian "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig — zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork. Inexpensive.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First St., Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. Huge menu highlighted by Vietnamese house specialties and seafood also includes a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes. Moderate.

The Original 101 Diner 552 First St., Encinitas, 760-753-2123. The down-home cooking includes all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top-sirloin steak and eggs. A bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo, or try spinach salad. Inexpensive.

Potato Shack Café 120 W. I St., Encinitas, 760-436-1282. American fries (served all you can eat), french fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu. Lunch runs to deli sandwiches (with potatoes) or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Inexpensive.

**El Q'ero** 564 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. The fare includes empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. Moderate.

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. The focus is vegan and vegetarian, but they've added fish and a garlicky chicken pizza. Most popular item: falafel burger (made of garbanzo beans) on a bun with melted cheese. Inexpensive.

Saint Germain's Café 1010 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Not French, despite the name, but all-American. Omelets are the best-known dish — 14 three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request). Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veggie choices). Inexpensive.

**Savory** 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau serves a changing menu of southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. Moderate.

**Swami's Café** 1163 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. There are standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black-bean burrito, but the emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Inexpensive.

**Tomiko** 87 Encinitas Bl., Encinitas, 760-633-3587. Great sushi, including fabulous *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. Appetizers like salmon tower tartare and drunken black cod are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Moderate.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexis with the more traditional mozzarellatomato sauce arrays. Moderate.

**Tuscan Sun Italian Deli** 1070 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. Domestic and imported meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the Caprese sandwich on focaccia bread. Inexpensive.

Vigilucci's Ristorante & Pizzeria 505 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni), the staff spirited. Pastas moderate, entrées expensive.

#### Escondido

**Bistro 221** 221 E. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-737-7398. Simple dishes shine at this genteel bistro, like sophisticated lunch quesadillas and dinner appetizers like Florida gumbo and Maryland crab cake. Moderate.

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant 201 Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-480-5565. Also 29000 Lilac Rd., Valley Center, 760-749-8041. Carnitas are outstanding for moist smokiness, and fresh-tomatillo salsa verde is exciting. Inexpensive to low-moderate, with three-course seafood dinners high-moderate.

**Centre City Café** 2680 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-489-6011. Classic American fare, including exemplary chicken-fried steak with a crackly crust and smooth, peppery cream gravy. USDA Choice steaks offered at rock-bottom prices. Huge portions, low prices.

A Delight of France 126 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-746-2644. This French bakery is a delight indeed, offering authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including true Parisian-style almond croissants studded with nuts and laced with almond paste. Inexpensive.

**El Galeón** 503 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood stars here. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster" in fishermen's terms) are house specialties. Consider a marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish) or savory *albondigas* soup. Inexpensive to moderate.

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-489-6420. Omelets are light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, potato casseroles, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-738-9805. In gorgeous surroundings (mansion and garden), Señora Vega offers sophisticated Mexico City cuisine. You'll find interesting appetizers along with entrées featuring complex sauces and a huge bargain-priced Sunday brunch. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Dr., Escondido, 760-746-1444. The margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food is a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. A pleasant "enchilado pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. Inexpensive to moderate.

**O-Nami** North County Fair, 240 E. Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. Also 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley Center, 619-295-9774. These Japanese buffets offer fresh, artful dishes, including *sunomono* (cucumber salad), teriyakis, sashimis, and sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll, tempura shrimp, guacamole roll, veggies, green tea ice cream. Moderate.

**San Diego Artisan Bakers** 1551 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-740-5963. Recipes are from all of Europe for breads with great textures and depths of flavor. A treat: breakfast on the front porch with cup of espresso and scones. Incorporative

**Sand Crab Café** 2229 Micro Pl., Escondido, 760-480-2722. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked in a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Margarine's the dip, but you can BYO butter and they'll melt it. Inexpensive to moderate.

**La Tapatia** 340 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find







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Vincent's Sirinos 113 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, like a flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables are the season's best and sensitively treated.

#### Fallbrook

El Parque 2659 Reche Rd., Fallbrook 760-731-2775. Good combination plates include the tostada with beef taco and the burrito with enchilada, Better yet, on Sunday morning, agricultural workers pour in here for menudo, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Inex-

**Wayside Café** 507 South Main Ave., Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. The place used to be a gas station. You can even sit in the old lube bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the moun tain piles of red-skinned home fries as a side at breakfast. Inexpensive.

#### Golden Hill

Krakatoa 1128 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. Ghost-ridden coffee house and neighborhood hangout offers garden seating and light eating, mainly breakfast or lunch sandwiches named after the volcanoes of the world (get it?). Inexpensive.

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. Real New York pizza, with just-right sauce and crusts the run. Better yet: get a whole pie to enjoy at leisure. Neighborhood delivery available. Inexpensive.

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-231-0716. Also 47th and Market, Chollas View, 619-262-6052. Regular Mex dishes served, but the soar ing specialty is Seven Seas Soup, a big bowl of savory red broth clunking with giant crab legs, clams, fish chunks, shrimp, octopus, and vegetables. Inex-

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. Every night's an indoor cookout as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks, burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms. In-expensive to moderate.

#### Hillcrest

Aladdin's Mediterranean Restaurant 1220 Cleveland Ave. Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. Also 5420 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-573-0000. Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, shawerma, etc.). Hillcrest branch offers more authentic Lebanese flavors. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Arrivederci** 3845 Fourth St., Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. A narrow, evercrowded room with a long menu offering a familiar regional Italian potpourri, including reliable veal in a brandy cream sauce, "straw and hay" pesto pasta, shellfish pasta. Moderate.

The Asian Bistro 414 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The adventurous Thai-accented pan-Asian menu is served until 3 am. Don't miss the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named Jumping Jarvis. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate.

Baia Betty's 1421 University Ave...

regular Cal-Mex food in a lively atmos phere. Inexpensive to moderate

The Better Half Bistro 127 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-9340. The adventurous seasonal menu ranges from frog legs to game meat loaf and includes a daily house-made charcuterie platter and a different appetizer tart every night. Moderate.

Bite Bistro and Wine Bar 1417 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-2483. Modern Mediterranean tapas are most of the menu, cleverly cooked and assembled into interesting bargainprice early-bird dinners some weeknights. Individual dishes inexpensive to moderate, but they can add up.

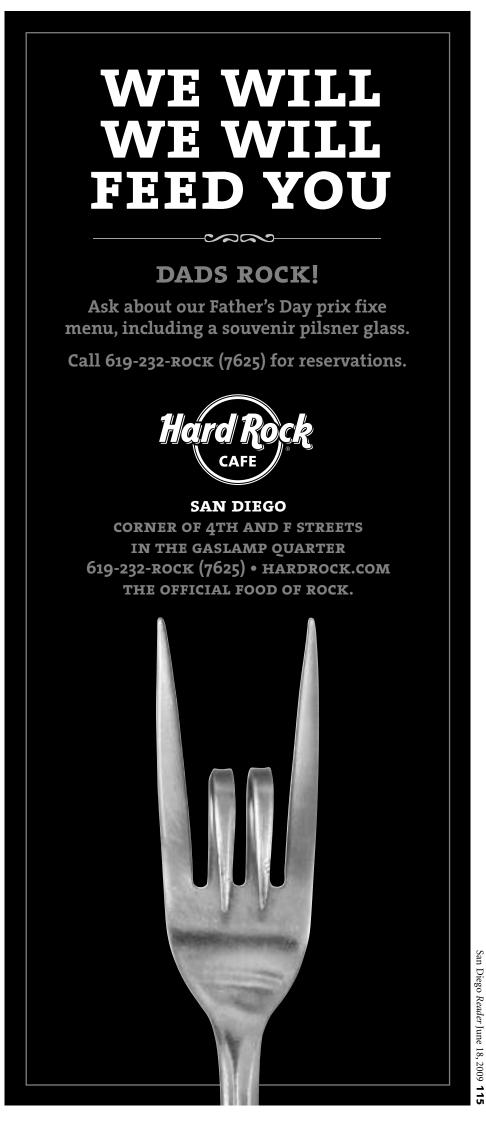
**Bombay Exotic Cuisine of India** 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads and meats, rich and complex but mildly seasoned. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5555 Moderate

Bread and Cie 350 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. Crusty European peasant breads include anise-fig and black-olive loaves. Focaccia pizza and savory sandwiches (many with thick bread and thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot. Inexpensive.

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-0119, Nooks and crannies for liaisons dangereuses, or there's the street-side casual level. Mainly Sicilian-style tomato-saucedominated dishes (like torta di melanzana, eggplant layered with mozzarella), but satisfying. Moderate to

Café Bleu 530 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-1717. French-accented, wine-friendly seasonal cuisine with local produce and grazing options to accompany international wines, including fine mushroom vol-au-vent, short





bargains, Sunday \$25 three-course dinner, otherwise moderate/expensive.

Café on Park 3831 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. The place looks trendy, but don't expect PC food. Plates overflow with hearty American fodder. Breakfast especially popular, with huge elaborate scrambles and the prize plate of '49er miners who struck gold: the Hangtown Fry, marinated oysters in scrambled eggs. Moderate.

California Cuisine 1027 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. The menu at this long-lived neighborhood restaurant changes daily, following the seasonal harvest and catch of the moment. Frequent hits: bourbon-brined Neiman pork chop, Asian BBQed jumbo shrimp. Outstanding desserts and romantic back patio seating by a fountain. Moderate to expensive.

Celadon 3671 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The entrées offer sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go to the chef's specialty menu to find the rarest. Among the entrées, don't miss choo chee duck or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Moderate.

Chipotle 734 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-209-3688. Several San Diego locations. This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves to the original vision: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades, including fresh grilled carne asada and *carnitas*. Rockbottom prices.

Chow Noodle House 540 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-269-9209. Thai restaurateur Alex Thao (Celadon Rama) set his sights lower, wider, and cheaper here, serving noodle dishes and rice bowls inspired by China, Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam. Inauthentic

Ciro's Pizzeria 1202 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-2476. Also 534 Market St., Downtown, 619-696-0405. This small pizza parlor has that "back East" feel about it: old-time photos of baseball fields, New York City. Best combo: chicken bacon pesto. Inexpensive.

City Delicatessen 555 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish-American food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the artdeco colors until midnight (3am weekends). Inexpensive to moderate.

Crest Café 425 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2910. "Hearty Home-made Comfort Food" is both the boast and the cuisine, including Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, steamed veg-gie basket, and 11 types of burger (including salmon). Open early to midnight, daily. Inexpensive.

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Quick service until 2:30am from a huge menu of vaguely Szechuan-Mandarin fare. Consider fried pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage, curry-tinged Singapore-style rice noodles, shrimp with lobster sauce, scallion ginger chicken. Inexpensive.

Ichiban 1449 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups over-flowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Inexpensive.

Islander Grill 3645 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-297-3929. Exotic food from Guam includes chicken kelaguen, a citric salad resembling ceviche and brilliant coconut shrimp. Stews are flavorful: The saucy pot roast is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam. Inexpensive.

Jack's Barbecue 1290 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1644, Jack's Sampler (four-bone baby back ribs, one half chicken, one portion of BBQ beef, fries, and slaw) is a good intro. Or porkrib tips or just a Cajun sausage sandwich or one of Jack's chili cheeseburgers with bacon. Inexpensive.

Jimmy Carter's Café 3172 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery at the edge of Balboa Park has Indian breakfasts — try chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, dhal, and chutneys). Good Mexican and decent Chinese food, too. Inexpensive.

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. Kazumi's simple but imaginative rolls are distinctively seasoned to flatter the particular fish's flavor. For families, the Ultimate Boat is a huge, encyclopedic platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. In Chef Deborah Scott's cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest. Good choices include mussels in chipotle cream sauce; spicy, sweet-sour lavered jerk chicken; and the signature Skirts on Fire — a tender, grilled skirt steak imbued with a picante marinade. Extremely noisy. Moderate.

Khyber Pass 523 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. Fascinating Afghani cuisine. Don't miss the out standing aushak (spring onion ravioli) and mantu (ground-meat ravioli) both with lively yogurt sauces — and zamarod chalow, a spicy lamb-andspinach stew. Moderate.

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-5560. Witty staffers treat you like dinner guests. Start with chicken or shrimp b'stila in cinnamon-dusted phyllo. Lamb Tagine with honey, nuts, and fruit and Chicken Tagine with olives and lemon are standouts. Moderate.

Lucky Buck's Patio Bar and Grill 1459 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-297-0660. The only question: which burger? The Buck 'n' Bleu Ribbon Burger (with bleu cheese, bacon, onion strings, and chipotle sauce)? Buck's on Fire (pepper Jack, bacon, and jalapeño peppers)? Buck's Lucky Mushroom? In-expensive.

Ortega's Bistro 141 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. You'll find Bajastyle cuisine featuring seafood and rilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the Baja Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling. Fun margarita variations. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive).

**Picasso Spanish Restaurant** 3923 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Some top Basque tapas here include chicken-stuffed empanadillas, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed green lip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). Mod-

Pizza Fusion 3827 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-278-0057. Everything's green and organic at this eco-conscious chain. The pizzas are odd-shaped but tasty, with multigrain oval crusts, plenty of veggies, cheese, and sweet Italian sausage or organic steak. Inexpensive to moderate.

La Posta de Acapulco 3980 Third Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. Also in El Cajon and Spring Valley. The carne asada burritos are rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Also much loved here are the chile verde and the quesadilla with carne asada. Inexpensive

Saigon on Fifth 4900 Fifth Ave. Hillcrest, 619-220-8828. Urbane, French-tinged cuisine of colonial-era Saigon and Hue. Distinctive house specialties include a smoked oyster omelet, coconut shrimp served in the coconut shell, and bún, a refreshing spicy noodle salad. Low-moderate.

Sushi Itto 441 Washington St., Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Also 409 F St., Downtown, 619-237-1037. This is Mexican sushi. Nearly all party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado; most include hot spice and some fake crab (surimi), too. Inexpensive.

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Find standard Americanized Szechuan-Mandarin fare, Want spicy? Ask for heat. Tangy, crisp Szechuan garlic shrimp tops the 12 house specialties for good reason. Szechuan orange fish is also recommended. Inexpensive to

Terra 3900 Vermont St., Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather. Moderate.

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. Menu highlights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime-grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream

mashed potatoes and gravy. Moderate to very expensive.

Whole Foods Market 711 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. Also 8825 Villa La Iolla Dr., La Iolla, 858-642-6700. Gourmet organic grocery eat-in/take-out selections offer healthy plates like Emerald Mushrooms salad and couscous studded with almonds. raisins, scrambled egg, and veggies. Inexpensive to moderate.

Yakitori Yakyudori 3739 Sixth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4189. Yakitori are Japan's little skewers of grilled or fried goodies, each marinated and/or garnished to flatter its nature — great for grazing. Chicken-skin salad, fried tofu, skewered pork with shiso, chicken heart, and octopus fritters are among the standouts. Inexpensive to moderate

#### **Imperial Beach**

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inchwide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. The fish 'n' chips dish is generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo is a good value. Inexpensive.

Lydia's Café and Nightclub 1628 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. Easygoing dancing/eatery (since 1957) offers sporadically available entrée platter of birria en su jugo (goat in its juices) and filling snacks like taquitos cucaracha (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream). Inex-

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Serious gastronomy, low price. Weekend breakfasts tend to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Creative dinner fare varies nightly. Inexpensive to moderate.

Olive Oil Organic Café 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-1779. Great vegan sandwiches on ciabatta or — the eggplant Baby Greens and the Vegan Fusion (imitation smoked turkey and salami, cheese). But the carnivorous sandwiches are also way better than they have to be. Also pizzas, salads, house-made soups. Inexpensive.

The Tin Fish 910 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. Great crab cakes. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

#### **Imperial Valley**

Owl Café 674 Main St., Imperial Valley, 760-336-0298. This café, over 50 years old, serves rib-sticking food. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs,

and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners include roast beef and chickenfried steak. Inexpensive.

#### Julian

Jeremy's on the Hill 4354 Highway 78, Julian, 760-765-1587. What a surprise — out here, an ambitious, sophisticated, but well-priced, chef-owned, California-fusion eatery, with dishes like brie and mango quesadilla, mushroom burgers, and bison steaks. Inexpensive to moderate.

#### Kearny Mesa

B & B Deli & Catering 8690 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-292-1636. Airmen's Comfort Food Central, offering plate-bursting lunch specials with all the fixin's: roast pork loin, meat loaf, curried chicken, Polish sausage, pepper steak, cabbage rolls. Generous breakfasts, too. Inexpensive.

China Max 4698 Convoy St. Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. Local Asians flock here for authentic Hong Kong cooking, including seafood in live tanks (black cod, Dungeness crab, abalone), dim sum daily, superb Peking Duck. Even homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crab-meat cakes) sing with flavor. Inexpensive to exorbitant, mainly moderate.

Crab Hut 4646 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1678, A local Vietnamese family runs this friendly, barebones eatery, specializing in Louisian-oid fried seafood and boiled seasoned shrimp, crabs, and crawfish. Inexpensive to moderate.

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Tiny, plain setting offering authentic northern Chinese and Szechuan dishes. Ten fish and green-chive dumplings, spicy three-ingredient lo mein (with jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken) and superb jellyfish salad are challenging and exciting. Inexpensive.

**Emerald Chinese Seafood** Restaurant 3709 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Among the best Chinese restaurants in the county, local Asians go here for family dinners, dim sum, and Hong Kong specialties. Mainly moderate, with splurges like live fish and Peking duck balanced by down-home dishes. Inexpensive.

Flavor Thai 4768 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3750. Mock (or real) duck with green curry is great, as is the massaman, the potato curry. Check out the chef's specials like ho mok (shrimp, green-shell mussel, and calamari with veggies in red curry sauce). Inexpen-

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. Pass by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and go straight to the coolers, where you'll







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The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Additional locations in Poway, Encinitas, and Vista. The Apple Pancake is a batter-filled, five-egg puffed-up paradise with slices from two Granny Smith apples. The German Pancake or Dutch Baby are good ovenbaked alternatives, as is the filling mushroom omelet. Inexpensive.

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. Argentine specialties feature healthy, grass-fed, grilled beef, including an Americanized version (minus organ meats) of the gauchos' great parillada mixta (mixed grill). Good beef empanada, potatoes. Moderate.

The Philadelphia Sandwich Company 3904 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. The menu centers on Philly's two cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is more flavorful than a mere hero. For cheese steak, try the luscious "everything" with provolone, unless you're a Philly-born purist. Inexpensive.

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing noodle soups, but there are more elegant house specialties, including the "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. Inexpensive to moderate.

**San Tong Palace** 4690 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. Hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. Try the delicious Rainbow Salad and outstanding dumplings, especially the seafood ones. The jellyfish salad is a treat for the adventurous. Inexpensive.

**Seoul B.B.Q.** 4344 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. Try the Korean BBQ marinated short ribs or thick marbled slices of sirloin, which come with a bevy of small accompaniment dishes. Adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*vukhoe*). Moderate.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Local Chinese come here for Shanghai seafood dishes or clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Open to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate.

Spice House Café 9035 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1028. Greek-American cuisine, mainly. We don't know if it's the Ortega chiles or Jack cheese or tangy tomato sauce, but some guys find relief with the Hangover Omelet. Other choices: Portuguese sausage with three eggs and the Italian sausage frittata. Inexpensive.

Sunrise Super Buffet 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. Apart from all the meats, fish, shellfish, lobster (on Sundays), and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, and dragon rolls, raw oysters in their shells are a big draw. Beverages included in price. Inexpensive.

**Tofu House** 4646 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. Korean tofu dishes, flavorful and healthy, but with meat, too. Try *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Inexpensive.

**Tropical Star** 6163 Balboa Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-488-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Inexpensive.

#### Kensington-Talmadge

Bleu Bohème 4090 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-255-4167. Classic French bistro, *très chic* but informal and noisy, emphasizes familiar favorites from the old-fashioned, Frenchin-America, bourgeois-cuisine restaurant repertoire. High-moderate.

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for seasonal California cuisine. Early-bird three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate to expensive.

#### La Jolla

**A.R. Valentien** 11480 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-777-6635. California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of in-season produce and topquality meats and seafood; scenic setting. Very expensive.

**Adobe el Restaurante** 9700 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-550-1000. California-Mediterranean creative seasonal dishes with local produce and something for every taste. Moderately expensive.

**Azul La Jolla** 1250 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The Brigantine chain's upscale branch offers surf 'n' turf with a sea view. Big, tender steaks, reliably well-treated seafood. Very expensive.

**Barbarella** 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-7373. Nestled in an English garden, you can dine indoors or out enjoying house-baked sourdough and a daily changing eclectic menu,



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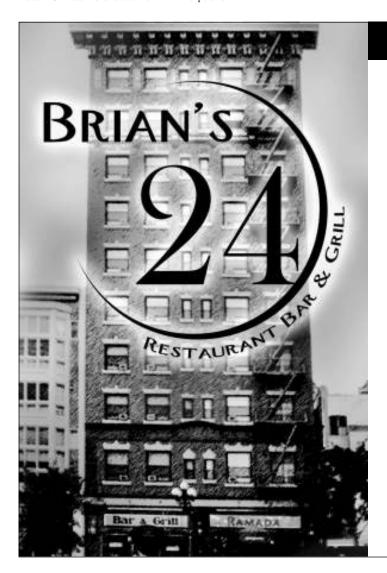
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**Bull and Bear Bar and Grill** 1271 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-0077. Bond-trader atmosphere, prole prices. Best bang for the buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Inexpensive.

Clay's La Jolla 7955 La Jolla Shores Dr., La Jolla, 858-551-3620. With a penthouse view of La Jolla, chef-owner Clay Bordan cooks up a seasonal California-fusion menu with international flavors, featuring organic vegetables, wild fish, naturally raised meats and fowl. Expensive.

Cliff Hanger Café 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Dr., La Jolla, 858-452-9858. Spectacular ocean view. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there are generous half-pound hamburgers. Inexpensive.

**Come On In** 1030B Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Suave Euro bistro with tree-shaded patio, serving sophisticated breakfasts and healthy lunches like fruit plates and veggie-mozzarella sandwiches. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive.

**The Cookie Lady Café and Bakery** 7596 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-1640. It's soup-and-sandwich land, and good in both departments. A half-and-half of turkey sandwich (with real house-roasted turkey) and Italian wedding soup will feed you all day for nearnothing. Inexpensive.

George's at the Cove — California Modern 1250 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-4244. George's at the Cove California Modern dining room continues to serve Chef Trey Foshee's ambitious California cuisine based on seasonal ingredients and emphasizing wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. Very expensiva

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-7381. Downhome eatery with a pretty patio, where the ham, steak, and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as are Hot Creamy Oatmeal with strawberries, pecan pancakes, and thin, crisp waffles. For lunch, turkey burgers and the British Burger are popular. Inexpensive.

**Jai** 2910 La Jolla Village Drive/UCSD Campus, La Jolla, 858-638-7778. Chic

Wolfgang Puck spinoff serves refined Asian fusion in beautiful woodsy setting, and you don't need tickets to L.J. Playhouse to enjoy it — it's all pure, playful pleasure. Expensive.

La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Solid food, like the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian stout) or the roasted potato. Best of all, the hefty, low-cholesterol buffalo burger. Inexpensive to moderate.

La Jolla Rancherita 7404 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-5877. When local spiny lobsters are in season (typically from late October to about February), here's one place that does them right. The juicy critters come with two melted-butter dips, tart coleslaw, and comforting mashed potatoes. Moderate

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Dr., La Jolla, 858-459-7222. Sea-level ocean view and Chef Bernard Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with fresh, exotic ingredients make every visit a voyage of discovery. Preparations are so elaborate, each menu listing reads like a whole tasting dinner. Expensive.

Marrakesh 634 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-454-2500. A dramatic Moroccan restaurant with tented ceilings and low-banquette "sheik" seating offers five-course prix fixe dinners with superb lentil soup, salad, chicken-filled phyllo pie, entrée, and orange-flower perfumed almond baklava. Best entrées: lamb with honey (when available), chicken with olives, duck. Moderate.

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Moderate.

Nine-Ten 910 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's culinary sophistication is big-city smart, offering adventurous seasonal cuisine emphasizing fresh sustainable or organic ingredients and fresh ideas, with flawless flavor matches. Expensive

Pannikin Coffee & Tea 7467 Girard Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Additional locations in Del Mar and Encinitas. Cute cottage decor. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and breakfast burrito. For lunch try chicken curry or fresh, generous "pannwiches" like ham or tuna. Inexpensive.

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Reserve for the garden patio to avoid indoor din. Exquisite, creative Italian dishes include fine sweetbreads, ravioli al limone, prosciutto-grilled romaine, and key lime-raspberry tart. Moderate to expensive.

**Roppongi** 875 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-5252. Gorgeous interior, large, heated street patio, Euro-Asian fusion menu with tapas and sushi as well as entrées. The treats of any size add up to expensive.

**Sante Ristorante** 7811 Herschel Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-1315. Fresh seafood specials are available every night. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Moderate (pastas) to expensive

The Shores Restaurant 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. The hotel restaurant with close-up sea views serves "Neighborhood American Cuisine" with a fun wine list. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive happy-hours bites 4 to 6pm

**Tapenade** 7612 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Major French chef Jean-Michel Diot presides at this bistro featuring sunny Provençal flavors, where the dishes balance creativity and rigorous technique. Some bargain early-bird dinners. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive (and worth it).

La Taverna 927 Silverado St., La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Italian homestyle, including chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage. If the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Moderate.

**Trattoria Acqua** 1298 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-0709. The seasonally changing menu could be called avant-garde Italian, a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with international influences. Desserts are superb. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive.

Whisknladle 1044 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-551-7575. This kitchen bakes its own bread and makes charcuterie/salumi from scratch. Among the pleasures are roasted bone marrow, chorizo-and-date fritters, pristine "simply grilled" sustainable fish, and delicate panna cotta. Moderate to expensive

**Zenbu** 7660 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-4540. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls. Don't miss the live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most week-

ends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood. Uppermoderate to expensive.

#### La Mesa

Antica Trattoria 5654 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-463-9919. Exuberant Italian food in family-friendly atmosphere. NY expats will rejoice at cooking and hospitality to equal Manhattan favorites. Moderate (pastas) to slightly expensive.

Ciao Bella Caffe Bar e Ristorante 5263 Baltimore Dr., La Mesa, 619-337-0238. Not your ordinary neighborhood Italian joint. Exciting dishes include Penne Ciao Bella (salmon, shrimp, and spinach in a light sauce), cartoccio (baked spaghetti with seafood) and San Remo pizza (with sunny-side-up eggs). Moderate.

GIO Bistro & Wine Bar 8384 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The vast garden patio is the main draw, however punishing the wiry patio chairs. The hit-or-miss menu of eclectic Cal-Ital-Asian-fusion offers "something for everyone" — but there's no "there" there. High-moderate.

Jitters Coffee 8201 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-460-4800. This small corner café is a local morning favorite. Flyin' Hawaiian waffle has macadamias, chocolate, banana syrup, whipped cream, but "plain" standards like the breakfast burrito are plain good. Lunches offer homemade soups, sandwiches, and salads. Inexpensive.

Johnny B's 4728 Fourth St., La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real '50s place with burgers and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. On Sundays (1 to 7pm only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat. Inexxensive.

Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-433-0180. Comfort food in generous quantities. All the omelets are four-eggers, with sides like biscuits and gravy. Evening meals include meat loaf, liver and onions, stuffed pork chops, whole (head-on) fish. Inexpensive.

Mario's de La Mesa 8425 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-9390. Tasty gringo-Mex food. Tamales are rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, browned to the barest crisp. Inexpensive.

**Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room** 7777 University
Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777. This rambling roadhouse reincarnates the Turf
Supper Club's DIY communal grill,
adding side dishes and desserts to the
marinated raw steaks, portobellos, etc.
Under 21 from 4 to 7 pm only; no reservations. Open late. Moderate.

West Coast Barbecue 6126 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-3663.

Pit-smoked Texas-style "Q," but more like the Bushes of Crawford than the soulful South. Best bets are full-flavored ribs, chicken wings, and authentic Texas bean-free chili with classic fixins. Low-moderate.

Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Café 6792 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-582-4024. A bike museum with food offers tasty toasted *panini* and cold sandwiches. Inexpensive.

#### Lakeside

The Kopper Kettle 12108 Woodside Ave., Lakeside, 619-561-0628. They "broast," or pressure-cook, the chicken and potatoes in oil. The result is tastier, crisper, less greasy chicken and crusty potato wedges with light centers. Also serving traditional American food like big-plate breakfasts and lunches. Inexnensive

The Neighbor's Pub and Grub 12169 Woodside Ave., Lakeside, 619-561-8890. A neighborhood place beloved by locals serves until midnight (2am weekends). Big portions of simple, filling food, with standard pub grub and daily specials like meat loaf, roast beef, fish 'n' chips, pork tenderloin. Inexpensive.

#### Lemon Grove

**Barnes Bar-B-Que** 2625 Lemon Grove Ave., Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. True Tennessee-style barbecue of meats and poultry slow-smoked tender over oak, plus mouthwatering Memphis-style soul food entrées and honest Deep-South sides. Inexpensive.

Charley's Famous Hamburgers 8213 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. An old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebabs. Inexpensive.

#### Leucadia

**La Especial Norte** 604 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. It's famed for superb soups — the Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the eggplant soup includes airy little croutons of puffed *relleno* batter. Inexpensive.

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 N. Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. Standard but generous breakfast and lunch fare in an old-time atmosphere has kept the place humming since the 1950s. Specials named after local characters. Inexpensive.

#### Lincoln Park

**Batter Up!** 342 Euclid Ave. #402, Lincoln Park, 619-262-3333. Casual, family-friendly small sports bar (beer only) with big patio offers fried seafood, thick sandwiches, and juicy Angus burgers with creative dressings, all well above the pub-grub norm. Inexpensive.

Magnolias 342 Euclid Ave. #403, Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. Soul food from Louisiana: the fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Low-moderate.

#### Linda Vista

Andrés Restaurant 1235 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-275-4114. Nice introduction to Cuban cuisine, including lush "Cuban sandwiches" of pork, ham and cheese, and *ropa vieja* ("old clothes") — shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, peppers, tomatoes. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Sab-E-Lee** 2405 Ulric St., Linda Vista, 858-650-6868. Tiny eatery serving authentic, fiery, fabulous food from northeast Thailand, as spicy as you want. Don't miss onion-rich tom yum soup or amazing liver salad. Look for "Linda Foods" awning. Cash only, BYO, no reservations, waits at prime-time. Inexpensive.

**Sushi Diner** 7530 Mesa College Dr., Linda Vista, 858-565-1179. Most places, you can eat good or cheap. Here, you can eat good *and* cheap. No surprise that students from Mesa College cram in at lunchtime for rolls, bowls, curries. Inexpensive.

#### Little Italy

Anthology 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. User-friendly, modern-American cuisine (local produce, natural meats, wonderful breads) in huge, chic jazz nightclub. Expensive on up, if you drink anything but tap water.

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Hwy., Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco pink palace at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky flavor. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Illume Bistro** 675 W. Beech St., Little Italy, 619-550-5600. California grazing cuisine with a Mediterranean accent featuring natural, sustainable, seasonal food products in simple preparations and medium-size portions, designed for sharing. Moderate.





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Indigo Grill 1536 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-6802. Deborah Scott expands her original Native-American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

Just Burgers 2034 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-234-7900. Juicy, healthy, grass-fed beef from happy healthy cows, with a wide choice of burger garnishes. Not cheap, but congratulations — you're PC. Inexpensive-moderate.

**Pappalecco** 1602 State St., Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Copy of a café in Pisa that three brothers created there, and now here. Meals are mostly salad-charcuterie-cheese combos. One delicious combo: the Rustico, varied Italian cold cuts with pungent goat cheese and bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Pete's Quality Meats** 1742-1/2 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Aficionados line up for Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Inexpensive.

**Po Pazzo** 1917 India St., Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted at 1700 degrees, and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the Sicilian steak. The pasta dishes and veggies are even better. Expensive.

**Puerto la Boca** 2060 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Uncompromised Argentine cooking here, emphasizing healthy grass-fed grilled beef but also lush seafood, pizzas, and lacto-vegetarian pastas. Starters include luscious beef or corn empanadas and the filling *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Moderate.

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-233-5757. Wetaged USDA Prime beefsteaks and roasts with "Continental" sauces, milk-fed calf's liver, plus some seafood and poultry. The chef is one of a few who can manage Beef Wellington correctly. Very expensive.

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India St., Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. Succulent veal is expertly grilled, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are zesty. Moderate.

#### Logan Heights

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Ave., Logan Heights, 619-234-4460. The Estudillo family has been serving Mexican food here for three generation. Rice, beans, pork tacos (no beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. Breakfast/lunch only. Inexpensive.

**La Doña** 1784 Newport Ave., Logan Heights, 619-233-4939. This historic café serves home cooking, Mexican style, with super-spicy salsa and meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans, *chicharrones*, *pozole*, and menudo. Inexpensive.

**La Fachada** 20 25th St., Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. Open until 3am (and 24 hours on weekends), this restaurant serves both Mexican and Anglo food. Good Western omelet breakfast, great Mexican seafood soups, and fun outdoor eating evenings until 11 pm. Inexpensive.

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Ave., Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. The specialty is fruits — in drinks, salads, and combos like pico de gallo (rooster's beak) with fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber dusted with cayenne). Also meat sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs. Inexpensive

**El Pollo Loco** 2795 Main St., Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Several San Diego locations. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, salty

skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. Inexpensive.

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Ave, Logan Heights, 619-236-0470. The menu depends on what Sister Pee Wee feels like cooking. You might find big pork ribs with soulful sides or fried chicken or catfish fillet with trimmings or chitlins (her specialty). Inexpensive.

**Tamale Cart** 1852 National Ave., Logan Heights, 619-338-9140. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include pork, beef, chicken, cheese, pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. Try the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with masa, chocolate, and cinnamon. Inexpensive.

#### Midway District

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock St., Midway District, 619-692-1410. Dishes of Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo. You can make a meal of appetizers like coxinhas, pasteles, croquetas, and kube (the Brazilian version of Lebanon's kibbe). Moderate.

Fairouz Café and Gallery 3166 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned restaurant for Lebanese and Greek food. The menu offers lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and exotic vegetarian meals, plus daily lunch and dinner buffets. Moderate.

Frankie "The Bull's" BBQ 1129 W. Morena Bl., Midway District, 619-276-2855. Genuine BBQ, tender meats, and poultry dry-rubbed with spices, smoked over mesquite-applewood chips, lightly sauced. (Order at the counter.) Masterpiece dish: dark, spicy, filé gumbo, served with a spectacularly moist jalapeño-spiked corn muffin. Patio seating. Moderate.

Hancock Street Café 3354 Hancock St., Midway District, 619-296-2060. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can expect a goodvalue special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll throw in a bottle of red wine. Inexpensive.

Mardi Gras Café 3185 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-223-5501. N'awlins-style food to eat in, to go, or to have catered at your party. Deli-grocery also sells the ingredients, including readymade roux, Cajun tasso (spiced ham), boudin blanc (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage in season. Inexpensive.

#### Mira Mesa

**Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q** 6904 Miramar Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-2333. Texas-style "Q" featuring marinade-mopped meats and poultry smoked "low and slow" over mesquite until tender, with picnic-fare sides. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Ashoka the Great** 9474 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Classic North Indian menu specializing in tandoori dishes. Numerous vegan and vegetarian choices, too. Buffet lunch daily and some dinners. Inexpensive.

**Bamboo Hut** 9172 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. A strip-mall taste of Hawaiian plate lunch and sushi, with outdoor wood-roofed patio. Uneven, but ahi poke, chicken katsu, and Rainbow Roll are good. Inexpensive.

**Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant** 9225 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. Hospitable chef-owner Kim Trang makes excellent *pho bo* (beef noodle soup) but also offers hundreds of other items, all cooked home style. Inexpensive.

**Buca di Beppo** 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Downtown. Try *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff in vast family-friendly quantities, but you're having fun. Inexpensive to moderate.

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-5522. Friday or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families coming for the allyou-can-eat buffet of Punjabi and Gujarati specialties, including aloo curry, chhole (garbanzo beans), bengan bartha (eggplant), and sensational Asianmango desserts. Inexpensive.

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. Vegetarian cuisine of South India, centering on stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp, crepe-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.) Inexpensive.

Super Buffet 8998 Miramar Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-1888. Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*. The fresh sashimi — such as salmon or tuna — is scrumptious. Don't miss the chicken feet. Inexpensive.

#### Mission Beach

**Café Joié** 3231 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Inexpensive.

The Mission Café and Coffee House 3795 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Eco-conscious breakfasts and lunches. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberrybanana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. Inexpensive.

**Red Marlin** Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina, 1441 Quivira Rd., Mission Beach, 619-224-1234. Blissful bay view, with hotel food enlivened by Chef de Cuisine Danny Bannister. Want Kurobuta pork medium-rare? He knows the secret. And his blue crab cake is all crab, minimal filler. Expensive.

Saska's & Saska's Sushi 3768 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. Service till midnight or later. Moderate.

**Sportsmen's Seafoods** 1617 Quivira Rd., Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy fish 'n' chips platter. Inexpensive.

#### Mission Hills

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India St., Mission Hills, 619-497-0914. Delicious simple fish cookery in no-frills eatery, plus a fish counter offering restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood including big, buttery oysters. Inexpensive to low-mod-

Gathering Bar and Grill 902 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-260-400. Familiar comfort fare, like the Southwest burger (avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa) or the Monte Cristo sandwich. Owner does magic card tricks around 6pm some evenings. Inexpensive.

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299-0333. The deep-fried taquitos are their top-selling item. But try Burrito Indio, a wheat tortilla stuffed with marinated





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zucchini, corn, beans, onions, cheese, and tomato, and the potato burrito, another good vegetarian choice. Inexpensive.

**Izakaya Masa** 928 Ft. Stockton Dr., Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. Friendly spot serves interesting Japanese tapas. Among the hits: crunchy, spicy *chuka kurage* (jellyfish salad); fried oysters (*kaki*); ethereal fried tofu in broth; and *kara-age* (spicy fried chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Saffron Noodles and Saté 3737 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy Thai chicken grilling that gets you. Choice of five sauces, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try delicious, spicy noodle soups, like Tom Yum with shrimp. Inexpensive

**Saffron Thai Grilled Chicken** 3731 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-0177. Saffron Noodles and Saté is sitdown, all about Thai noodles and sake. Next door, take-out only, owner Su-Mei Yu serves skewered grilled chicken marinated in garlic, ginger, and spices. Delicious green curry, too. Inexpensive.

**Sausage King** 811 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. The German couple who run this place make 34 sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. Inexpensive.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India 5t., Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. English pub grub is bluff and plainspoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing). Inexpensive

**Starlite** 3175 India St., Mission Hills, 619-358-9766. The California-Mediterranean cuisine features naturally raised meats, house-made pasta and sausages, local produce. The Jidori chicken and Prime flat iron steak are knockouts; so is a toffee-chip ice cream sandwich. Nice back-patio seating. Moderate.

**Venissimo Cheese** 754 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese... fruity, moldy, runny, stinky... Any cheese in the house, same price: around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it. Inexpensive.

#### Mission Valley

Bali Thai Café 407 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0800. This cute spot mingles chefs and disher from Indonesia and Thailand. Standard Thai fare, but unique Balinese corn fritters, spicy shrimp, comforting chicken noodle soup. No reservations on weekends. Low-moderate.

**Bully's East** 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery

in San Diego. Or try the Bully Burger, French dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

**Ikea Restaurant** 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166. Healthy Swedish food amidst Nordic housewares: meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. Inexpensive.

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. Generously sized entrées come with soup or salad and two hefty side dishes. The menu changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Moderate.

**Seau's** 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Vast sports bar offers 70 TV screens and varied pub grub: pizza, hefty burgers, wings with three sauces, sushi, and Junior Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Inexpensive to moderate.

**24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant** 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017. Hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Better yet, breakfast around the clock. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Uno Chicago Bar and Grill** 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-298-1866. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with Angus top sirloins. Inexpensive to moderate.

#### **National City**

**Asian Noodle** 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-5390. The main dish is Filipino-style chicken soup with egg noodles—a little bland, but filling. *Siopao* (stuffed steamed buns) make a good accompaniment—or try "sweet spaghetti." Inexpensive.

**The Barbecue Pit** 920 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-2244. Rustic timber, knotty pine, animal heads on the walls, and meats cooked true Southern BBO style, over oak. Inexpensive.

Birrias, Chivos & Cheves 2401 Highland Ave., National City, 619-477-7660. Also 2709 Imperial Ave., Logan Heights, 619-236-8012. Goat is what you get here, and it's good. Guadalajara style. The taste is rich but not too gamey. Inexpensive.

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Ave., National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Many are very good — marinated baby octopuses, mussels topped with melted cheese, roast beef au jus. Plus groaning salad bars, adequate sushi. Inexpensive. Dakine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Rd., National City, 619-477-8494. Although the Hawaiian-style kalua pig here isn't cooked in a hole in the ground, it tastes like the real thing and comes with an islander plateload of cabbage, rice, mac salad, and kimchi. Inexpensive.

**Filipino Desserts Plus** 2220-Q E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-479-6748. The pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Inexpensive.

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-474-5546. The soups, tom kah (spicy coconut) and tom yum (hot and sour), are good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious panang coconut-curry sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

**McDini's** 105 E. 8th St., National City, 619-474-6771. Open continuously since 1890 in various locations, now under a new owner who spiffed up the room. The eats are hearty diner-style food like Irish breakfasts, meat loaf sandwiches, roast beef. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Point-Point Joint** 916 E. 8th St., National City, 619-474-2866. Dozens of Filipino dishes are available, from the familiar (chicken grilled on a bamboo spit) to more mysterious choices like *kare-kare* (peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) and *dinuguan* (pork meat and blood stew). Inexpensive.

#### **Normal Heights**

Antique Row Café 3002 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Fill up on all-day breakfasts including huge omelets; Philly Steak Heaven (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is a popular lunchtime dish. Inexpensive.

Cantina Mayahuel 2934 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-283-6292. Small room, short menu of fine, authentic mainland cooking including specials like complex house-made mole poblano and Oaxacan black mole, Chili Colorado (slow-cooked beef), or Yucatán seafood stew. Inexpensive.

Jayne's Gastropub 4677 30th St., Normal Heights, 619-563-1011. Clamorous interior, but you'll find sophisticated southern-European appetizers like hummus, fried calamari, and Spanishstyle shrimp with garlic. Entrées run to comfort food. Grazing dinners moderate, mains moderate to expensive.

Jyoti Bihanga 3351 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Bengali-tinged vegetarian health food from Sri Chinmoy devotees can be delicious. Chutney-topped Neatloaf bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, Infinite Blue (brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing). Inexpensive

#### North Park

Alexander's 3391 30th St., North Park, 619-281-2539. A spin-off of Old Venice, serving neighborhood-style Italian with Greek touches, including interesting specials and imaginative thin-crust pizzas. Loud, bright interior; sweet, dim back patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

Apertivo 3926 30th St., North Park, 619-297-7799. Wine-bar/bistro offers tapas of scaled-down Italian classics, including tasty prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, lemon cheesecake mousse. Noisy, no reservations, packed on weekends. Inexpending

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-295-0156. Now, as in the '30s, chicken pie comes with chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert. Inexpensive.

El Comal 3946 Illinois St., North Park, 619-294-8292. Also 262 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-420-3811. Home cooking from the mainland (Michoacan, Guerrero, others). Stuffed tortilla dishes (no numbered combos) are appetizers or lunches. For entrées, look to casseroles like tongue in tomatillo sauce, tender goat in a lively red "barbecue" sauce, and sweet-spicy mole poblano chicken. Inexpensive.

Crazee Burger 4201 30th St., North Park, 619-282-6044. You'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), each with its own individualized seasoning and sauce, plus salads. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Hawthorn's Restaurant 2895 University Ave., North Park, 619-295-1688. When this Banker's Hill restaurant moved to new digs here, the change proved positive. Mediterranean-influenced menu choices are fewer but better, with seasonal locally grown vegetables matched to the individual entrées. Expensive.

Heaven Sent Desserts 3001 University Ave., North Park, 619-793-4758. Cookies, tarts, pies, custards, puddings, and intricate cakes and ice cream fantasias. The style is rich and often fancy with choices ranging from American favorites to ethereal Euro-style elaborations. Inexpensive.

**Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria** 3448 30th St., North Park, 619-295-1720. The ultimate is Lefty's "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, 8-pound monster that needs on hour "make and bake" time. They do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

**The Linkery** 3794 30th St., North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow

food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. The focus is on sausages. Some of the best include the juicy "super bison Mexi-dog," the linguisa, and the Polynesian pork. Moderate.

Marie's Café 3016 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-0142. Old-time diner serving generous portions, 24 hours Wednesday through Saturday, shorter hours other days. Try the three-egger breakfast omelet with Italian sausage, avocado, and olives. If Erik's smokin' up some ribs (you'll smell them half a block away), grab them. Inexpensive.

**Old World Deli & Café** 3930 30th St., North Park, 619-238-0568. Fine mittel-European casual food, with house-made sauerkraut the badge of honor. Try the bounteous sausage platter or the Great Grilled Grueben sandwich. Inexpensive.

The Philly Grill 2041 University Ave., North Park, 619-688-9437. This tiny café takes Philly cheese steak seriously: delicious thin slabs of rib-eye steak with "fourteen-ingredient seasoning" plus onions, cheese, optional mushrooms — and garlic. Plus a Philly hoagie and an Atkins Lite Philly (on lettuce). Moderate.

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-297-4007. Georgian food sings with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht, the lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout. Moderate.

The Ritual Tavern 4095 30th St., North Park, 619-283-1618. A quiet, civ-lized tavern serving Niman meats, Ji-dori chicken, locally grown organic vegetables, and a mouth-filling, étouffée-thick Saddlebrush (Yankee) gumbo that's not remotely Cajun or Creole (it's got carrots but no okra or file). Moderate.

**Sea Rocket Bistro** 3382 30th St., North Park, 619-255-7049. Sea urchin bisque and grilled fresh sardines are top picks, along with plump, seared Baja scallops, and any dish with Carlsbad mussels. Noisy room. Moderate.

Sicilian Thing Pizza 4046 30th St., North Park, 619-282-3000. Sicilian-style pizzas are inch-thick, bready, but lighter than Chicago deep dish. When you order, they add sauce, cheese, and put it back in the oven to double cook. Open late. Inexpensive.

El Sol Mexican Restaurant 2037 University Ave., North Park, 619-298-0874. Miguel "Nacho" Madera does breakfasts and Mexican food, including seafood (ceviche tostada is great). But if you want the burger, ask for his Clintonburger with cheese and bacon. Inexpensive.

**Tioli's Crazy Burger** 4201 30th St., North Park, 619-282-6044. You'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), each with its own individualized seasoning and sauce, plus salads. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

**Urban Solace** 3823 30th St., North Park, 619-295-6464. American comfort food with a faint Southern accent, including, sweet potato fries, a big burger made of Brandt Natural Beef "cooked your way" (and rare is reasonably safe). Great "bluegrass brunches" with live music. Moderate.

Zensei Sushi 3396 30th St., North Park, 619-546-6171. The sushi is well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The party rolls (like Stuffed Tomato or Honeymooners) may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Moderate.

#### Ocean Beach

**The Bar-B-Que House** 5025 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. Genuine "Q" of meats and poultry smoked "low and slow" over oak, then charbroiled. Southern-style sandwich (choice of protein plus coleslaw and tangy, spicy sauce) is a good value. Inexpensive.

**Kaiserhof** 2253 Sunset Cliffs Bl., Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Big, convivial German *Bierstube* with all the usual dishes. Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. Avoid entrées with one-sauce-fits-all brown gravy. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Moderate.

Livingston's Chicken and Mexican Grill 5026 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-224-8088. "Broasted" chicken — pressure cooked in oil — is tastier and less greasy than standard fried chicken. Or try garlicky "potato Jo-Jo's," a California burrito, or pork salsa verde plate. Until midnight weekdays; 2am weekends. Inexpensive.

Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-Op Deli 4765 Voltaire St., Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. Virtuous, mainly vegan prepared dishes include garlic eggplant with beet and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, veggie shepherd's pie, "mango madness." Inexpensive

Portugalia 4839 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. The menu is split between the homeland and Brazil, including coconut-milk-swathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia rarely found locally. Enjoy salt cod fritters, fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp, codfish with chickpeas. Moderate.

Roots 4976 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-9000. Tiny vegan-organic eatery offers crunchy wraps like the Thai Peanut and the Arti (artichoke hearts, feta cheese). Interesting sandwiches include portobello mushroom with tomato and provolone on ciabatta or the Avo (avocado, onion, and tomato). Inexpensive to moderate.





**Sapporo Japanese Restaurant** 5049 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. Lunchtime specials give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo like chicken teriyaki and California rolks and white rice. Other specials include *yaki soba, champon* noodle soup, and the chicken bowl. Inexpensive.

**3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro** 2265 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Also 897 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-942-2104. Eclectic dishes designed to go with wine until late evening, with bottles a pittance over retail. Low-moderate.

#### Oceanside

**Azafran** 1001 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-435-0005. Cuban cuisine. Try the house-baked breads, the tender roast pork with garlicky *mojo* sauce, or the traditional Cuban pressed sandwich oozing ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles. Inexpensive.

Hill Street Cafe & Gallery 524 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in O'side, including Cajun chicken for lunch and breakfasts oftofu/spinach scramble and pan perdu (to us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Inexpensive.

Johnny Mañanas 308 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-9999. On the mainly Mexican menu there's a Caribbean chocolate-y, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. Inexpensive.

Oceanside Café 1938 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. Dieter's Downfall — a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and cheddar — is wicked. Inexpensive.

**101 Café** 631 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. Try the Original Cheeseburger with secret sauce. Inexpensive.

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-0124. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced over salad, and the gyros mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials and meaty burgers. Inexpen-

Ruby's Diner 1 Oceanside Pier, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Ruby's is part of a themed '40s-diner chain. Red-leatherette-and-chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, and that view to Hawaii. Good-sized servings — try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive.

#### Old Town

**El Agave** 2304 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-220-0692. Serious Mexican food highlighting mainland regional cuisines, including five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas).

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs St., Old Town, 619-295-2343. The culinary pick hits of all the Americas including superb Chilean empanadas and pastel de choclo corn pudding, Peru's herbal seco de cordero meat stew, earthy Guatemalan chilemal. Moderate.

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney St., Old Town, 619-295-3272. Also 301 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-967-1820. These trendy spots draw mainly under-35 scenesters with a DJ turning up the amps, a vast choice of sakes, and a menu of sushi (heavy on the party rolls), Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées. Sushi lower than most, entrées moderate.

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-294-2074. The traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crabmeat, or the scampi dishes. Moderate.

**Zócalo Grill** 2444 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-298-9840. Tropical something for everyone — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from pineapple or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Moderate.

#### **Pacific Beach**

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. Try the Road Kill sandwich (grilled chicken breast with hot sauce and cheese) or the huge, baroque Aussie Burger. Inexpensive.

**Baleen** 1404 Vacation Rd., Pacific Beach, 858-490-6364. The menu features seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, in a room with a water view and monkey-motif decor. Very expensive.

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. Also 624 E St., Downtown, 619-237-9990. The Kiwi owners guarantee healthy, hormone-free, organic beef and lamb from New Zealand — mainly in burgers, from grass-fed organic beef burgers to lamb burgers with wasabi dip. Inexpensive

Broken Yolk Café 1851 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Additional locations in Chula Vista and Carlsbad. Breakfasting P.B.ers love this place for the sundeck, the 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. Inexpensive

**Café Athena** 1846 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Charming setting with folk art, live blues, offering Louisiana fare in dire need of a refresher course (avoid the jambalaya). Safest choices: crawfish bisque, lush "purple fries" (eggplant), gumbo. Highmoderate.

**Costa Brava** 1653 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. The garlicrich Spanish cuisine here includes tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Moderate.

The Fishery 5040 Cass St., Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. The Fishery's menu is extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahimahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish 'n' chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées. Moderate to expensive.

The French Gourmet 960
Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-4881725. Classic French dishes — pâté, ratatouille, calf's liver — in a homey atmosphere. Start off with escargots or mussels and hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Fine dessert pastries and cheese plate. Moderate to expensive.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. Classy Chinese all-you-can-eatarama offers great surf 'n' turf possibilities, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or crab and roast duck. Or choose mayonnaise mussels or caramel-y Japanese charcoal-grilled eel (unagi) on rice. Inexpensive

**Gringo's** 4474 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. This noisy, popular indoor-outdoor venue is better than its name implies, with fresh, skillful cooking of slightly dumbed-down, gentled Mexican cuisine like you might find in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta. Moderate.

Hoboken Pizza & Beer Joint 1459 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-7766. They offer thin-crust East Coast-style pizza or inch-thick, square Sicilian pizza. Crusts are airy and crunchy, and they paddle-slide your slice into the oven to finish it off, fresh and hot. Open late. Inexpensive.

Isabel's Cantina 966 Felspar St., Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. Cheerful spin-off of Mission Café serves Latin-Asian-sorta health food. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals and include luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

**JRDN** 723 Felspar St., Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. Beachfront dining room

and patio, with dishes covering the waterfront, ranging from mac 'n' cheese to die for to a sexy, fruited gazpacho to swoon over. Chic, relaxed atmosphere, great grazing, youngish crowd. Entrées expensive.

Joe's Crab Shack 4325 Ocean Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. Additional locations in Mission Valley, Oceanside, and Downtown. Buckets of crab or fried or grilled seafood in raucous, kid-friendly atmosphere. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475-C Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. Tempting dishes delivered to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. The sushi chefs have the panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls and spider rolls are tasty too. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Karinya Thai** 825 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. Try tom yum kung (hot and sour shrimp soup), a meal in itself served over a charcoal fire at your table, or pad talay, sautéed seafoods in spicy sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Kono's** 704 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. Chow down on a patio on the pier at this inside-outside café, the prototypical California surfer hangout. Tourists and locals alike flock here for generous breakfasts and burgers. Inexpensive.

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont St., Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. P.B.'s most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold Mex/Asian/Cajun flavors. Salmo over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. Moderate.

Latin Chef 1142 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-8810. Peruvian and Chinese-Peruvian cuisine cooked with rare, authentic ingredients, including canchitos (special toasted corn kernels) to nibble instead of bread. Outstanding anticuchos (heart kebabs) and refreshing ceviches. Friendly owner gladly explains the food. Inexpensive.

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açai*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast, adding your choices of granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces. Inexpensive.

The Surfside 4527 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and California coastal cuisine, e.g., fusion-y tapas, many going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. Sushi bar with friendly chefs takes reservations. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

**Sushi Ota** 4529 Mission Bay Dr., Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. This renowned sushi bar offers pristine seafood, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. And beauty, of course, like the sashimi of a whole small Spanish mackerel bent into

the shape of a swelling sail. Moderate to expensive.

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Dr., Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Right on the boardwalk with sea view, the prime rib, surf 'n' turf, and tournedos are fine. To beat the big prices, try the beach burger or seared ahi Caesar salad. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive.

Zanzibar Café 976 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-4762. Also 707 G St., Downtown, 619-230-0125. Casual food until 11pm or later. The three-egg breakfast scramble is great. So are the avocado fontina cheese omelet and eggs Benedict with non-Canadian bacon, and the indulgent blueberry buttermilk pancakes. Inexpensive.

#### Pine Valley

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Old West atmosphere, vintage American food including hefty anytime breakfasts (bulging omelets, chicken-fried steak with eggs). Their burgers are big, their chili is legendary, and the dinner rib-eye steak can make city folks swoon. Inexpensive.

#### Point Loma

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. The kitchen features seafood, juicy meats, and Prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preshow prix fixe upper-moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive.

The Pearl 1410 Rosecrans St., Point Loma, 619-226-6100. The fare is California-eclectic and emphasizes grazing, with local produce and sustainable meat and fish. Candied pork belly, "deconstructed" shrimp nachos, wings du jour, and salmon with skin are among the hits. Moderate.

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-223-3030. Vintage waterside eatery serves seafood and steaks of uneven quality. Start with clams on the half-shell or clam chowder. Coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure; finfish fare less well. Lowmoderate.

Roseville 1125 Rosecrans St., Point Loma, 619-450-6800. Chef Amy DiBiase invokes French classics but with twists and local produce, e.g., asparagus subbing for frisée in a bistro salad with pancetta and egg or flawless duck confit that's France's answer to Peking duck. Expensive.

Solare Ristorante Lounge 2820 Roosevelt Rd., NTC Promenade, Point Loma, 619-270-9670. Northern Italian cuisine with Asian-fusion touches like a sea bream carpaccio with lychees. The chef cooks from scratch with mainly local or organic ingredients, including Brandt beef. Pastas moderate, entrées expensive.

**Tender Greens** 2400 Historic Decatur Rd., Point Loma, 619-226-6254. This "healthy food" chain features great soups, desserts, and local, organic produce served cafeteria style with or without mesquite-grilled natural beef, freerange chicken, or local tuna in salads or ciabatta sandwiches. Inexpensive.

**Umi Sushi** 2806 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-226-1135. Japanese and Korean entrées such as *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen) chicken/seafood/beef, Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and spicy Crazy Boy "krab" roll. Inexpensive to moderate.

#### Ramona

Kountry Kitchen Ramona 826 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-3200. The still open at 5am for the farmers. Try the Italian Sausage breakfast, a sausage with a rich, sharp flavor, with eggs and hash browns. Or the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausage or bacon. Inexpensive.

#### Rancho Bernardo

Bernard' O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Brilliant modern takes on French classics. You want to know what genuine (California-adapted) bouillabaisse should be? Or squab at its best? This is the place — and desserts are ravishing, too. Expensive but not exorbitant.

El Bizcocho 17550 Bernardo Oaks Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. This deluxe resort restaurant features cutting-edge French and Asian (but not exactly fusion) dishes made with fresh, superb local ingredients and modern "molecular" techniques, producing flavor explosions to thrill culinary adventurers. Very expensive.

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. At this romantic restaurant with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting, the menu offers classic Gallic dishes, but ingredients and execution can be inconsistent night to night. Moderate.

**Hunan** 16719 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan, de-spiced for SoCal suburbanites. Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are tasty. Inexpensive.

**Pearl Chinese Cuisine** 11666 Avena Pl., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. Authentic Hong Kong cuisine, beautiful setting. Daytime dim sum in-

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cludes irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to "gold cup" dishes. Try the sea bass with pine nuts. Moderate, with some expensive specialties.

#### Rancho Santa Fe

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-433-0483. A great neighborhood French bistro where Philippe Verpiand offers seasonal dishes emphasizing his home region Provence. Don't miss panisse, a chickpea cake with marshmallow texture. Great coq au vin, slow-baked salmon, crisp-skinned duck confit. Moderate to very expensive.

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias. Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. The daily changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by chef Martin Woesle. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. Very expensive.

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, the French...actually, anyone with taste buds. Enjoy an entrée of Prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, or chicken. Very expensive.

#### San Marcos

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Also 417 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-434-6777. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu. The Manhattan chowder is tasty, as is their "krab" salad. Moderate.

#### Santa Ysabel

The Hideout Steakhouse and **Saloon** 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. Colorful historic roadhouse draws Harley-riding weekend day-trippers. Cheeseburgers are the default dish. Available are a "Texas-sized baked potato," salad, and squaw bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

#### Santee

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-449-9032. Here's generosity: order just one potato taco from Luis Gabriel, and you get tortilla chips and salsa. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and (inside) scrumptious

sautéed potatoes. Great terrace view Inexpensive.

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-596 You can't beat their omelets, all 19 of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, cheddar, or American) to the Factory Omelette (a build-yourown: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). Inexpensive.

#### Scripps Ranch

Chez Nous Gourmet Deli-Café 9821 Carroll Canyon Rd., Scripps Ranch, 858-566-4766. Their roast beef with ginger-garlic and Dijon sandwich, their spicy chicken melt, or the leg of lamb they roast each day to make a juicy lamb sandwich — all original. Inexpensive.

#### Solana Beach

Beach Grass Café 159 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Also 1476 Encinitas Bl., Encinitas, 760-942-2741. Imaginative breakfasts are the specialty (reservations vital on weekends). Lunches and dinners feature uneven multiethnic "coastal cuiwith good veggies. Moderate to slightly expensive.

Blanca 437 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-792-0072. Sleek, sophisticated cuisine with perfect seasonal in gredients, so radiantly prepared that diners must rouse to rapt attention. Expensive on up, but offerings include a value-priced prix fixe dinner.

California Pizza Kitchen 437 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999. Additional locations in Mission Valley, Carmel Mountain, University City, Vista, Chula Vista. The Original BBQ Chicken Pizza, the chain's first hit, is their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. Inexpensive to moderate.

Nobu Gourmet Japanese Restaurant 315 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The friendly sushi bar of our local, not-famous Nobu offers fine classic sushi and sashimi, or settle into a booth for a standard Japanese dinner. Try monkfish liver pâté and *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup. Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive.

Pacific Coast Grill 437 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. A free-form menu integrates Mexican Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into SoCal comfort cooking. Try the Bag of Bones (house-smoked pork ribs) and any fruit creation for dessert. Moderate to ex-

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de e, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom cappuccino soup, and tarte tatin. Dinners expensive.

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Dr., Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. The sushi is ultra-fresh, and the friendly chefs make their compositions look beautiful. Also Japanese dinners, special *kaiseki* meals, and a *tep-pan* room. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some teppan items expensive.

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Ave., Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Try the La Colonia combination: just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla is delicious. Inexpensive.

Zinc Café & Market 132 S Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. Vegetarian menu offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger are tasty, too. Inexpensive.

#### Sorrento Valley

Corner House Café & Pizzeria

11815 Sorrento Valley Rd., Sorrento Valley, 858-755-3183. You lunch outside in country-style gardens, hidden inside a glossy business park. Sandwiches reign: try the Ironman (chicken, avocado, cheese) or Sorrento's Choice (turkey, cream cheese, sunflower seeds) Sophisticated pastas, too. Inexpensive.

The Grill 10920 Roselle St. Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. The Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials like the luscious Philly cheese steak. Inex-

**Karl Strauss Brewing Company** 9675 Scranton Rd., Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739. Additional locations in La Jolla, Carlsbad, and Downtown, Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like the mountainous Hump Day meat loaf (Wednesday). Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Moderate.

WineSellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples St., Sorrento Valley, 858-450-9557. Luxurious modern French cooking, upscale but comfortable, with vast wine list at minimal markups from wine store downstairs. Lunches highmoderate, dinners very expensive.

#### South Park

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape St., South Park, 619-234-5789. Judy "the Beauty" Forman presides over this highly social scene of big healthy breakfasts and lunches, including from-scratch waffles, muffins, omelets and scrambles, vegan choices. Inexpensive.

Vagabond 2310 30th St., South Park, 619-255-1035. Eclectic bistro fare, French-based but with ever-changing global menu. Don't miss the *moules*frites or the deep-flavored Peruvian seco de carne meat stew. Noisy when full. Moderate

#### Southcrest

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 S. 43rd St., Southcrest, 619-264-6525. A bright, '70s-style breakfast-all-day spot where long-time owner Su Cha Yang also caters to vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Try the ham, bacon, mushroom "hunter" omelet, or fill up on the pork chop plate. Inexpensive.

Sang Dao 4212 National Ave. Southcrest, 619-263-0914. Family-run Laotian restaurant offers delicious, exotically spiced catfish, BBQ beef, som tum (papaya salad), and especially the spicy minced meat salad called *larb*, the national dish. Inexpensive.

#### Spring Valley

**Ranas** 9683 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. Mexico City-style nu includes unexpected taste combos, like pollo en salsa de cacahuate (Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce) and Aztec huarache (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa). Inexpensive.

#### University City

Café Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, University City, 858-450-3355. Chic scene where men with Bentleys and glam gals nibble above-average sushi and Asian fusion, especially on jam-packed Thursday nights. Best bet: graze on appetizers and creative party rolls. No reservations for sushi bar, so come early. Very expensive.

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Dr., University City, 858-450-6666. Classic steakhouse atmosphere and menu, with traditional appetizers, wet-aged Prime beefsteaks gas-grilled to order (with potato and vegetable included). Sauces are extra, and a side of creamed spinach is worth its price. Very expensive.

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar 8970 University Center Lane, University City, 858-535-0078. Also 380 K St., Downtown, 619-237-1155. Less masculine atmosphere than many steakhouses, but wet-aged Prime steaks are still the main event. Great wine list. Very expensive.

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Dr., University City, 858-678-0950. This chain serves one big, fresh meal. Stuff your raw meat and veggies into your bowl

and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hot plate, and add noodles. Inex-

P. F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Dr., University City, 858-458-9007. Additional locations in Mission Valley and Chula Vista. The decor at this busy Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) is fun; the food is mainly mediocre, but the massive Great Wall of Chocolate dessert will knock you over.

**Venice Ristorante Italiano** 4365 Executive Dr., University City, 858-597-1188. Refined northern Italian dishes include an antipasto assortment, lush pastas, and airy gnocchi, while nonclichéd entrées including duck breast with pistachios and veal rack with porcini mushrooms. Long happy hour in bar with deep discounts, otherwise upper-moderate to expensive.

#### University Heights

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Ave., University Heights, 619-298-8440. Eclectic, ever-changing menu can be hit or miss, but soups are good, and lavender-infused crème brûlée makes an aromatic dessert. Inexpensive to moderate.

**Brians' American Eatery** 1451 Washington St., University Heights, 619-296-8268. Open all night on weekends, and late night is a scene. But for many, breakfast is the thing: Charbroiled top sirloin with eggs and potatoes is a Saturday morning treat. Inexpensive.

Café One Three 4207 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-260-1311. Cozy (but noisy) neighborhood café with small street-side patio features healthy cooking, local produce, ample vegetarian options. Desserts include sugar-free treats from Indulgence, Moderate, with inexpensive early-bird weeknight din-

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-8661. The most popular lunch at this Greek deli with a patio is lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special — Fridays and Saturdays — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Inexpensive.

Farm House Café 2121 Adams Ave University Heights, 619-269-9662. At this charming spot in a near-rural corner of the central city, chef-owner Olivier Bioteau serves rustic but sophisticated French cuisine, including creative chocolates for dessert. Dinner moderate brunch inexpensive to moderate.

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-295-2244. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious corn muffins. Caiun-Creole efforts are uneven. Moderate to slightly expensive.

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama St., University Heights, 619-688-0717. The round Lebanese oven cooks flat bread (sajj ) that goes with baba ghanoush (eggplant dip) and fool madamas (fava and garbanzo stew). Must-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap, falafel wrap, and savory meat pie. Inexpensive.

Muzita Abyssinian Bistro 4651 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-546-7900. Hospitable intro to veg-rich Ethiopian/Eritrean cuisine, served family-style, to eat using healthy wholegrain spongy pancakes to pick up sa-vory morsels. Try Ethiopian beers or crisp honey wine. No wheelchair access to interior. Moderate.

Park Boulevard Cafe 4646 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-5248. The menu offers authentic Iraqi dishes plus echoes of Vietnam and Italy. Try Vietnamese-style coconut milk soup or lamb shank with red curry sauce and couscous. Open until late except Mondays. Inexpensive.

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4645 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-2801. Try the pomegranate soup or the strawberry tab-bouleh salad. Ghourmeh sabzi is a lamb stew. Koufteh-Berenji is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. Inexpensive.

El Zarape 4642 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-682-1652. This stylish little restaurant is proof that not all taco shop food is equal — try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada with generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat, or scallop burritos or well-prepared soups. Inexpensive.

#### Valencia Park

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Impe rial Ave., Valencia Park, 619-264-3115. Longstanding soul food restaurant, serving until 1am weekends. Try gravysmothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, and rice, or Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Inexpensive

#### Valley Center

Cabana Cove 777 Harrah's Way, Valmenu, from surfing spots around the world, includes terrific smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Moderate.

Fiore's 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. The casino's most upscale restaurant offers luscious Angus steaks and numerous seafood entrées. For lighter eating there's an ovster bar attached. Best attraction: the long, adventurous wine list. Moderate oyster bar; upper-moderate to very expensive in restaurant.



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#### He must bear some culpability for our baser expectations.

he art-house patron can only take what he gets. Last time out I noted that the Japanese director of Departures, Yojiro Takita, though he has literally dozens of films in his

résumé, was a new name in these parts. Context is nonexistent. The new name this week, though his previous films could be counted on the fin-

gers of both hands, no thumbs, is Götz Spielmann, the Austrian writer and director of the tantalizing if ultimately unsatisfying thriller, Revanche. We might wish at least that we had had the opportunity, as those in busier markets had had, to see his notorious Antares, with its (so they say) explicit sexuality. For the curious, the film would be available from Netflix. But then, so would thousands of others, including three action films from Yojiro Takita, apparent departures from Departures — or, more likely, vice versa. Where to start? Where to stop? The reality is, we depend on the art house to provide "alternative" fare, but we cannot depend on it to provide context and continuity. Hit or miss. Like it or lump it.

We could wish additionally, and even more hopelessly, that we had had a firmer grounding in Austrian cinema. On the present evidence, Spielmann betrays a marked kinship with his better-known countryman (owing to his working outside his native country) Michael Haneke: a high degree of orderliness and cleanliness in his visuals, the meticulous plotting and meas-

ured pace, no incidental music for emotional cues, a penchant for unsettlement, a palpable suspense in the strictest sense of not knowing what's coming, but a coolness and dispassion

> in outlook, a refusal to identify overmuch with any of the participants. How far this represents a national character is an open question, and

a broad one. How far it represents a conscious emulation is a narrower question, but still open.

The opening shot of the film, a long-held reflection of upside-down trees in a tranquil lake suddenly shattered by a plopped rock, is the rough equivalent of Haneke's opening to Funny *Games* — the opera on the car stereo interrupted by shrieking metal rock except Spielmann's opening is easier on the ears, and it's perfectly natural and unforced. (The moment will be replayed in proper chronology much later on.) All the same, it serves warning. And it serves as synopsis. The initial situation unfolds far from bucolic tranquility. An Austrian Viggo Mortensen (Johannes Krisch, lean, sinewy, and wolfish), an ex-convict employed as a custodian in a Viennese house of illrepute, is carrying on in secret a heartfelt affair with an immigrant Ukrainian sex worker deep in debt to the slave-driving owner. The ex-con, on a dutiful visit to his failing grandfather at a small farm in the country, nextdoor neighbor to a uniformed policeman and his wife, sizes up the local



bank as an easy knockover, a fast exit from servitude. It all sets up nicely, and it develops unpredictably, and I hope I'm not giving away too much when I say that it has a surprise nonending. My own feeling about the ending is that if we're going to be dragged through a seedy sex club, past some stickup clichés (the girlfriend: "I have a bad feeling"; the boyfriend: "Nothing can go wrong"), and into a classic revenge scenario pitting two tortured men, cop and robber, in a game of catand-mouse, then we might not be prepared to ascend to the high-minded summit that Spielmann has in his sights. He must bear some culpability for our baser expectations. It's all very well to rise above genre conventions, yet the film is arguably more reward-

ing when not rising above. Genre conventions, after all, are famously elastic.

Moon, set in the near future at a one-man mining camp on Earth's only satellite, speculates on the anomie of the self-knowing human clone, a reasonable stand-in for the self-knowing human. Written and directed by the British team of Nathan Parker and Duncan Jones respectively (bona fide new names), it's a nice little piece of short-story-sized science fiction freighted with reminders of 2001 — some of Silent Running as well, less burdensome — and stretched out to just barely endurable length. As in its eminent forebear, the human cast is very limited, mostly Sam Rockwell in a dual role — at one point playing pingpong with himself in the same frame, at

numerous points matching the ostentatious torment of Bruce Dern in Silent Running — supported if not upstaged by a talking computer called GERTY 3000 (smarmy voice of Kevin Spacey) instead of HAL 9000. A sufficient innovation in design is the emblematic Smiley Face that signals the computer's "mood," or alternatively a Frowny Face, Quizzical Face, or Noncommittal Face, every bit as expressive as the Jack-in-the-Box of fast-food TV ads. It's quite astonishing how even the most modest-budget science fiction now approximates the nonpareil special effects of the Kubrick monument of forty years ago.

In Away We Go, director Sam Mendes travels the sunnier side of Revolutionary Road, travels it, together with a



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4665 Clairemont Drive (877-789-6684) Angels and Demons (PG-13); The Hangover (R); Imagine That (PG); Land of th Lost (PG-13): Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); The Proposal (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Terminator Salvation (PG-13); Up (PG); Year One (PG-13)

#### **DOWNTOWN**

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (877-789-6684) Angels and Demons (PG-13); Drag Me to Hell (PG-13); The Hangover (R); Imagine That (PG); My Life in Ruins (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); The Proposal (PG-13); Sleep Dealer (PG-13): The Soloist (PG-13): Terminator Salvation (PG-13); Valentino: The Last Emperor (PG-13); Year One (PG-13)

#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Fast and Furious (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:05) 6:50, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:05, 6:50, 9:45; Land of the Lost (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 4:20) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; **Obsessed** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **Rudo y** Cursi (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:10) 7:10, 9:35 Sat.-Sun (1:05) 4:10, 7:10, 9:35; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:10, 5:30) 7:55, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:30, 7:55, 10:15; **Star Trek** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 7:05, 9:55; **Sunshine** Cleaning (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:15) 6:55, 9:25 Sat. Sun. (1:25) 4:15, 6:55, 9:25; The Taking of **Pelham 123** (R) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:05, 5:30) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30) 4:05, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Up** (PG) Fri. (1:45, 4:15) 7:15, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:15, 7:15, 9:40; **Up** (PG) Fri. (12:45, 3:05, 5:25) 7:45, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:10; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:25) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:25, 7:25, 10:05

#### **LA JOLLA**

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Iolla Drive (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons (PG-13); The Hang-over (R); Imagine That (PG); Land of the Lost (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG): The Proposal (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Up (PG); Year One (PG-13)

#### La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Away We Go (R) Fri. (2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; **Departures** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 5:00) 8:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 5:00, 8:00; **Easy Virtue** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30, 5:15) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Summer Hours (NR) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

#### **MIRA MESA**

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

#### MISSION HILLS

#### Cinema under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)  $\textbf{Roman Holiday} \ (Not \ Rated)$ 

#### **MISSION VALLEY**

#### 8 Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Angels and Demons (PG-13); Away We Go (R); The Hangover (R); Imagine That (PG); Land of the Lost (PG-13); My Life in Ruins (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); The Proposal (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Terminator Salvation (PG-13); **Up** (PG)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Proposal (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; The Taking of Pelham 123 (R) (10:15

12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **The Hangover** (R) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) (10:30 1:15 4:00) 7:00 9:30; Star Trek (PG-13) (10:45 1:30) 4:15 7:00 10:00; No 10:45 Sat. & Sun.; Care Bears Oopsy Does It (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons (PG-13); Dance Flick (PG); Drag Me to Hell (PG-13); The Hangover (R); Imagine That (PG); Land of the Lost (PG-13): Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); The Proposal

(PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Terminator Salvation (PG-13): Up (PG)

#### STATE UNIVERSITY

#### Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) The Muppet Movie (G) Sat. (11:55p.m.); **Revanche** (Not Rated) Fri. (4:00, 6:45, 9:30) Sat.-Sun. (1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30)

#### UPTOWN

#### **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

The Brothers Bloom (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:50) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; Easy Virtue (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 7:40; Emilio (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (5:05) 10:10; **Food, Inc.** (PG) Fri. (2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; **Little Ashes** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:35, 7:10, 9:40; **Moon** (R) Fri. (2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:00

#### Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)

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#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Adventures in Wild California (NR) Fri. 3:00, 5:00 Sat. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Africa: The Serengeti (NR) Fri. 7:00p.m.; Animalopolis (NR) Fri. 1:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 11:00a.m.; Bugs! (Not Rated) Sun. 6:00p.m.; Forces of Nature (G) Fri. 8:00p.m.

Under the Sea 3D (IMAX 3D) (G) Fri. 12:00. 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00 San Diego Natural History

Museum 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) Human Body (NR) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:30 Sun, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 5:00; Ocean Oasis (NR) Fri.-Sun. 12:00,

#### **EAST COUNTY**

#### **EL CAJON**

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information.

#### LA MESA

#### **Grossmont Center 10**

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (877-789-6684) Angels and Demons (PG-13); The Hang-over (R); Imagine That (PG); Land of the Lost (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); The Proposal (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Up (PG); Year One (PG-13)

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

#### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

#### Santee Drive In

odside Avenue (619-448-7447) Land of the Lost (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.: Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri.-Sat.; The Proposal (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.; Up (PG) Fri.-Sat.

#### **SOUTH BAY**

#### **CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Up 3D (PG) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:30 10:45: Up (PG) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 9:45; Year One (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; The Proposal (PG-13) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:15; **The Taking of Pelham 123** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Imagine That** (PG) (10:45 1:30) 4:15 7:00 9:30; **The Hang**over (R) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Land of the Lost (PG-13) (10:30 1:15 4:00) 7:00 9:45; **Drag Me to Hell** (PG-13) (10:45 1:15 3:45) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Night at the Mu**seum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; No 5:00 & 7:30 Fri.; No 12:00 Mon.; Care Bears Oopsy Does It (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.



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#### Otav Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons (PG-13); Drag Me to Hell (PG-13); The Hangover (R); In That (PG); Land of the Lost (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); The Proposal (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Up (PG)

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
Angels and Demons (PG-13); Dance Flick (PG); Drag Me to Hell (PG-13); The Hang-over (R); Imagine That (PG); Land of the Lost (PG-13); My Life in Ruins (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); The Proposal (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Terminator Salvation (PG-13); Up (PG); X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13); Year One (PG-13)

#### 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) Dance Flick (PG); Drag Me to Hell (PG-13); The Hangover (R); Imagine That (PG); Land of the Lost (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); The Proposal (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Terminator Salvation (PG-13); **Up** (PG); **Year One** (PG-13)

#### **NORTH INLAND**

#### **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

#### Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (877-789-6684) Angels and Demons  $(PG\mbox{-}13);$  The Hangover (R); Imagine That (PG); Land of the Lost (PG-13); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); The Proposal (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Terminator Salvation (PG-13); Up (PG); Year One (PG-13)

#### **ESCONDIDO**

#### Escondido 16

350 W. Vallev Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information.

#### **FALLBROOK**

#### River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Up 3D} \; (PG) \; (11:30 \; 2:15) \; 4:45 \; 7:15 \; 9:45; \textbf{Year} \\ \textbf{One} \; (PG\text{-}13) \; (10:00 \; 12:30 \; 3:00) \; 5:30 \; 8:00 \end{array}$ 10:30; **The Proposal** (PG-13) (10:30 1:15 4:00) 7:00 9:30; **The Taking of Pelham 123** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Imagine That** (PG) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **The** Hangover (R) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Care Bears Oopsy Does It (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu. No 10 am-3:45 pm shows Mon.-Thu.

#### **POWAY**

#### Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Up 3D (PG) (10:30 11:00 1:00 1:45 3:30) 4:30 00 7:15 8:30 9:45 10:45; Year One (PG-13) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:15; The Proposal

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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.

No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### VISTA

#### Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

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#### **NORTH COASTAL**

#### **CARLSBAD**

#### Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Call theater for program information.

#### **DEL MAR**

#### Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



**Up 3D** (PG) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 9:45; **Year** One (PG-13) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:15; The Proposal (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00  $10.30; \mbox{The Taking of Pelham 123} \ (R) \ (10.15$ 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; Imagine That

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#### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



Food, Inc. (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **Away We Go** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **My Life in Ruins** (PG-13) (10:15 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **The Broth**ers Bloom (PG-13) 4:30 10:15; Angels and **Demons** (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 7:00; No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### **ENCINITAS**

#### La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Rudo y Cursi (R)

#### LA COSTA

#### La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)



Up 3D (PG) (11:00 1:30) 4:15 7:00 9:30; The Proposal (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; The Taking of Pelham 123 (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; The Hangover (R) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; Land of the Lost (PG-13) (11:15) 4:45 7:15; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; Star Trek (PG-13) (2:00) 9:45; Care Bears Oopsy Does It (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

#### **OCEANSIDE**

#### Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

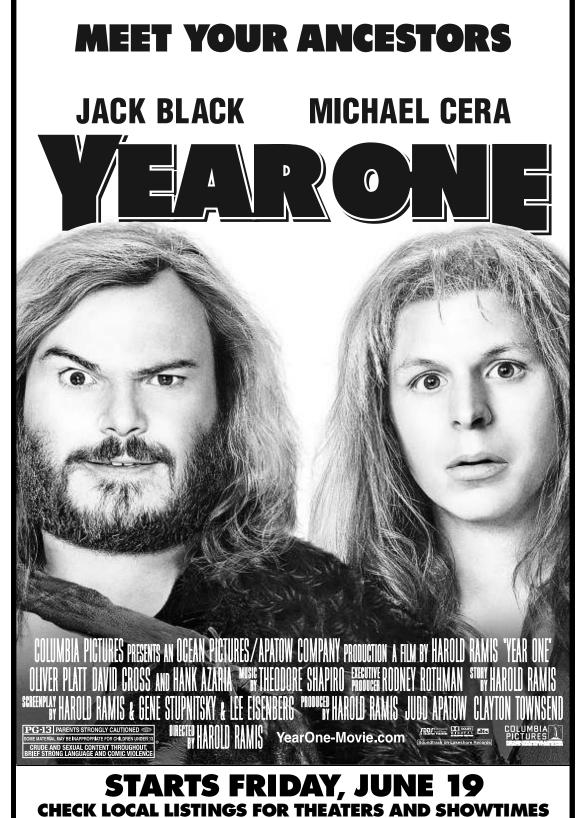


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#### Oceanside 16

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## Calendar

playful, lovey-dovey, loosey-goosey couple expecting their first child and looking for a spot to put down roots, to Phoenix, to Tucson, to Madison, to Montreal, to Miami, evoking little sense of place anywhere outside of the livedin house they left behind. This unmarried couple — a blackly bespectacled John Krasinski, bespectacled even in bed, even under the covers in the act of cunnilingus, and a bronze-skinned Maya Rudolph, a shade warmly and expansively photographed — escape the suburban bourgeois stereotype of Revolutionary Road, or any recognizable stereotype for that matter ("Are we fuck-ups?"), although all along the way they run into assorted models of parents who do not escape stereotype: the true itinerary of this plainly signposted road movie. (Bump. Falling Rock. Wrong Way. Dead End. Keep Right.) The folky pop songs on the soundtrack perhaps seek to hem them in, but the best thing about them, and the film as a whole, remains their individuality (he wants to marry, she won't; she's of mixed race and no parents; he's got a breast fixation; etc., etc.), an individuality not best expressed in their looks of supercilious amusement and bemusement in the face of all those

bad parental stereotypes. The upshot, even so, is a show of courage and optimism, just not a very convincing show. ■

#### MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

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

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CEN-TER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Mueller-Stahl, 2009.

Away We Go — Reviewed this issue. With John Krasinski, Maya Rudolph, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Allison Janney, and Paul Schneider; directed by Sam Mendes.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4. FROM 6/19; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Brothers Bloom — Self-admiring con artistry that sets the ideal of the "per fect con" as one where everyone involved gets what he wants. If that includes the warv 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.

● (FLOWER HILL 4: HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Departures** — Japan's Oscar-winner for foreign film is without apology in the sentimental mode, a classification now out of fashion if never (secretly) out of favor. Directed by the veteran Yojiro Takita, it tells of a laid-off cellist, self-admittedly secondrate, who returns from Tokyo to his home town and answers an ambiguously worded want ad — "working with departures" expecting something like a travel agency and finding instead an "encoffining" service, preparing corpses for burial in front of an audience of their survivors: "It's a niche market." The vocation, though taken to with initial distaste, turns out to be a tailormade cinematic spectacle - a testament to the Japanese capacity to transform a chore into a ritual and an art — and the little drolleries of the awkward early stages do not prepare us for such breathless high points as the first time we see the old master at work on a body or the first time the squeamish wife sees her husband, the new apprentice, at the same work. If, especially in those early stages, the apprentice is a bit overacted by Masahiro Motoki, a bit popeyed and drop-jawed, he is more than made up for by the restraint, the repose, the composure of his master, Tsutomu Yamazaki, a face familiar from the works of Juzo Itami, The Funeral, Tampopo, A Taxing Woman. The emotional effect might have been more powerful, or at least met with less resistance, without the syrupy background mu-

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sic. But that's just part of the all-over lack of apology. Manipulation the film may be, but deft manipulation, 2008.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Drag Me to Hell** — Sam Raimi horror film for those who like their sadism to be gleeful. An old-fashioned gypsy curse, cast by an old gypsy of unprecedented repulsiveness (rotten dentures, coughed-up phlegm, milky eye, etc.), falls upon a girlish loan officer (Alison Lohman) who already has enough troubles in her life — a glass ceiling at the bank, her boyfriend's disapproving mother — without the upchucked insects, the projectile nosebleed, the sacrificed kitten, and so forth. It's all in a spirit of fun, looking for laughs as much as chills, though both searches somehow taking away from the other. The philosophical debate between the psychologist boyfriend (Justin Long) and an Indian fortune teller (Dileep Rao), strictly for laughs, may be the least adulterated scene in the movie. Lorna Raver, David Paymer. 2009.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10: GASLAMP 15: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA

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)

**Emilio** — The "noble" older brother of an abducted Mexican girl takes his rigid principles to L.A. (he'd sooner eat squirrel than dine with a drug runner), along with a sloppy handheld camera, on a private search-and-rescue mission. Amateurish first film from art-house entrepreneur Kim Jorgensen, a kind of throwback, despite its onthe-sleeve "sensitivity," to the exploitation films of the Seventies, a cut-rate Trackdown or Hardcore. With Walter Perez, Danny Martinez, Alejandro Patino, Wendell Wright. 2009.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Food, Inc. — Educational as well as motivational film about where our food comes from and where else we can turn. Documentarian Robert Kenner, guided largely by activist authors Eric Schlosser (Fast Food Nation) and Michael Pollan (The Omni-

vore's Dilemma), goes behind the persistent "pastoral fantasy" of agrarian America ("The reality is a factory. It's not a farm, it's a factory"), explores the monopolization by multinational corporations, takes offshoots into health hazards like E. coli, diabetes, and obesity, avoids the easy temptation to turn stomachs, maintains the whole while a calm and rational tone, and wraps things up with Springsteen's rendition of "This Land Is Your Land." All in all, a useful introduction or summary, depending on your initial level of awareness, 2009.

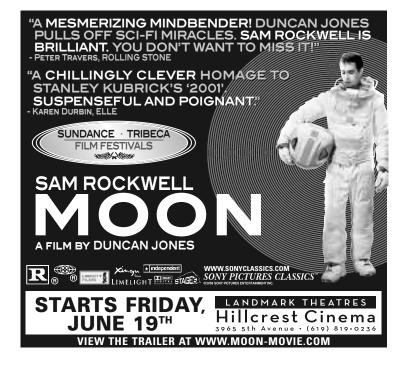
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The Hangover — Sledgehammer comedy about four buddies (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Justin Bartha) who go to Vegas for a bachelor party and wake up the morning after with no memory of the night before, a tiger in the bathroom, a baby in the closet, and the mystery of a missing bridegroom. Boys will be bores. With Heather Graham, Ken Jeong, Jeffrey Tambor, and, as himself, Mike Tyson; directed by Todd Phillips, 2009.

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Happy-Go-Lucky — Character portrait of a singular person, a primary-school teacher called Poppy, almost dementedly upbeat, seeing it as her mission in life to spread sunshine and joy wherever she goes. A tipsy giggler, a babbling fount of inanities ("Here we go, gigolo"), a constant commenter ("Never been here before," she announces to no one in particular on her tour of a bookshop; "Don't want to go there," she reacts upon pulling The Road to Reality off the shelf), an avocational clown, a tireless self-amuser, she's the nearest thing to Peewee Herman you could ever hope to find in a realistic context, (Is it significant that her bicycle gets stolen right off the bat? Unlike Pee-wee, she sighingly lets it go — "I didn't even get a chance to say goodbye" - and signs up for driving lessons.) The context, however, demands that she once in a while drop the good cheer in order to handle crises with her ranting, racist, rigid driving instructor ("It's not easy being you, ay?"), a violent bully at school, and an addled tramp in the street. She's not a one-note character. She can rise to the occasion, and there is always, even at the best of times, an





underpinning of thin ice. Sally Hawkins, who had worked with writer-director Mike Leigh previously in Vera Drake and All or Nothing, takes total possession of the role, or vice versa, indelibly visualized in a neo- or retro-Flower Child wardrobe, too youthful by a decade, too loud by a hundred decibels, of clashing colors and multiple layers (a last layer, revealed on the chiropractor's table, of pink bra and orange panties beneath black fishnet hose), and a full range of mirth from lopsided grin, pulling to the right, to open-wide glee. Leigh himself, you might have noticed, especially if you saw either of the samples mentioned above, is not the jolliest sort of fellow, and it would be easy to imagine him making a movie in which the central character were the volcanic driving instructor - the stalwart Eddie Marsan, who also appeared in Vera Drake — and in which the bubbly driving student were only one of several supporting characters, a movie, that is to say, more like his Naked, a portrait of a negativist. Any viewer less effervescent than Poppy, in any event, will be inclined to look at her as a kind of scientific specimen, to be observed with curiosity and wonder — along with unscientific amusement and a silent prayer of thanks she's not living next door or coming over for dinner - in a somewhat amorphous and arbitrary succession of scenes, situations, circumstances. At all times the movie boasts beautiful bright color, rather as if Leigh's regular cameraman, Dick Pope, had emptied a bottle of Windex on our window on the world. (Ah, we can see!) And please don't propose that this is meant to be expressive of Poppy's Weltanschauung. Clear bright colors ought not to be the exclusive privilege of the Pollvanna. 2008. ★★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 6/21, 2 P.M.)

**Harvard Beats Yale 29-29** — Tempest in a teapot: two undefeated Ivy League ri-

vals meet in the final game of the football season, 1968. (Vietnam-era politics come into it, but only slightly.) Dozens of players from both sides, including Tommy Lee Jones for Harvard, but not including star running back Calvin Hill for Yale, share their memories of the event in individual digital interviews; and filmmaker Kevin Rafferty, who wrote an ancillary book on the subject, avails himself in this medium of extensive archive footage from a truly incredible game. 2009.

★★ (KEN, THROUGH 6/18)

Imagine That — Investment advice from the mouth of a seven-year-old babe, relaying tips from invisible friends beneath a security blanket, Eddie Murphy, as the profiting father who learns to value his daughter for more than money, seems often foolish, occasionally peevish, never actually funny. With Yara Shahidi, Thomas Haden Church, Nicole Ari Parker, Ronny Cox, and Martin Sheen; directed by Karey Kirkpatrick. 2009. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROME NADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Land of the Lost — Will Ferrell, a time hole, some decent prehistoric creatures, and a total lack of discipline, an utter uncertainty whether to spoof the *Lost World* sort of adventure story or to make dumb jokes about any damn thing. With Danny McBride and Anna Friel; directed by Brad Silberling, 2009.

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Little Ashes — Scriptwriter Philippa Goslett and director Paul Morrison ask us to take an interest in three pretentious students in post-WWI Spain on the grounds that their names are Federico García Lorca, Luis Buñuel, and Salvador Dalí. Inasmuch as all three are dark young men of similar age, it would be difficult to tell them apart if one of them, Dalí, were not Robert Pattinson, easily distinguishable as the teen vampire of Twilight, and did not wear ruffled cuffs and collar. The other two are Javier Beltrán and Matthew McNulty, Lorca and Buñuel respectively, and less distinguishable. It gets easier to keep them straight, so to speak, once Dalí and Lorca pair off for homoerotic escapades such as an idyllic spin on stolen bicycles and a slo-mo moonlight swim. Buñuel further sets himself apart by throwing a homophobic snit fit and drifting off to Paris, where he will soon be joined by the fickle Dalí to make an outof-sequence Chien Andalou. (The sliced eyeball should come first.) Lorca ultimately achieves heroic stature in the Spanish Civil War, while Dalí settles for hypocritical stature. Cognoscenti might get an occasional chuckle out of it (Lorca to Buñuel: "l thought you wanted to be an entomologist") as long as they don't mind the air of condescension. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Moon** — Reviewed this issue. With Sam Rockwell, Dominique McElligott, and the voice of Kevin Spacey; directed by Duncan Jones.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/19)

**The Muppet Movie** — Strictly for kids, and the younger the better. The simplicity of the images, the queer lunar lighting, and the 3-D-ish, split-level compositions give you the feeling of looking at a View-Master rather than at a movie. Jim Henson's deadeyed puppets are pretty uninteresting as shapes and colors, and no matter how

much they are magnified, they lack presence on the big screen (they look as though they would be a sure hit at a five-year-old's birthday party, however), as they make their way through a California-here-I-come storyline, several goopy Paul Williams songs, and countless, pointless cameo appearances by the likes of Dom DeLuise, James Coburn, Madeline Kahn, Milton Berle, Bob Hope, Richard Pryor, Steve Martin, Mel Brooks, and Orson Welles. Directed by James Frawley. 1979.

★ (KEN, 6/20 MIDNIGHT)

My Life in Ruins — Not a sequel to My Big Fat Greek Wedding, but a spawn nevertheless, with a slimmed-down Nia Vardalos (smacked with an insult of "skinny") wooed by another hirsute hunk, Alexis Georgoulis, a Greek bus driver who plays Zorba to the repressed heroine, a fun-loathing tour guide to a motley group of stereotypes. (An actual clip of Zorba the Greek on local television fairly insists on the analogy.) Think of it, if you like, as My Little Skinny Greek Romance, heavy-handed, lead-footed, thick-witted all the same. With Richard Dreyfuss, Harland Williams, Rachel Dratch; directed by Donald Petrie. 2009.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian — For the requisite sequel, 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, inconceivably contain Einstein's actual brain), along with some old ones packed up at the Natural History Museum for storage at the Smithsonian, while the human hero, Ben Stiller, backtracks from a lucrative career as an infomercial huckster (the glow-in-thedark 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. With Owen Wilson, Steve Coogan, Robin Williams, Christopher Guest, Bill Hader; directed by Shawn Levy. 2009.

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The Proposal — Romantic comedy with Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, Betty White, and Malin Akerman, directed by Anne Fletcher. (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 SOUARE 14: FROM 6/19)

**Revanche** — Reviewed this issue. With Johannes Krisch, Irina Potapenko, Ursula Strauss, and Andreas Lust; written and directed by Götz Spielmann.

★★ (KEN, 6/19 THROUGH 25)

Roman Holiday — William Wyler's poorlittle-rich-girl fairy tale — checked by a powerful and rueful sense of reality about a savvy American journalist who shows a sheltered princess a good time on the town. The feminine role, possibly Audrey Hepburn's signature role, maximizes the actress's opposite sides, her outward, otherworldly refinement and her unsuspected capacity for fun. And Gregory Peck is less starchy than normal, too. With Eddie



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## Calendar

★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 6/18 THROUGH 21, 8:30 P.M.)

Rudo v 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 super model, drugs, gambling, the usual. The feature directing debut of Carlos Cuarón, brother of Alfonso, shows off an unsteady camera and damp lighting, but also a couple of definite assets in Gael García Bernal and Diego Luna. 2008.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA, FROM 6/19)

Sleep Dealer — Futuristic immigration drama from independent filmmaker Alex

(GASLAMP 15, FROM 6/19)

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.

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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-year-old 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). 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. Written, directed by Olivier Assavas, 2008

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Taking of Pelham 123 — Buzzedup remake of the 1974 hijacked-subway thriller, a handy vardstick of early-21stcentury style: photographic gimmicks (pixillation, slow-motion, blurs, zooms, whatnot), throwaway car crashes, outlandish one-man heroics from the deskbound train dispatcher, inflationism in theme and plot as well as in ransom demand. It took some smarts to retrieve from the vaults a good film that's not well known, but it took some stupids to lose the focus on average New Yorkers under the gun. John Turturro is blessedly low-key as the NYPD hostage negotiator, and Denzel Washington tries valiantly to play down to his character's status in the bureaucracy, but one or two men can't counteract the mood-swinging, scenery-chewing villainy of John Travolta. With James Gandolfini, Michael Rispoli, Luis Guzman; directed by Tony Scott. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL

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**Terminator Salvation** — Alias T4. 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 hori-

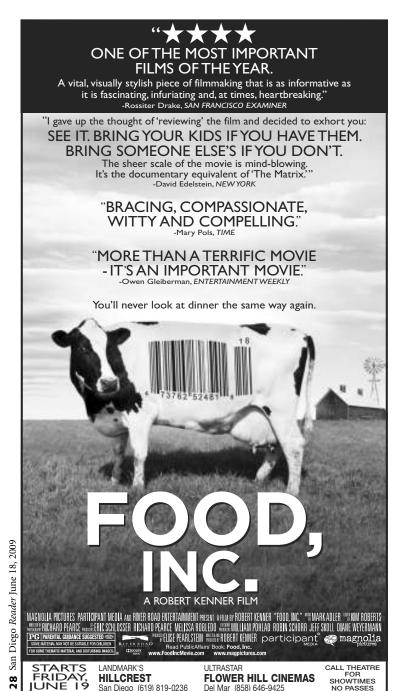
zon, a bun in the oven - you would be hard put to look upon its three successors as anything but a redundancy, a prosaic elucidation of the better-left-unsaid, an undermining of the original concept, an overplaying of the dealt hand, an extraneous climax overextended into an anticlimax, nothing to do 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, music-video atmospherics (desaturated color, clouds of smoke, sheets of rain, showers 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 Stealth-bots, metal skeleton-bots. With Christian Bale, Sam Worthington, Anton Yelchin, Moon Bloodgood, and Bryce Dallas Howard; directed by McG 2009

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Up - Pixar computer cartoon weaves a web of delusional whimsy around a cantankerous old widower, not too dissimilar to Clint Eastwood in Gran Torino, determined to live out the dream and the adventure he denied to his lifelong soul mate. To that end, he attaches a forest of helium balloons to his two-story house and sets sail for South America, specifically Paradise Falls, "a Land Lost in Time," the stomping ground of his boyhood idol, an intrepid globe-trotter out of Jules Verne. (If party balloons can serve as a means of intercontinental transport, we can hardly be surprised at finding the boyhood idol still alive and kicking. Or at anything else.) This literal flight of fancy and its touchdown in "paradise" might have been taken as a metaphor of suicide were it not for the roly-poly little stowaway, a Wilderness Explorer in quest of a merit badge for Assisting the Elderly, presumably not including assisted suicide. He assists, rather, in a new lease on life: geriatric swashbuckling. (The old man, voiced by Ed Asner, bears an unmistakable likeness to the Penn State football coach, Joe Paterno, and the kid, Jordan Nagai, is a Baby Buddha.) There seems no intrinsic reason for the insipid graphic style, the vacuum-sealed atmosphere, or the general feel of marshmallow and Styrofoam; no reason, that is, outside the limits of taste and talent among the Pixar people. The one glaring success in the picture is the oversized wide-eyed multicolored exotic bird, its resistance to anthropomorphization, its intractable maniacal birdiness. Co-directed by Pete Docter and Bob Peterson. 2009.

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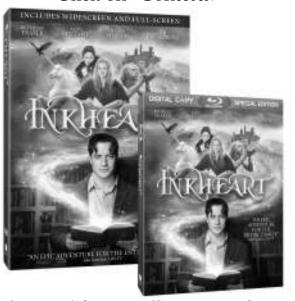
Year One — Ancient-history comedy starring Jack Black and Michael Cera, directed by Harold Ramis. . (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 6/19)



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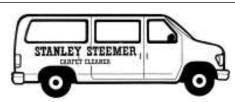
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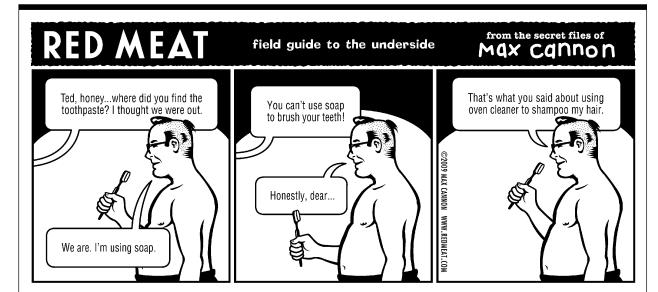


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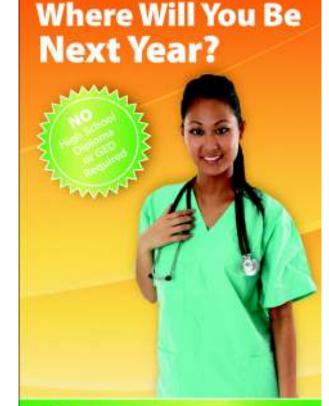


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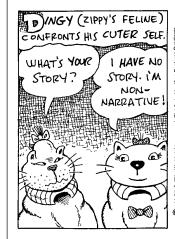
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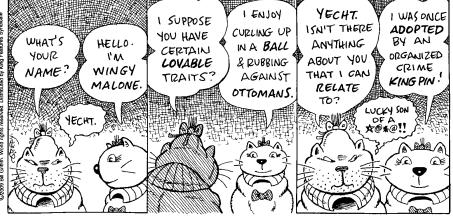
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Michael Donovan Winterhaven

go to a few different ones for news. I go to SignonSanDiego, SDReader, and SanDiegoNewsNetwork.com. I'll hit Rotten Tomatoes to see what the latest movies are getting in the ratings and read what critics are saying about those films.



Trish Donnelly Waitress La Mesa

My favorites might sound weird or not very interesting. I go to Everyday Edisons. When the show was here in San Diego, I made it on. I didn't reach the final cut, though. I go to Edison Nation, and like most people, I go to Craigslist. I like the free section. Oh, and I go to Tiger Gaming. They have a station for free games. I play poker. You can win 10 cents. It's fun. I'm just an old fogy.



Susie Grav Waitress Crest

I don't go to many. There's really only two. I go to GTM. It's a site that has coupons for various stores. I go there for the coupons to see what I can save money on. I also check the Nordstrom's site for the shoe sales Oh, and I go to our site...D.Z. Akin's.



Jimmy Suess Contractor Serra Mesa

am on eBay daily. I buy and sell stupid stuff. Everything you think is junk, I can sell. Anything you think is worth a lot, probably isn't. You can't imagine the stuff you can sell. The best deal I ever got was an old, rusty bike for \$5. It was worth \$1000. I also visit a site called fmylife.com. It's funny.



 $S_{kylar} \, E_{pp\underline{ler}}$ Manager Bav Park

I go to a site called *thisiswhyyoure-fat.com*. It's the best. They have all these weird things you can make. There's a BLT with grilled cheese. They have lots of meat products. There's a McNuggetini, which is a martini that has a chicken nugget as a garnish. I probably check out that site once a month. But I just had a baby, so I also go to BabyCenter.com It shows me where the baby should be at certain points. So now I know that at five weeks, the baby notices their toes and smiles at you.



Shawn Khair

Sales Serra Mesa

go to a lot of the sites that every-one does. Stuff like Facebook and YouTube. That's the bomb. Everyone uses it. I also visit EbaumsWorld. It's a site that has funny jokes and videos. I've been going there for a long time. Then I got tired of it, but now I go back and check out the things they have up.

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- And now for the really small print: 1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 3) One entry per person per week or
- you will be disqualified.
  4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

#### **Across**

- 1. Naval VIP
- (Belgian beer) 4. Stella
- 10. South African tribe
- 14. Boston skyscraper, informally, with "the"
- 15. Decided, parentally
- 16. Breakfast chain since 1958
- 17. Hand holder?
- 18. Virgil epic
- 19. Christmas quaffs
- 20. What a person with 55-Across might call a

- cheese-and-meat deli order?
- 23. Coup d'\_
- 24. Yves' yes
- 25. What a person with 55-Across might call a spicy Texan dish?
- 34. "Holy cow!"
- 35. Contemporary of Virgil
- 36. What a person with 55-Across might call a popular legume?
- 43. Brought into the world
- 44. Prefix with suction
- 45. What a person with 55-Across might call chopped meat mixed with potatoes?
- 52. Knight's title
- 53. Company founded by billionaire Ingvar Kamprad
- 55. Subject of this puzzle
- 61. Part of a molecule
- 63. Response to a pointer
- 64. Unit of conductance
- 65. "Cash Cab" vehicle
- 66. Pump rating
- 67. Give no stars to 68.
- message
- 69. Bites
- 70. Where Ingvar Kamprad is from: Abbr.

#### Down

- Quickly
- 2. "The Art of Arousal" author
- 3. "Slumdog Millionaire" locale
- 4. Straight arrow
- 5. Actress Charlotte and others
- 6. Turner of music
- 7. Center Greg of the NBA
- 8. Nobel physicist Rabi
- 9. Part of baking powder

- 10. Active ingredient in calamine lotion
- "This doesn't look good" 12. A captain might keep one
- 13. "American Messenger Company" was its original
- 21. Off-road wheels, for short
- 22. Quirk
- 26. "A cockroach!"
- 27. Census datum
- 28. Set (down)
- 29. Simpson of fashion
- 30. Ground breaker
- 31. "Now everything!"
- 32. Singer Phair
- 33. Suffix with ox- or cyan-
- 36. "The Office" network
- 37. Elton's john
- 38. Part of FTA: Abbr.
- 39. "The Situation Room" airer
- 40. Go kaput
- 41. Tanning lotion letters
- 42. Neither's partner
- 46. That: Sp.
- 47. "The Year of Magical Thinking" author
- 48. 1997 role for Depp
- 49. Recipient of a muchpublicized government bailout in 2008
- 50. Cuts corners
- 51. Bray
- 54. In unison
- 55. Downey Jr.'s costar in "The Soloist"
- 56. Not include
- 57. Cole Porter's Do It"
- 58. "The King of Queens" actress Remini
- 59. Strauss' " \_ Nacht in Venedig"
- 60. Ways: Abbr.
- 61. Call letters?
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#### THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 23. Happy Father's Day Flor. Mary Arana, Encinitas, 23. Happy Father's Day! Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 23.

Here's what I'll do.. Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 23. I have nothing else to say.
Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 23. I

love my Olchick, my main squeeze.

Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 23. Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 23. E.T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 23. Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 23. More TGIF, please. Keep writing, John B.!

Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 23. Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 23. Congrats on retirement, Rudy, Billy, Alan, etc.

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 23. DTV transition program = welfare for tech. stupid.

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 23. It's a good day to get on your bike. Ron Meyer, Santee, 23. Happy Birthday, Honey

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 23. The perfect place for a day with Dad...sdmrm.org.

Jim Odell, Vista, 23. Don't we

each have the right to be left alone? Julie Osburn, North Park, 23. Almost halfway through the year! John Pertle, Santee, 23. Ephesians 1:2; Philippians 4:23; 2 Thessa

Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 23. Dan and Barbie: Happy 6th Anniver sary. Let's celebrate. WLY.

Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 23. Arrostite

Eddie O. Spaghettio, Coronado, 23. "Satire is focused bitterness."

Leo Rosten, 1908-1997 Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 23. Falls result from never having stumbled Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 23. Happy Father's Day, Tim. Thanks for

always being there

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 23. Happy 95th Birthday to my mom - Thalia in Virginia.

Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 22. Happy Father's Day, Michael! Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 22. Happy Birthday, Mom! Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont,

Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 22. Couldn't ask for more than being next to you, baby.

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Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 22.

There will be some reason not to go to Bolinas.

Vince Cuseo, Vista, 22. War's over, man. Wormer dropped the.. Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 22. Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 22. It was 2 am. I was walking down Las Ramblas when..

Ron Hootman, Santee, 22. Hoot 101: Poor babies in red states, they're

George Jackson, Oceanside, 22. Jim Koziol, UTC, 22. Time to get Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 22.

Shred the wealth Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 22. Daniel's Painting: Check out our budget-friendly prices. paintwith-

Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 22. The

Gil Patricio, San Diego, 22.

Robert Phillips, Downtown, 22. Hi Puzzle Person. I think you missed my last week's.

Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 22. Matt Read, La Mesa, 22. Obama thanks my kids, their own kids for the

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 22. My father will always be my hero. Í love him.

Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 21. Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont,

21. Joe, we love you. Find your escapes through positives. Leslie Chase, Campo, 21. At Albert's: glass of wine, appetizer, and

you. All great. Jon Connor, Oceanside, 21. They speak English in what? Craig Curtis, Escondido, 21. Don't

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 21.

Gardeners, stockbrokers; both believe what goes down must come up!

#### THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

indicates T-shirt winner

Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 21. / can't believe I missed another one! Hopefully that's it.

Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 21. Beware of USA, czars.

Sara Khwaja, Poway, 21. Coast to coast bike trip

http://thevroadwest.blogspot.com Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 21.

Restaurant and the Padres keeping me off the first page.

Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 21. Kyle Matzke, Vista, 21. Lakers win championship #15.

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 21. Ahh...the lazy days of summer! Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 21.

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 21, Had a zoorange time at the San Diego Zoo. Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 21. Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens,

Dave Small, San Carlos, 21. Thanks for "spreading" me a T-shirt. **Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 21.** M. Zimmermann, Vista, 21. Out of town...

Ken A., Ocean Beach, 20. Jesus Schmesus, Satan Schmatan. Joe bless

Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 20. Need T-shirt, need T-shirt.

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 20.

And you are the tannest roomie I ever had!

Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 20. Single payer now! The insurance model does not work and...

Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 20. Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 20. When is the City going to fix our street?

Barnev Firks, Ocean Beach, 20. Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 20. Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 20. OMBAC Women's Water Polo! Kiera! Bodo! Happy Father's Day!

Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 20. Marge Nelson, El Caion, 20.

Heartland Lions, "we serve Michael Panther, Point Loma, 20. Oh no! My ice cube is melting. Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 20. Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 20.

Camping three weeks in a row.

Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 20. P-town 4 life.

Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 20. Happy Birthday, Aunt

Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 20. Jim Corbett, San Diego, 19. Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 19. Everyone - go to the SD Fair this year!

Harry Engel, La Jolla, 19. Liza, 6/21/09 makes 34 wonderful years. Love voul

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 19. Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 19. Happy Anniversary, Neil.

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 19. Waffle House would succeed in So. Cal.

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 19. One big kiss and Happy Dad's Day to John.

James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 19. Go Padres

Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Val-Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 19.

Today's palindrome: Go hang a salmi, I'm a lasagna hog!

Jav Sato, Carmel Valley, 19. Art arf. Molecule just started barking! Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 19. Pete's Place softball rocks!

Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 19. Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 18. / am, I think

Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 18. Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 18.

Maria Coda, Oceanside, 18. Hi

Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 18. Hey, I got last week's in at 6:57 am. Don Erickson, Carlsbad, 18. Manny Faria, Point Loma, 18. Hey Pooh, I'm back!

Billy Horton, Santee, 18. Willie McGee, San Diego, 18. Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 18. Spread your own wealth.

Obama. You lying socialist! Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 18. Hey Ric Witt - loved your NIMBY-

BANANA comparison. John Prince, Serra Mesa, 18. There my compost lies, sleeping

underground, waiting for its master Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 18. So dawn goes down to day, nothing gold can stay.

Dave Washington, La Jolla, 18. God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

Westie, San Diego, 18.

Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 17. 30 years down the storm drain.

John L. Drehner, North Park, 17. Let them eat tofu! Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 17.

Tahiti, Costa Rica, Europe, or Hawaii. Too many choices. Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 17. But

look at the money he saved.

Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 17. What's up, C-Dawg? Julie Hocking, Normal Heights,

**17.** Go crazy! Edward C. Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 17. Aya has arrived. Alex Moran, San Diego, 17. Taxes, taxes, taxes. We'll never get out of debt.

P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 17. Tom Seaman, Alpine, 17. Greyhounds are GR8.

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 17. Erika, good luck with your surgery. Have a speedy recovery.

Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 17. Getting government involved in economy ensures "spread

the poverty" result. Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 16. Do

laughter voga.

Joaquin Guerrero, San Marcos, 16. All of the Oakland Raiders turned down David Letterman's girlfriend.

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Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 16. N.C. Lyman, Poway, 16. Baby

Cakes - these are my recreation clothes! NC143BC. Matthew Rosello, San Diego,

**16.** It is gone. Nathaniel Uv. East Village, 16. Winner Best Smile: Tabitha.

Tom White, University City, 16. Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 15. Go green! Join a vanpool! Bruce Bell, South Park, 15.

Philip Blase, San Diego, 15. Then back to Thailand. Jov E. Fernandez, Chula Vista,

15. Aw, am I back on the third page? Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 15. We'll make great pets. Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 15.

Jack Tripp, San Diego, 15. Tom and Jenn, Mira Mesa, 15. What's with everybody going to

Seattle? Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 14. Chinese Uliahur terrorists sent to Bermuda - that'l teach'em a lesson!

Mike Deliman, Santee, 14. Karen, what about the meatus? Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 14.

Jaguar is one year old this week...hoorav!

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Donald Millsberg, Santee, 14. Laura Patterson, Azalea Park, 14. Check out awkwardfamilyphotos.com. Freaking hilarious.

Karen Steepy, Bonita, 14, Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista,

William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 13. Welcome to the world, Gavin! Congrats Cory and Christinal

Dara Hetzel, Escondido, 13. Jim Hitchcock, Chula Vista, 13. Gone fishin'.

Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 13. Goodbye Deborah and Margeaux.

Martha Klages, Encanto, 13. Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 12. Happy Birthday, Nicole #10. Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon,

W. Hodason, Escondido, 12. Steve Kassiotis, San Diego, 12. Jazz with A Cooper, Onyx, David

Lee, and Otin? UPS>DHL Eddie and Andrea Schroder, Carlsbad, 12. Welcome Rodney and Hannah to So Cal!

Spanky's Toilets , Carlsbad, 11. Spank this! www.spankysps.com

E.M. Hutchings, Santee, 11. Phil Nichols, Escondido, 11. Thanks Dana and Tom!

Mike Van Nordheim, Poway, 11. Congratulations Alex and Elle Syd. Andre Desilets, Downtown, 10. Bravo Channel 7/39 for showing NHL play-off. Screw ESPN and...

Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 10. Happy Father's Day, Daddy! We love you Papa! Anette, Viktoria.

Jane Reilly, University City, 10. David A Weim, Chula Vista, 10. Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 9. Surgery. Too doped up to think, but

Jenny McReynolds, Linda Vista,

John Pipes, Lemon Grove, 9. Dumbing down of America is complete: see Obama.

. Gordon Kanteena, San Diego, 8. Some things were meant to be. 1 of

Avril Varga, Poway, 8. You're my

Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 8. Mediocre face.

Sandra Groves, Bonita, 7. Going to the lake! Les Sherman, Pacific Beach, 7.

Can't we all just get along?

Thomas E. Woolf, La Jolla, 7.

Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 6. Red light Ronnie is a caboose at Green Acres.

Jean Marie Barnes, Grantville, 6. And Javne!

Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 6. / miss you, Dj'abama, my little sweet. Jan Dawson, North Harbor, 6. Display your flag proudly. God bless

Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 6. Dorothy Kruse, Carlsbad, 6. All

Neil E. Lien, Escondido, 6. Shannon Rico, Clairemont, 6. K.P. Charpentier, Rancho Peñasquitos, 5. I really need to buy

Rhona Fulling, San Diego, 5. See

vou soon, Portsmouth, OK Gerry Halpern, Point Loma, 5. Did the whole puzzle while getting a pedicure.

Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 5. Stop the socialism!

Janet Kave, Linda Vista, 5. Thanks for visiting, Pootie.

William Nowatnick, Allied Gardens, 5. It's the one that says Bad Mother Hubbard on it! Big Lex Torres, San Marcos, 5.

Bia all over. Adam Elder, Bankers Hill, 4. Larry Johnsgard, Escondido, 4.  $\mathcal S$ 

Palin for Moron of the Year. Naomi Kashiwabara, Clairemont, 4. It's been a long time. Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 4. Thanks for last week, Jeff Paul Wright, Lemon Grove, 4.

Have a nice day. John Fonte, San Diego, 3. Happy Father's Day!

John Halac, Escondido, 3. Liz Kaye, University Heights, 3. Hev Momma and Daddio, thanks for the awesome quarantine!

Nina Lassanske, Clairemont, 3. Eeaaaaale!

Bill Maass, Mission Hills, 3. Martha Ponce, La Mesa, 3. Please sir. i want more!

Joyce Quinn, Point Loma, 3. Puzzles are wonderful Celeste Vargas, San Diego, 3. My father wears sneakers in the pool. Cassie Bringas, San Diego, 2. Time spent on things passed - like a

Rhea Blasdel, Pacific Beach, 2.

wastrel, losing fast. Joel Curiel, Oceanside, 2. Jules and Frankie...Dad's watching you. Clinton Goeb, San Diego, 2.

Wario #1! Linnea Goetz, Clairemont, 2. Yipee!

Gloria Jacobs, Clairemont, 2. Stephanie Leone, Ocean Beach, 2. Where my pitchers at?

Michael Long, Banker's Hill, 2. Trish, I love you always. Joe Musser, Encinitas, 2. Alia

iacta est. Guyton North, Santee, 2. Dyslexics of the world, untie!

E.J.K. Powell-Holmes, Bay Ho, 2 Vet IVIVII Remember usi Chris Senungetuk, San Diego, 2.

Zona Wahrenbrock, San Diego,

Kyle and Lisha Yost, , 2. No thanks to Aaron

Mike Castaldi, San Diego, 1. Mrs. Sutton Gonzalez, Pacific Beach, 1. Good way to delay Alzheimers! Oh no, I'm not a...

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 1. Chris, Happy Graduation, Grandson. Diana Holt, Hillcrest, 1, Colon

cancer is 100% preventable - get a colonoscopy. Ruben Huezo, College Area, 1. /

love Lois more than my Xbox 360. Andrew Klapoetke-Reese, Hillcrest, 1. Look, Tiffany! I did it! Jerry Klusky, East Village, 1. 🕶 Aaron Legan, La Mesa, 1. 🖽

Christian McDougall, Pacific Beach, 1. I am the smartest man alivel

John C. McFarland Jr, Lemon Grove, 1. All my love to Dawn and

Zackary Prag, Ocean Beach, 1. Happy Birthday, Holly!
Christer Shnecle, Clairemont, 1. I love my Charlie Bandit.

Norman Williams, San Diego, 1. The only thing relative is "The Law of Relativity."

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- 1) You may only submit one Sudoku puzzle per week from the four levels of difficulty (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil).
- 2) Each week we're printing a list of everyone who submits the correct answers to the previous week's puzzles. See this week's contenders below.
- 3) When you successfully complete a puzzle, we'll also print a brief (10 words

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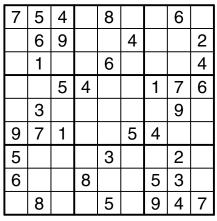
- 4) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 5) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to:

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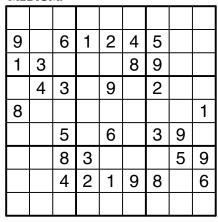
- 6) 5 Reader T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly! 7) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided
- 8) Late entries will not be considered.
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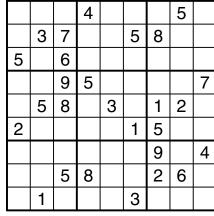
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# **SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!**

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## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 7. Happy Father's Day! Margaret Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 6. Happy Birthday to my namesake, Aunt Margret. 93! Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 6. The "E" is for

John Prince, Serra Mesa, 6. Mockingbird Shaman!

Four times with inverted head he spoke. John Pertle, Santee, 5. God loves you. Jesus paid for your sins. Believe Him.

Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 5. Still hoping for a T-shirt. Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 4. #4 yeah! Jim Koziol, UTC, 4. Time to get up, guys!

Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 4. #5! Happy Father's

Nancy Teruya, San Diego, 4. Westie, San Diego, 4. J.J. Cwiak, San Diego, 3. 10 - 4 Shane A. Thompson, Golden Hills, 3. Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 3, FD.R.P. Emma Gonzales, Chula Vista, 2.

Bob Lagandaon, Chula Vista, 2. Great job on keyboards Brendon! McMillin Elementary class of 2009.

Curt Morey, Chula Vista, 2. "Don't want a full."

Don Morton, Solana Beach, 2. Good fun while riding

Louise Newland, San Diego , 2. Have a wonderful

Dave Small, San Carlos, 2. Easy does it. Jessica Blas, San Diego, 1. Congrats Julia and Karla of Hilltop High 2009!

Jonathan Bowman, San Diego, 1. Happy Birthday,

Thomas F., San Diego, 1. Moi Aussi. Tranquille comme Guillaume

Jacob Hannahs, Mission Valley, 1. My first ever successful Sudoku Puzzle

Terri Hutchinson, San Diego, 1. Taylor and Kelsey are completely crazy. Diehard Twilight fans! Hilma Johnsen, San Diego, 1. Finally I made it. Jerry McCue, Carmel Valley, 1. Go Padres! Tristan Mevers, El Caion, 1, "RSCAS

Dennis Monroe, Paradise Hills, 1. A great year Mary, at Holy Family School. Love DennisM

Kaitlyn Sarka, San Carlos, 1. Able I love you! Happy

David A. Weim, Chula Vista, 1.

## **MEDIUM:**

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 7. Pretty tough Medium. R.M. Read, San Diego, 7. Proud new part owner of GM and Chrysler. Yikes.

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 7.

Jo Mujica, San Diego, 5. Maybe I'll get the hard Sudoku next week.

Paul Boland, Bay Park, 4.

Betty Olson, Linda Vista, 4.

Tiffany Renteria, San Diego, 4. My Turtle promised he would come home in August.

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 3. See Mulan Jr. at San Diego Junior Theatre, 619126-7112

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 3. Anyone else laugh at

Eric Anderson, Escondido, 2. Save a family farm, conserve water, buy palms!

Neil Gibbs, , 2. Just medium again Kodukso, Poway, 2. Kobe won one! Bring the Clip-

Rebekah Mathieu, San Diego, 2. Hi Pop! Happy Father's Day!

Becca Cates, Jamul, 1. I beat you Hollywood! One word: Carlos!!

Guillaume F., San Diego, 1. Oui tu lis bien Papi! Kelly Hansen, Valley Center, 1. Gotta love the

Reader! Hey Dad! Sylvia June, El Cajon, 1. Happy Father's Day to my

Mike LeBlanc, Carlsbad, 1. Hi, Joey and Juliette. James Mazza, Mission Valley, 1.

Alex Moran, San Diego, 1. "I wish I could write as mysterious as a cat.

## HARD:

Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 7.

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 5. You had to put

Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 4. Can anyone do Fvil in ink?

Sally Lukes, Serra Mesa, 4.

Glenn Walker, La Jolla, 4. Brother Harry, I'm going Ray Hunt, Rancho Penasquitos, 3. Congrats Billy

Ray- Birthday and graduation both in one week Cassie Bringas, San Diego, 2. Faith's leaps, hope's

strings: What of trust lovalty and honor? Steve Desterhaft, University City, 2. Roger Huff, Downtown, 2. rnphuff.+35.com. Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 2. Another hard one. Marty Sinigayan, Point Loma, 2. Happy Father's

Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 2. Love to all my Ms.'s. Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 1. Go Green, join a van-

George Elam, Vista, 1. Goodbye SDFD after 28

Joe Funa, Pacific Beach, 1. Billie Jean Gahan, Clairemont, 1. Ginger Truschke, San Diego, 1. Zinedine Zidane, Pine Valley, 1. Guillaume and

Thomas bien mieux que Guy and Papi.

Daniel Aames, Carmel Valley, 7. Hello to Daniel and Lisa Erenstein and Mark and Marvbeth.

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Penasquitos, 7. Beware of the Military-Industrial- "Me" dia Complex! Dwight Eisen-

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 7. The most diabolical to date (or maybe too much coffee?)

Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 7.

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 7. Mom is really enjoying the

Patrick Henson, Lakeside, 7. These Evil had more

Richard K. Johnson, La Jolla, 7.

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 7. OMBAC women's water polo! Kiera! Bodo! Dad!

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 7. Buy my book.

# THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries

Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 7. Hop on, Pop!...

P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 7. Looking for female weekend golf partners.

MIchael Panther, Point Loma, 7. All these puzzles, iust to collect \$16.5?

Gregory Parsons, Carlsbad, 7. Peace within makes

Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 7.

Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 7. Sandy: Wishing you a very Happy Birthday. Wly, DKSR.

R. Sloan, Normal Heights, 7.

Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 7. Save gas - bicycle. Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 7. Like ballroom dancina? Free newsletter: SDDanceVibes@san.rr.com Susan Williams, North Park, 7. "Evil" hard to resist. No 7!

Barry Xin, San Diego, 7.

Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 6. ...but... I love you. Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 6. Time for more risque business my love.

Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 6.

Clyde Christie, East Village, 6. "...while just the act of being kind..

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 6. That's a lotta combo's

Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 6.

Jessie Hansen, Encinitas, 6. Carlos is the best! Julio Magno, San Diego, 6. US Postal Sudoku

William Quinter, San Diego, 6. Ocala Callie callously called Lee's calloused seas

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 6. Happy Father's Day, Dad!

Ken Simmons, San Diego, 6. "Evil is a point of view"-

Tim Winder, Hillcrest, 6. Evil come, evil go.

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 5. OK- let's get this party

**Guy Fernandes, Pine Valley, 5.** Where is my T-shirt? Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 5. Adam, don't forget the check on June 22.

J.C. Uribe, San Ysidro, 5.

Harry Walker, La Jolla, 5. Thoughest one for me

Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 5.

Myrna Wosk , La Jolla, 5. Team Myrna and Art.

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 4. They should list the Evil winners first!

Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 4. Hi, y'all. H.B.D.

Evelyn Greco, San Diego, 4. Sudoko-how to

C. Hollenbeck, Hillcrest, 4. Last Sudoku. Moving

Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 4. Welcome Michelle, Jessica and Ren

Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 4. William Nowatnick, Allied Gardens, 4. A veces si,

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 4. A bit of a stinker- second quess did the trick!

Paul Wright, Lemon Grove, 4. Way to mistakenly fix my grammer last week.

Mark Xitco, San Diego, 4. OK! Victor Castaneda, Escondido, 3.

Larry Clark, Clairemont, 3. I'm not very smart, but I can lift heavy things.

Leetri Dang, San Diego, 3. Having a goal is good, sitting back waiting is pointless!

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 3. Because no one in Ohio can count to nine!

Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 3. Knievel himself would have completed this obstacle.

Steve K., Ocean Beach, 3.

Gordon Kanteena, San Diego, 3. When a person makes a mistake 1 of 4

Ron Lucero, San Diego, 3. Hugs and kisses to Lizzie

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 3. Seven Samurai is one of the best movies ever!

Roberto Mora, San Diego, 3. Hey Rancheros! C'mon evervbodv...let's Sudoku!

Scott Robertson, Alpine, 3. Happy Father's Day going on the zipline. Wild Animal Park.

Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 3.

Martha Vee, Point Loma, 3. Happy B-Day and Father's Day, Carlos. Tu tambien, Cocolu! Loveu. Anthony Abbound, Coronado, 2. Keep them

Edwin Bell, Escondido, 2. "Great one more down." Delfin Bernardo, National City, 2. Dion, my nieto,

Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 2. Happy Father's Day

Haley Hodnett, San Diego, 2.

Andrew Klapoetke-Reese, Hillcrest, 2. Marriage equality for all- repeal prop H8!

J. Klein, Mission Beach, 2. Sometimes a bag of Cheetos is enough

Steve Koenig, Bay Park, 2. Goof Ball... I love you. Mitchel Lamoureux, North Park, 2. I love you Mom. Steve Lukefahr, Chula Vista, 2. Wally, why haven't thev fixed that leak?

Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 2. One puzzle at a

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 2.

**Skully, San Diego, 2.** Bike night Desi 'n friends Wednesday at 7pm-by SDMRACING.

Yuko T., San Diego, 2. Do you need help, Jeff? Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove, 2. easy as 1-2-3-4 Joe Caldwell, Mission Valley, 1. Baba-Booey! Thomas Daley, San Diego, 1. "And into Egypt came

a pharaoh who did not know Sheri Deniger, San Marcos, 1. My mom rocks! Rick Gildersleeve, La Mesa, 1. Ask me about bugs.

 Susan Irwin, Ocean Beach, 1. Gary Lorec, Encinitas, 1. Evil really isn't the right

J. Martinez, College, 1. Hi Pootie- got my name in

the Reader. Love va. Meg McGilley, Carlsbad, 1.

Mynor Morales, San Diego, 1. I love my wife Gloria

Tim Mounts, San Diego, 1. Alan Friedman rules! Uy Ngo Quoc, Vista, 1. Congrats Del and Janette. Chrisfer Shmeckle, Clairemont, 1. I love you my Charlie handit

Jack Swan, San Diego, 1. Doom metal rules!! Jeff Vaglio, Poway, 1.

Ed Vicino, El Cajon, 1. Hey Christi, Hay Nicole, life's a

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Small yard. No pets. 4115 Van Dyke Avenue. www.cal-prop.com. 858-483-3534.

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Trapped in My Shining Heart

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Linda Cox (San Diego) \$10

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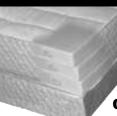
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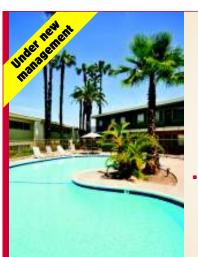
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### This week's questions

- 1. Josh Board attends a birthday party armed with a cake designed to resemble female mammaries. Give the name or nickname of the guest of honor.
- 2. In this week's "Blurt," local musician Zsa Zsa Gabor refers to his (yes, "his") science-fiction opus The Blind Dead as a " opera."
- 3. Music critic Will Crain claims he saw Nirvana open for what Casbah-bound rock act?
- 4. Barbarella and her sister Jane visit a combination coffeehouse/kids' play area in downtown La
- 5. Local singer-trumpeter Tori Roze used to safeguard what for Janis Joplin at Janis's concerts?
- 6. Eve Kelly's cousin says her dad's preferred method of deodorizing a bathroom is to do what?
- 7. Wednesday the 24th, the Belly Up Tavern welcomes Jamaica's Abyssinians, who've been plying their
- 8. True or false: the energy from a volcanic explosion can be harnessed for human use, sez Matthew Alice.
- 9. Outside Canes, a stranger shouts at singer Rhythm Turner and her friend, "Are you two lesbians?" He then allegedly does what?
- 10. Cristina at Cilantro Live! tells Ed Bedford heating food above what temperature will kill necessary enzymes?

### Last week's answers

- 1. Qualcomm Stadium, UCSD, or the San Diego Zoo. (p. 7)
- 2. Cathryn Beeks. (p. 69)
- 3. Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story. (p.80)
- 4. Pornographer. (p. 24)
- 5. Biörk. (p. 67)
- 6. 400. (p. 26)
- 8. Ben Jonson. (p. 110)
- 9. Delmonico's. (p. 95)
- 10. No answer

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## **LEAD STORY**

"Consensual living" parenting, which was developed in 2006 and now has many hundreds of followers, supposes that every family member's needs are equally valid. Even pre-adolescents are assumed able to understand their own needs and respect those of others. When Kiernen, 3, of Langley, British Columbia, hits another child, his mom told Toronto's Globe & Mail in March, she does not invoke authority but instead asks about his feelings and whether he'd like to express himself differently. If Kahlan, 18 months old, of Nanaimo, British Columbia, is grumpy at a time when her mother has made plans, Mom says she is obligated to consider other plans. And when Savannah, 6, insisted on wearing her Halloween cat costume every single day for several months, her mom in Burlington, Ontario, just shrugged, since she recalled how contentious the morning dressing rituals were in the past.

## **Building a Risk-Free Society**

 Safety First in Britain: (1) Recently, 118 local government councils conducted formal tests on their cemeteries' gravestones to see how susceptible they are to toppling over and hurting peo-

ple, according to an April Daily Telegraph report. (2) In April, a circus clown performing in Liverpool was ordered not to wear his classic oversized shoes because he could trip and injure someone. (3) BBC producers, wielding a "telephone-booksize" set of safety precautions while making a recent adventure documentary, ordered Sir Robin Knox-Johnston (the first person to sail single-handedly and nonstop around the world) not to light a portable stove unless a "safety advisor" supervised.

## **Least Competent Criminals**

- Timothy Grim, 39, was arrested in Shreveport, La., in April after swiping several garments from the rehearsal room of the Shreveport Opera and dashing off. The conductor and three performers took chase and cornered Grim several blocks away, still in possession of one part of a diva's outfit, which he immediately offered to sell back to the opera, and by the time police arrived, Grim had cut his asking price to \$1.

Not Ready for Prime Time: A 16-year-old boy was arrested in Centerville, Utah, in April as he roamed a neighborhood at night trying to break into several cars. The last one he tried was the private vehicle of a sheriff's deputy who was still in it, in uniform and finishing a phone call after coming off his shift. After arresting the kid, the deputy reported that the boy had been so stunned when he saw the deputy inside the car that he immediately soiled his pants. Said the deputy, "You could smell him."

## Oops!

For 15 years, police in southern Germany have been tracking a female "serial killer" whose DNA (but little other matching physical evidence) was found at 40 crime scenes, including six murders. Only in 2007 did they begin to consider alternative theories, and in March 2009, a state justice minister announced that the case had been solved: The DNA matched up in the tests because the cotton swabs used to collect it had been contaminated at the factory (but authorities still have not determined which female factory worker inadvertently supplied the DNA).

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- (1) A 44-year-old intoxicated man was arrested in Ann Arbor, Mich., in March, blocking traffic by approaching an officer and requesting a big hug (and then cursing the officer when he declined). (2) A tipsy 22-year-old soccer fan celebrating on a chartered bus after a match in West Bromwich. England, in January was run over by a motorist after he fell out the back door of the bus, believing it led to the restroom.

# **Recurring Themes**

 In April, the City Council of Vero Beach, Fla., grappling with the question of how much skin can legally be exposed in public, adopted the definitions that at least two other Florida jurisdictions use. "Buttocks," for example, is "the area of the rear of the body which lies between two imaginary lines running parallel to the ground when a person is standing, the first or top such line drawn at the top of the nates (i.e., the prominence of the muscles running from the back of the hip to the back of the leg) and the second or bottom line drawn at the lowest visible [sic] of this cleavage or the lowest point of the curvature of the fleshy protuberance, whichever is lower."

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'With all of my boys," said my sis Meg, surfacing from her boys' messy bedroom, "I really should be refreshing our home more often. Between odiferous shoes and sweaty bodies, it's a true blessing my husband has no sense of smell." With a sly grin, she added, "Maybe you could do one of your surveys on the

subject of air-freshening."

I can take a hint, and Lord knows my own house could use some freshening, so I quizzed a few friends on how they keep their abodes smelling sweet.

"When my kids were little I used spray fresheners around the house," explained friend Erica, "but I stopped. I don't like putting a chemical into the air. Why do we need to breathe that in? Now if I want a nice smell, I just clean. A clean bathroom, a clean kitchen, the house smells nice."

"I don't like spraying another odor into the room," said friend Lissa, "though I guess I'm

sold on the marketing because I do use Febreze [Air Effects — \$2.50 for 9.7 ounces at Walmart]. Who knows if it's true, but for a lot of people packed into a small house, Febreze seems to help with the

smells."

According to febreze.com, "It's like a breath of fresh air because it actually sweeps away stifling odors from the air using our patented technology and leaves only a clean, refreshing scent." To a mom tired of kid smells, that's rather enticing.

> Another Febreze fan is my gal pal Sarah's mother-in-law. "Every time she visits, she buys some for us," Sarah offered.

"If someone has an accident, spray some Febreze about. It does take the odor away. For me, spray deodorizers smell too strong, very chemically. I prefer a candle or an essential oil. But when Grandma is in town, out comes the Febreze."

Chuckling, my cousin Pat said, "Dad always left matches in the bathroom cabinet for all those unfortunate smelly moments that happen on the pot. He'd say, 'Light it, hold it above the toilet, and then throw it in. The sulfur in the match will help with the odor."

Cousin Angela said, "Bath & Body Works sells Brilliant Citrus Odor Neutralizing Refresher [\$7.50 for 8 ounces]. It has orange, vanilla, and lavender

in it. Our family has been spraying it around the house and loving the results."

"I prefer a candle or an essential oil. But when Grandma is in town, out comes the Febreze."

Pal Bernice told me, "I only use essential oils. My husband Frank is quite sensitive to perfumes and strong scents. They make him sneeze. But the essential oils don't bother him. Lavender [Aura Cacia Lavender Oil — \$10.99 for .5 ounce at Henry's] is the scent I always buy, and I put a few drops of the oil on a cotton ball and drop it in the bathroom trash can. Or I'll leave a scented ball in the corner of the bedroom. The oil is very concentrated, so the scent lasts a long time. If you put a few drops of oil in your garbage disposal, it will freshen up the disposal and the kitchen. And for my bedroom, I will put a few drops of lavender oil in a spray bottle with water and spritz my pillowcases. Lavender is a relaxing scent, so it's

Sister Nancy touted the essential oils as well: "I boil a pot of water on the stove and drop some oil into it. It's great for making a room smell clean or for nasal congestion or for just plain mood-enhancing. Rose Otto Oil [Aura Cacia — \$15.99 for .5 ounce at Henry's] and Sweet Orange [Aura Cacia — \$3.79 for .5 ounce at Henry's] both claim to lift spirits and bring peace."

nice to use in the bedroom."

My friend Regina said, "A friend gave me essen-

tial oils with a warmer. With just a few drops of lavender oil on the dish of the warmer, the whole room would radiate with the aroma. It was so strong, you would only need to use it for a short period [Metal Circle Oil Warmer at

Bath & Body Works — \$15]."

"Vanilla candles are my choice when I need to freshen a room," replied sis Cathy. "The movement of the flame and the warmth of the vanilla bring on relaxation."

My friend Margaret said,

"I'll give you a tip with refreshing the air in your home. Spray some air freshener into the intake vent of the heating or air-conditioning system and it'll disperse the scent throughout the house. You'll also use less of the product."

As for particular sprays, "My husband is not a big fan of most products," continued Margaret, "but he does love Pure Citrus Air Fresheners [\$5.29 for 7 ounces at drugstore.com]. It's 100 percent natural, and the orange oil powers through the nasty odors that can rise up from a boy's shoe basket," she chuckled.

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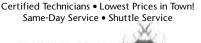
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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

**Denomination**: Roman Catholic

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Founded locally: 1933

Senior pastor: Joseph Mel Collier

Congregation size: n/a

Staff size: n/a

Sunday school enrollment: n/a

Annual budget: n/a Weekly giving: n/a Singles program: no

Diversity: mostly Caucasian

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Portuguese), 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

**Length of reviewed service**: 1 hour, 10 minutes Website: saint-agnes.org

On June 28, St. Agnes church in Point Loma will hold a farewell luncheon in honor of Father Joseph Mel Collier. According to a May 20 article at sdnews.com, the departure of the aging Irish priest will mean the end of Mass in Portuguese at St. Agnes — which means that the liturgies attached to the 99th Festa do Espirito Santo will be the last celebrated in the language of those who established the celebration all those years ago.

At the end of his homily for the 9:30 a.m.

Mass on June 6 honoring the Holy Trinity, Collier switched to English, "for the children, who probably don't understand Portuguese. 'I am with you always, until the end of the world," he said, quoting the Gospel. "Don't ever forget that God is with us. At Christmas, we call Jesus 'Emmanuel' -'God is with us.' In Portuguese, we [have a phrase that means] 'He is among us'"—because God sent the Espirito Santo to dwell within us.

But while the Portuguese tongue may fade from Point Loma, it's hard to imagine the Festa fading with it. There were still so many concrete reminders — reminders more lively than the fishing boat held by the statue of Mary at the front of the church, evoking the livelihood of those immigrant forebears. Reminders that required action and effort, ritual and remembrance.

"The Family of Julio and Suzette Simoes cordially invites you and your family to ... please join with us in celebrating our Portuguese heritage by commemorating our deepest love and respect for the Festa...and our own Rainha Santa Isabel," read the invitation at the website for San Diego's Portuguese Society of the Holy Spirit. "Our daughter Juliette Lynn will, by the Grace of the Divine Holy Spirit, reign as your Oueen.'

The Festa honors both the Holy Spirit and Portugal's Queen St. Isabel, who reputedly prayed to the Spirit during a famine, "I will give my crown to the Church if you will send me a miracle so that my people will be relieved of their hunger." (An enormous silver crown, topped with a dove and ringed with white flowers, hung from a beam of the church's ceiling and sent white satin streamers toward the walls in all directions.) From the Mass's prayers of intercession, read by the Queen and her court: "For the poor and needy, that God will provide for them both physically and spiritually, and that St. Isabel will intercede for them with the Holy Trinity."

Having the young read those prayers - for the dead, for fishermen, for the departing priest — is one way of preserving a culture. Having the royal court bear the signs of Isabel's sanctity - an oversized crown of silver and gold, a scepter topped by the dove of the Spirit, and an empty silver cake stand calling attention to hunger in the world is another. And convincing them to gamely don dresses and suits that would not look out of place in a Baroque costume drama is yet another. The Queen's dress was a silver-spangled marvel straight out of a royal fantasy, a fantasy nearly matched by the beaded, embroidered grandeur of every member of her court. Even the men bore their waistcoats and lace cuffs with more dignity than might be expected of the Young People of Today - no mugging, no eyerolling. The mother of one of the Festa's "weekly queens" gave the following quote for the article at sdnews.com: "When you're a kid, it seems so trying. When you have kids of your own, you appreciate

The Mass mixed high solemnity and festive high

Joseph Mel Collier

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spirits. The choir veered from Portuguese into Latin for the plea for God's mercy, and a young member of the court lilted out Schubert's "Ave Maria" after Communion. But there was a certain delight among the women assigned to manage the extravagant trains that trailed behind the

processing royalty, and when a bottle of wine was brought forward at the presentation of the gifts, Collier made a fine show of slipping the bottle under his vestments. The congregation broke out in affectionate laughter.

After the Mass, Collier blessed members of the court, holding the great crown above their heads as he moved down the line gathered before the Sanctuary. The ladies bowed or curtsied before the altar, and then filed out onto Avenida de Portugal — row after row, in burgundy, cerulean, lavender, bronze, silver, and gold. At the head of the line, some 20 young women balanced baskets of bread atop their heads, leading the way for the flags of Portugal and the Holy Spirit. The Filarmonia Uniao Portuguesa de San Diego donned their white caps and fired up their brass and drums. and the parade began its slow procession toward the sea.

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## **Thirty Years Ago**

C. Arnholt Smith was alone when he walked the two blocks from Judge Robert Convers' courtroom to the Chamber building. One young man recognized him and, recalling that this was the day Smith was to be sentenced, asked him how things went. "Not too good," was the reply. "I got three years in jail, five years' condition of probation, and a fine of \$681,000."

It is difficult to measure the impact of Conrad Arnholt Smith on San Diego without resorting to hyperbole; and it was with some justification that downtown's Grant Club, in 1961, ordained him "Mr. San Diego." ... His domain began to unravel in the 1970s, with the major blow occurring October 18, 1973, when the U.S. National Bank, founded by Smith in 1933, was declared insolvent.

--- CITY LIGHTS: "DUE PROCESS," Dan Trigaboff, June 21, 1979

## **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

What do these local publications have in common: the Pennysaver, a weekly "shopper" that consists almost exclusively of classified ads; the Arena News, a monthly publicity sheet for the San Diego Sports Arena; the Charger Football Weekly, a sports tabloid featuring stories about the San Diego Chargers; and the Heritage, a weekly newspaper for the Jewish community?

They've all got restaurant critics, as do more than 30 other publications (and two television stations).

- CITY LIGHTS: "INK ON FOOD ALL OVER TOWN," Thomas K. Arnold, Iune 21, 1984

## **Twenty Years Ago**

Tamara Rand, 54 Bandini Street, Mission Hills November 10, 1975

The victim, a real-estate broker and the wife of a wealthy physician, was found sprawled on the floor of her kitchen, a cup of tea untouched on a nearby countertop. She had been neatly shot five times: once through the back, once through the ear, and three times under the chin. A few months earlier, she had sued Allen Glick, 33, a La Jolla financier with Las Vegas gambling interests, for fraud stemming from a land deal.

In his biography of Jimmy "the Weasel" Fratianno, author Ovid Demaris reports that the slaying was the work of the mob:

"'Jimmy, this broad was going to drag Glick through a lot of shit,' [Frank] Bompensiero [a reputed mobster] said."

— "A GEOGRAPHY OF SAN DIEGO MURDERS," Matt Potter, June 22, 1989

## Fifteen Years Ago

The band member said their band had gigs scheduled at a bar in Pacific Beach on New Year's Eve. John had not shown up.

During the night I decided I was going to get up and go check the storage closet in the morning.

I walked outside to the storage door. I pushed on the door and opened it. I saw the rope around John's neck and John's face looking

- "THE SECRET OF THE SHED," Rick Sloan, June 16, 1994

# **Ten Years Ago**

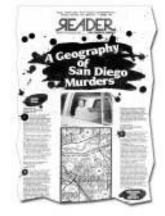
When I was young, it was Mom who assured me that if a monster ever came out from under the bed to get me, she would tear it to pieces with her fingernails.

It was Dad who made me turn myself in to the principal after he found out I had been drinking at a high school cast party, a violation of school policy as well as the law.

— "KEEP YOUR EYE ON DAD," Matthew Lickona, June 17, 1999

## **Five Years Ago**

Mr. Cornforth was in the Navy. Ms. Henderson worked at the Coco's in Escondido and went to school at Palomar College.



San Diego Reader, June 22, 1989

When Mr. Cornforth went to sea later that fall, he and Ms. Henderson exchanged e-mails. "We were out for one to three weeks at a time," Mr. Cornforth explains. "That's when it really hit me. The way she wrote. Her words were really cute. One time she wrote, 'Life on land is sure dry without you here."

— "LOVERS LANE," Leslie Ryland, June 17, 2004

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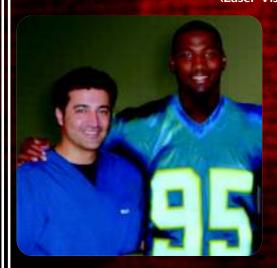
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