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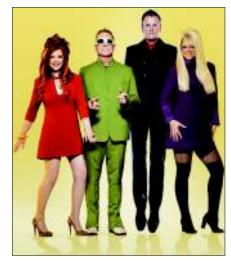
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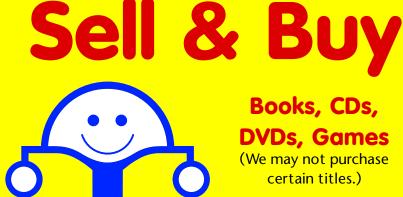
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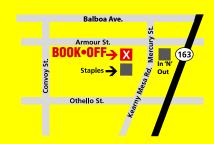


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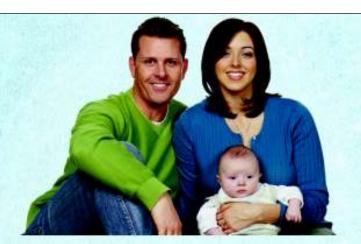
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UNDER THE RADAR

Burdick's back taxes Any doubts about the continuing political involvement of



the Union-Tribune under Platinum Equity, its new owner from Beverly Hills, were erased two weeks ago with the appointment to the port commission of Lee Burdick ---an attorney who herself arrived in town barely seven years ago — by the San Diego City Council on a 5-3 vote.

Lee Burdick

After dissing Burdick's main opponent, Environmental Health Coalition head Diane Takvorian, for being a "hard-line" environmentalist, "to the detriment of economic development and job creation," the U-T editorial went on to praise Burdick for her "unique experience both in environmental matters and business affairs."

Beyond her support for expanding the downtown convention center, the U-T reported little else about Burdick, a registered Democrat who joined the downtown law firm of Higgs, Fletcher

& Mack in September 2008 after briefly mounting a campaign for San Diego city attornev earlier in the year.

Before that, Burdick had been counsel and government affairs director for Jimsair, the troubled private air terminal operation that was

Diane Takvorian fighting the airport author-

ity over extending its lease at Lindbergh Field. The company sold out to Houston-based Landmark Aviation when it became apparent that it couldn't get the terms it wanted, Burdick told the San Diego Business Journal last July.

And that, as far as San Diegans were informed, was the totality of her résumé. "I've been practicing law for 21 years on behalf of individuals and business people who have needed to navigate their way through government processes," the U-T quoted Burdick as saying the day following her appointment.

But it turns out that Burdick has experienced her own navigation problems, as evidenced by a December 2002 Chapter 7 filing in federal bankruptcy court here that listed total debts of \$487,022.65 against total assets of just \$78,327.99, and \$72,064 in unpaid personal income taxes owed the State of California and the federal government.

Burdick's biggest creditor was given as Gus Anagnostou of Redwood City, California, to whom she owed \$376,000 in a disputed lease agreement, over which Anagnostou was suing her in San Mateo County Superior Court, according to the filing. "100 percent shares" in Lee Burdick, PC, which the filing said was "out of business," were valued at zero, as was Bur-

dick's "10 percent interest" in Prima Legal Services of Redwood City, also listed as out of business. Interviewed by phone last week, Burdick said she was forced into bankruptcy after the dotcom bust, followed by the economic aftermath of the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center, decimated the high-tech clients of her Bay Area law practice, where she had lived for nine years before moving to San Diego in 2002. As a consequence, she was forced to renege on her office lease with Anagnostou, who refused to modify the agreement's terms. "It was huge and there was no way I had the resources available to me to pay it off."

Burdick said she finally finished paying off the back taxes she owed to the State of California in March 2005 and to the IRS in November 2007. "If I were to say one thing about the bankruptcy, I think it gives me a lot of empathy for how hard it is for small business people and just your average Joe and Jane taxpayer to navigate through hard economic times. That was the lesson I learned from going through that experience. As traumatic and hellish as it was, I learned a lot, and I think I'm a better person for it.'

Issa's gold Personal financial disclosure reports for members of Congress covering 2008 have been filed, and they reveal that the richest local congressman is still North County Republican Darrell Issa. Noteworthy transactions of the multimillionaire, who made his fortune marketing Viper car alarms, include capital gains from sales of shares in AIM International Small Company Fund, BlackRock Large Cap Value Fund, Eaton Vance Asian Small Companies Fund, and BlackRock Pacific Fund, each valued at somewhere between \$1 million and \$5 million.

Issa collected the same range of income in rents and interest from DEI, LLC, which his disclosure describes as a "limited liability cor-

poration that owns and manages office and light industrial property" in various parts of North County, Poway, and Cincinnati, Ohio. It is valued at greater than \$50 million. He donated an \$825 fee

he earned from a February 2008 appearance on Real Time with Bill Maher on HBO

income.

to an undisclosed charity. The poorest local congressman is also a Republican. Duncan Hunter, who succeeded his father this session, reported having no assets, gifts, or outside

- Matt Potter

Darrell Issa

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Sticking with Stocks

By Don Bauder

ow do you rebalance when the economy is so unbalanced? That is the question facing all money managers and particularly

the fiduciaries that run pension funds for employees. Periodically — say, once a year the pension fund boards "rebalance" their portfolios, deciding how much will go into stocks, bonds, real estate, and other investments. They try to assess the economic future and figure how various investment strategies will be optimal for the long run.

The board of the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System has just completed its annual look into the crystal ball. The board made almost no strategy changes. That could have been a mistake.

Until the mid-1990s, 55 percent of the portfolio was in bonds — a conservative

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strategy. Only 35 percent was in stocks then and 10 percent in real estate. In late 1994, the pension system decided

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William Sheffler markets in stocks in the

last decade, the pension system has stuck with roughly that allocation.

The fund's target, for now, is for U.S. stocks to be 38 percent of the portfolio and foreign stocks 17 percent. But for the period ended March 31, U.S.

just 4.18 percent. Those percentages will rise when second-quarter figures come out after June 30, but they won't go up by that much. Generally, the fund has been underperforming or barely keeping up with its peers, except for the tenyear return, which has been

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Fallbrook's Mine — A Hit or the Pits?

By Cindy Winslow

pristine wilderness area northeast of Fallbrook is at the center of a heated controversy, pitting local residents against

a multibillion-dollar Fortune 1000 construction company. Five years ago Granite Construction announced its plan to develop a mile-long, 1000foot-deep open-pit mine just north of the San Diego County line, near the town of Rainbow and west of the I-15. The proposed 155-acre project, named Liberty Quarry, would extract an estimated 270 million tons of aggregate materials over a period of up to 75 years.

Now, residents of Fallbrook, Rainbow, and Temecula are fighting to stop the quarry,

residents attended a public hearing of the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), an independent, state-mandated regulatory commission. The huge crowd spilled out into the lobby and nearby streets.

The purpose of the hearing was to decide whether to allow the City of Temecula to annex nearly 5000 acres of land, including the site of the proposed quarry. Approving the annexation would have stopped the mine in its tracks, as Temecula has a preexisting land-use plan that prohibits strip mining.



All American Asphalt quarry in Corona

San Diego County, comprises endangered, rare, and endemic 4422 acres of the river valley. At the northeastern border of the reserve, the river begins its descent through the Temecula Gorge, whose cliffs at their steepest are over 230 feet high says. and near vertical. The river winds through rolling terrain, creating a patchwork of riparian zones shaded by willow, elderberry, and sycamore trees

species and contains unique resources that are the last of their kind in the region. "It's what Southern California looked like 100 years ago," he

"The research conducted at the reserve is consequential to the nation and the state," he continues, "answering important questions on climate change, fire ecology, air quality, water quality, and endangered species."

How would the quarry affect the Santa Margarita River? Rahn says he is waiting to see the environmental impact report, scheduled for release within 30 days." Given the large scale of the proposed quarry, we may experience impacts on water, air, seismology, habitat, species, light pollution, and noise pollution," he says. "These impacts may in turn impact our research on the reserve." Another concern, Rahn notes, is that the quarry site sits within Southern California's inlandto-coastal wildlife linkage, a corridor between the coastal Santa Ana Mountains and the inland Palomar range.

Rahn says that the scope of the impact on the reserve's programs is difficult to predict. "However, I can tell you that some long-term projects are hesitant to start work here, given the stigma that now looms over the reserve."

Just north of the SDSU reserve is a 22-acre avocado grove owned by Fred Hayes. He is one of a number of avocado growers opposed to the continued on page 10

STRINGERS

Big Bones of Contention

Downtown — For the past two months, the future site of Thomas Jefferson Law School in the East Village has been the location of an orderly protest regarding labor matters. At the southeast corner of 11th and Island avenues, there is a handful of men picketing



Picketers at 11th and Island

peacefully. Across the street, on the northeast corner of the intersection, another group of men can be seen propping up a labor-dispute banner.

Emblazoned on the banner in stark red ink are the words "SHAME ON," directed toward Thomas Jefferson Law School. While the banner takes a direct jab at the law school, the protesters on the other side of the street are protesting against J.T. Wimsatt Contracting Co., Inc., a company working on the Thomas Jefferson Law School project.

When asked what they were protesting about, a man holding the banner gave a shrug and pointed toward the direction of his counterparts across the street for answers. None of the men were willing to offer an explanation of their grievances.

"All I can say is that it's over a few different issues," explains John Flott, one of the men

of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 12. "We are gagged," added Flott, who indicated that Union **District Representative** Dan Hawn be contacted for an official statement on the matter. Hawn was not immediately available for comment.

picketing and a member

Despite their labor disputes, the men on strike believe that construction at the site will continue to move forward.

Locals are anxiously awaiting the completion of an eight-story campus but have been worried about further setbacks to the project, which has already seen delays from the discovery of mammoth, grey whale, and sloth fossils.

Editor's note: Chris Saunders, communications specialist for the **Thomas Jefferson Law** School emailed the Reader on Tuesday, June 23, to say that "construction of the downtown campus is seven to ten days ahead of schedule." Work was unimpeded by the fossil finds, says Saunders, "because the construction crews were able to work around the digs."

By Nathaniel Uy, 6/22/09

No More Eyesore

Ocean Beach — The casual observer may not notice the graffiti vandalism on



the walls south of the \overline{a} O.B. Pier or the cigarette butts and beer bottles littering the rocky shores, june but those who hike O.B.'s paths, surf its breaks, or 5boat and dive offshore continued on page 16

which they say would endanger the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, pollute their air, and subject them to the effects of the explosions required to excavate the rock - an estimated five blasts per week.

Granite Construction, however, maintains that the quarry would provide new jobs for the area and a cheap supply of aggregate, a construction material in high demand and short supply in Southern California. On June 4, more than 500

However, after hearing nearly ten hours of testimony, the commission voted against annexation. The Riverside Board of Supervisors will now determine the quarry's future, perhaps by the end of the year.

The quarry site is in a mountainous area southeast of the Santa Margarita River, the last fully protected, free-flowing river in Southern California. The Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, which extends from Riverside County into

and dotted with coastal wood

fern. The reserve is home to

ing golden eagles, bobcats, grey foxes, and California's only native freshwater turtle, the western pond turtle. Managed by the San Diego State University Field Stations Program, the reserve provides protected sites for research on Southern California ecosystems.

Dr. Matt Rahn, director of SDSU's Field Stations Program, says the property is an "amazing, one-of-a-kind location." The reserve is home to

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Sticking with stocks

dering its allocation this year, its consultant, Callan Associates, sketched out nine different scenarios for the board to consider. Under five of those scenarios, the bond portion would be sharply raised and stocks lowered. In one, stocks (both domestic and foreign) would go down to 31 percent and bonds up to 44 percent a conservative allocation. In all but two of the scenarios, stocks would be below 50 percent.

But the board stuck with stocks. They remain above 50 percent, and bonds have only been nudged up a bit. William Sheffler, who recently left the board, says that for most portfolios, he prefers the conservative bond-heavy route. But the City's benefits schedule is very inflation-sensitive. For example, benefits are adjusted for inflation." If we had inflation, benefit liabilities would start skyrocketing, and bonds wouldn't keep up," says Sheffler. "We need a decent equity component." (Bond prices go down during inflation periods, but stocks are likely to suffer too. And bond maturi-



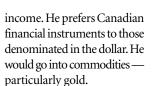


ties can be laddered so the instruments are maturing as workers are retiring.)

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In the second half of this year, 5 percent of the fund will go into private equity. That's the purchase of assets that are not listed on exchanges or the purchase of listed companies, taking them private, loading them with debt, and bringing them public again. The board has been working on this for eight years but could be plunging in at just the wrong time. The big private equity firm Kohlberg Kravis & Roberts lost \$1.2 billion last year. The board has decided against going into commodities and against raising its 11 percent stake in real estate to 15 percent. "That's too high," says Sheffler.

I interviewed San Diego market pros about asset allocation in this miserable environment; they weren't reflecting on the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System. Some believe that the economy is not turning around. The stock market rejoices when some statistic is slightly less awful than a year ago but ignores the bad news. Del Mar's Arthur Lipper, who has been watching markets and the economy for more than 55 years, says that the government's hurling money at the problem won't boost the stock market."I am and remain skeptical," says Lipper, questioning whether consumer and capital spending, residential and commercial real estate, and exports can get any traction. Pension funds should strive for "the preservation of capital, not the enhancement of capital." If a fund buys stocks, it should sell options against those it owns to enhance



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E. James Welsh of Carlsbad's Welsh Money Management notes that some government statistics are pumped up artificially, and the market is jumping on the supposedly encouraging news. For example, the Labor Department grossly overestimates jobs that have been gained in small business. Actually, the nation has lost many more jobs than have been reported. Stocks hit a low in March and then staged a rally. "That low in March was not the end of the big bear market," he says. It's possible the economy won't come back, and stocks could see those lows again. He thinks bonds are fine if their maturities are structured to correlate with retirements. He doesn't like real estate."Commercial real estate will be down for another year to 18 months, and housing is two or three years from the bottom," says Welsh.

Michael Stolper of Stolper & Co. doesn't like real estate. "It provides far greater benefits to the people who promote it than the people who own it. It doesn't favor passive investors," he says. Private equity is risky: sometimes great but often poor. Stolper believes there will be a recovery and likes stocks. "If you can stand the heat, it's crazy not to tilt toward equities. They are much cheaper than they were 18 months ago." History says that's the time to buy, he says. He points out, however, that for many years scholars have agreed that over long periods (say, 200 years) stocks have provided a better return than bonds. Now, however, some double-domes are challenging that thesis. If bonds have done as well as or better than stocks through the years, then a rethinking is in order, he savs.

Neil Hokanson of Solana Beach's Hokanson Associates likes the predictability of highquality bonds. However, quality stocks are paying good dividends now; he wouldn't argue *continued on page 10*



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with a portfolio that is 50 percent in equities. He likes commodities. "If a committee is concerned about inflation, commodities would be one tool in its quiver," says Hokanson. He has a problem with venture capital, hedge funds, private equity funds, and the like. "The trouble is opacity. If you don't know what is going on and don't understand it, you are gambling with investors' money."

Welsh thinks a pension fund should constantly reevaluate its portfolio — not set targets once a year or so. "We will probably be in a volatile environment for the next five to ten years. It will be so unpredictable, the only constant will be staying on your toes and being flexible — not being married to one scenario," he says. "So the fiduciary of a pension fund should look at asset allocation on a regular basis."

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quarry. Hayes worries that the quarry's need for water would have a devastating effect on local growers. A report released by Granite indicates that the

quarry would use up to

162,925,500 gallons per year. "If, in fact, Liberty Quarry becomes a reality, at worst, it could virtually destroy the avocado industry in this area, and at best, it would have the probability of putting 30 or 40 producing groves out of business," says Hayes. He points out that growers are already under a 30 percent cutback in water due to the statewide drought.

Hayes attended the commission hearing and, together with Ohannes Karaoghlanian, another local grower and a member of the California Avocado Commission, made a 15minute presentation to the board. Hayes says that the public hearing was a "mere formality," that the commissioners had already made up their minds.

"I was, to say the least, disappointed by the LAFCO ruling against the City of Temecula's annexation — disappointed but not surprised," says Hayes. "I had the sense that the hearing was merely to go through the motions when I saw the LAFCO staff had recommended against approval of annexation at least a week prior to the hearing," he says, referring to the staff report released to the public one week earlier. "In my opinion, the LAFCO commission hearing was a farce."

Wallace Tucker, chairman of the Fallbrook Land Conservancy, was also disappointed with the commission's decision. "They had good reasons to accept the request for annexation — local control of land use, integrity of the countywide habitat plan — yet they punted the issue to the county," he says.

Tucker believes that the proposed quarry would destroy the wildlife corridor and compromise a world-class research facility. "It also has the potential to adversely affect air quality for several miles around the quarry and the water quality in Rainbow Creek and the Santa Margarita River." Rainbow Creek flows east and south of the quarry site.

Another local resident at the public hearing was Jerri Arganda, who lives in Rainbow. Arganda, founder of Rainbow Against the Quarry, a citizen action group, says her group is working hand in hand with a Temecula-based group, Save Our Southwest Hills, to stop the quarry.

Opposition to the quarry has grown to "enormous proportions over these last years," says Arganda. "I would guess we have well over 35,000 signatures on petitions. We have around 400 businesses and nonprofit groups individually signed up to oppose the quarry, and we have nearly 100 medical doctors who have publicly opposed the quarry." Arganda

> Farzad Yaghouti, MD Medical Director

mentions that recently the San Diego Sierra Club, with 14,000 members, also publicly announced its opposition to the quarry project.

Arganda feels there is a lack of response from San Diego politicians, despite the public outcry and protests.

"In my opinion, Supervisor Bill Horn should be involved," says Arganda, noting that she has met with Horn at his office and spoken with his land-use planner several times. "Even though the mine is just over the county line, the effects will be devastating to San Diego County roadways," she says. "The exit and entrance to the mine is in north San Diego County, at Rainbow Valley Boulevard, and 1600 truck trips per day would enter the freeway here."

Supervisor Horn, whose district covers nearly 1800 square miles of northern San Diego County, including Fallbrook and Rainbow, has not taken a position on the quarry. According to his chief of staff, Joan Wonsley, "There was no need to take a position, because he never had any influence on their jurisdiction." However, Wonsley says, "Supervisor Horn asked San Diego County staff to make comments that will be included in the EIR about the traffic issues related to the access road. The quarry access road does fall in our jurisdiction."

Temecula pediatrician Daniel Robbins is one of a group of 93 area physicians who oppose the quarry.

"It has been well established that gravel quarries pose health risks," says Robbins, who is especially concerned about the spread of silica dust through strong winds in the area.

"Microcrystalline silica is produced in the mining process," says Robbins. "It is a particle small enough to enter the smallest part of our lungs, the alveoli, where oxygen is exchanged. They create inflammation in these air sacs, and over time, depending on the amount *continued on page 12*

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result."

As a pediatrician, Robbins says he is worried about the effects on his patients. "I am concerned about the premature babies I care for who have underdeveloped lungs," he says. "They would be especially at risk."

Robbins notes that at least ten schools in south Temecula are close to the mine site. "These children will be outside playing during blasting times and while the wind is blowing," he says.

Attendees at the commission hearing also included representatives of Granite Construction and supporters of the quarry project.

Granite Construction was pleased with the outcome of the hearing. "This is a big win for economic stimulus, local jobs, lower construction costs, improved traffic conditions,

and better air quality," says Karie Reuther, director of community relations for the

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company. "There is a lot of support in the area for the proposed Liberty Quarry, based on the extensive outreach we have conducted in the last two to three years," Reuther says, noting that the company has offered tours of similar facilities in Indio, held town hall meetings, and provided technical information on its website.

According to Reuther, Liberty Quarry would create 100 new local jobs and provide \$2.2 million a year in new revenue to Riverside County. Air quality would be improved, she explains, by having aggregate locally available rather than hauled in from distant locations.

Reuther feels that the opposition to the project "stems from a lack of understanding or a failure to even bother with the facts." She says that all of the relevant issues that have been raised by the community and regional agencies will be examined.

"These issues are being studied in extensive detail, and mitigation measures will be proposed to minimize any impacts, but the opposition is making claims that are not substantiated by scientific fact or independent studies," she says.

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Legal battles over quarry sites are not uncommon. According to Reuther, Rosemary's Mountain Quarry in Fallbrook took 23 years to permit.

Fallbrook resident Richard Brady, a Liberty Quarry supporter, has worked in the sand and gravel business for many years. Brady feels that San Diego County's construction industry needs the quarry. "San Diego County, as well as Southern California, has a serious shortage of aggregate," he says.

Temecula resident Vince Davis also supports the quarry. He joined a pro-quarry advocacy group, Friends of the Liberty Quarry, about a year ago. Davis says he had been *continued on page 14*



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approached to sign a stop-thequarry petition outside a grocery store two years ago and wanted to look into the issue. "I wanted to do my own

homework, so I went to an open house put on by Granite Construction. They brought in a team of experts to answer questions about the quarry. They had the dust guy, the sound guy, the traffic-study guy, the biologist — it wasn't a lecture but a chance to come and get your questions answered," says Davis.

Davis believes that the construction company has addressed all the potential problems. "Let's take some of the issues — noise and silica dust, for example. All of these are legitimate issues, real issues. My question was, have they found a way to solve the problem?" says Davis. "The people on the opposite side of the issue don't realize that with all of the new technology, all of the problems with dust and noise are solved."

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As to the benefits of the quarry, Davis responds, "The benefits to me personally, probably nothing, but the benefits to the community would be great. We need aggregate to make concrete, and San Diego has a shortage of it. Right now, they're importing it from Corona and beyond. The quarry would be a lot closer to the target market," he says. "When you build Petco Park, for example, you need a ton of construction materials. Downtown San Diego needs new asphalt for its streets. Having a closer source of these materials is going to save costs."

Responding to quarry protesters, Davis says, "It won't be a scar that is the eyesore people worry about. None of the quarry will be directly visible from the surrounding area, because of the hillsides," he adds. "The only way you would know there's a hole in the ground would be to fly over the area with a helicopter."

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Davis thinks that there is no other place they could put the quarry. "If they move the location, there would still be protests but with new names and new faces."

O.B. Johnson, chairman of the Friends of Liberty Quarry, says that support for the quarry continues to grow weekly. "Over 1000 individuals have submitted Friends of Liberty Quarry registration cards," he says.

According to Johnson, "As many take advantage of the tours of the Indio quarry and take the time to delve into the facts as to how the quarry will impact our area, they become enthusiastic supporters."

In the upcoming months, Granite will be holding informational meetings at various locations to educate the public about the benefits of having a quarry in the area.

"However," says Johnson, "I know that no manner of education or information will convince our hard-core opponents that a quarry is needed."





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Which was why on a recent overcast Saturday morning, an ad hoc group of volunteers scrambled over the slippery rocks, hauling in power generators, air compressors, and painting supplies and hauling out bags of trash. Organized online via OBRag.org and social networking sites, the volunteers from O.B. and surrounding communities, such as Jon Carr, an independent video journalist, and Ed Baier, and professional painter Luciano Alexandre, joined together to take a first pass at sprucing things up. "I never realized how unsightly it was, and I walk these cliffs every weekend," says Shawn Conrad, an O.B. resident and volunteer. "It's not representative of O.B."

By Steve Perez, 6/2

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By Cindy Winslow, 6/20

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According to Dr. Gregg

March 1 and May 21.

Tijuana — **Two hundred** and fifty heavily armed and armored police from three branches of Mexican law enforcement raided several nightclubs, hotels, and pleasure emporiums in Tijuana's Zona Norte nightclub district on Friday night, according to Tijuana dailies El Mexicano and Frontera. The commando-type raids included members of the municipal police force, the Federales, and immigration enforcement.

During the pandemonium, theft and debauchery under color of authority ran rife. Several exotic dancers, go-go girls, sexoservidores (prostitutes), and their patrons were physically assaulted and forced to undergo body searches. Several complaints were filed by accosted females, citing



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by the attacking horde of

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Tijuana's Zona Norte nightclub district

One irate courtesan complained of being robbed of \$900 U.S.

Cesar Sanchez, president of the Associacion de Empresarios Turisticos, said the raids and subsequent forced body searches were made without obtaining the proper courtordered warrants and only succeeded in scaring patrons and diminishing international trade and tourism on Tijuana's famous strip-club strip located on Coahuila Boulevard.

By T.B. Beaudeau, 6/18/09



Comments

1. You left out the part where over 100 people were arrested and failed to note that prostitution is illegal in Mexico. Also, it's shooting fish in a barrel when you're permitted to conclude that all Tijuana cops are thieves without fear of slander. And it's lovely to see that no name is attributed to this piece of crap sensationalistic garbage. By refriedgringo

2:35 p.m.,Jun 18

2. Yeah I like how we're suppose to keep coming to Mexico but not be afraid to get kidnapped and shot. Oh well, still rather go to Zona then meet the ladies off adult craigslist. By boner213

3:30 p.m., Jun 18

3. What time and what bars were raided? I was in Chavelas, Hongkong, and Tropical all evening Friday. Didn't see anything. They do periodically check the bars to ensure the women have their work IDs. That is a good thing as most of the bars will allow women to work without them. I think Hong Kong and Adelitas are the exceptions.

By PonchoVilla 4:15 p.m.,Jun 18

4. There's more to story than this, guys. A lot of these girls also do sidework. Sometimes they run cash down south, drug money paid to the cartel(s) when it can't be banked. Cell phones are often checked routinely for this reason. The cops routinely shake down part of Zona Norte for that reason alone.

> By refriedgringo 4:22 p.m., Jun 18

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if you hadn't been so lazy and written it all from your head. Are we to infer that you were one of the "patrons" shaken down by the police? I can't think of any other reason why you'd write trash like this.

By Burbclaver 2:26 p.m., Jun 19

Hauling Butt

Imperial Beach — Sheriff deputies are investigating a violent three-car accident that sent two drivers to the hospital.

At 9:10 a.m., Wednesday, June 17, at the intersection of 13th Street and Holly Avenue, a red Nissan Pathfinder was making a left turn to go north on 13th Street when it was hit broadside by an older white Buick LaSabre headed north on 13th Street. The Pathfinder was

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knocked onto its left side and collided with a dark gray Toyota that was behind it.

The female driver of the Toyota and the elderly female driver of the LaSabre were rushed by ambulance to the hospital. The female driver of the Pathfinder refused medical attention and said she was cited for failure to yield. "A lady came out of nowhere and hit me," she cried to neighbors who came to her aide.

Fifteen-year-old eyewitness Anthony L. backed up her claim. He had been outside across the street and saw the Pathfinder turning. "There were no other cars, and in three steps — bam! The white car came out of nowhere."

Anthony's Mom, comforting her son, said of the white car, "She was hauling butt. People are always speeding through;

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they need a four-way stop sign here."

By Peter C. Salisbury, 6/17/09

Comments

1. With all the school kids that cross at this intersection it is a surprise we have not had a child killed here. There has been at least six major accident in the past year, multiple hit & runs, Several DUI related accidents. What I see the most is people going across 13th without stopping & the speed on Holly & 13th.

> By cashmann 6:56 p.m., Jun 18, 2009

2. There is a need for 4ways in Imperial Beach and a longer transition of the lights at Imperial Beach Blvd. & 9th. Every day I see speeders bolting through heading east and west! Someone is going to die here!

Shouldn't citizen

safety come before decorations at the beach?? By Dvollmar 11:01 a.m., Jun 19, 2009

Rabbits Run Amok in Mira Mesa

Mira Mesa — On Wednesday, June 17, the evergrowing rabbit population in the Tampico Community, a residential area of Mira Mesa overlooking Black Mountain canyon, lost two members.

In isolated incidents, one rabbit was hit by a car driving down a residential driveway, while another was discovered lifeless lying on a patch of grass less than ten feet away from the other carcass.

The City of San Diego **Environmental Services** was contacted and dispatched someone to the scene for the removal of the dead animals.

Residents have seen more and more rabbits thriving around their homes, and some have voiced concerns about the safety of the animals. Others have been more concerned for the safety of drivers who have to swerve out of the way of rabbits in the road.

When asked if the city is doing anything to control the rabbit population in the area, a city employee replied, "No. [The rabbits] can pretty much do whatever they want."

By Nathaniel Uy, 6/17/09

Lights, Camera, Cuts

Chula Vista — Still upset over last week's decision to include car allowances for top-level management into their base pay and looking for new ways the City can save money, despite already passing a balanced budget, Chula Vista councilmember John **McCann brought forward** additional budget reforms to the Tuesday, June 16, city council meeting.

McCann moved to cut his colleagues' salaries, eliminate funding for travel, and force his colleagues to pay into their own retire-

McCann regarding items A, B, and C," mayor Cheryl Cox called out.

"Motion dies for a lack

After the motion failed, councilmember Rudy Ramirez commented on McCann's efforts. "With regard to car allowances, when we became aware that we were in a serious financial crisis, over a year ago, I took my car allowance out."

Councilmember McCann responded to Ramirez' comments. "We can have all the hyperbole and the lip service and everything. I've taken a ten percent pay cut. I haven't taken my car allowance. I haven't taken my travel. But, it's not

ment fund. "A motion by Mr.

The council was silent. of a second," said Cox.

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about me, it's about policy." By Dorian Hargrove, 6/17/09

Train Travel Shake-up

Solana Beach — An earthquake occurred at 6 p.m. Friday evening, June 19, off the coast of Southern California. The USGS website reported the quake as a 4.1 magnitude event with its epicenter 45 miles west-southwest of Oceanside, CA, in the Pacific Ocean. There were no reports of damage or injury; however, train travel was interrupted in San Diego County. Train officials were concerned about possible bluff failures along the train tracks in Del Mar. A train dispatcher of the Metrolink San Diego subdivision directed Coaster train number 661 and Amtrak train number 582 to proceed at restricted speed through the bluff area. Amtrak train 582 incurred a delay of 27 minutes into San Diego. The train order remained in place until shortly after 8 p.m., and three other passenger trains incurred minor delays.

By Steve Horvath, 6/22/09



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right direction. The agents

dragged the surfboards in

to shore and discovered

that the third board was

packed with marijuana.

Duct tape and a black tar-

paulin were used to cover

the surfboard and hide six

packages of marijuana

stashed underneath the

surfboard, which had been

painted black. The surfers,

aged 27 and 30, informed

agents that they were Mex-

ican nationals and illegal

immigrants. According to

Border Patrol spokesman

Ralph DeSio, the two sus-

pects were handed over to

the San Diego Sheriff's

Department. The mari-

juana came to a total

weight of 141 pounds and

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a surfboard, two more men were arrested for trying the same trick. Border Patrol agents saw two men paddling surfboards and towing a third board around 11 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, about 200 yards off the Imperial Beach shore. The surfers started to float out of sight, so a U.S. customs and border protection helicopter was called in to find the men. Using a high-powered searchlight, they were able to direct the agents in the



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Crossword Crack

The crossword puzzle in today's issue is weird. The numbers are off or something. I can't figure it out. This is my "crack," so I'm going through withdrawals...help!

Name Withheld via email

Due to an editorial error, the puzzle's grid and clues were mismatched in last week's Reader. — Editor

Beyond Review

You missed the local faves in Carlsbad (Cover Story, June 18): New York Pizzeria (mynewyorkpizzeria.com), Lola's Market, the French Pastry Café, Pollos Maria.

These gems really don't need any reviews; they have been rockin' with business since they opened many years ago.

John Taylor via email

Rude Beyond Belief

I live in Campo and am amazed at how well you



review the Campo Diner; you neglect to tell people about the lousy service that this place has and the ridiculous wait time in order to eat (Cover Story, June 18). The staff is rude beyond belief. I have gone in this place twice, and both times there were maybe two or three people in there. Place was half empty when we were seated. That's great. Then we proceeded to sit there for more than 20 minutes before the waitress came out of the back. When we asked if we could have some water, she was hostile and snapped, "Can you wait?" How much more time does she need? I've already been sitting 20 minutes. Needless to say, I got up and left.

I have not gone back to this place. I have yet to see you send someone over to the El Rancho Bar and Grill located on Oak in Campo. That place has better service and a more friendly atmosphere than the Campo Diner.

Your reviewers of restaurants would do better to interview people in the community to find a great place to eat than try to review places to eat on their own. They consistently give poor reviews to the point that they are quite possibly turning people off from trying new places based on their one-sided perspective. I have learned over the years that if a critic hates it, the place must be great and I must try it. You definitely screwed up with the Campo Diner, though. Bad atmosphere will never make for good food eating anywhere. Nancy

via email

Willy-Nilly Dog Walkers

Never had I had such an urge to write in! This is in response to the people who break the law by allowing their dogs off-leash in a "leash-only area" ("Stomp Off-Leash Park Romp," "City Lights," June 18).

Several years ago, thanks to a jerk who was breaking the law, my dog was bitten while we were on our walk. My dog was on-leash, and that moment made her leashaggressive. (She is fine offleash.)

There are several areas we walk, including our neighborhood, where *many* people break this law. Not only does this jeopardize *my* dog *and your* dog, half of the time your dogs are walking willynilly and crossing streets, so cars are an issue too. I just love it when you yell, "It's okay, my dog is friendly!!" *Mine isn't*, so when your dog gets to mine, there will be a big problem, and you will be responsible for both vet bills.

There are so many places to take them off-leash. Please be responsible and take them there. The weirdest thing about this problem, the person with the loose dog is the one that gets upset when I say put them on a leash. It's the law, people. I love my dog more than anything, and the fact that you put yours and mine in harm's way is disgusting. (I have worked in shelters and vet clinics and seen the aftermath of such carelessness — being hit by cars and dogfights, both of which are easily avoided.) Be smart, people, and pick one continued on page 50

STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Dear Matt:

My parents and aunt and uncle just got back from the Caribbean on vacation. We all got together to look at their pictures, and in the

middle of everything, my uncle pipes up about how there's no tide in the Caribbean. The water just stays the same all the time. I should tell you that my uncle is full of facts that might not really be facts, so I wanted to check on this one. How is it possible that a bunch of islands in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean could have no tides? It just didn't make sense to me. Of course, I never told my uncle that. Or maybe I'm just mad that I couldn't go with them.

— Sir Anthony Anonymous, via email

Anybody who's sat through an evening of other people's vaca-

tion pix, highlighted by a know-it-all uncle, deserves our full attention immediately. Thank you for writing to us. We feel we can help you. Just lie down and relax. We'll make this as painless as possible, considering all you've been through, and break this to you as gently as we know how.

Every know-it-all is right every once in a while. It's just a matter of statistics. Throw out enough "facts" from your personal soup pot of wisdom, and one of them is bound to stick. Well, your uncle's no-tide fact was just gooey enough to adhere. Who knows where he got it, but he got it right. Anyway, the Caribbean is one of a dozen or so areas around the world that has near-zero to zero tide. The sea just sits there. Doesn't rise, doesn't fall, despite the high and low tides circling around it along Atlantic coastlines.

Maybe that's all you want to know. Maybe you don't care why there's no tide. But there's a chance that knowing why will give you a leg up on unk, so maybe it's worth the effort.

Tide stuff is complicated. (That's how I cover my butt in case you don't understand my explanation when I'm through.) Let me take a shortcut through some of the maze and ask you to imagine sitting at an outdoor café, staring into your coffee and swirling it around in your cup. This creates a small blip of coffee that rotates around the edge of the cup. Think of the cup as a big oceanic basin — the North Atlantic, f'rinstance. The coffee blip is the progress of high tide times as they circulate around the Atlantic coasts (the cup). High tide rotates around a point in the center of the coffee cup where the level of the coffee never rises or falls. Same happens in an ocean basin, and the center point of no tide is called the amphidromic point. It's most often compared to the center point

of the spokes of a bike wheel.

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When you add up all the tidal influences earth rotation, moon, ocean coast and bottom, and Coriolis effect - you end up with about a dozen amphidromic points around the globe. One of these happens to be right at the edge of the Caribbean Sea, making Uncle Genius correct. Coriolis effect, by the way, is the "force" that makes large water masses (high-tide masses) rotate counterclockwise north of the equator, clockwise south of it.

So, Anonymous, while you're resting, go over the fine points of this answer, drink them in, and at some dramatic silence during the next family gathering maybe ask the Factmaster if he knows why he never got wet above his ankles in two weeks in the Caribbean. Then lay it on him. Even if it doesn't shut him up, it should give him a new respect for his sort-ofintelligent nephew.

Wazzup, Matt?

What is the difference between being a killer, a murderer, and an assassin? Is it the number of people you cause to die, the notarioty [sic] of the victim(s) or the method you use to cause death? By association, how wealthy, famous, or politically connected do you have to be to be assassinated instead of murdered or just plain killed? I don't recall a headline about teens being assassinated in a gang-related drive-by or multiple people murdered by a terrorist car bomb.

— Just Curious, Not a Killer, via email

I'll take your word for it, but we are a little suspicious. So, "kill." Plain vanilla word meaning you've taken someone's (or something's) life. 'Nuff said. "Murder" a little trickier. The crime of killing someone, especially with malice aforethought. Kind of a legal spin. Assassinations are sudden or secret attacks — especially killings for political reasons. The person is usually "prominent." "Prominent"? Widely and popularly known. "Popularly"? Relating to the general public. Perhaps a small-town newspaper could talk about the assassination of its smalltown mayor, since he'd be popularly known and maybe even related to everybody. Enough. Stop me, Merriam-Webster.

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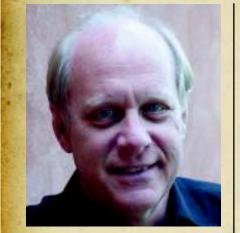
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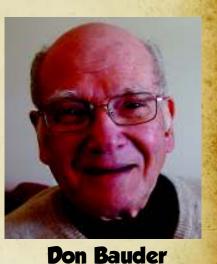
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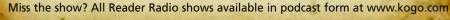
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BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

"I'd like to get on a plane. It's the weekend so I couldn't go to Spain. Maybe Hawaii."

June has had damp cool about it. The sky, for most of the month, scallop and oyster clouds. Congealing bruises showed at intervals beneath the marine layer, a kind of lividity: the chill skin of spring's cooling corpse. June gloom and May gray merged with each other seamlessly, informing the county with a kind of perverse, hypermanic cheeriness to belie the weather, the econ-

omy, the unemployed hours. It is what we do in San Diego. Everything's okay, America. It's all good, right?

Are the weekends any different? You feeling a sense of release? A license to indulge? But your budget constrains your golf game to municipal courses. Your entertainment: 50-cent borrowings at the library for movies you've already seen. BBQ hot dogs, not sirloin. Smile getting strained? Toothy? When asked, how's it goin', does

your now stock answer — "If it was goin' any better, I'd have to be twins" come out with a constipated and rictus grin?

A random and unscientific polling of San Diegans over the weekend brought to mind the phrase "plucky in the face of adversity."

Gayle says she's 35 years old, but I think she's lying because I told her she could. She is waiting for the Sprinter at Palomar College with her friend Glenn. "I just want to see a comedy tonight. I need a comedy because there's a lot of stress in my life. Something where I can laugh my heart out and not think about what's going on right now. There's a lot of stress in my life. I can't mention what it is - a lot of personal stuff. I'm gonna try and go to a movie theater, but whatever I can find... I'm gonna try to have a good day, go to lunch, Japanese food, maybe go shopping. I'm not working now, but when I do I'm an LVN."

Is it a function of the economy that she's not working? "Yes. Yes it is."

Her friend Glenn is also out of work as a welder/fabricator and living on disability insurance. He is 54 years old. "I like to go to coffee houses with, like, a free open-mic night. I don't know of one though. I don't get out much." I recommend Escondido Joe's.

I ask Gayle, "What do you like to do Friday nights, the weekend?"

"I'd like to get on a plane. It's the weekend so I couldn't go to Spain. Maybe Hawaii. No, New York. Yeah, I'm from New York, so I'd go there. Do all the things I couldn't do when I was a child. Party, see the city, go to clubs."

Bobby is 40. Shaved head, long goatee, kind eyes. He and friend, Andrew, at a North County bus stop. "Can't do what I used to do. What I'd like to do. Gotta save money for bills. I'm in flooring, and I'm out of work. Looking. I'll just stay home, watch TV, movies, whatever." A more-than-common response this weekend in mid-June.

Andrew is 21, bed-head, punk hair, quick smile. "I work sometimes. I worked Friday. I test radios for Sony. There are 15 of us, and we walk around Ran-



cho Bernardo, space ourselves and report in our positions." Walkie-talkies he means. "Radios, headsets. It's a one-time thing that might progress into a long-term video-gametesting gig."

"Good luck." I mean it. It's the only hope for my son's employment outlook if such a job exists.

Micah Saiz is 27 years old and looking for work as a waiter. He's checking out Craigslist job listings at a computer in a coffee shop.

Free with a \$1.70 cup of Calabria joe. "About two months I've been looking. No luck so far. I watched a movie over the weekend, *Office Space*. That was pretty much it." Saiz has lowered his employment expectations recently. "I'm gonna start looking at smaller restaurant businesses, like Sizzler. When your neighbor's out of work it's a recession. When you're out of work, it's a depression."

Three very shy 18-year-olds in front of Palomar College. None of them want to talk, although one of them allows that she's studying criminal justice. I tell her I think it's a sensible choice, given the times. As if in precognition of the next brief interview, I say, "A lot of people might turn to crime before things get better."

Anthony is 38, tattooed, ginger sideburns, and visibly weary. "I've been looking for work. Anything. I was in construction; I can't even find a house-painting job right now. I might have to jack a convenience store." He grins to let me know he's kidding. His smile fades as he looks away beyond the Vista Transit Center. "I promised myself I wouldn't do that any more."

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SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Sent to Sea Level



Mammoth Mountain

ou sit there with a machine that pumps an Albuturol mist into your lungs."

I ask, "Did you have a mask on?"

"No. It's like a pipe." Speaking is a woman I'll call Margaret, an old friend. She, her husband, and I are at table in the Base Camp Cafe. a tourist restaurant in Mammoth Lakes, California. Aforesaid restaurant and town are set 8,000 feet up in the sky.

Margaret is telling me about her trip to the medical clinic. She awoke to high altitude sickness yesterday morning, specifically: 24-hour headache, lethargy, difficulty breathing, difficulty walking, and difficulty climbing stairs. Margaret continues, "And you breathe in and you breathe out. This expands the bronchial tubes in the lungs."

"Does that test your oxygen level?"

"No. After I did that for about 20 minutes," Margaret says, "that's when they came in and checked the oxygen level of my blood again. They put a clip on the end of your index finger. Then they had me stand up and blow into that little thing that looks like a horn. It's called a peak flow meter."

Margaret arrived with an oxygen level of 83. "How high was it when you left?"

"It was up to 94," Margaret says. "It's supposed to be 98. If it hadn't gone up, and gone up quickly, they were going to send me back to sea level."

This unscheduled medical detour cost \$1,000 — \$500 for doc, \$500 for prescriptions. What's strange is that my friends are experienced hikers, have trotted around at high altitude on many occasions, and never had a problem. This trip we three experienced symptoms. Hers were serious.

The idea was to frolic at the Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua. It's a three-day birding event headquartered in Lee Vining, a sweet, undeveloped town next to Mono Lake, 30 miles north of here. And yet, somehow, the weekend went in another direction.

A waitress, tall with biker-blonde hair, comes by our table waving a coffee pot. Asked if a lot of people get altitude sickness, she replies, "A lot, a lot of people do."

I am standing in the emergency room of Mammoth Hospital talking to Lori Baitx, RN. She is the ER manager and has been working here for 26 years. Baitx is five-foot-eight, with shinv bob-cut silver hair, country smile, perfect tan, dressed in a blue hospital smock and sneakers.

Baitx says, "We don't see a lot of people [with altitude sickness]. We do see it regularly, but I wouldn't say a lot of people."

"About how many in a typical week?" "More like one or two a month."

"Is there a profile? Are people with altitude sickness of similar age, sex, physical condition ...?"

"No, and that's one of the interesting things about high altitude illness," Baitx says. "Someone can come up here 99 times and it's the 100th time they get sick. And they might not get sick again when they come back up. It's just one of those weird, freak things - for some reason people get sick.

"There are probably tons of people who have headaches and shortness of breath, but we don't see those people. We generally see the worst, which include high altitude pulmonary edema, where the lungs begin to fill with fluid. That's a life-threatening thing. The only cure for it is to get out of the altitude.

"There's also high altitude cerebral edema, where your brain begins to swell. That's the kind of thing you'll see up at Everest, but occasionally we see it here. We can do temporary measures - put them on oxygen and do some other things - but we need to get them out of here as quickly as possible. That's the treatment."

"Is there any danger in going down too fast?"

"No. What we usually do is send them down on oxygen. We put them on high-flow oxygen for the trip down to Bishop. Once they hit Bishop, they get checked again to see if their oxygen saturation has come up. Usually they're cured by the time they get there."

"What's the elevation of Bishop?"

"Four thousand."

I ask, "Is there a point with [cerebral or pulmonary] edema where you're just out of luck?"

"People die of high-altitude pulmonary edema and cerebral edema," Baitx says. "It could get to the point that going down in altitude [doesn't help, because] things have progressed too much and people die. We usually have, maybe, one death a year from high altitude pulmonary edema."

"And that could be a 35-year-old guy or a 70-year-old guy or anything in between?"

"That's the thing that's so weird about it."

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Crasher

THE LAKERS VS. LUNA LLENA

by Josh Board

drove up to Oceanside for a surprise party that Wayne was throwing for his wife's birthday. I squeezed into a spot on the street, slightly blocking the

driveway of a nearby neighbor. I could hear the band playing from down the block. Two

percussionists and a trumpet player were blasting Latin rhythms into the neighborhood.

I walked through the front door and toward the backyard, where I could see the party was going on. While in the house, I saw a Latina watching the Lakers. Dang! I had completely forgotten about the game. It had just started. I said to her, "I'm a big basketball fan, so I'll probably be joining you in a few minutes." She didn't acknowledge me. Her eyes never left the screen.

The band started playing "La Bamba," and a crowd was dancing on the back patio. When I hear that song on the radio I switch the station, but something about hearing it live worked for me. Maybe it's because the band was tight. I couldn't take my eyes off the talented drummer. Or the cute trumpet player.

I met Wayne and asked him how he pulled off the surprise



Left: Wayne in the middle, Luna Llena singer waving; Right: The young ladies heading out to another party

party. He said that it was difficult. I asked his wife if she was surprised or if she had a clue that there was a party being planned. A sly smile came upon her face when she said, "Well, there were a few things that made me suspicious...

"Those are nice friends to have at parties, the ones who volunteer to go on alcohol runs."

and ways they were trying to get me out of the house. My sister kept telling me to hurry up and take a shower. Things like that." Wayne laughed when he told me, "I'd take tables out and set them up, and she'd come back, so I had to go put them away. It was a bit hectic."

He insisted I get in line for some of the street tacos being prepared. There were ten people in front of me, so I grabbed a juice box out of a large cooler nearby and jumped in line. The singer of the band Luna Llena announced, "Get food, get drunk. We're going to take a break, but we'll be back."

The trumpet player ended up behind me in the food line. Her name was Elizabeth Meeker, and she's been playing for 20 years. Aside from being in this band, she teaches music.

She's been with this Afro-Cuban band for almost two years, and I asked if she had any ear problems from playing. "No. My arm is hurting a little, though."

A girl walked by at that moment telling her friend that her feet hurt from dancing so much. I wondered if musicians liked hearing that at a party they're playing. Or if they liked it more that the people throwing the bash provided food.

The guy making the street tacos handed me a couple tortillas with his bare hands. Part of me thought it was gross that he touched them, but part of me also thought that that added some authenticity to street tacos. And for some reason at parties, you don't seem to care if someone hands you a burger or taco like that. If a waiter did it at a restaurant, though, you'd be livid.

There was a guy slinging drinks from behind a bar. I asked if the glass container had margaritas in it. "No," he said. "That's Tuscan lemonade. It tastes similar, though," I grabbed a glass. The bartender told Wayne the lemonade was running low and asked him if he should go pick up some more at Costco. A guy leaned in and said, "Those are nice friends to have at parties, the ones who volunteer to go on alcohol runs when vou start to run out."

There didn't seem to be a shortage of booze, though. One cooler was filled with a variety of wine bottles. Another cooler had lots of beer. And there was a cooler of soft drinks.

After finishing my lemonade and a glass of wine, I was a bit buzzed. My girlfriend commented that the food they were serving was tastv.

When I leaned over to respond, the balloons tied to the back of the chair kept getting in my face. I saw one guy take the balloons off his chair and put them somewhere else, but one got away from him and sailed off. I noticed all the low-hanging telephone wires and wondered if anything could happen with a balloon getting tangled in one. Maybe I'll throw that by Mathew Alice in the hallway at the Reader office.

The band started up again, but I went inside to check on the Lakers. There was a crowd watching the game. The score was close, and it was near the end of the game. Two guys behind me kept complaining about the referees. The older Latina was in her same place without an expression on her face. I stared at her for a few minutes, and I don't think I saw her blink.

As I went back outside, I saw three cupcakes sitting on the kitchen counter. I brought one

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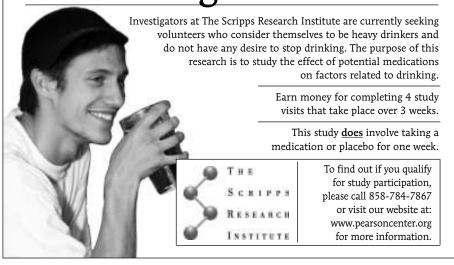
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out to my girlfriend, who snapped at me. "Those aren't for us to eat! You don't grab food out of someone's kitchen! The food *outside* is for the guests...."

She wouldn't touch the cupcake, so I ate it. I said, "Hey, it's a party. If I see cupcakes, I'm eating one. I'm not going to go into someone's refrigerator and grab food, but it was on the counter. And there were only three. That leads me to believe there were more, but they had been eaten earlier." She was having none of it.

Luna Llena took another break, and belly dancers came out. One of them was male, and I joked that he looked like Adam Lambert of *American Idol*. Maybe it was the eyeliner.

One of them was twirling fire, which was fun to watch.

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it was All the kids at the party were well behaved. I at leads heard a nearby table of were them thanking the adults been and being very polite. One

teenager told her friends that she was leaving the party to go see her friend's band. I asked her about it, and she said, "My mom was trying to make me feel guilty I was leaving her party for another one. But, she knows I love her. I mean, I felt bad, but these are a bunch of older people. And my friend's band is having a CD-release party."

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As we were heading out, they were preparing

the birthday cake. I overheard yet another woman say her feet were sore from dancing.

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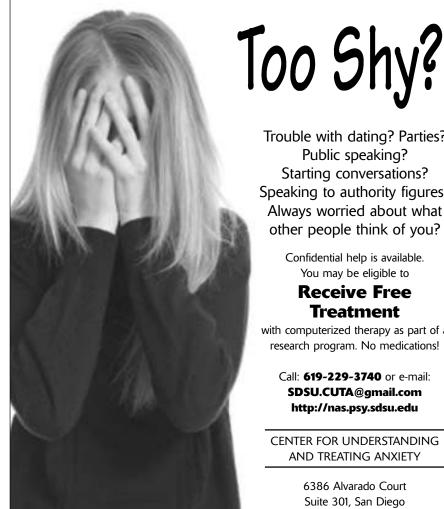
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Health Planning and Development, is used to measure market share among hospitals. As one marketer told me, "We watch it like hawks." In 2007, Sharp applied for — and won the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, given by the president to recognize "performance excellence" in health care, education, and business management. In the application, Sharp reported comparative market shares

for San Diego health systems. As of 2005, Sharp had the largest market share at 27.27 percent, followed by Scripps at 22.18, Palomar Pomerado at 10.68, UCSD at 6.51, and all others at nearly 34, including Kaiser at 9.62 percent. Kaiser is a member-based health-care organization that has almost 3.3 million subscribers in Southern California as well as 22 hospitals, clinics, and medical offices in San Diego

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County.

Compared to the thousands of doctors and nurses and administrative staff, the marketing and communications staff in each health system is small, at best, a few dozen employees. Marketing, as defined by the American Marketing Association, is an activity that creates, communicates, delivers, and exchanges "offerings that have value for customers, clients, partners, and society at large." The four marketing departments focus their "offerings" on advertising, web design and operations, customer strategy, media relations, multicultural relations, physician liaison, and more. Not counting call-center personnel, Sharp employs 55 people, 15 of whom design and run its website as well as produce its videos, perhaps the biggest new thing in hospital marketing. Scripps marketing has 51 employees, Palomar Pomerado has 11 full- and part-time people, and UCSD has 20 employees. Their marketing budgets are also small, in the range of \$1 to \$2 million, much less than the usual 3 to 5

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system's "Hospital of the Future," coming to Escondido in 2011. The 50ish Latino possesses abundant energy, talks inveterately, and is, in his words, "involved with everything." Before he got to Palomar Pomerado in 2004 as chief marketing and communications officer, he was the marketing head at Scripps and Sharp, five years at each.

On board, Friederichsen was expected, he says, to campaign for "community health improvement, prevention, education." To understand his client base, he began with focus groups and in-house interviews. He found three concerns: the managers were "too conservative" and the marketers "risk-averse," the latter doing little more than profiling doctors poring over X-rays in magazine ads; too few in the community had a clear idea of what the hospitals did, where they were located, and how to pronounce the name; and the foundation wasn't bringing in enough money.

What troubled Friederichsen was that the system had "zero brand equity. If I put us against Sharp or Scripps, we lose every time." Focus groups said they wanted a spokesperson with whom to identify. They recommended that "I get a face, an image, a something." He remembers one person saying, "I don't know what you stand for."

His solution: brand the hospital.

So, in 2007, Friederichsen sought the superstar running back of the Chargers, coming off his greatest year ever. Friederichsen persuaded the season's most valuable player to become the hospital spokesperson for five years. "It's not just a strict endorsement deal, where he's just pitching. He's doing a whole lot more."

L.T. is paid \$400,000 per year — the hospital's marketing division pays him \$200,000; human resources, \$100,000; and the foundation, \$100,000. In turn, L.T. raises money, hosts TV and radio spots, recruits new doctors and nurses, visits patients, and talks to kids at schools about health. Friederichsen says that the reason L.T. signed up was, "He gets it. He has a family history of illness - stroke, heart disease, diabetes. Mother, father, grandmother." Kids love him, he's got a famous San Diego face, and he's amenable.

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The health system's gala fund-raiser is called Night of Nights. Friederichsen says that L.T. has to raise "half a million dollars every year, minimum; it's in his contract, recession or no recession." He's especially proud that the event with L.T. last year brought in \$642,000; the highest total for a previous fundraiser had been \$30,000. This, as well as all the other educational things the running back does, justifies his salary. Yes, he says, "There's a culture here that thinks we can't pull the LaDainian thing off." This is the old guard, who says to every (costly) innovation, "We can't afford it."

In short, Friederichsen needs to justify the L.T. expense.

How? He's selected a number of standards for measuring the campaign. One is the number of diabetes patients admitted to the emergency room. L.T. talks to the public, mostly fifth-graders at school, about diabetes; he'll present information about lowering their risk and changing their diet. After 24 months, Friederichsen will look at whether the number of diabetes patients coming into the emergency room has dropped. If it has, he'll use the data as proof (mostly to the board) that his marketing strategy has legs. Already, he says, he's gotten a call from a nutritionist who is treating "her first 300-pound Latino fifth-grader."

I asked Friederichsen how an ad campaign might reverse the eating patterns of Latino boys, who many surveys suggest are addicted to fast food and soda. He says it's not *that* ambitious, although he believes prevention is the way hospitals will care for patients in the future.

Friederichsen ran the 30-second L.T. spot, called "You just got to execute Farzad Yaghouti, MD

Medical Director

the plan," during the playoff games (one win, one loss, and out) for \$20,000 (he got two free runs when one of the games went to overtime). He's mum about the cost of his other ads,

which include other 30second TV and radio spots, Union-Tribune and Chargers Media Guide ads, signage in Qualcomm, movie theater and online videos, transit posters, and bus tails (people stuck in gridlock need to look at something). He won't discuss costs because "I've got a lot less [money] to work with than Scripps and Sharp do. I wouldn't want

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a competing health-care system to know what Gustavo is spending on TV, radio, and print." It's all negotiable and, he says, suddenly cheap in a recession. If his negotiated price

is exposed, Scripps and Sharp will renegotiate theirs. Ad venues don't like that, he says.

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on "showcasing physicians surfing or playing golf because their campaign stressed they were 'normal' folks." His budget, he says, teasing me with a near figure, is 30 to 40 percent less than what his competitors at Sharp and Scripps spend.

Sharp Hospitals and the Sharp Experience

On Sharp's website is the real-life video clip "Emergency Heart Attack at Sharp Grossmont." A woman is being helicoptered onto the Sharp hospital roof. Though she's suffering grueling chest pains, once in the emergency room she's quickly stabilized. Soon, she's on her way to the cath lab for angioplasty, one of the most common surgical procedures in medicine today. In the short procedure, her artery, which

had a blockage, is ballooned opened, and she's out of danger.

The video resembles an episode of the television show ER, with much of the frenetic activity but minus the actors and the fiction. It's all real, the family arriving and looking bewildered, the husband wiping back the tears, the fast unfolding of the cath procedure, the doctor and nurses and technicians speaking to the camera during the procedure. A nurse says, "I feel so grateful to do what I do every day." A doctor testifies that "every day I know I've made a difference; every day you've touched a life."

Later, the woman's recovery is filmed with triumphal musical flourishes. Son kisses mother. "She was going to leave us." He cries. The doctor smiles.

Love, like a glass of wine, is raised all around. A viewer can't help but be touched by a tragedy undone.

Part of the savvy behind these spots is sixyear Sharp veteran John Cihomsky, senior vice president for public relations and communications. He's a youthful-looking, smartly dressed executive whose rapid-fire marketer's tongue is endemic to the biz. In 2000 and 2001, just before Cihomsky began, Sharp conducted more than 100 focus groups to assess patient preferences. Cihomsky says that though responders expected superlative care at all San Diego hospitals, they rated each hospital the same: average. "Sharp is okay. Scripps is okay. UCSD is okay. They didn't feel any difference with health-care providers. And, they said,

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'The state of health care isn't so great.' People said they weren't treated as a person, didn't feel their pain was well-managed, didn't feel their loved ones were kept in the loop. We learned," Cihomsky says, "that we have a lot of room to improve."

The upshot was to launch the Sharp Experience. "Stories of the Sharp Experience" profile "real people, real experiences." Short clips, like "Emergency Heart Attack," are strung together into 28minute-long hospital infomercials, shown on late-night TV. The idea is "to capture our people in action" who are "role-modeling behavior." Is this information- or image-based? Cihomsky sees little distinction between the two. No matter the ad, there's always "educational infor-

mation embedded in those segments."

"The Sharp Experience" is a phrase printed on most every marketing item Sharp produces. Cihomsky says that he knows the cam-

about what brand of soda to buy. We're talking about relationships. A relationship with a caregiver over a long period of time."

In attaining its top market share, Sharp, like all

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paign is working well when people call or email to say, "I want to tell you about my Sharp Experience." It's a brilliant marketing ploy. Is this too slick? Cihomsky says no. "It's very personal. We're not talking hospital systems, targets women more actively than it does the two other main audiences: seniors (65plus) and Spanish speakers. Most health-care choices are made by women who consult with family

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Cihomsky fashions English- and Spanish-language programs as well as two annual health conferences focused on education, with keynote speakers and local physician presenters. To measure their interest, Sharp surveys attendees' satisfaction: a complimentary gift often assures a response. And yet, measuring outcomes is difficult and complex for any marketer. Cihomsky says that since women face a bewildering array of "access points — getting into the system — it's very challenging to chart a woman who registers for an event and then shows up six months later in Dr. Smith's office."

Scripps — A Venerable Name Playing Catch-up to Sharp

"Just think about the name 'Scripps,' "says Jean Hitchcock, Scripps' corporate vice president for marketing and communications. She's a 28-year veteran of marketing whose bluntness is enjoyable in the sometimes hemming-andhawing world of marketing-speak. The "Scripps" brand conjures up the trust of science and medicine, the

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What are the marketing priorities at Scripps? Hitchcock says it's a question of "appealing" to different audiences, whether it's selling Scripps' bariatric surgery programs to obese people on diet websites via "search-engine optimization" or its obstetrics care. (Hitchcock is "incredulousness" that young women will shop for a hospital "based on ambience and gifts, not if there's a neonatal unit.") Scripps concentrates on obstetrics because the program faces

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C o n s e q u e n t l y, Hitchcock's focus is on marketing programs and services in which Scripps has "clinical experience"

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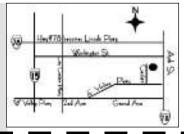
She says that even in a new hospital, "where each bed costs about \$3 million" to build, the hospital still loses money. It loses and which "make money." She is quick to add that although Scripps makes "money in trauma, we don't want people to be traumatized." Advertising a trauma center, she notes, is not easy. Marketing is a

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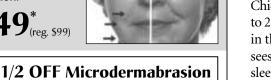
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After working in Chicago, where she saw up to 20 hospitals advertising in the Sunday papers, she sees San Diego as "a little sleepy giant. The competition here is mild compared to other big cities." Why so sleepy?"We've been the poster child for managed care," she says. Originally, San Diego, like most health-care markets, was "underbedded and underphysicianed. If you built a bed, you filled it." Things changed about 1989, when the HMOs arrived and hospitals needed to court them. Joe the Health-care Consumer picked not a hospital or a doctor; he picked a system. He got everything at Scripps, for example, because by then Scripps was full-service. From this one-stop-shop approach to medicine came the for-profit hospital chains that built their empires on the systemic idea: an HMO or hospital system would negotiate the best contract for each group. A new program

Scripps and other big hospitals are marketing is robotic surgery. Hitchcock says the secret to advertising this program is not to "market its technology, because technology is only as good as the people who know how to use it." She's speaking of the \$1.4 million da Vinci robotic system, a surgical technique that uses micro incisions. Each big hospital bought a da Vinci robot "to be competitive with each other. We're not selling the robot, but some people are."

As for where to advertise robotic surgery, Hitchcock rules out TV and newspapers: "There's too much overlap, and they're too expensive. TV's [costs are] obscene." She says TV rates here are as high as in

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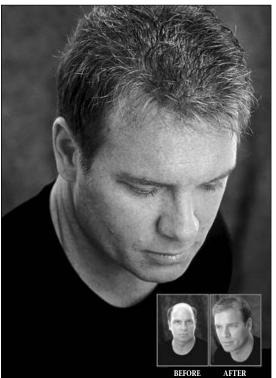
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the Chicago and New York markets, way out of line for hospital-ad budgets. As for the Tomlinson TV spots, Hitchcock says, "Shame on them. Those were tax dollars. They didn't ask the people they taxed if it was okay to spend \$2 million on him." Scripps, she says, has taken care of four San Diego Chargers who "offered their services for free, but we had to pass because of L.T." Other "free" celebrities include Tony Hawk and George Winston, the piano soloist, who does an annual concert at Scripps Encinitas for the patients. Neither man is paid and neither wants his appearance advertised, though mentioning them here exposes both.

Hitchcock likes billboards and radio "because people are in their cars so much," and she likes the web and its social networks, Facebook, Twitter, MySpace. She says Facebook has become the number one place to look for new hires, especially nurses, who are always in demand. A viral site like Facebook spreads an ad via the profession's social network.

Should a health-care marketer build brand or business? Name recognition or clientele? Hitchcock, who teaches a class in marketing at UCSD Extension, says, "I always say that in not-for-profit health care, you better do both or else you're wasting money." Still, the "tightness" of her budget precludes anything but following the dictates of the "strategic plan," something every health-care organization is tied to. For Scripps, it's ramping up a new heart program and a new cardiac center — not a surprise — new doctors, new technology, new facilities. She's spending the marketing dime on attracting patients to heart programs because Scripps "already

serves almost half the heart patients in the county. If you already have the market and you're doing really well and you're recognized for your clinical strengths, of course you're going to put your effort there."

One of Hitchcock's primary jobs, besides offering external programs meant to "educate consumers," is an internal one: to make physicians happy.

"It's the physician-relation thing," Hitchcock says, echoing Bush 41. "You've got to have happy docs to have happy patients." The doctors need to know "where we're going as an

organization," so Hitchcock spends lots of dollars on talking directly to Scripps' physicians about how they can navigate the system and why it's important to support the

technology.

Hitchcock says her core marketing focus concentrates on the quality of the patient experience. Patients evaluate not the healthcare building or technol-

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ogy but the person: "The nurse responded to the bell. The doctor listened to my call. The real simple things turn it. Some healthcare systems have gotten away from the basics." She says she can't help but "get bristly when I see people promoting buildings and technology. What does the patient get out of it?"

In each of the last five years, Hitchcock says, her budget has either held steady or gone down a bit "because we've been at capacity." The way she'll "grow market share" is by acquiring more facilities and more physicians. Like the other big three, she won't get into numbers except to say, "We're not a drop in the bucket" of Scripps' \$2.2 billion annual revenue. Hitchcock says that recently she spoke to a colleague in Columbus,

Ohio, at Ohio Health, a highly competitive organization in a highly competitive market, who said just one of her TV ad campaigns cost \$1 million. "That's more than my entire budget for advertising."

The Academic Brand at UCSD Medical Center

If there's a field on which the three big county health systems play, UCSD and its two medical centers have yet to join the league. While UCSD has a much smaller market share than Sharp and Scripps, it spends roughly the same amount on ads as its competitors. So says Pam Bylen, who's headed UCSD marketing for 13 years. Bylen notes that because UCSD concentrates on research and teaching, "our marketing is not geared to what the other hospitals are doing but to our own needs."

Bylen and her staff market UCSD's academic credentials. "To advance research and education, to provide leading-edge patient care, we offer specialized services that aren't offered by other hospitals." The Moores Cancer Center is one of 41 comprehensive cancer centers in the country and the only one regionally. She concentrates on testimonials from patients "who want to share the care they've received." Launching a new campaign, she will place such testimonials — "the patients are our spokespersons" — in print, on radio, and on the website.

Because health care is so competitive, UCSD has to, Bylen says, "educate consumers so that when they're choosing, they make informed choices." Does

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UCSD Medical Center have a brand? "Yes, we use a tagline that says, 'The Power of Academic Medicine.'" What does this suggest to consumers? "Academic medical centers are typically on the forefront of research and clinical trials. So when a patient experiences treatment at an academic medical center, they are being treated not just by a physician but by groups of physicians and researchers who look to the best course of treatment for that patient. They're collaborating all the time with colleagues, not only within UC San Diego but with other colleagues all over the country in other academic medical-center settings."

Does Joe the Healthcare Consumer know this? Do you have to sell him the idea?

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There may not be an overwhelming knowledge base. We do find that people who move here from the East Coast are more aware" than San Diegans "of the benefits of going to an academic medical center." Places like New York City or Boston or Chicago, Bylen says, "have five academic medical centers, and people are aware of the benefits."

Bylen notes that "because we care for 38 percent of the indigent in San Diego County," she needs to market to the insured customers, i.e., the paying customers, to get their business. "It's critical for our financial solvency that we have the right patient mix. To maintain our buildings and facilities and to actually grow and serve the community."

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ured when she looks at calls made to an 800 number, inquiries that come into the website, and the number of new patients. "The volume growth of new patients" tells her when she's being successful. She says that "patient satisfaction does not drive marketing. The strategic plan drives the marketing." In a follow-up email, I asked for details about the "strategic plan." "This plan is an on-going plan," she replied, "and is proprietary information, [and] therefore is not available."

Bylen believes that "our marketing is successful" because UCSD has "a payor mix that allows us to be solvent. When I first joined the university 13 years ago, the medical center was about to lose money. That has completely turned around. In 1996, UCSD Medical Center was \$20 million in the hole. That debt is gone."

UCSD is also going the way of the personaltestimony video clip. A new one shows a young woman who needs her gall bladder removed but doesn't want embarrassing stomach scars. "We are one of the few hospitals," Bylen says, "who remove gall bladders through the vagina or through the mouth." This procedure should bring in lots of paying customers.

As Palomar Pomerado's Gustavo Friederichsen noted, hospital marketers prefer not to disclose media purchases. Payments made to advertisers are "trade secrets," in part, to preserve competitive advantages. Nevertheless, the *Reader* filed a Public Records Act request for media-purchase records from Palomar Pomerado and UCSD, institutions that receive public funds. Both complied, but Palomar Pomerado redacted what they paid for their media buys.

UCSD Medical Center's marketing department pays Sexton Communications to produce ads for radio, TV, billboards, and print. Media-buy records show that a purchase order issued to Sexton in 2005, with "change orders" in 2006, totaled \$2.4 million. One email dated December 3, 2007, says that UCSD has been "averaging about \$90,000 each month with Sexton on ads." For 2007 and 2008, the total was \$1,808,557.

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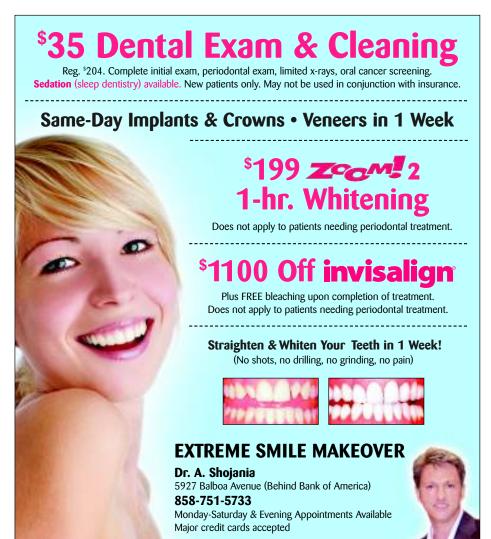
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Academic Medicine" at \$53,253 and the October 2008 print ads in the Union-Tribune, San Diego Magazine, the La Jolla Light, the North County Times, and other coastal and inland North County newspapers at \$40,342. Other ads included "Salute to Nurses Week," "UCSD Healthy Heart Expo Campaign," and the "Lap-band Campaign," an ad for a new weight-loss surgery in which an adjustable band around the stomach helps control appetite. I counted 16 lap-band invoices for radio ads in 2007 and 2008; the cost was as low as \$2400 for November 2008 and as high as \$19,337 for February 2007.

Marketing Public Health

One marketer who has thought a lot about the morality of marketing is Justin Campfield, the founder of Campfield Public Relations, a marketing and communications company in Vermont. Impressed by his recent article "The Ethics of Hospital Marketing," of which he is a coauthor with William Nelson, I phoned Campfield and asked him why, when I asked the marketers about ethics, they seemed reluctant to comment. "In a lot of cases," he said, hospital marketers "weren't doctors and nurses to begin with. They've been a marketer their whole career and been in industries completely different from hospitals. Who knows where they came from? They're marketers first before they'd view themselves as a health-care professional." Marketers, Campfield said, need to be reminded of the creed of the American Marketing Association: "honesty, fairness and avoiding conflicts that promote the organization's interest over consumer needs." He also

noted that the association issues strict ethical guidelines for ads: no "unsubstantiated, false, deceptive, or misleading" claims.

I asked Campfield whether hospital marketers, in general, put the health of the organization over the health of the community. He said they sometimes get "too zealous" with their time and money on advertising specialized

care. But, for Campfield, the marketer's job is vital to the community's health. New hospitals, more beds, more technology, more public awareness, more control over indigent and

emergency-room costs, more diversity in the payor mix - all of it, Campfield said, enhances public health. Whatever enhances public health, he noted, must be sold to the com-

munity through whatever means the public can understand. "Sometimes that means using a football player as a healthy role model."∎

– Thomas Larson

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Realism Is Overrated

My husband and I rent a condo in City Heights. We have 812 square feet, two bedrooms, and a bath and a half to



Author: Elizabeth Salaam Neighborhood: City Heights Age: 35 Occupation: Writer/ program coordinator

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

Deadline for the next contest is June 30, midnight.

To post your entry, go to SDReader.com/neighborhoods, find your neighborhood or campus, and follow the instructions to create a blog. share between ourselves and our two children. The baby sleeps in the closet. It's time to expand,

and it has been for a long time. Back before the recession sucked

the life out of our financial stability, I used to drag my husband around on walks through South Park and Golden Hill to look at houses and daydream about owning one. We'd wander from street to street commenting on this Craftsman bungalow or that Spanishstyle stucco, and every time we saw one for sale I'd say, "Let's get it!" He'd chuckle sarcastically and say,



"Sure, honey. Why don't I just cut a check right now?"

"Seriously," I'd say. "It's got everything. A yard, four bedrooms, two full baths. And look how cute it is. I bet the neighbors are really nice."

"Uh, Lizzie? Did you look at the price?"

"Yeah, six hundred thousand.

Why? Is that high?"

He'd shake his head and tell me that if I was serious about buying a house, we needed to take our walks in City Heights.

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All offers expire 7/16/09. Must present this ad. I'm the kind of girl who will dip into next month's rent in order to make a quick trip to New York because my best friend needs me. My personal philosophy is that it will all work out in the end. There's no place for such a philosophy in this economy.

I understand this, and therefore I've adopted a more realistic attitude and begun checking out houses in City Heights. There is certainly no shortage of them. I think every third house is for rent or for sale. Some of them are even in a price range that would lower our monthly expenses. The problem is that the fine print often reads something like: "4 bed, 2 bath, 350 sq ft."

The biggest problem with our current home is that it's tight and getting tighter. But I love the canyon views, and the neighbors have grown on me. For a while there I had my hopes set on our landlord selling our place to us dirt cheap and then the place next door selling for dirt cheap, too, so we could knock down the wall between them and put in some wood floors in place of this dusty old carpeting.

My husband rolls his eyes whenever I remind him of that possibility. In fact, these days he rolls his eyes whenever I bring up buying a home at all. Ever the realist, he reminds me that it's harder than ever to get a loan these days, especially with just one income. (I'm home with the baby, and in this economy there's just no telling.) I know he wishes I'd be more of a realist myself. But you know what? I gotta be me.

My most recent fantasy is purchasing the house across the street. It's right smack between my two favorite neighbors: Mr. Super-Extra Friendly and the Do-It-Yourself Guy (who's not so baby-faced with a full beard). It really can't get more perfect. As a two and one, it ought to be in our price range, even though the square footage is more than what we have now. Plus it has a huge yard and plenty of space to build another bedroom or two, another bathroom or two, and maybe even expand the kitchen.

Imagine. Our 11year-old wouldn't have to switch schools, and the baby would grow up to be a City Heights native.

The catch is that even though the house is empty and has been for a long time, it's not actually for sale. I see that as a plus. It means that no one else can snatch it up while I track down the owners and feel them out.

My husband told me not to get my hopes up because there's probably a reason it's not on the market, and even if they would sell it at a price we could afford, there's probably a reason they haven't done so yet. I commend him for his persistence in trying to get me to think the way he does. But I'm holding on to the belief that it'll all work out in the end. Even in this economy.

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continued from page 20 area, on- or off-, but don't break the law. Name Withheld via email

Put It In A Pipe

Re "Keep on Truckin' That Gas," "City Lights," June 11. Did anyone check with SDG&E about connecting to their natural gas lines? If the refined digester gas is methane, it should be the same as natural gas. What a shame to truck it through neighborhoods when pipes are already in place.

There are many sources of digester gas in San Diego County: chicken ranches, dairies, food processors, etc. What a fine idea to connect them to our natural gas supply.

> Mike Fry Powav

Do The Math

The 38-ton gas transport trucks will exit the Point Loma treatment plant over a road 8 feet from the edge of a 90-foot-high bluff ("Keep on Truckin' That Gas,""City Lights," June 11). The road shoulder is crumbling 8 inches per year into the ocean below. Over time, the road will fall into the sea, helped by the heavy trucks.

Name Withheld by Request

Belated Thanks To Brizz

I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed reading John Brizzolara's article about Escondido ("T.G.I.F.," June 11), find-

ing its wit and personality especially recognizable because I worked with John at Hunter's Bookstore in La Jolla in 1989. As a naéve 22-year-old fresh out of Christian college and an 18-year upbringing in a conservative Christian home, I found John equally alarming and fascinating in those days. Having gained some life experience, I look back on those hours when he was in the bookstore as enlightening and lots of fun. Best of luck, John, and thanks for standing up to that customer who yelled at me for putting her books in a plastic bag instead of paper.

Julie Randolph Poway

Don't Get Upset, Boys

I love the way Naomi got it right on barbecue (Restau-



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Farzad Yaghouti, MD Global Laser Vision 6950 Friars Rd., Suite 100 Mission Valley 800-438-5274 globallaservision.com rant Review, June 11). Not every barbecue restaurant is a good restaurant. If you serve food that needs added flavor or spices, then this should be a message to the cook. Don't get upset, boys, everyone can barbecue at home, but when you go out you want your mouth to pop with flavors. Don't get upset, just revise your recipes; otherwise, we can all barbecue at home. Make people want your food. Name Withheld

Pulled-Pork Expert

via email

I consider myself a pulled pork expert because I've been smoking my own pork overnight, pulling it, and saucing it for years. I always try a new barbecue joint to taste and compare their offerings. And I've always admired Naomi Wise's literate and discerning food critiques.

After reading her scathing review of House of BBQ on June 11, and the emotional rebuttals on June 18, I just had to go and judge their food for myself. I got the pulled pork sandwich with coleslaw — it's huge, with succulent pork bits well dressed in a mild sauce on a soft bun, and the most perfect coleslaw I've ever had. And a really good pickle wedge. On a scale of one to ten, it's definitely a ten! And I came to it with an open mind.

I think a mea culpa from Naomi Wise would serve everyone in this case so the matter could be put to rest.

I'll allow she's entitled to a mistake once in a while. Judy Mayberry via email

Seven-Day-A-Week Restaurant

I disagree with the Naomi Wise review of Chicago House of BBO (Restaurant Review, June 11). My wife and I have visited Pete and Carol's place three times in the last two months, and here is our finding. Pulled pork sandwich is tender and rolled with just the right amount of house barbecue sauce. What I like about their sauce is the well-balanced blend; it's not overpowered with vinegar like some sauces or drowned in tomato base. The sauce gives me the choice to add more or reach for the spicier house blend. The Greek salad was dynamite: cucumbers, tomato, onion, olives, and top-tier dressing. I tried the ribs and found them just as balanced, tender, and flavorful as the pulled pork. Last week I had the Greek chicken dinner, which left me speechless.

This week I had the char grilled hamburger, which I found to be the best in San Diego. I found the coleslaw truly fresh and very well balanced. Pete makes that coleslaw fresh every morning and balances it with just the right hint of vinegar. The hospitality was such a blessing. Pete and Carol talk with each and every customer, get to know them, and welcome them back with a friendly handshake and even a hug. As an active-duty service-

man of 15 years, I have traveled the world. I have served on five continents and visited 27 countries. I have tasted many different foreign and American dishes all over the world and in the continental United States. The hardest part of my service is that it won't be long until I move again; I usually find a restaurant with the flavor and hospitality I like just before I have to move again; therefore, I am grateful I found Pete and Carol's Chicago House of BBQ, since I won't be moving until summer 2010. Carol is a hands-on manager and very supportive of our servicemen and women, providing a discount or coupon to demonstrate support. I have found my seven-day-aweek restaurant.

> Shane via email

Comments from Reader Website

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

Cover Story

Published June 17 Posted by Fred_Williams on June 19, 9:19 p.m.

From now on whenever I make a restaurant reservation I'm going to use the name of a restaurant reviewer. My date will be so impressed...thanks for the idea, Naomi!

Posted by SDaniels on June 20, 12:55 a.m.

To further obfuscate Naomi's identity: I once impersonated her for part of an evening to chefs and

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servers at a swank eateryeasy to do and hard to resist doing, as I was "alone" sitting near the bar, and big pharma footed the bill for a steady river of cocktails, wines by the glass, entrees, appetizers. My status earned me a glass or three from a special bottle produced from the kitchen. Upon revealing that I was not in actuality Ms. Wise, I confided in a hush that she was a slightish, unassuming woman of Asian appearance. I hope that slightish Asian women have consequently been getting the best of service around town the last couple of years.

Reader Puzzle Published June 17

Posted by sdagahan on June 18, 8:25 a.m.

I picked up the Reader this morning (6/18/09) and tried to work the Puzzle. Am I going cross-eyed or is this Puzzle messed up?

How do we work this puzzle if the numbers are all wrong, Across and Down?

Do we get a pass this week? Posted by Willie_McGee on June 18, 2:09 p.m.

OK! I nailed it. I have all the clues answered! Please fax the boxes to put them in.

Cover Story Published June 3

Posted by AmigoKumeyaay on June 7, 7:43 p.m. Dear Mr. Marcos:

"It looked like the area might have supported a large tribe" Perhaps Kumeyaay? The nearby town of Jacume (Mexico) translates to 'In the middle of the water' in the Kumeyaay language.

You need to study up on NAGPRA Law when handling indigenous artifacts -http://www.nps.gov/history/nagpra/TRAINING/Discovery_Fed%20_Lands.pdf

"I thought it ironic that a Latino would be out here trying to keep other Latinos from illegally entering the United States."

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Quite often the Border Patrol Agents save the lives of those that have underestimated the difficulty of the terrain.

About 52% of the Border Patrol Agents identify themselves as Hispanic-Americans. Nothing ironic about good jobs for motivated persons.

"We ditched the lousy tent, sleeping bag, and ground cloth, leaving them for some lucky passerby." Could be littering, but maybe you were focusing upon your survival by then?

Well, I'm glad you survived your expedition into Pinto Canyon. You have some studying to do before attempting another.

Posted by robertmarcos on June 8, 10:31 p.m.

Hi this is Robert Marcos. I've read the comments above, and I agree with some of them. However my article was an honest account of my experiences. If some of the facts sound ridiculous then

chalk it off as ignorance. I never claimed to be an environmentalist or an expert hiker. We did not remove the old indian pot from its place in that small cave. I regret ditching my cheap-ass gear out in the windy wasteland of Davies Valley, but I was physically exhausted. If you can't relate it's probably because you haven't wandered far from home.

Thanks for taking the time to write!

Robert Marcos

Posted by SpaceCowboy on June 9, 3:59 p.m.

Robert,

Don't sweat the small stuff. If you're looking for more hikes in the immediate area, check out the topo map. Between the east and west bound I-8 lanes, you'll see there's an Island of land that's been isolated for years. If you look there, you'll see a Jeep Trail going down Devil's Canyon. This is the old Freight Route, and it hasn't seen a Jeep on it for thirty years.

(www.desertusa.com/mag99/j uly/stories/dcw...) Cool stuff all along it. Going north underneath the first bridge (if you're walking east) takes you into the backside of the ABDSP. Nice hike, some tight spots.

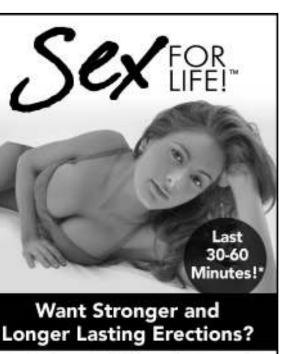
If you're looking for petroglyphs, cruise up to Moon Valley, walk east until you can't, then turn north, and you'll come across a trail. All along it there's more of what makes Pinto Canyon petroglyphs so creepy. The lads had to have been smoking some good stuff, I tell you. The only question is, are these the real deal or some stoners from the '70's who had some spare time on their hands.

Posted by robertmarcos on June 10, 3:48 p.m.

Thanks to everybody for their comments. Something quite interesting has happened since the article came out. I received a call from Maggie Platt at the SD Maritime Museum. They wanted

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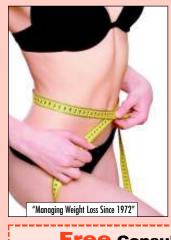


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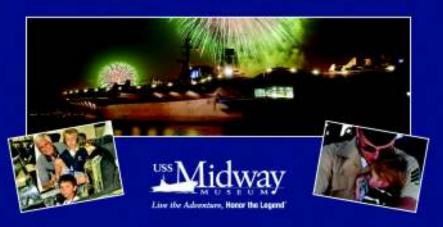
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to know more about the image of a sailing ship which I mentioned was etched into the rocks near the bottom of Pinto Canyon. They want to try to identify the type of vessel, probably Spanish, and include it in an upcoming exhibition.

Another man emailed me about an old tale which claims that a Spanish vessel - searching for pearls in the Sea Of Cortez, (historically accurate since the city of La Paz was established for this purpose), sailed up the Colorado River and became landlocked somewhere west of Mexicali. The abandoned galleon became the stuff of legend. Sighted by both the Yuman Indians and white businessmen, it was last reported seen in 1833, as reported in Los Angeles newspaper.

Finally here is a website dedicated to the tale of a Viking ship which some say sailed up into the inland sea, (now just the Salton Sea):http://www.insidetheie.c om/ghost-ship-de...

Here are more of my photos:http://robertmarcos.com/ pinto-canyon

Posted by AmigoKumeyaay on June 13, 10:56 p.m.

Mr. Marcos,

Excavations of remains of the indigenous Tongva (north of San Diego County) have revealed necklaces with glass beads determined to have originated in Venice, Italy in the late 1800's.

No doubt the ancient local populations witnessed seafaring "explorers" from time to time, then explained the sighting to others in petroglyphs (no Polaroids back then).

Your article helps to keep interest of the first people in San Diego alive. They "had to be" environmentalists and expert hikers, being in tune with their surroundings to survive generation after generation.

Be safe out there, Posted by robertmarcos on

June 14, 12:20 p.m. Yesterday I accepted a

request from Maggie Platt (of San Diego Maritime Museum) and her husband, to lead them to the petroglyph site at the bottom of Pinto Canyon. As I mentioned earlier they're very interested to see if the ship that's depicted is that of Juan Cabrillo's San Salvador, which first sailed into San Diego bay in September of 1542.

So Maggie, her husband Ted, my friend Chris and I met yesterday in Ocotillo. Our plan was to drive our 4x4's eight miles further south on Clark Lane, to the bottom of Pinto Canyon. But it turned out the the BLM has installed a locked steel gates across the road. So we got nowhere.

Still seeking adventure, we made u-turns and drove 14 miles north of Ocotillo to Indian Hill,to hike to to the colorful "Blue Sun" petroglyphs that are hidden in a small cave.

Here're my photos... http://robertmarcos.com /indian-hill

best wishes -Robert

City Lights, by Don Bauder Published June 10

Posted by SurfPuppy619 on June 10, 12:17 p.m.

I agree with the research that shows the numbers don't add up.

This is a no go because of the economic climate anyway-bonds cannot be sold in this credit environment, unless you're going to pay 15% interest, of course then it makes even less sense.

Posted by dbauder on June 10, 2:08 p.m.

Logically, the convention center expansion should be a no-go at this time. The first thing the task force should do is order an audit by an objective third party to see if the center's statistics are legitimate. As Heywood Sanders says, they are not. Then the task force should look at the hotel situation in San Diego. Would the subsidy of another upscale hotel be a good investment five years from now, when the facility would be coming online? Unless the economy takes off, it will not be — not even close. And the City should not be subsidizing a hotel anyway. It is in horrible financial shape, and will probably be in 2014. But this is San Diego..... Best, Don Bauder Posted by fangirl on June

11, 1:11 p.m.

Of course Comic Con's the main reason that the convention center needs to expand. As Comic Con's contract extends through the next couple of years, as their attendance figures continue to grow annually, and as they've repeatedly shown little interest in moving their tradition of 40 years, very serious consideration should be made before dismissing this convention and its contributions to our downtown development and our community as a whole.

It's the largest and longestrunning international comic book convention, and the idea that it's just books and action figures (or that it can't sustain itself) is ludicrous. Each year tickets and hotel rooms sell out quicker. Each year more and more vendors cram into the show floor, sharing booths if they have to - some are even turned away once it's filled up. Attendees don't skip the convention if they have less disposable income - they share hotel rooms, carpool, eat their own food, trade/sell stuff, and shop around and/or buy less merchandise. The panel rooms always fill quickly because there are more and more of them devoted to TV shows, film, and other pop culture phenomena (all of which, by the way, will not cease to exist just because tourism is declining in most other instances). Fans of this industry are anything but fickle, we're devoted fanatics who tolerate the long lines and over-crowding because we know the experience as a whole is well worth it.

In a time of economic recession and general depression, people need to enjoy an escape from reality more than ever! Depriving over 125,000 people annually of that outlet (and its genuine needs) is not the right answer.

Calendar

June 25–July 1

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Thursday | 25

BEER AND SAKE FESTIVAL

Sock it to me, sake! The Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana presents Japanese culinary experts as they display their food-prep prowess. Sushi chefs will also compete in the SushiMasters California regional competition to challenge their "mastery of sushi art and style." See **FOOD & DRINK**, page 56.

ELMO'S GREEN THUMB

It's "tickle me ecosystem" as Elmo and friends search for a new spot for Sunny the sunflower to flourish. Big Bird joins the fun as the crew learns about ecosystems, patience, and overcoming fear during these Sesame Street Live shows. See FOR KIDS, page 56.

Friday | 26

SPANISH ARTS FESTIVAL 2009

Flamenco, tapas, and a *juerga* (jam session) are just some of the ways to celebrate Spanish culture. Luthier (stringed-instrument maker) Monica Esparza of Monica's Guitars will display her work, and mezzo-soprano Janelle DeStefano will perform Spanish classics. See **SPECIAL**, page 61.

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Calvary Cemetery, one of San Diego's oldest (created in 1875), was converted to a public park in 1970. Grave markers

were removed, but the bodies were left underground. Walking Historic San Diego leads a tour

of the park in Mission Hills and discusses the controversy surrounding the graveyard's conversion. See **OUTDOORS**, page 60.

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SNORKEL WITH SHARKS

Tread (water) lightly.... The Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts an expedition into La Jolla Shores, where you can swim with leopard sharks, guitarfish, and smoothhound sharks. See **SPORTS**, page 62.



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WHAT YOU MUST KNOW BEFORE YOU GO During this divorceplanning panel, the soon-to-be divided can learn some

of the basic steps of disentanglement. See **LECTURES**, page 58.

Tuesday | 30

IT'S PAPER THEATER TIME!

During the Victorian era, families would use kits to create scale models of popular theaters, complete with paperdoll players. See replicas of these paper theaters, plus modern versions of the toy. See **SPECIAL**, page 61.

Wednesday | 1 COSMIC FIREWORKS: THE BIG BANG

Who needs man-made pyrotechnics when there's a light show in the sky? Take a digital tour of the night sky during the "Sky Tonight" planetarium show, and then see the real stuff through telescopes. See **SPECIAL**, page 61.

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gets underway when symphony is joined by Gladys Knight. Make it fun, funky, or formal. Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Saturday, June 27, 8:30pm; \$35-\$65. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

DANCE

"Let Freedom Swing" Fourth of July-themed swing dance party boasting live music by Hal's Devils. Introductory lesson: 8-8:30pm (included in tickets); music for dancing (8:30-11:30pm). Costume contest. Tickets: \$15 general, \$12 if you dress in red, white, and blue ("must wear all three colors"). Reservations: 858-395-6060. Wednesday, July 1, 8pm; \$12-\$15. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Women's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

"The White Dresses" Betzi Roe and Dancers joined by La Diego Dance Theatre, Somebodies Dance Theater, and members of Coronado Dance Company for dances exploring themes using dresses as metaphors for feminine complexity. 619-225-1803. Friday, June 26, 8pm; Saturday, June 27, 8pm; \$10-\$15. Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue, (DOWNTOWN)

Argentine Tango Class Introductory Argentine tango classes, ongoing, 9-10pm (free). No partner required. Social dancing follows, 10pm-1am (\$7). 619-393-1974. Fridays, 9pm; free. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Belly-Dance Show Mimi the belly dancer entertains. 858-784-0515. Saturday, June 27, 7:30pm; free. Ali Baba Restaurant, 421 E. Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Contra Dance Martha Wild calls, Nobody's Business provides music for dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage at 8pm. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30pm. Optional potluck supper at 6:30pm; bring some food/beverages to share. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, June 27,



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6:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK

English Country Dancing Terri Akin calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6pm. 858-676-9731. Sunday, June 28, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Latin Heat Dance Party DJ plays Latin, salsa, and requests for dancing. For singles and couples of all ages. Cha-cha lesson with Dan Gibbons: 8pm (\$10). 619-275-3533. Saturday, June 27, 8pm; \$4-\$8. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

PASACAT Philippine Dancers Enjoy folk dances of the Philippines. 619-588-3718. Saturday, June 27, 2pm; free, El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Tribal Fusion Belly-Dance Show Sabrina Fox and Cassie perform tribal fusion belly dance to music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. Open dancing and mini-bellydance lesson included. 858-488-4200. Sunday, June 28, 8pm; \$10. The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

FILM

"Page and Stage: The Power of the Iliad Today" Series continues with screening of Oliver Stone's 1986 film Platoon. Discussion moderated by classics scholar Charles Chamberlain of UCSD. 619-236-5821. Sunday, June 28, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

The Trap BBC documentary by English filmmaker Adam Curtis screens for Activist San Diego film

series. Film "traces where the contemporary idea of market-driven and market-defined freedom came from." 714-595-6912. Saturday, June 27, 7pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Elegy Isabel Coixet's 2008 film starring Penelope Cruz and Ben Kingsley screens for Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Monday, June 29, 6:30pm and 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

The Tale of Despereaux Enjoy Kate Dicamillo's tale interpreted by director Sam Fell when Movies in the Park series continues at Vieias Outlet Center, 619-659-2070. Tuesday, June 30, 8pm; free, Vieias Casino, 5005 Willows Road. (ALPINE)

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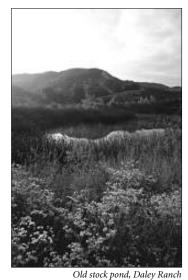
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he "ponds tour," suitable for hikers, runners, and mountain bikers, The "ponds tour," Sultable to Timera, remisera, serves as a fine introduction to the City of Escondido's Daley Ranch a sprawling, 3000-acre open-space preserve in the hills north of town. The pint-sized bodies of water are actually old stock ponds left over from the ranch's dairy and cattle-grazing days. Get an early-morning start on



this serene trek, so as to take advantage of the best bird watching and the cool comfort of the morning air. To get to Daley Ranch,

exit Interstate 15 at El Norte Parkway in north Escondido. Drive three miles east and make a left turn (north) on La Honda Drive. Drive one mile uphill to the end of the road, where you will find the large parking lot/staging area for Daley Ranch on the left. just short of the Dixon Lake entrance.

Step around the Daley Ranch gate north of the parking lot and travel uphill, rather steeply, on the paved access road

day, June 30, 6pm; \$95. Hotel del

ing into live-oak woods and you get a glimpse of the largest of the several ponds on the old ranch property. This one's shoreline is guarded by tall cattails. As time goes on, all of the ponds are silting up and being invaded by dense riparian vegetation and trees. After 1.2 miles, pavement on Ranch House Trail

(closed to car traffic) called

Ranch House Trail, After 0.4

mile the road starts descend-

ends and the quaint redwood Daley ranch house lies to the left. Descendants of Robert Daley, who settled in this valley in 1869, erected the house in 1928. The pioneering Daley family controlled large tracts of land around rural San Diego County and was prominent in the construction industry.

Continue north another 200 yards past various out-

ese culinary and sake traditions to-

DALEY DIXON LAKE FCREAT AREA

buildings to the beginning of on the steeply ascending Sage the dirt-road route signed Trail. After 0.4 mile you reach "Jack Creek Meadow." Take a secluded upper pond. Venthe road to the right, continue ture out along the dam (west 200 yards, and then turn right edge of the pond) and look

> 233-5008. Sunday, June 28, 11am; \$25-\$30. Adams Ave., 32nd Street & Adams Avenue, (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Taste of Slow Food Urban San **Diego** Stagecoach Days event is held in plaza of Old Town State Park. Over 20 local restaurants, artisan food makers, breweries, wineries on hand with samples of their cuisine honoring early food traditions of area. 619-994-1931. Sunday, June 28, 1pm; \$45. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Warwicks Cooking Club Event designed with S.D. chef Isabel Cruz showcases recipes from Adam Schell's new book Tomato Rhapsody: A Fable of Love, Lust and Forbidden Fruit. Enjoy food, wine, author talk by Schell, signed copy of book. Fee is \$55 per person or \$90 per couple (with discount for couples willing to share book). Reservations: 858-454-0347. Friday, June

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down on the valley of Jack Creek, dimpled with the two other ponds you'll visit on your return route.

From the upper pond, return to the ranch house, but from there, take the East Ridge Trail southeast, between the two ponds. Be still, and your ears may catch the comical, deep-throated groans of a bullfrog, the buzz of a hummingbird's wings, or the warbling song of a redwing

and navigational skills. The blackbird. Reader and Jerry Schad Ahead, continue south-

east on the East Ridge Trail

26, 6pm; \$55-\$90. Isabel's Cantina, 966 Felspar Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

FOR KIDS

"Discover Mingei! Treasure Hunt" Family program promises exhibition-related treasure hunt with clues encouraging participants to explore museum's exhibitions. Prizes awarded for completing treasure hunt. Admission: \$5 for families, \$3 for individuals, 619-239-0003. Sunday, June 28, 12pm; \$3-\$5. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

"Elmo's Green Thumb" Elmo and friends search for a new spot for his sunflower named Sunny to flourish. Abby Cadabby, Elmo, Zoe, Telly, and Big Bird learn lessons about ecosystems, patience, and overcoming fears during these Sesame Street Live shows. All seats

assume no responsibility for any adverse experience. on opening night: \$13. Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Thursday, June 25, 7pm; Friday, June 26, 10:30am; Saturday, June 27, 10:30am and 2pm; Sunday, June 28, 1pm and 4:30pm; \$13-\$37. San

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Crossing Trail to get back to

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Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT) Big Joe's Fireworks Celebrate 4th of July, sing along with Uncle Sam and Yankee Doodle. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, July 1, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5.4 and up. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK

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Mulan, Jr. San Diego Junior Theatre presents this musical re-telling of an ancient Chinese legend. Performance on Saturday, July 11, is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, July 12, \$8-\$13.6 and up. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)





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FOOD & DRINK

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purchase. 760-757-1037. Saturday, June 27, 6pm; \$10. 21 and up. Vine to Glass, 210-A N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE) Author Happy Hour Jane Green discusses and signs her new novel Dune Rd., during book event and

Happy Hour. The \$35 fee includes signed copy of book, light appetizers, beverage. Reservations: 858-454-0347. Thursday, June 25, 6pm; \$35. Vigilucci's Seafood, Steak & Chop House, 909 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Beer and Sake Festival Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana announces seventh-annual event bringing "experts from the JapanMar, 11966 El Camino Real. (CARMEL VALLEY) Red, White, and Brew Beer Dinner Enjoy "four courses with four beers." Select items "From the Sea," "From the Land," "From the Farm," and "Sweets from Mother Nature." Required reservations:

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7536 Fay Avenue. (LA JOLLA) Taste of Adams Avenue Fare from 30 restaurants, pubs, eateries along Adams Avenue on offer during self-guided walking tour. 619-

858-456-6279. Monday, June 29,

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Young Adult Fantasy Author Melissa Marr signs Fragile Eternity, in which "a mortal turned faerie queen struggles with her love for a mortal boy." 858-268-4747. Saturday, June 27, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

GALLERIES

"Essential Water" Reception for exhibition of underwater and landscape images by Steve Gould. Music by Ranting Banshee. Closes Monday, July 6. 858-232-9860. Sunday, June 28, 2pm; free. Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

"Passages" and "Sirens" Opening reception for exhibition of photographs by Jacques Garnier and Liz Cockrum. Closes Saturday, July 25. 760-436-1440. Saturday, June 27, 6pm; free. Eric Phleger Gallery, 828 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

Gallery Opening Celebrate opening and exhibition of work by West African artist Abbey Onikoyi, who records "day-to-day African history from the viewpoint of a compassionate artist." 805-598-3212. Friday, June 26, 4pm; Spirits of Africa, 4993 Niagara Ave., Suite 105. (OCEAN BEACH)

Grand-Opening Art Show Reception for this one-day group art show, with music by Project: Out of Bounds, afterschoolspecial, Terry Matsuoka. 858-354-6294. Saturday, June 27, 7pm; free. Thumbprint Gallery, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

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"M*A*S*H Bash!" Activist and actor Mike Farrell is guest of honor for La Mesa-Foothills Democratic Club summer meeting. He'll discuss his new book Of Mule and Man. 619-741-1994. Wednesday, July 1, 6pm. La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive, (LA MESA)

"One Mike....San Diego: One-Year Anniversary Comedy Show" Starring A.G. White (from BET Comic View), Dsean Ross, and Aida Rodriguez. RSVP for free admission: 619-708-7975. Sunday. June 28, 7pm and 9pm; free. 21 and up. The Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)



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What are you reading?

"I just started the first book of the Twilight series. My sister has been telling me to read them. I'm actually a Harry Potter fan — I just finished all seven books in two months, and I honestly never read until I started them. My sister is a reader — she reads everything — and she bought me the first book for Christmas. I couldn't stop after that."

Tell me about the Harry Potter story.

"It's about a wizard — he finds out he's a wizard when he's 11 years old. He goes to this wizard school, and the whole story is pretty much him trying to fight the wizard who killed his parents."

Any favorite characters?

"Probably Sirius Black. He's supposed to be this bad guy in the third book, but then Harry finds out he's a good guy — he's actually Harry's godfather. It's amazing how he takes care of Harry and is always there for him. He's like the father figure that

"Sacred Sounds of the Spheres" Concert by founder of holographic sound healing Paul Hubbert. Bring your own drum, bowls, and other instruments to join in. 619-491-3087. Thursday, June 25, 7:30pm; \$20. 10 and up. San Diego Center for Spiritual Living, 1009 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Author Meet and Greet Jacqueline Carey discusses, signs her two most recent books, Santa Olivia and Naamah's Kiss. 619-295-2201. Wednesday, July 1, 7pm; free. Borders Books and Music -Mission Valley, 1072 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Beyond The Spiderwick Chronicles Fantasy author Holly Black signs Spiderwick: A Giant Problem, her newest magical adventure. 858-268-4747. Wednesday, July 1, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

More Cups of Tea Greg Mortenson, inspiring author of Three Cups of Tea, will discuss building relation-

ships as a part of an overall strategic plan in Afghanistan and Pakistan, on board USS Midway Museum. Proceeds benefit Central Asia Institute. 303-674-7940. Wednesday, July 1, 7pm; \$25. San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum, 910 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Real-Life Drama Journalist Brian Eule discusses, signs his new book Match Day: One Day and One Dramatic Year in the Lives of Three New Doctors. "On Match Day, a complicated computer algorithm pairs students with hospital residencies in nearly every field of medicine." 858-454-0347. Monday, June 29, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

See and Shanghai Girls Lisa See author of Peony in Love, Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, Flower Net, The Interior, Dragon Bones, On Gold Mountain — discusses, signs her new book, set in California and Shanghai in 1937. Book will be available for purchase. 619-2365821. Sunday, June 28, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Squeaky-Clean Comedy! Familv-friendly shows for all ages. 858-433-1457. Saturdays, 7pm; \$5. Naveed's Comedy Club at Bella Roma Pizza and Restaurant, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard #103. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

"Closing the Gender Gap in Business and Politics" Laura Liswood — cofounder of Council of Women World Leaders - addresses Run Women Run political action committee. 619-578-1943. Sunday, June 28, 1pm; \$25-\$50. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Engage-Embrace-Unite: Equity in the 21st Century" Women's Equity Council of United Nations Association hosts Congresswoman Susan Davis, anchor-

but I think the author noticed that her readers were getting older and started writing for older readers. And the characters were getting older, having relationships and stuff like that."

So now you're reading Twilight.

"I just saw the movie, so I figured I'd start reading the series. The second movie in the series hasn't come out yet, so after reading the first volume, I'm going to read the second one and hopefully get into it. I can't really relate to the characters — Bella is really guiet and dark, and the other main character, Edward, is just the same. I'm really a brighter person. But it's interesting to me how the kids at her new school are fascinated with her. Because she's from Arizona, she's supposed to be this sunny, bright girl with a tan — they look at her as this amazing, gorgeous girl, and she's really not."

woman Carol LeBeau, attorney

Lilia Velasquez, who will share

their stories of growth, success, de-

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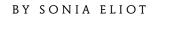
focusing on "Masters of Mid-Century California Modernism -Evelyn and Jerome Ackerman" exhibition. Presenters include exhiin supporting women's equity in bition curators Jo Lauria and Dale Carolyn Gluckman; gallery owner Gerard O'Brien; Objects USA website co-founder Dave Hampton; Heath Ceramics owners Catherine Bailey and Robin Petravic. Required reservations: 619-239-0003 Michael Wall, head of entomology x405. Saturday, June 27, 12:30pm; \$25-\$35. Mingei International Mu-

seum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK) "The Presidio de San Diego: Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo Bay, or Citadel of Civilization?" Local historian, archaeologist, author Richard Carrico discusses colonial system implemented at Presidio de San Diego from 1770 to 1810. "Did the legal and moral system practiced at the Presidio include torture?" This San Diego County Archaeological Society program will be outdoors; bring your own seating. 858-538-0935. Saturday, June 27, 8pm; free. Los Peñasquitos

Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASOUITOS)

"Toss the Turf: Less Water. Less Grass, More Fun!" Vickie Driver presents short course in turf removal. Tips for evaluating soil, tuning up irrigation system, ideas for "a beautiful low-water landscape in lieu of lawn." Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, June 27, 9am; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Bevond "Art and Remembrance" Bernice Steinhardt and Helene McQuade, daughters of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz, will display a number of images in "Fabric of Survival" exhibition, share memories, observations of their mother's work, and discuss their organization "dedicated to using the power of storytelling and art to illuminate the effects of war, intolerance, and social injustice." Book signing follows. 760-435-3720. Sunday, June 28, 2pm; free.



What's That You're Reading?

NAME: JESSICA DAVIS | AGE: 21 | OCCUPATION: STAY-AT-HOME MOM NEIGHBORHOOD: LA MESA | WHERE INTERVIEWED: COIN LAUNDRY IN LA MESA

Harry probably needed." Who is your favorite author? "I really just started reading. Even in

school, I wouldn't read the book - I would copy other people's homework. I was never a reader — I couldn't get into books. I like

fantasies and magical stuff, stuff that doesn't happen in real life, and I tried reading books like that. I even read a book, The Water Mirror, by Kai Meyer. There was a girl in it; she was an orphan and she went to live in Venice with this person who made mirrors, and these mirrors led to other worlds. There was a talking lion in a cage, and a bunch of weird stuff that I don't remember — it was a few years ago. I tried reading The Chronicles of Narnia. but I couldn't get into them. I tried reading the first one. The characters were younger; it was really childish. The first two Harry Potter books were pretty childish, too,



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What magazines or newspapers do you read?

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"All the time. The first thing she told me about *Twilight* was that I might not like the books because the writer is writing weird. In the beginning of the book, I noticed that she was using words like 'inconsequential' and 'omnipresent' when she could have used different, smaller words, I even asked my mom, 'What does that mean?' I don't know, it just wasn't necessary to use them. But as I'm reading more, I find she stops using them. In Harry Potter, I understood everything. There were words you'd never heard of, because it was about a different world, but the book explained them."

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9:30AM FEATURED SPEAKER: Scott Silverman 'One Chance To Make a First Impression', ONE HOUR WORKSHOPS: Job Search Boot Camp from Jobing.com No Problem Can Be Solved With The Same Level of Consciousness That Created It - Francis J. Przechacki, The Road To Self Emloyment- Michele Bergquist, Fresh Govt. Financial Aid For Your New Career Education, Consumer Credit and Debt Elimination Workshop- bring your balances, calculator, and pencil-(2 hours) 10:30AM FEATURED SPEAKER: Marcy Morrison '5 Tips For Finding A Job You'll Love', ONE HOUR WORKSHOPS: Think Beyond Money-Plan With Passion! Car Insurance for \$265. a year, Feed a Family of Four On \$50. a Week-Thrifty Kitchen, Understanding Real Estate In Mexico, Troubled Property Solutions The Long Term Big Picture-Paul d'Heilly,

11:30 AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MR BART ALLEN BERRY 'How We Will Endure'

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LIVE MUSIC FROM THE ATM BAND THROUGHOUT THE DAY 12:30PM VIP RECEPTION - GOVT LEADER SPEECHES ON THE RECESSION & THE SAN DIEGO RECESSION FIGHTER AWARDS

1:45PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER MR BRIAN TRACY, World Famous Success Motivator 'Succeed Now!'

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2:30PM FEATURED SPEAKER: Jennifer Remling 'Transform Your Life In The Recession' ONE HOUR WORKSHOPS: How to Save On Water/Phone/Power. How To Be a Small Busines Vendor for The Big Utilities-Public Utilities Commission, Practice Your Job Interviewing Skills-Appreciating U, Troubled Property Solutions i-Learning Global Business Learning Skills Portal, Guias Familiares para Sobresalir de esta Recession-Blanca De La Torre, Boost Your Online Sales-Sm Planet Mktg. 3:30PM FEATURED SPEAKER: J.T. Foxx- 'Get Rich or Die Poor', ONE HOUR WORKSHOPS: Reverse Mortgage as a Retirement Option, Green Jobs Are Here! New Obama Micro-Finance Loans for Small Business-SBA, 8 Assistance Programs You Might Need-Neighborhood House, A Million Foreclosure Questions and a Few Real Answer-Ted Rosenberg, Alternatives For Stress and Pain Relief-Dr. Mario Mancini

4:30PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER MR LANNY GOODMAN, Strategic CEO Advisor 'Start Paddling and Surf This Wave!' 5:15PM LIVE MUSIC FROM THE ATM BAND TILL 6:30PM

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Keynote Speaker

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Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Breast Cancer 3-Day Season Nears "Get Started Meeting" planned, with information and inspiration. Ready to lace up your shoes to "walk 60 miles in three days in the fight against breast cancer"? Learn about training, fundraising. The 2009 San Diego Breast Cancer 3-Day is November 20-22. 888-805-8911 or 800-996-3329. Saturday, June 27, 10:30am; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Cyber Security Exploring Ethics lecture series continues with "Cyber Security: Can We Share Electronic Information without Losing Our Privacy?" RSVP: 858-822-2647. Wednesday, July 1, 5:30pm; free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Do "Health" and "Fitness" **Differ?** Find out during health and fitness workshop with speakers Mario A. Mancini and Tyler Merrill. Learn "how to burn fat faster, the science of nutrition," more. RSVP: 619-287-4005. Thursday, June 25, 6:30pm; free. WellStrong Fitness, 10300 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

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

Meditation for Turbulent Times "Yoga of Meditation" lecture series presented by Swami Teiomavananda — described as the spiritual head of Chinmava Mission - expounding on "essential teachings" from the Bhagavad Gita. 858-549-2908. Monday, June 29, 7pm; Tuesday, June 30, 7pm; Wednesday, July 1, 7pm; free. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Meet a Rescued Crow The reintroduction of rescued animals into their native habitats is topic for Friends of Hellhole Open Space Preserve annual meeting. Project Wildlife volunteer Carol Crafts will focus on repopulating Hellhole Canvon with rescued animals. 760-749-5320. Saturday, June 27, 10am; free. Valley Center Library, 29200 Cole Grade Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

What You Must Know Before You Go During divorce-planning panel, "develop an easy way to move though the necessary, and often overlooked, steps along the way." 858-863-3380. Monday, June 29, 6pm; \$35. 18 and up. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

What's in Your Pet Food? San Diego author/clinical nutritionist/ holistic health care consultant Kymythy Schultze plans seminar. "Know what is in your pet's diet." Learn to "choose the best food or how to make your own at home." Registration: 360-509-7577. Saturday, June 27, 9am; \$60. Courtvard San Diego Old Town, 2435 Jefferson Street. (OLD TOWN)

OUTDOORS

Cobbled Shorelines are greeting some beachgoers early this summer season, as in past years. North County beaches tend to suffer most, as the natural sand replenishment in the area is disrupted by dams blocking the flow of sediment down the larger streams and rivers. Some sand scooped up from dredging operations is being moved onto the beaches to mitigate this problem. South County's beaches fare better. The widest beach of all, Coronado, is protected from sand loss by the jutting Point Loma peninsula; it catches some sand drifting on currents northward from the mouth of the Tijuana River.

Colorful Foliage along San Diego's coastline lingers, despite the comparative lack of rainfall, and the onset of warmer, drier days. In the older, landscaped neighborhoods of Coronado, Point Loma, Pacific Beach, and La Jolla you'll find oleander and hibiscus blooming in many shades,

and colorful bougainvillea creeping over garden walls. Look for the magnificent clusters of red flowers adorning the crowns of the flame eucalyptus (red-flowering gum) trees. With mandatory restrictions on water usage looming this summer, some vegetation — especially water-thirsty lawns - may appear less green than usual this season.

June Bugs are emerging as summer's warmth is finally upon us. The green June beetle, only one of some 300 species of scarab beetles found in Southern California, flashes a metallic green underbelly as its buzzes about erratically. The mature scarabs flying about have spent at least a year underground in larval form munching at the roots of lawns or your favorite ornamental plants.

Latest Sunset of the Year, 8 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time in San Diego, occurs this Saturday, June - a week after the summer solstice (our longest day). From now until late July there will be little change in the time of sunset, even though the total length of daylight will steadily shorten.

"Dragons and Damsels" Experience beauty of San Diego River, historic Padre Dam, and natural ecosystem it now supports during trail guide-led interpretive walk. Look for damsel and dragonflies, songbirds, lizards, butterflies. 619-668-3281. Saturday, June 27, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Audubon Society Bird Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, June 27, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road, (CLAIREMONT)

Basic Birding Tom Troy leads basic birding program with emphasis on identifying birds by sight and sound and using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides. Directions: 760-967-6915. Saturday. June 27, 8:30am; free. Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 S. Coast Hwy. (CARLSBAD)

Birding in Lakeside Join Audubon Society birders. 858-755-7133. Saturday, June 27, 8am; free, Lindo Lake, 9841 Vine Street. (LAKESIDE)

Desert Garden Tour Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, June 27, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

Discover Magnificent Beauty!

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

Discovery Hike Become a nature detective when you join trail guides on an interpretive walk in search of "native beauties, bugs, and beasts, or evidence of them." 619-6683281. Saturday, June 27, 9:30am; Sunday, June 28, 9:30am; Wednesday, July 1, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Explore a Historic Cemetery During tour led by Walking Historic San Diego, examine history of Calvary Cemetery, one of S.D.'s oldest cemeteries (1875-1960), discuss controversy of its conversion to a community park, as well removal and dislocation of tombstones mostly shipped to Mt. Hope Cemetery, 619-574-6247. Saturday, June 27, 11am; \$10-\$15. Pioneer Park, 1501 Washington Place. (MISSION HILLS)

Finding Feathered Friends Learn five simple steps for identifying birds at a glance, how to use a field guide (bring yours if you have one) during birding basics class. 619-668-3281. Saturday, June 27, 1pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Mission Beach Meander Explore walkways around north and south Mission Beach during moderately paced walk with Walkabout adventurers. 858-456-7864. Friday, June 26, 10am; free. Santa Clara Point Recreation Center, 1008 Santa Clara Place. (MISSION BEACH)

Mystery Walk Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles based on makeup of the group. Expect "a lot of map reading." Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing.



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760-839-4680. Friday, June 26, 6:30am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Take Back the River! Help remove trash and debris from San Diego River east of Qualcomm Stadium during river cleanup. Tools, supplies provided. Dress in clothes that can get dirty, closed shoes. Volunteers meet in parking lot. 619-297-7380. Saturday, June 27, 9am; free. 24 Hour Fitness, 885 Rancho Mission Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Trash Pickup in López Canyon Help clean trash out of natural areas in López Canyon. 858-538-8066. Sunday, June 28, 9am; free. López Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

SPECIAL

"2009 Cannon Invitational" Exhibition features work by Joseph Bennett (assemblage), David Fobes (duct tape), Tara Smith (paintings), and Duke Windsor (paintings). These artists were selected from the 26 artists featured in "2009 Juried Biennial" exhibition by Karen McGuire. 760-602-2021. Sundays, 1pm; Tuesdays, 11am; Wednesdays, 11am; through Sunday, August 16, free. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"ARTruism" Learn about United Nations' Millennium Development Goals during UN Charter Day events on lawn of International Cottages. Art by a variety of artists; music by Paul Hanna. On offer: food, drinks, dance lessons, interactive painting event. Bring one nonperishable food item for "SuperFood Drive." 619-665-6156. Saturday, June 27, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

"Art Rocks!" Reception for exhibition of paintings by Joan Hansen, who says "interwoven through my work are threads of organic line and luminous color." View through Friday, July 10. 619-668-3289. Saturday, June 27, 2pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

"Art of Being and Seeing" Experience, photograph "spiritual grounds" during "photo safari" and workshop with photographer Lori Brookes. Expect "two photo sessions and a group review of the moments that were captured." Bring walking shoes, digital camera, sun protection. Fee includes lunch. 619-766-4480. Saturday, June 27, 9am; \$75. Sacred Rocks Reserve and RV Park, 1331 Shasta Way. (BOULEVARD)

"Cosmic Fireworks: The Big Bang" Take "digital tour" of night sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show, then view real sky through telescopes after show (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. Wednesday, July 1, 7pm and 8pm; \$9-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK) "Evening on the Nile" Commemorate National Refugee Day during Nile Sisters fundraiser with presentations by Tony Young of San Diego City Council, Sudanese refugee and Nile Sisters founder Elizabeth Lou, question and answer with "founder" of Lost Boys of Sudan. African cuisine promised, along with entertainment from Senna Africa, music, dance. 619-230-1190. Saturday, June 27, 6pm; \$35. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

"Find Your Treasure Here!" Satan Dance Party plays for Technomania Circus "pirate show." Expect performance and circus acts of "nautical nature," including "puppets, illusion, fire, experiments," more. Prizes for pirate apparel! Wear warm clothing for outside performance. 619-231-1950. Saturday, June 27, 9pm; \$10. 3 and up. The Center for Amusing Arts, 2438 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"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. 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)

"The Art of Puppetry" Discover this ancient art form as you make hand puppets using cloth, papiermâché, found objects. Participants will build a puppet theater, present impromptu skits. Snacks provided. All ages. Fee: \$40 per month

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or \$25 per class. RSVP: 619-593-2205. Wednesdays, 5pm; through Wednesday, July 29. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Ask the Designer Professional landscape designer Linda Whitney offers personalized 45-minute landscape design consultation. Bring photograph of your area, ideas from magazines, project dimensions for practical advice and suggestions for creating a low-water landscape. Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Friday, June 26, 10:30am; \$60-\$75. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Bayside Showcase Community celebration, dedication of mosaics created by Society of American Mosaic artists; hundreds of people helped finish the three mosaics displayed in lobby. Open house (9am-5:30pm), followed by dedication with mosaic artist Elizabeth Raybee (5:30), dance (6:30-9pm). 858-278-0771. Thursday, June 25, 9am; free. Bayside Community Center, 2202 Comstock Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Belly Dance and Drumming Study Sonia's newest drum solo choreography, accompanied by drummer Issam Houshan. Bellv dance, 1-4pm; drum workshop with Houshan 4-5pm. Tickets: \$65 for dance, \$25 door for drum workshop. 760-703-1487. Saturday, June 27, 1pm; \$25-\$65. Mission Valley YMCA, 5505 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)



Books to Good Homes Book sale sponsored by Friends of the Serra Mesa Library. 858-573-1396. Saturday, June 27, 9:30am; Sunday, June 28, 12:30pm; free. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, 9005 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

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)

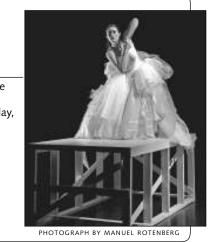
Doggie Café Take your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. One dog per human handler. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, June 26, 6pm. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Escondido's Green Scene Arts Partnership exhibits art from recycled materials; guests may create papier-mâché art projects. Solar cooking demonstration, alternative fuel vehicles, booths from organizations working to preserve habitats, animals, and "built environment." Enjoy live music, information, freebies, recycling opportunities (cell phones, batteries, small appliances, computers, TVs). 760-743-8207. Saturday, June 27. 1pm; free. Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway, (ESCONDIDO)

Herb Festival Many varieties of culinary, medicinal, tea herbs, vegetables, drought-tolerant plants showcased. Lavender wand and basket classes (\$15); soap-making class at 11am (\$35). Beer-making demonstration with Diane's hops by Shannon Ulmer on Saturday (noon). No pets please. 760-728-1251. Saturday, June 27, 10am; Sunday, June 28, 10am; free. Diane's Herbs, 3642 South Mission Road. (FALLBROOK)

House of Sweden Lawn program with dance, music, cultural costumes at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, June 28, 2pm; free.

SINGLES



ing 36th annual San Diego Scottish Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans. 760-726-3691 or 619-425-3454. Saturday, June 27, 9am; Sunday, June 28, 9am; free-\$14. Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive, (VISTA)

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)

Open Cockpit Days Climb aboard four historic aircraft at this Marine Corps aviation museum. 858-693-1723. Saturday, June 27, 9am; Sunday, June 28, 9am; free. Flying Leatherneck Museum, Miramar Road (Marine Corps Air Station). (MIRA MESA)

Pollinator Festival Week 2009 Explore critical issues facing "our unsung heroes, the pollinators," including bees, insects, bats, and birds. Demonstrations, hands-on activities, crafts for kids, face painting artist, beekeeper talks (Saturday). 760-804-1969. Friday, June 26, 10am; Saturday, June 27, 10am; free-\$2. Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 1580 Cannon Road. (CARLSBAD)

Read, Discuss, Change Your World You don't have to be an alumnus to join the UCSD Alumni Book Club, a "forum for discussing political issues ignored by mainstream media." This month: Daniel Silva's Moscow Rules is up for discussion in UCSD Bookstore coffee shop. "Books are selected from the federal government's book list...they are strikingly more factual than the government and media lead one to believe." 858-534-7323. Wednesday, July 1, 6pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Recession Help Expo Organizers promise 32 recession-help workshops, speakers (Lanny Goodman, Brian Tracy), government leaders, 150 exhibitors, live music, more. 760-815-4527. Sunday, June 28, 8:30am; free. Holiday Inn on the Bay, 1355 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Sight and Sound Preview night with performances by the Apes of Wrath, "provocative song and dance" by Caburlesque Kittens, and didgeridoo master Mitchell Walker. Live painting by Brent Tilton. Proceeds benefit Autism Research Institute. Complimentary beverage with paid admission before 8pm. 619-846-7180. Saturday, June 27, 7pm; \$5. 21 and up. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Spanish Arts Festival 2009 Spanish culture highlighted through visual and performing arts, wine, and post-show juerga (jam session). Luthier Monica Esparza of Monica's Guitars will display, sell her guitars (June 26-28). "De Gracia y Pasión" features mezzo-soprano Janelle DeStefano performing classical Spanish guitar pieces by Bizet, de Falla, Albéniz (June 26).

Flamenco dancers from Juanita Franco Academy of Flamenco take stage June 27. Enjoy "Encuentro," a musical ensemble performing blend of traditional flamenco and world music (June 28). 619-274-0023. Friday, June 26, 8pm; Saturday, June 27, 8pm; Sunday, June 28, 6pm; \$20. Luce Loft, 1037 J Street. (DOWNTOWN)

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 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 27, 9am; Sunday, June 28, 9am; free-\$9. Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

What Is Love? Join P&R Discussion Group to focus on this question for the ages. 619-370-1027. Thursday, June 25, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Wild Gardens Naturalist and historian Martin Hale presents 2 of his 13 television documentary shows about wildflowers in Southern California. Learn about local deserts, foothills, mountain areas. Included in regular admission. RSVP appreciated: 760-436-3036 x206. Thursday, June 25, 7pm; free-\$10. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

SPORTS

Low-Tide Ride and Stride Bicyclists start at 8am, runners and walkers step off at 8:05am, finish at Sunset Park (at intersection of Ocean Boulevard and Ocean Drive in Coronado). The 8.2-mile course goes north along ocean beachfront of Silver Strand. Event is held at low tide on hard-packed sand, passing through Naval Amphibious Base beaches, in front of Hotel del Coronado. 619-435-8334. Sunday, June 28, 8am; \$10-\$30. YMCA Camp Surf, at Seacoast Drive and Carnation Avenue. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Mystery Riding Expect to be surprised when Knickerbikers head out for 26-mile biking adventure with unknown destination. Lunch isn't a secret - enjoy food from the Philippines at Goldilock's. 858-243-4662. Saturday, June 27, 9:30am; free. Morley Field sports complex, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

No Brakes, No Gears! Tuesday night bicycle racing season continues with racing in many categories. Racing is open to all riders with an



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It's Paper Theater Time! Exhibit showcases replicas of Victorian-era paper theaters as well as modern versions of the toy. During Victorian era, theatrical playhouses printed fine posters showing architectural elements of their theater; families then created scale models of specific theaters. Condensed scripts were included in poster kits, paper doll players acted in productions. Live paper-theater performance July 11 at exhibit site. Exhibit continues through July. 858-822-5758. Thursdays, 7:30am; Fridays, 7:30am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; Mondays, 7:30am; Tuesdays, 7:30am; Wednesdays, 7:30am; through Friday, July 31, free. UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Let the (Scottish Highland) Games Begin! Caber tossing, bagpiping, sheepdog trials, drumming, highland dancing, kids' athletics, much more promised dur-

HATLINE

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. Astros San Diego Padres host the Houston Astros. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Monday, June 29, 7:05pm; Tuesday, June 30, 7:05pm; Wednesday, July 1, 7:05pm; \$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Running Clinic in the Park Ex-

plore "Top 10 Strategies for Successfully Completing Your First Marathon" during "laid-back" educational clinic hosted by exercise physiologist, coach Dr. Jason Karp. For runners of all abilities. Classes begin in Morley Field, at picnic tables near baseball fields. 619-546-8386. Thursday, June 25, 6pm; \$10. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Snorkel with Sharks! Adventures among harmless leopard sharks, guitarfish, and smooth-

hound sharks during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Sunday, June 28, 8am; \$30. 10 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

Time to Bike Enjoy flat, 55-mile ride to Coronado Ferry, Imperial Beach, and back with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society. 619-243-8617. Saturday, June 27, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Up for a Century? Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders to peddle 100 miles through Camp Pendleton to San Clemente and back. Bring driver's license for entry on base, money for lunch. 619-561-3846. Sunday, June 28, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Black Historical Society Museum of San Diego African American History 740 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center "Past Tents: The Way We Camped" provides "photographic romp through the great outdoors, exploring camping in California from post-Gold Rush times to the mid-1900s," on view through Saturday, August 15. Through exhibit themes "Round the Campground," "Hitting the Trail," and "Open Roads, Open Fires," visitors view rare historic photographs of camping from collections of California Historical Society and Bancroft Library.

Museum features exhibits of local history and fine arts, striving "to preserve and celebrate the spirit of Bonita in its two spacious galleries." Stories of Bonita's 100year history are told with artifacts, photographs. Displays include Native American culture, lemon orchard period, events of the flood of 1916, and transformation of family life by technology. 4355 Bonita Rd., 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Campo Railroad Museum Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars. Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11am, 2:30pm) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. 31123-1/2 Highway 94, 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum "Magnificent Chinese



Boxes of the Past" offers collection of finely crafted boxes from Qing dynasty. These utilitarian treasures were uniquely crafted for a specific use: to carry a workingman's lunch, a lady's makeup, a scholar's calligraphy tools, or any number of treasures great or small. Exhibit features boxes crafted from carved wood, lacquer, bamboo, leather. Through June.

See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. 404 Third Ave., 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Craftsmanship Museum The Joe Martin Foundation hosts this museum and machine shop with

displays of projects in metal and wood at the small end of the sizescale, including working miniature gas and steam engines, aircraft models, cars, trains, clocks, miniature tools and guns. Machinist mans the shop (Tuesday-Friday) for machining demonstrations. Museum is also open on first Saturday each month (10am-3pm). 3235 Executive Ridge, 760-727-9492. (VISTA)

Creation Museum A museum contrasting the evolution and creation worldviews. 10946 Woodside Avenue North, 619-448-0900. (SANTEE)

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

Gemological Institute of America Museum Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Reservations are required. 5345 Armada Dr., 800-421-7250. (CARLSBAD)

Heritage Walk Museum The museum includes the restored Victorian house, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park. 321 North Broadway, 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

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

J.A. Cooley Museum An eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial

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Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, "some classics and a concept car." 4233 Park Blvd., 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown "Jane Hammond: Fallen" is an installation "about both accumula tion and loss." Piece features a field of leaf forms, each bearing name of a U.S. soldier who died in Iraq. When piece was first shown in New York in 2005 it comprised

1511 leaves; for its S.D. presentation, the number exceeds 4000. Leaves are fashioned from archival paper, printed with colored inks on both sides before being further hand worked, inscribed by Hammond. Closes Sunday, June 28.

Through painting, drawing, and printmaking, Sandow Birk explores contemporary social issues using styles often appropriated from iconic art-historical works. Prints combine traditional woodcut techniques with modern imagery including Jeeps and concrete bunkers; imagery is brutal, grotesque. Closes Sunday, June 28. 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Photographic Arts "Ansel Adams: A Life's Work



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including over 80 photographs by the master, celebrates Adams as an artist and conservationist. Exhibit features an overview of Adam's work from his early years in Sierra Nevada and Yosemite Vallev to his work in Japanese internment camp at Manzanar, along with his wellknown masterpieces. Closes Sunday, October 4.

The interface between nature and urban technological culture is explored in "Jo Whaley: Theater of Insects." Over the last 25 years, Whaley's photographs have ranged from allegorical nudes to a revision of the "vanitas" still-life tradition to fusion of natural history and environmental issues. Pieces juxtapose organic and man-made elements to reflect issue of environmental degradation in an imaginative manner. Through Tuesday, October 13. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of San Diego History "100 Years of Art," continuing through March, showcases a century of artwork by San Diego artists. "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Also on view: "A Community between Two Worlds: Arab Amer-

Mireille Asselin

Jennifer Lane

Darryl Taylor

MORE CUPS OF TEA Author Greg Mortenson, Wednesday, July 1, USS Midway.

(SEE IN PERSON)

icans in Greater Detroit," using historical and contemporary photographs to chronicle story of Arab-American community in Southeast Michigan, and other large Arab-American populations in this country. Closes Sunday, July 5. 2825 Dewey Road Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center Through Sunday, June 6, 2010: "Motion Mania: Move Your Mind," focusing on "every kind of motion from those that underlie the solar system (circular motion) to pendulum motions, upward motion, motion illusions, and more." Exhibit introduces visitors to universal laws applying to everything that moves through 30 activities.

Decades of NASA research and color photography from robotic spacecraft illuminate "Giant Worlds: A Voyage to the Outer Solar System," a three-dimensional, interactive exhibition continuing through Monday, September 7. Exhibition consists of 20 individual exhibits filled with interactive experiences, models, and murals revealing "the grandeur of these amazing planets."

Ongoing exhibitions include "So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy,""Aging for All Ages,""Kid City" (for preschoolers). "Escape from Dino Island" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films shown daily in IMAX theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Air and Space Museum "The Da Vinci Experience" reveals how Leonardo Da



Vinci's conceptual designs for many technological wonders were centuries ahead of their time. "For the past 50 years a group of Florentine artisans have pored over Da Vinci's notes and drawings in an attempt to faithfully create replicas of his many inventions, relying solely on materials that were available in 15th-century Italy. The result is over two dozen fully functional models, 11 of which are fullsized." The interactive models are displayed with a facsimile of relevant Leonardo Da Vinci drawing. Closes Sunday, January 3, 2010.

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

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

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American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Man "Skull Stories: The Art of Ancient Surgery" marks "the first time the museum will use an entire collection of its own artifacts for an exhibit display." Trephining, or removing a piece of bone from the skull, is oldest surgical procedure known from antiquity; skulls exhibiting different degrees of healing after trephination will be displayed, as well as skulls that have been trephined using different techniques. Trephination tools, instruments such as obsidian blades, tumis, chisels also displayed.

The "Retablos" exhibit features retablo art of Peru, originating as a popular religious art form during the Romanesque period. Retablos are small portable altars. Exhibition shares information about people who make them: how the events and traditions around them have influenced their lives, specifically featuring Andean artist Nicario Jimenez Quispe. Closes Sunday, January 24.

"Gods and Gold: Ancient Treasures from Mexico to Peru" showcases museum's collections of Mexican, Central American, and South American archaeological objects. Rare gold and jewelry, exotic figurines, intricate stonework, and pottery from the ancient world are on display, as well as a crystal skull, on loan from a private collector. Through Sunday, September 13.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps Through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 1350 El Prado, 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve Nature center's building is a "green" facility made from recycled materials, using solar panels, irrigated roof plants, recycled water. Facility features an array of interactive exhibits exploring the natural and cultural history of the San Elijo Lagoon, one of the few remaining coastal wetlands in our

area. Guided nature walks offered every Saturday (10-11am). 2710 Manchester Ave., 760-436-3944. (CARDIEE)

San Marcos Historical Society Museum 270 West San Marcos Blvd., 760-744-9025, (SAN MARCOS)

Timken Museum of Art "Palekh: Icons to Souvenir Boxes to Icons" is exhibition of works steeped in "rich cultural tradition of the Russian village of Palekh, one of the great icon centers of the 18th and 19th Centuries." Show displays traditional icons and folk handicraft of decorated papiermâché black lacquer boxes. Through Sunday, October 4.

Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. Saint Bartholomew, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 1500 El Prado, 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)



Unfair Fair? The theme for this year's Del Mar Fair is "Music Mania." Chris Behar of reggae band High Tide thinks that's false advertising. "The fair is supposed to be all about music this year. They are leav-

Maxi Priest, Eek-A-Mouse, and the Wailing Souls. This year there are no reggae headliners.

"This is an all-age event that is supposed to have something for everyone," says

Eric Castaneda, lead singer of

are discriminating against one

stereotypical image they have

Stone Senses. "It's as if they

style of music because of a



ing out one of the most popular genres, reggae music."

After a Ziggy Marley concert at the Fairgrounds last August, local groups such as

the San Dieguito Alliance for Drug Free Youth complained to the Fair's board of directors that the state-owned facility is no place for reggae concerts because they foster open smoking of marijuana in an allage setting. At an October board meeting, general manager Tim Fennell said he would consider forbidding all reg-

gae shows at the Del Mar Fair. In the past, the Fair has hosted grandstand headliners

of reggae. Reggae is much more than smoking pot." Although Fennell said in like Steel Pulse, the Wailers, the past he would consider a



Why couldn't the Fair have hired local reggae bands such as Stone Senses, Tribal Seeds, or High Tide to play the Fair?

"I'll have to get back to you on that," says Fennell. "I'm busy trying to keep the Fairgrounds from getting sold."

BEFORE THE BAN (ZIGGY MARLEY)

Tim Read, director of

operations for the Del Mar

Thoroughbred Club, which

hosted the Ziggy Marley con-

Puttin' On the Hits

back [to the Fair]."

cert last year, says staging reg-

Friday and Saturday shows is

gae bands at its 4 O'Clock

good business. "San Diego

has always been a huge mar-

ket for reggae." He says the Thoroughbred Club will host

Steel Pulse August 22, free

to the dustup over pot

with admission to the races.

smoke, his organization has

forbidden all smoking in the

show. He says he was reluc-

Fair's decision to veto all reg-

gae bands this year. "They are

our landlords...But I think

reggae will eventually come

Ken Leighton

concert venue during the

tant to second-guess the

Read says that in response

Canes Bar & Grill in Mission Beach has been an obstacle in Randy Wood's attempt to revive his success of the 1980s. At least, that is, according to Wood, who in his heyday created a televised lip-sync contest called Puttin' *On the Hits*, which ran from 1984 to 1988. Wood launched his new venture. America's Lip Sync Star, at Canes on Tuesday, June 2.

"When I first talked to Pamela, the person who books all the bands and does all the promotions [at Canes], I told her this was a long-term deal," says Wood. "Once you put the money up, you want to run this for eight weeks, and then do another eightweek cycle, and then another. The return on investment is much greater when you do many eight-week cycles."



LIP SYNC STARMAKER RANDY WOOD

Wood was told that Canes, which would open its doors on a typically closed Tuesday night, expected to take in at least \$2000. "I thought, no problem." Wood, who had partnered with Cybersports Today (a show on ESPN 800), Shot Spirits Corporation (the makers of ShotPak, an adult beverage served in a disposable pouch), and Long Hard Ride (an "action and sports lifestyle brand"), agreed to make up the difference if his show didn't bring in the full amount.

On the first night of the contest, fewer than 20 people arrived at Canes, a venue that holds 800. Five of them were contestants, a few were friends of contestants, and the rest were employees of the bar. "We only took in

\$600," explains Wood. At the end of the night, Wood was informed he owed \$1400, plus the \$300 he had agreed to pay for security. Wood handed over all the cash he had remaining after he paid the contest winners (\$100 for first place, \$50 for second) and was left owing \$1523.

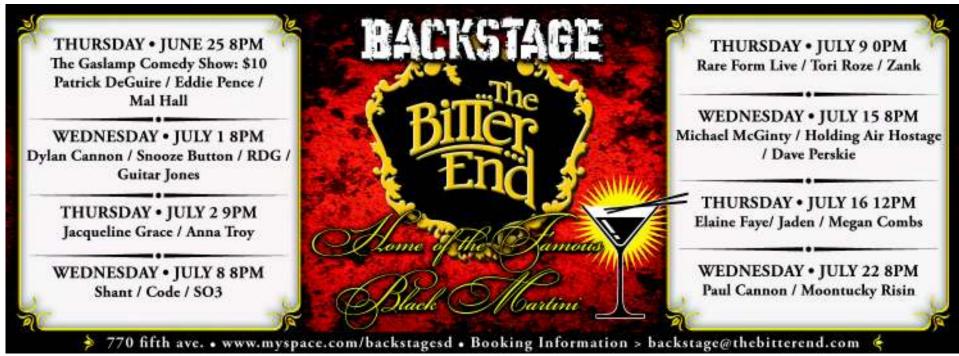
"Now Pamela says if we want [the venue] by Tuesday, we have to pay or no contest," says Wood. For two weeks he tried to negotiate with Canes, but now Wood is rethinking his choice in venue. "The bottom line is, when I originally talked to Pamela about this, I told her we wanted to run this as a long-term deal, and what I found out after the fact is that they're losing their lease in October, and they're gone."

A call to the club's owner was not returned. However, a Canes employee divulged, "We're not going anywhere. The lease is up in September, and the owner is in negotiations with the landlord." The same employee confirmed that if the lease is not renewed, the club's moving downtown could be an option. As of now, the contest is still on hold. — Barbarella

Border-Crossing Cyber

Sessions With two of the six members of Spanish altrock band Marquez! living in Jalisco, Mexico, three living in San Diego, and one living in

(Continued on page 66)



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Tijuana, the band has had to find creative ways to record their debut full-length.

"We are recording the album ourselves at Hacienda El-Ivis," says multi-instrumentalist Paolo Cesar Zuñiga of the recording space located in Cuidad Guzman, Jalisco, where he and singer Jared Wardle-Armijo record. "The

bers living in San Diego — Chad Tuthill, Colin Tuthill, and Edgar Alminar — as well as Luis Lopez in Tijuana.

"Everyone usually gets updated emails as the songs progress," says Zuniga. "Then we get together in Skype and talk about mixing ideas and whatnot."

From there, after the band members decide on their parts, they wait until the band gets together to lay down the final tracks. "We have all had to travel back

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The Penguin and the

Rock Star Which former San Diego County resident looms largest in popular music? Zappa? Waits? Jewel? A case can be made for Eddie Vedder, who went from struggling SD musician to front man of grunge monsters Pearl Jam, one of the planet's biggest rock bands, which Vedder has helmed for almost two decades now.

There's no debate, however, over which former San Diego County resident is alltime tops in ice hockey. Mira Mesa High School grad Chris Chelios, 47, is the oldest active player in the NHL. He's won the Norris Trophy as top defenseman thrice over his 25 seasons there. He's played in more NHL playoffs than any other player in history and in more games overall than any current league player and any American-born player ever. He won an NCAA championship in college and Olympic medals and world tournaments playing for Team USA. (Last Friday, Chelios almost won

his second Stanley Cup in a row and fourth overall when his Detroit Red Wings were bested by the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 7 of the NHL championship series.)

And, Chelios has a "me and Eddie Vedder" story. They're pals. During the allotted time Chelios got to lug around the Stanley Cup last summer, he even brought the trophy onstage at an Eddie Vedder solo

show in Chicago. As the defenseman explained to David Amber on ESPN.com in 2006: "[W]e

grew up surfing in the same place in San Diego, and I actually knew Eddie before he was 'Eddie Vedder the rock



HOCKEY ROCKERS CHELIOS AND VEDDER

star.' " Decades had passed, as Chelios tells it, and then "one night he is out with Dennis Rodman in Chicago at a

restaurant, and we're staring at each other, and he says, 'I know you,' and I said, 'What's your name?' He says, 'Eddie,' and I say, 'I think I know you from San Diego.' He didn't know me as Chris Chelios the hockey player, and even at the restaurant, I didn't realize he was Eddie Vedder from Pearl Jam. I am a Pearl Jam fan, but his hair was different, and I never imagined Eddie Vedder being that small. He's probably about five foot four. So, one of the security guards comes up and says, 'That's Eddie Vedder from Pearl Jam.' I was, like, 'Jesus, now I remember, we worked at the gas station[s] across the street from each other.' It was really a crazy situation how we met after all those years."

– David Stampone

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A BAND WITHOUT BORDERS (MARQUEZ!)

and forth during this record-

When asked if Zuniga

and Wardle-Armijo are will-

ing to leave the laid-back life

at Hacienda El-Ivis to come

responds, "Maybe. San Diego

is a great city, but we'll just

have to see how things work

out with this album. If not,

it's back to playing cantinas!"

— Dorian Hargrove

play music and live in San

Diego full-time, Zuniga

ing process," says Zuniga.

hacienda has been in my family for years, so we simply set up our own studio in one of the rooms. It is a small city with great vibes and even better food!"

Once the demos are recorded, Zuniga and Wardle-Armijo log onto video-conferencing and internet-telephone provider Skype to go over the songs, exchange ideas, and work on preproduction with the three mem-

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Thursday Local punk-rock heroes the **Zeros** reunite tonight at Bar Pink in North Park. Chula Vista High grads Javier Escovedo and Robert Lopez (aka El Vez),



opez (aka Er Vez), with Hector Peñalosa and Baba Chenelle, became known as the "Mexican Ramones" in their late-'70s heyday for blistering pop romps such as "Wimp" and "Wild Weekend." Their series of singles are rare collectibles but attainable on

THE ZEROS AT BAR PINK

the quartet's late-for-supper Bomp! compilation Don't Push Me Around, a must-have for punk purists and SanDago homers. Another rock rejuvenation finds Athens, GA's **B-52s** at the Fairgrounds. Last year's Funplex pumped up the volume and b.p.m. for these future rock-roll hall-offamers. After 33 years. Fred and Kate are kicking it a little lighter through 52s faves "Private Idaho" and "Love Shack," but this new-wave well is deeper than the radio hits, kids. Dig it.. Else: Queens crew the Beatnuts will rock the mic at Canes tonight. The old-skool iazz-and-funk-inspired hiphop duo is out to tout this year's Planet of the Crates, their 12th proper studio sess...Aussie multiinstrumentalist and granola fest fave Xavier Rudd visits House of Blues ... while Ken Club corrals hometown hits the **Donkeys** before they leave next week on a cross-country jaunt behind their Dead Oceans debut Living on the Other Side, a folk-pop grower. Go, Donks!



Talk about cleaning out the garage (rock). Summer-concert hot spot Humphrey's by the Bay has dug up the **Zombies**. Get your mitts on



electro jam band Jamuel Saxon...and Bar Pink stages SD alt-rockers Royal Campaign and Normandie.

Saturday

Casbah's double-bill Saturday shows Fat Possum recording artist **AA Bondy** playing an early set behind his solo debut *American Hearts*. The Alabama native and former Verbena front man tends these days to acoustic blues rock, but writerly, like a brainy, selfless Ryan

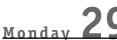
Adams. It's mellow but engaging stuff. Indie-pop peeps **Swim Party** splash down for later sets with **Cuckoo Chaos**, **Grey Ghosts**, and **Two Sheds** in the Atari... Beauty Bar books a CD-release thing for nu-wave dance band **Long Live Logos**. Their new DIY collection of electro-pop has a newer name: *Let's Take a Walk*. The **Victorians** and **Holy Rolling Empire** set the stage... Downtown, 4th&B fills a tribbers bill with the big three: **Help** doing Beatles, **Purple Haze** doing Jimi, and

B-52S AT FAIRGROUNDS

Rolling the Stones doing Oasis (I hear they nail "Wonderwall").... Uptown, Soda Bar serves NYC garage punks the **Choke** with our own kick-ASS punk trio the **Mice**.... And finally, I mean, FINAL-LY! "Summer Slaughter" is upon us at Soma. Where to begin? **Necrophagist? Suffocation? Decrepit Birth**? Listen, it's a boatload of death metal, man. Too much to type. Check it out at *somasandiego.com* or *myspace.com/summer-slaughtertour* for all the funny names.



Van Nuys metal heads Mondo Generator plug in at Radio Room for a kill Sunday-nighter. Nick Oliveri and a rotating gang of awesomeness, including superstar Josh Homme, have been cranking it to 11 since '97 and their defining debut Cocaine Rodeo, which was just reissued because of its sheer awesomeness.... Ruby Room in Hillcrest's also got a doozy with acousti-punks Satan Dance Party, L.A. noise-rock quartet Dead Ponies, punk trio Lilith Velkor, and local alt-rockers Autotonic. Good note per nickel value there, piggy-bankers.... And alsos: Local folkie Drew Andrews will premier his latest, Only Mirrors, at Bar Pink...once punk'd busker Ani DiFranco went from DIY to DIY in a BIG WAY. She'll entertain your parents out at Humphrey's...and Lucha Libre Gourmet Taco Shop will be dishing free eats at Casbah, while inside 94/9's putting on some bands or something. See you at The Cart, brah



91X moves in on Casbah's Anti-Monday Meet-up shilling its "next big thing" thing, **Ida Maria**. That seems like a lot of

pressure on Ida. The Norwegian pop-punk princess is out to tout her debut, *Fortress Round My Heart...* Bootymelt, anyone? Get some when Steeltown trance band **Extreme Animals** play the Ché. The Animals roll raps through electro-shock beats, beeps, and squeal. Don't ride this ride if you have a

weak heart or are

ock this Extreme ANIMALS AT CHE CAFE

prone to seizures. The rest of you, get your head on, 'cuz these guys are straight trippin'.



Gainesville. Huh. Anyway, any friend of Spoon and Mountain Goats is a friend of mine. The indie critics' darling and analog four-track revolutionary (see Tiny Telephone studios, Wiki kids) has a



BURNING OF ROME AT BELLY UP

brand-spanking new one out on Dead Oceans called *Romanian Names*. Critics are calling it "career-defining." Guess that makes it a good launch point if you've never listened to him. Vandy will duck into Casbah with Swedish acousti-cat the **Tallest Man on Earth**... Belly Up books a *Filter* magazine thing, with local nu-pop show bands the **Burning of Rome** and **QQC** (Qu'est-ce Que C'est).... "Soft rock is an oxymoron." Chapel Hill psych-rock band **Black Skies** roll in over Radio Room. Their new EP *Hexagon* encapsulates the trio's penchant for reverb and snarling vox, like a slowed and blown Metallica.

Wednesday

Ché Café's got your hump night highlight with Austin grime and grindcore kids **Hatred Surge** and **Mammoth Grinder. Auryn** (Pittsburgh), **Filth Mattress** (Seattle), and **Waco Fuck** (SD) are also on the bill. I love that they share a parking lot with the Mandell Weiss Theatre. "Ibsen to the right! Filth Mattress and Waco Fuck on the left!".... Further north, Belly Up's ready to reggae with the **Itals** from Jamaica. The nearly 40-yearstrong big band is touring in support of Ital Records release *Let Dem Talk*. Ishmael and the **Peacemakers** and **Organika Sound** set the Solana Beach stage.... And between the two, at the Del Mar Fair, it's your "Boogie Man," Harry Wayne ("K.C.") Casey. That's right, **KC and the Sunshine Band** will *shake*, *shake*, *shake*...*shake your booty* on the midway.

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songwriters like Neil Young, Harry Nilsson, Perry Farrell, Bruce Springsteen, and their deepthought freeworld-rockin' brethren.

Think Edwin McCain backed by the Cowboy Junkies.

"I was inspired by the way Tracy Chapman addresses social issues in her songs," says Bellante, "with lyrics that are meaningful and relevant without being preachy."

Raised in Cleveland, Bellante grew up in a musical family, studying both piano and guitar. "My grandmother was playing piano right into her 90s," he says, "and that made her one of the coolest people I knew. My mother was a poet, and that has always influenced my lyrics."

After graduating from college and arriving in San Diego with business degree in hand, Bellante says, "The only business I was interested in was the one called 'show.' Luckily, I found a musical partner right away in drummer Aaron Redfield [Switchfoot]."

Bellante and his band perform at the San Diego County Fair on July 5.

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

1. Tool, 10,000 Days. "I admire the band's outsidethe-box style and unique sound. Songs like 'Vicarious' and 'Right in Two' have

very relevant messages." 2. Daughtry, self-titled. "I have a SANFORD

pretty similar style with music arrangements, and there are several great songs on this first release of his."

3. U2, The Joshua Tree. "A timeless masterpiece with a lot of good songs...not just the one or two hits."

4. Third Day, Revelation. "I've been listening to this group since the early '90s for their uplifting spiritual music and catchy choruses."

5. David Gray, White Ladder. "Another classic end-of-the-day type of CD that's great to just relax and chill out to. Good boat and beach music."

MOST VISITED WEBSITES?

1. Amazon.com. "Everything under one roof, and no increased California sales tax."

2. FaceBook.com. "A bunch of my friends try to indirectly brag about themselves [using other names]."

3. Craigslist.com. "Even though people on there



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prices, and there are a lot of vehicles for 85 per-

cent off from some military sergeant in the U.K.

that just needs me to pay the tax before delivery."

4. Market-ticker.denninger.net. "It has independ-

ent commentary on the financial markets and

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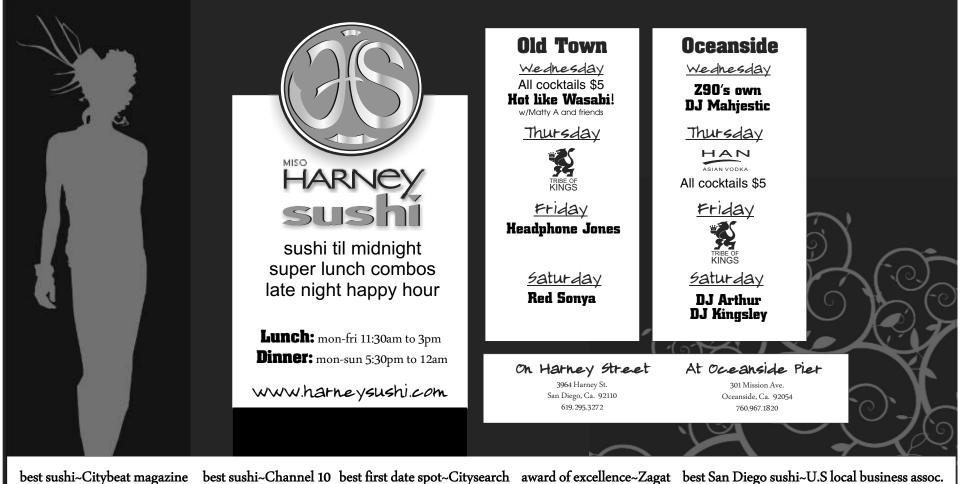
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Roberto Tapia. Latin. \$15. Saturday, 8pm — Help. With Rolling the Stones and Purple Haze Experience, Tributes to the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and Jimi Hendrix. Covers/rock. \$15-\$20.

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844. Saturday, 9pm - Erick Macek.

With Lady Danville. Pop. Wednesday, 7pm — David Patrone. Blues/jazz/standards. Free. Wednesday, 10pm - Cityzen Funk/rock.

Ali Baba's Cave: 10921 Roselle St., Sorrento Valley, 858-784-0515. Saturday, 8pm - Danyavaad and the Shimmy Sisters. World.

Alpine Inn: 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172. Thursday, 7pm - Kemosabe. Covers/pop/rock. Free.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Thursday, 7:30pm — Fattburger. Contemporary jazz. \$12. Friday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm - Lee Ritenour. Contemporary jazz. \$30-\$38.

Saturday, 7:30pm - Back to the Garden. A tribute to Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young. \$20. 9:30pm -Crossroads. A tribute to Eric Clapton. \$16. Sunday, 7pm and 9pm — Marc Cohn. With Katie Herzig. Folk/indie. \$38-\$44.

Wednesday, 7:30pm - Rob Thorsen. Jazz. \$12. Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth

Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100. Friday, 8:30pm — Benefit Jazz Concert with Hiroshima, Jazz, \$53.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194. Thursday, 9pm — The Zeros. Punk. \$10.

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& Casino: 1932 Wildcat Canyon Rd., Lakeside, 619-443-2300. Sunday, 6pm — The Arrowhead Band. Covers/standards/rock.

Beachside Bar & Grill: 806 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-942-0738.

Saturday, 8pm — Blame One. Hip-hop/rap. \$10.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-

Wednesday, 9pm - Sharon Hazel Township. With Rhythm & the Method Acoustic/indie/rock \$5, 21 and up.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140 Thursday, 8pm - Carbon Leaf. Alternative/folk/rock. Friday, 9pm — The Dirty Heads. With Stranger. Reggae. \$12-\$14. 21 and up. Saturday, 9pm — Switchfoot Bro-Am After Party. Featuring Fiction Family and guests. Rock. \$15. 21 and up. Sunday, 4pm — Nathan James. With Blue Largo. Indie. *Tuesday*, 8pm — Club Up and Up. Featuring Burning of Rome, Q'est Que C'est, and DJs Lord Nelson and Barak. Rock. \$6. 21 and up Wednesday, 9pm — The Itals. With Ishmael and the Peacemakers.

Reggae. \$16-\$18. 21 and up. Bird Park: 28th and Thorn Streets, North Park.

Saturday, 5:30pm — The Marcia Foreman Band. Blues/jazz. Free.

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Café Sevilla: 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-5979. Thursday — Orquesta Guayo. Colombian. Sunday — Tabaco y Ron. Latin. Wednesday - Orquesta LGC. Latin.

Calvin's Sports Bar and Restaurant: 28841 Old Highway 80, Alpine, 619-473-1266. Thursday, 8pm — The Old Highway 80 Band. Rock.

The Calypso Café: 576 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252. Saturday, 8pm - Triple Shot. Blues/rock. Sunday, 6:30pm — Freefall. Jazz. Free.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. Thursday, 8pm — The Beatnuts.



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and up.

Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Friday, 6:30pm - Robin Henkel. Blues/jazz.

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Gardens Bl., El Caion, 619-561-3494. Friday, 9pm — Yabutifida. With Cyanide Vogue. Rock. Free. 21 and

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

John Vanderslice had been playing music for several years, first as a member of MK Ultra and then as a solo artist, but his career didn't really take off until he set up camp in a San Francisco rehearsal space and started talking bands into letting him record them. He called the studio Tiny Telephone, filled it with vintage recording equipment, and before long was making first-class recordings. The studio's popularity took off quickly, both with arty acts like Deerhoof and major-league indie rock stars like Death Cab for Cutie (who have recorded two albums there). Death Cab guitarist Chris Walla, who doubles as a record producer, has gone so far as to call Tiny Telephone the fifth member of his band. While studios are closing right and left these days, Tiny Telephone recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. But rather than settle

comfortably into his mixing desk chair and give up the stage. Vanderslice continued his solo career and kept getting better. His 2005 album Pixel Revolt proved to be his breakthrough, gaining him international acclaim. In addition to showcasing

his recording skills, it displayed his knack for writing lyrics that touched on weighty issues (terrorism, political paranoia) through the personal narratives of fictional characters. 'Trance Manual" appears to be the last thoughts of a journalist before he's killed by a bombing in Iraq.

Vanderslice's latest, Romanian Names, continues in a similar vein, but it's much less

JOHN VANDERSLICE

heavy-hearted than Pixel Revolt and 2007's Emerald City. The lyrics, more impressionistic than ever, are filled with imagery from nature: forests, horses, swimming, stars. Even a song titled "Hard Times" conjures pleasant memories of a summer vacation.

JOHN VANDERSLICE: The Casbah. Tuesday, June 30, 8 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12.

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Jimmy Durante Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1161. Thursday, 7:30pm - The B-52s. New-wave rock. Friday, 7:30pm — Switchfoot. Rock. Saturday, 7pm — Fifth Annual Gospel Festival. With Israel & New Breed, Tonex, and more. Sunday, 7:30pm — Intocable. With Patrulla 81. Tejano/norteño. Monday, 7:30pm - Clint Black. Country. Wednesday, 7:30pm — KC & the Sunshine Band, Disco/funk/soul.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Dr., Downtown, 858-270-7467. Friday, 8pm — Fred Benedetti & George Svoboda. Flamenco/jazz/ world. \$10. Saturday, 8pm — Mikan

Zlatkovich With Brian Levy, Gilbert Castellanos, and their rhythm section. Jazz. \$15.

Sunday, 7pm — The Double Bass Summit, With Bertram Turetzky, Marshall Hawkins, Bob Magnusson, Mark Dresser, Jeremy Kurtz, Rob Thorsen, and Danny Weller. Jazz. \$10-\$15.

Downtown Café: 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Thursday, 6pm - Chet & the Committee. Blues. Free.

El Cajon Boulevard Church of Christ: 2528 El Cajon Bl. North Park, 619-295-1819. Saturday, 7pm — Acappella. Gospel. Free.

Encinitas Library: 540 Cornish Dr., Encinitas, 760-334-0229.

Tuesday, 6pm — Diangela. Alternative. Free.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-2204 Saturday, 9:30pm - GFI. With

guests. Free. 21 and up. The Ferry Landing Marketplace: 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-8895.

Saturday, 1pm - The Coronado Big Band. Standards. Sunday, 1pm - Paragons. Rock.

Four Points by Sheraton: 8110 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa. Thursday, Friday - Federal Funk. Funk. Sunday, 8pm — Gregory Michael Band.

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Fuddruckers: 8285 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-693-3916. Tuesday, 6pm — The Bayside Dixie Stompers. Jazz. Free.

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Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-5300. Saturday, 9pm — Dannicus Live. Hardcore/metal/punk. Free.

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R&B/soul. \$50. Harry Griffen Regional Park: 9550 Milden St., La Mesa, 619-667-1307.

Sunday, 6pm — Paradise. Latin/rock/soul. Free.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660. *Thursday*, 8pm — Skelpin'. Irish/folk. *Friday*, 8pm — The Hank Show. A tribute to Hank Williams. Country. Free. *Saturday*, 8pm — Joe Wood & the Lonely Ones. Blues. *Monday*, 8pm — The Tail Draggers. Bluegrass. *Tuesday*, 8pm — Deblois.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: 5500 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa, 619-713-6900. *Friday*, 9pm — The Phoenix Band. Rock. *Saturday*, 9pm — Tony Cummins. World. Free.

Hornblower Cruises: 1066 North Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-686-8715. *Friday*, 8pm — Alex y Su Mambo Salvaje. With the Salsa Divas and DJ Lobel. Latin/pop/rock. \$30.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. *Thursday*, 7pm — Xavier Rudd. Folk/indie. \$20-\$37. 21 and up. *Saturday*, 7pm — Sophie @ 103.7's Birthday Bash. Featuring Sugar Ray and Mat Kearney. Pop/rock. \$24-\$44. 21 and up. *Saturday*, 10am — Ishmael & the Peacemakers. Reggae. \$15. *Sunday*, 7:30pm — Reggae on 5th. Reggae. \$12. 21 and up.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. *Monday*, 7pm — The Robin Henkel Band. Blues/funk/jazz. \$5-\$8.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. *Friday*, 7pm — Rock Royalty. Featuring the Zombies, the Yardbirds, and the Spencer Davis Group. Classic rock. \$48. *Sunday*, 7:30pm — Ani DiFranco. Folk/rock. \$45.

Ideal Hotel: 540 Third Ave., Downtown. Saturday, 7pm — Crystal Vibrations. World. Concert held in the studio. \$10-\$15.

Imperial Beach: Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-424-3151. *Sunday*, 6pm — Sunset Celebrations Mini Concert. Time Machine performs covers/standards for this installment of Sunset Celebrations. Free. **The Ivy Hotel:** 600 F St., Downtown, 619-814-1000. *Tuesday*, 9pm — Jesse LaMonaca. With guests. Acoustic/alternative/

soul. Free. J.J. Lander's Irish Pub: 125 South Main St., Fallbrook, 760-731-

0839. Friday — The Leperkhanz. Rock. Saturday — The Burning of Rome. Indie/rock.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483. *Thursday* — 3 EZ Pieces. Rock. *Friday* — Serious Guise. Covers/pop/rock.

Lamb's Players Theatre: 1142 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-0600. Sunday, 7pm — Last Sunday

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

The Lumberyard Shopping Center: 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 619-987-1277. Saturday, 6pm — Jim Weiss. Jazz. Free.

Main Stage Bar at Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Rd., Valley Center, 866-843-9946.

Thursday, 7pm — Firefly. Rock. Free. *Friday*, 4pm — The Heroes. Rock. 9pm — Detriot Underground. Soul.

Free. Saturday, 9pm — The Jones Revival. Rock. Free. *Saturday*, 4pm — Shockwaves. Rock. Free.

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

Thursday, 7pm — Caballeros Latin Jazz Jam. Jazz/Tejano/Mariachi. Free. **McP's Irish Pub and Grill:** 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280. *Thursday*, 8pm — Big City Shaman. Rock.

Friday, 9pm - 4-Way Street. Rock.

Saturday, 9pm — The Stilettos. Rockabilly/jazz/roots. *Tuesday*, 8pm — 2 Guys Will Move U! Rock.

The Merk: 820 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-814-6375. *Thursday*, 7pm — David Patrone. With Grant Clarkson and Sky Ladd. Blues/jazz/standards. Free.

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Mount Palomar Winery: 33820 Rancho California Rd., Temecula, 951-676-5047. *Saturday*, 3pm — The Chris Klich Jazz Trio. Jazz. Free. O'Connells Pub and Nightclub: 1310 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-276-5637. Friday, 9pm — Pulse Anatomy. With the Heroine, Filtered Aggression, and Method Rising. Metal/rock/thrash. 21 and up. Saturday, 9pm — Night Sweat. With Blue Sky Blonde, Holiday Side, Forsythe, and J.D. Combs & the Soul Stealers. Alternative/blues/ soul. 21 and up. Sunday, 9pm — Black Seven. With Botox Party. Hardcore/punk/rock. 21 and up.

Tuesday, 9pm — Utopia Rush.

With Death on Mars. Alternative.

21 and up. O'Harleys Sports Bar & Grill: 13437 Community Rd., Poway, 858-486-7422. Saturday, 8:30pm — Mariner.

Covers/standards/rock. Free.

Ocean Beach: Newport Avenue and Abbott St., Ocean Beach, 619-221-8900. *Saturday*, 4:30pm — Dazed and Confused. Plays the Ocean Beach

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Ocean Beach People's Organic Food Market: 4765



Music & Event Calendar

JUNE 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 JULY Wednesday, 1st: Joe Wood Thursday, 2nd: Irish Night with Skelpin Friday, 3rd: Matt Gerovac & the Babylon Saints Saturday, 4th: Honkatonk Sunday, 5th: This is Music! Hosted by DJ Kid Jagger Monday, 6th: The Tail Draggers

Tuesday, 7th: Rich the Stitch Wednesday, 8th: Joe Wood Thursday, 9th: Irish Night with Skelpin Friday, 10th: Band in Black (Johnny Cash Tribute) Saturday, 11th: Franklin Lounge Sunday, 12th: Fire Whiskey Monday, 13th: The Tail Draggers Tuesday, 14th: Peter Hall Wednesday, 15th: Joe Wood Thursday, 16th: Irish Night with Skelpin Friday, 17th: Blasting Company Saturday, 18th: A.M. Vibe Sunday, 19th: This is Music! Hosted by DJ Kid Jagger *Music is subject to change.

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Oceanside Farmers' Market: Pier View Way at Coast Hwy., Oceanside, 619-440-5027. Thursday, 5pm - The Kyle Van Band. Bluegrass/country/rock.

Old Town State Historic Park: 4002 Wallace St., Old Town. Saturday, 2pm — San Diego City Guard Band. Marches/covers/ standards. Free.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-7278 Friday, 6pm - Rhythm & the Method. Rock.

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077. Thursday, 9pm — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak, Blues/funk/rock. Friday, 9pm — Soul Diego. Covers Motown, soul, and blues. Sunday and Monday, 9pm -Ronnie Lane & the Twisters. Blues/rock. Tuesday, 9pm - Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/soul/rock. Wednesday - Len Rainey & the Midnight Players. Blues/jazz

Pete's Place: 8330 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-464-9535. Saturday, 9:30pm - Fearless in Fairweather. With Self Made Men. Rock. Free.

Poway Center for the Performing Arts: 15498 Espola Rd., Poway, 858-748-0505. Sunday, 3pm — Country Superstars on Stage. Tributes to Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, Hank

Williams, and Patsy Cline. Country. \$20-\$40.

Poway Library: 13137 Poway Rd., Poway, 858-513-2900. Saturday, 2pm — The Jazz Pigs. Jazz. Free

Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 East Main St., El Cajon. Friday, 6pm — Theo and the Zydeo Patrol. Blues/Cajun/zydeco. Free.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-284-3323. Friday, 8pm — Hard Fall Hearts. With Voodoo Swing and the Bleeding Irish. Punk/rock/ rockabilly. \$5. 21 and up. Sunday, 8pm — Mondo Generator. With It's Casual, Gusto, and Nick Oliver. Metal/punk/rock. 21 and up. Monday, 8pm - She Rides. With What I Did. 21 and up. *Tuesday*, 8pm — Black Skies. Rock. \$4. 21 and up.

Red Circle Café: 420 E St., Downtown, 619-234-9211. Wednesday, 9pm - House of Rep. With Serg and Myson. Hip-hop/ rap. Free.

Rock Bottom Brewery, Downtown: 401 G St.,

Downtown, 619-231-7000. Friday - Kahi Lofa Reggae Band. Reggae. Saturday - Sand Box.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372. Saturday, 8pm - Dr. No's Fantasy. Featuring Trio Gadjo, Billy Bonell, Esencia, Christian Spicer, Viewer Programming, Jeff Bilideau, Shani Ayanna, Lady Borgia, and John Ceccon. Groove/jazz/soul. \$5. 21 and up.



BY DAVE GOOD

The Scorpions, a German heavy metal band, date back to the '60s. Around that time, the trend for hard rock guitarists was to break from the blues-rock tradition by playing fast, long, clean solos that raced up and down a fretboard. Tone was sacrificed for technique, but at arena volume, who cared? The early Scorpions were a showcase for a gifted, if troubled, teenage guitarist named Michael Schenker, brother of founder Rudy Schenker, At 18, Michael was turning heads, and when he split with the Scorpions to join British head-knockers UFO, he left a large gap. But it turned out to be a fortuitous move for the Scorpions, for Schenker's replacement,

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Mesa, 858-616-6999. Saturday, noon — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/ rockabilly.

San Diego Zoo: 2920 Zoo Dr., Balboa Park, 619-231-1515. Saturday, 5pm — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. Jazz/world.

Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino: 25575 Highway 79, Santa Ysabel, 760-787-0909.

Uli Jon Roth, would propel the band to the top of the heavy metal pile over the next five years.

Roth's was the guitar style that would inspire vounger shredders like Yngwie Malmsteen, and his songwriting on albums like In Trance, Virgin Killer, and Taken by Force created the Scorpions brand — driving. melodic hard rock decorated with monumental guitar solos. In addition, the Scorpions wrapped their albums in cover art in bad enough taste that one of them is still banned in the U.K.

Guitar heroes from that generation of rockers usually do not go quietly. Many of them are still out there, touring and getting loud whenever possible. Count Roth among them. He is playing better than he ever has, partially due to his own invention that he calls the "sky guitar," an instrument jammed with electronics — it's ugly, but it suits his purpose, Look-



ULI JOHN ROTH

ing over Roth's past set lists, one sees some old Scorpions hits, some of his own stuff, and a spate of Hendrix covers. Roth is still playing on fire, like it's 1973, like he's gotta fill Michael Schenker's shoes

ULI JOHN ROTH: Brick by Brick, Thursday, June 25, 8 p.m. 619-275-5483, \$20 advance; \$25 day of show.

Thuet and the Russell Bizzett Trio. Jazz. \$8-\$15.

Scripps Park: 1133 Coast Bl., La Iolla

Sunday, 2pm — The Heroes Classic, Rock.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224. Saturday, 10pm - The Mice. With the Choke. Rock. 21 and up.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. Friday, 6pm — Buck-O-Nine. With the Voodoo Glow Skulls, Knock-Out, Bucket of Fish, and guests. Ska/reggae. \$12. Saturday, 5:30pm — The Summer

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of Plague, Dying Fetus, Born of Osiris, Origin, Beneath the Massacre, After the Burial, and Blackguard. Metal/rock. \$22.

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa: 34843 Rancho California Rd., Temecula, 951-587-9463. Saturday, 6pm — Jeffrey Osborne With Kirk Whalum and Gerald Albright. Jazz.

Spreckels Organ Pavilion: 211 Pan American Rd., Balboa Park

Tuesday, 6:15pm - U.S. Navy Band Wind Ensemble. Standards. Free. Wednesday, 6:15pm — The Earth Movers Blues Free

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Saturday, 7pm — Paradigm.

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Surf N' Saddle: 123 West Plaza St., Solana Beach, 858-755-9474. Saturday, 9:30pm - Foo U. Rock. Free.

Thumbprint Gallery: 3925 Ohio St., North Park, 858-354-6294. Saturday, 9pm -Afterschoolspecial. In conjunction with group art exhibition. Alternative/hip-hop/rock.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. Thursday, 9:30pm - Bad Habits. Rock. Friday, 9:30pm - Slim Crowbar & the IOUs. Rock. Saturday, 9:30pm - Big Back Yard. Funk/rock/soul.

Tio Leo's: 6333 Mission Gorge Rd., Grantville, 619-280-9944. Friday — The Main Event. Rock. 21 and up.

U-31: 3112 University Ave., North Park, 619-584-4188. Monday - Rhythm & the Method.

Rock Wednesday, 9pm — The Smart Brothers. With Syndicate, Westfire, and guest. Acoustic/bluegrass/ blues. \$5.

Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400. Saturday, 9pm — Detroit Underground. Covers/standards. Sunday, 9pm — Ultimate Music Challenge 3 Finals. Featuring finalists from the competition. Free. 21 and up.

Wine Cabana: 2539 Congress St., Old Town. Sunday, 5pm — Bob Bartosik. Jazz. Free.

Wine Steals: 1953 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-230-2657. Thursday, 7pm - Robin Henkel. Blues/funk/jazz.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822. Sunday, 5pm — Stacey and the Stimulus Package. Acoustic/soul.

WorldBeat Cultural Center: 2100 Park BL, Balboa Park, 619-

263-7911. Friday, 8:30pm — Bushman. Reggae. \$15-\$18.

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July 10 - The Lovell Sisters. Iulv 18 - Stan Ridgway. August 1 — We Five. August 9 — Jesse Winchester. August 29 — I See Hawks in L.A. September 10 - Chervl Wheeler. October 25, October 25 — Catie Curtis. October 30 - Tim Flannery. November 6 — The Battlefield Band.

December 4 — Tom Russell. Anthology: 1337 India St., Little

Italy, 619-595-0300. July 2, July 3 - Ben Vereen. July 4 — Gary Seiler & the Buffed Out Band. July 8 — Preservation Hall Jazz



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Album: Lead the Parade (2009)

Artist: Sara Petite Label: Manatease Records

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Songs: 1) Lead the Parade 2) The Secret 3) Little House 4) Paris Incident 5) Heaven Bound 6) Buy Me a Ticket 7) Coming on Strong 8) Dead Man Walking 9) Uncle Irving 10) Little Girl 11) Six Smiles 12) Moonshine

Band: Sara Petite (guitar, vocals), Jesse Harris (electric guitar, bass), Rick Wilkins (electric guitar, mandolin, banjo, vocals), Shawn Rohlf (banjo), Steve Peavey (banjo, mandolin, lap steel, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, vocals), Dave Banjoski (banjo, guitar), Chris Clarke (mandolin, guitar, harmonies), Jim Austin (upright bass). Annie Dru (harmony vocals)

Sara Petite, at first listen, ilarities stop there; where Haines's sounds not unlike a (very) country version of Metric's Emily Haines, but the sim-

Website: sarapetite.com

Band.

July 9 — Mandrill.

July 16 — Tyrone Wells.

August 1 — Wild Child.

August 26 — The Duhks.

July 17, July 18 - Earl Klugh.

August 2 — Marcus Johnson.

August 1 - Martinis & Sinatra.

July 11, July 12 - Ottmart Liebert.

voice possesses an ethereal quality, Petite's has the confident folk twang of a childhood per-

> September 4 — Bettye Lavette. 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.

former. Against a banjo backdrop, her album is 12 tracks of "Americana," a fancy word for, it would seem, any country music that is not Top 40 material.

In one of the more puzzling bluegrass traditions, many of Petite's songs are at a breakneck speed ("Little House," for example), rife with mandolin and guitar-picking patterns that, at times, overpower the vocals. Petite's style, however traditionally "country," is sweet, while the backing instrumentals tend to be too cute.

Breaking the mold slightly is the track "Paris Incident," which features well-placed elements of country (a pleasant violin interlude, most notably), and "Heaven Bound" is a calm interlude among the frantically paced songs.

Lyrically, Petite is not the most advanced; for example, on "Little House," she proclaims, "My little dog's the size of a

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. July 2 - '80s Heat. July 4 — Dead Man's Party. July 7 — The Devastators. July 8 — The Surrender. July 9 — Venice. July 10, July 11 - The Greyboy



Sara Petite

pollywog," perhaps the album's weakest point. Overall, it's a good choice for a square dance but may not resonate beyond the barn.

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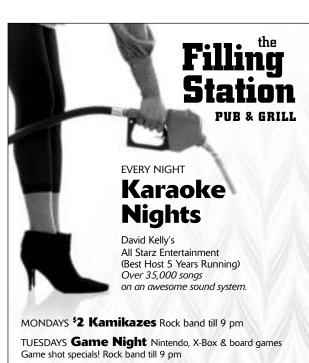
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Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. *July 2* — Spitfiyah. *July 3* — The Supersuckers. July 4 — Jacqueline Grace. July 10 — Tony Tuff. July 11 — Tainted Love. July 17 - Eek-A-Mouse. July 18 — Devin the Dude. July 19 — Jim Rose Circus. July 20 — Clutch July 22 - The Wailing Souls. July 24 — Latin Funk Festival. July 31 — Mutavtor. August 14 — Method Man & Redman. August 19 — Jedi Mind Tricks. August 26 - Lee "Scratch" Perry. August 27 — George Clinton. August 28 — Fat Joe. September 4 - The Pharcyde

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East Village: 13th & K Streets, Downtown August 28, August 29 - Street Scene 2009.

Hard Rock Hotel: 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 866-751-7625. September 26 — Sugar Ray.

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July 2 - Noches Rockeras. 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, July 24, July 25 — Bear McCreary. July 26 — Van Hunt. July 29 — Gloria Trevi.

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 21 — Atmosphere. August 23 — Babasónicos. September 4 — Mitchel Musso. September 9 — Paolo Nutini. September 12 — Maximo Park September 13 — Lupillo Rivera. September 16 — The Gaslight Anthem. September 18 — Gov't Mule September 21 — Flogging Molly. October 1 — Robert Earl Keen. October 11 — Mutemath. October 18 — KMFDM. October 22 — Lila Downs. November 4 - Boyz II Men.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619 July 8 — Yes. July 9 — Heart.

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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 for Peace and Love. August 7 — The Alan Parsons Live Project. 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 16 — John Legend. September 17 — Bon Taj Roulet. September 18 — LeAnn Rimes. September 21 — The Australian Pink Flovd 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.

Iulv 10 — Joan Baez.

Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre: 200 North the Strand, Oceanside, 760-435-5540. July 18 — Country Fest North.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947

August 4 — Judas Priest Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252. July 12 — Michael McDonald and Boz Scaggs July 29, July 30 — Journey.

August 7 — Bonsallpalooza.



August 9 — Diana Krall. 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 Arjona. September 1 — Pedal to the Metal Tour September 6 — AC/DC.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. July 9 - RX Bandits. July 10 — Scream the Prayer Tour. Iulv 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.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Rd., Valley Center, 866-843-9946. Iulv 9 — Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo. August 8 — Dick Fox's Golden Boys. 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.

Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Rd., Alpine,

619-445-5400. August 15 — Los Lonely Boys. October 3 — Brooks & Dunn.

Vieias Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400. July 10 — Blues Traveler. July 17 - Otis Day & the Knights. July 18 — Debby Boone. August 21 - Tony Orlando.



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ALLIED GARDENS

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ALPINE

Alpine Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.75 wells, house wine, \$4.75 calls.

BALBOA PARK

The Prado: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$3.50 wells, pints, house wine, house margaritas. Lounge only.

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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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Wet Stone Wine Bar and Café: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$3 selected craft beers, \$5 sangria, big glasses of wine.

CARLSBAD

The Alley: *Every day*, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

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Greek Village: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

CARMEL VALLEY

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, house margaritas.

Twenty/20 Bar & Grill in the Sheraton Hotel: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink, 3-oz. martinis.

CHULA VISTA

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7 pm: \$2 margaritas.

Veni Vidi Vici: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6pm: \$1 off all drafts, wells.

CLAIREMONT

Viva Vino: *Monday-Saturday*, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

COLLEGE AREA

Marie Callender'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.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, \$1 drafts.

CORONADO

Primavera Ristorante: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off all drinks.

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.

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Friday, \$6 pomegranate martini. Saturday, \$6 cosmos.

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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.

Café Sevilla: Monday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. Tuesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. Wednesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price martini. Thursday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price 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: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. Friday and Saturday, 11pm-close: \$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-Thurs- day*, 3-6pm: \$3.75 draft, \$3.95 wells, \$2.95 domestic beer.

The Fleetwood: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday,* 5-6pm: \$4 calls. *Wednesday,* 5-6pm: \$4 calls. 5-7pm: 1/2-off wine bottles.

Fuddruckers: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine. *Satur-day*, 10pm-midnight: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 pints, house wine, wells (vodka, gin, rum).

La Gran Tapa: *Tuesday*, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. *Wednesday*, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, 1/2-off select bottles/wine. *Thursday*, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, \$10 pitcher sangria/draft.

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm, 10pm-12am: \$2 Bud Light/Coors Light drafts, \$3 margaritas, wine, wells, sangria.

Hive Sushi Lounge: *Every day*, 5-7pm: \$2.49 large sake, \$1.99 drafts (+ \$.99 for sake bomb).

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Jewel Box: Monday, \$2 PBR drafts. Wednesday, 6pm-2am: \$5 Jäger bombs w/ military ID. Thursday, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. \$3.75 calls. Must show apron/pay stub. Karl Strauss Brewing Com-

pany: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

La Fiesta: *Every day*, 5-7pm: 1/2-price calls, wells, tap beers, house wine, house margaritas.

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. *Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, wine, drafts. *Saturday*, 8-10pm: \$5 premium liquors.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge: *Every day*, 5-7pm: \$5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini, large Sapporo, house wine.

O'Brothers: Every day, 3:30-6:30pm: \$5 glass of wine, 24-oz. organic beer \$7. Patrick's II: Every day, 10am-7pm:

\$2.50 bottle beer, \$3.25 wells, \$1 off calls.
\$3 Bud drafts, \$3.75 import bottles. **RA Sushi:** Every day, 10pm-mid-

night: \$3 wells. \$4 cosmos, Kirin, house wine, apple martinis.

Rock Bottom Brewery, Downtown: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis. Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis. Sunday, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee, 12-9pm: tasting flights.

The Shout House: *Tuesday*, \$2.50 Karls, \$5 cosmos. *Wednesday*, \$1.50 domestic bottles. *Thursday*, \$2.50 Miller Lite drafts, \$10 Miller High Life buckets, \$2 lunchbox shots. *Friday*, 6-7pm: \$1 any draft. *Sunday*, \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wells, wine, Jäger.

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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: Mon-
day-Saturday, 3-8pm: All drinks 2 for1.

Tivoli Bar: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-8pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$2 off wine.

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 wine tasting and hors devours.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: Monday, all night: \$1 off all drinks. Tuesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks.

GRANTVILLE

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

HILLCREST

Cafe Eleven: *Every day*, 2-6pm: \$4 house margaritas, \$3 wells, house wine, bottled beer.

Happy Hour 4 pm-close

Mondays \$6 Burgers \$3 Bud Lights & Miller Lites Tres Tuesdays \$3 Coronas, Pacificos, Dos Equis \$2.50 to \$3 Tacos

Wednesdays \$2 Pork Sliders & Corn Dogs \$10 Big Ass Pitchers \$3 Thursdays \$3 Lobster Tacos, Bottles, Drafts, Wells, Jaegers

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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: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: *Monday-Thursday*, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/draft beer.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE Beauty Bar: Monday, \$4 bombs,

\$5 Brunettes/Blondes. Tuesday, \$4

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3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-

off select wine bottles. Friday, \$4

bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. \$3

The Kensington Club: Every day,

10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, do-

Kensington Vine: Monday, 3pm-

close: \$5 fine wine. Tuesday-Friday,

Beaumont's: Every day, 4-7pm:

Clay's La Jolla: Every day, 4-7pm:

\$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 sangria, \$6

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3-6pm: \$5 fine wine.

\$3-5 cocktails, wine, beer.

HAPPY HOUR 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, 4pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts, \$1 off all drinks. *Tuesday-Sunday*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts, \$1 off all drinks.

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-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 draft, \$5 wells, wines, \$7 martinis, Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$3 draft, \$5 wells, wines, \$7 martinis, 30% off all wine bottles.

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.

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MIRA MESA

The Filling Station: Monday, \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, premium beer \$3.50/pint. Thursday, 7pmclose: \$1.75 pints, \$6 pitchers. Saturday, \$3 Bloody Marys. Sunday, \$3 mimosas.

Mira Mesa Lanes: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50 wells

MISSION BEACH

Canes: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2.50 beer of the month. \$3 wells, margaritas. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: 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.



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, \$3 craft beers. Tuesday, 8pm-12am: \$1.50 wells, \$2.50 domestic bottles. Wednesday-Sunday, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 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, grey-

hounds.

Dream Street Live: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Portugalia: Tuesday-Sunday, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine

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

specialty cocktails.

day, 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. Saturday-Sunday, 12-7pm: \$7 pitchers.

The Australian Pub: Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands, Sat-

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Carvers: Monday-Friday, 2-

6:30pm: \$2.75 beers, \$3.95 wells,

\$4.25 house wines, \$4.75 well mar-

Courtyard Marriott: Monday-

Saturday, 5-6:30 \$3 wells, \$4 house

margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by

Cavaillon: Tuesday-Thursday.

Sunday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off beer, glass

Delicias: Monday-Tuesday, Thurs-

day-Sunday, 4-6pm: \$5 draft beers,

house wines, wells. Wednesday, 4-

6pm: \$5 draft beers, house wines,

wells. Pint Night with Stone Brew-

ing Company: \$7.50 keep the pint,

The Jumping Turtle: Monday,

PBR: \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/pitcher. *Tuesday*, \$2 Corona, Pacifico, mar-

garitas. Wednesday, \$4 drop drinks.

Thursday, 7pm-close: \$3 Jäger. Fri-

day, 5pm-midnight: \$5 Long Is-

lands. Saturday, \$3 Orange Patron,

Tanqueray. Sunday, \$2.50 Bloody

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9:30pm: \$3.50 wells. Tuesday-Fri-

day, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3.50 wells. Sat-

urday-Sunday, 11am-4pm: \$3.50

Pacific Coast Grill: Every day,

4-7pm: \$5 gold margaritas, \$1 off

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pany: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm:

Alchemy: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:

\$2 off wells, including Skyy, Sea-

gram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2

Hamilton's Tavern and Café:

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

Whistle Stop Bar: Every day, 2-

California Comfort: Every day,

4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells,

8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.

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drafts.

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SORRENTO VALLEY

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

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Try to Remember

Instead of a bare, humble stage...Lamb's opts for Vegas gaudy.

he first time I saw The Fantasticks, way back when, I took my fiancée. We adored the chipper first act, in which a "tender and callow" boy and girl fall in a love beyond metaphor.

But we hated act 2, in which the Real World of "pain and sorrow" bungs everything up. The mere thought violated our bliss zone.

The second time I saw the musical, a decade later, I was in the

midst of a divorce. I thought act 1's yummy tone and facile shenanigans were a crock - and applauded the second's jump from moonlight to the true grit of day.

I caught the show last week at Lamb's. Though not too "deep in December" I hope ("it's not dark yet," the poet sayeth, "but it's getting there"), I'm ensconced enough to recall my initial "fire of September" and dousing of October from a distance. I thought. But The Fantasticks brought both back in triplicate — along with Wordsworth's line about finding "strength in what remains behind."

It also became clear how the musical works. Like Thornton Wilder's Our Town, it wants to be purely generic. There's a boy, a girl, their parents, a wall, a theatrical troupe. They have names, and probably lengthy biographies, but the less you



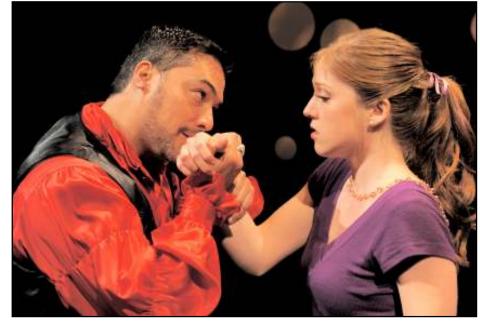
know about them the better. The Fantasticks (1960) ran for 17,000-plus performances because it may be the most audience-participatory musical of all time. On a minimalist stage, the performers take

> an invisible step back, so you can relive your vault from innocence to experience. The songs - which, to this December'd ear, often strain at poeticizing — become your time machine. El Gallo isn't the one try-

ing to remember. And when Matt and Luisa sing "Soon It's Gonna Rain," you reach for an umbrella. Lamb's Players has given the durable musical

a contemporary update. To those familiar with especially the set. Instead of a bare, humble stage and a trunk (the original pretended to be so cheap it couldn't afford a wall), Lamb's opts for Vegasgaudy: a bandstand, circular platforms, and a spiral staircase running up a tepee of iron rods. The floor's a hodgepodge of Corinthian emblems, and the rear wall bursts with bright yellow dots -----Lawrence Welk's bubble machine on 'roids? The set not only detracts from the original bare-bones concept, it threatens to swallow the cast.

Along with the requisite piano and a harp, Lamb's added a guitar and percussion. For some



Mauricio Mendoza, Courtney Evans in The Fantasticks

The Fantasticks, lyrics by Tom Jones, music, Harvey Schmidt

Lamb's Players Theatre, 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado Directed by Deborah Gilmour Smyth; cast: Mauricio Mendoza, Joyelle Cabato, Steve Limones, Courtney Evans, John Rosen, Antonio T.J. Johnson, Robert Smyth, Bryan Barbarin; scenic design, Mike Buckley; lighting, Nathan Peirson; costumes, Jeanne Reith; sound, Patrick Duffy, Robin Whitehouse; musical direction, Charlie Reuter; choreography, Colleen Kollar Smith

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The Lonesome West by Martin McDonagh

10th Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue, downtown

Directed by Adam Parker; *cast: Ryan Ross, Bobby Schiefer, Brendan Cavalier, Claire Kaplan; scenic design, Kris Kerr; costumes, Josh Hyatt; lighting, Zack Wikholm; sound, Matt Lescault-Wood* Playing through July 7; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00pm. Sunday at 4:00pm. 619-241-2623.



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songs, more becomes too much, even too glossy. It's as if the show, which ran for 42 years at NYC's Sullivan Street Playhouse, now has a budget for future productions, but the affluent touches feel excessive.

Where the concept works, with one exception: *The Fantasticks* is no longer a white-bread gig where outsiders are definitely Other. The El Gallo is Latino — for once! (though his voice sounded strained, Mauricio Mendoza gave the professional abductor strong physical moves: from breakdance spins to a deft, and funny, death scene).

The music has more contemporary rhythms and flavor. The updates work, with one exception: "Try to Remember," first time through, is a gentle samba, not the invitation to recall, in 3/4 time, etched forever in memory. Today's equivalent would be watching Pitbull or Soulja Boy chant a minuet.

The game ensemble cast, including Craig Noel Awardwinner Antonio T.J. Johnson, boasts a standout performance. Robert Smyth has a lark as Henry, the old thespian for whom trying to remember anything — is a tale of untold heroism.

"God has no jurisdiction in this town," bemoans young Father Welsh of Leenane, a village in Connemara, Ireland. To fit in, the priest would "have to have killed half me relatives." During his brief tenure, Leenane has witnessed two savage murders — three, if Coleman didn't shoot his father accidentally and a suicide.

It's as if Martin McDonagh read Sam Shepard's *True West* and said, "Yeah?" McDonagh's *The Lonesome West* pits brothers against each other in a world governed by survival of the meanest. In Shepard, siblings trash their mother's house. In McDonagh, it seems, every time Valene adds a new plastic saint figurine to his collection, someone in Leenane adds to its reputation as "the murder capital" of Europe.

Triad Productions (whose admirable goal is "to reach a new generation of theatergoer") offers a staging that makes up in energy what it sometimes lacks in theatrical savvy. The best scenes are steeplechases, choreographed by Scott Andrew Amiotte, in which the brothers rip, smash, and even blow up parts of Kris Kerr's rustic set. The other scenes would improve if (a) the actors became less enamored of their Irish accents and more concerned with communication, and (b) they spoke out and up, instead of to the floor.

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

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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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-DAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, 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 SUNDAY, 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 OR-ANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUN-DAYS, 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 inprogress 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 THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH JUNE 28.

Free Gift

Community Actors Theatre presents Israel Horowitz's drama about a young African-American woman who sells insurance to a middleaged white widow and, in the process, discovers an unexpected connection. George Bailey directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 19.

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 THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH JUNE 28.





Hedwig and the Angry Inch

Cygnet Theatre completes the cir-cle, 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 look-alike, 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.

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 THURSDAY

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Welk Resorts Theatre presents the tongue-in-cheek musical about the parable of Joseph and his brothers with different styles of music. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM FRIDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 1:45PM SUN-DAYS, 1:45PM TUESDAYS, 1:45PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 30

The Lonesome West

Triad Productions presents Martin McDonagh's "savage comedy" about a series of murders in a small Irish seaside village. Adam Parker directed. 619-241-2623. TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., DOWNTOWN, 8PM THURSDAYS. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 5.

National Comedy Theatre

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. National Comedy Theatre resembles an athletic event. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It



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makes for a lively, often funny evening. Worth a try. MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM

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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 FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH IUNE 28

Over the Tavern

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Tom Dudzick's comedv 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, 8PM THURS-DAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JULY 12.

Restoration

La Jolla Playhouse stages the world premiere of Claudia Shear's drama about an art restorer's "illuminating experience with Michaelangelo's David." Christopher Ashley directed.

LA IOLLA PLAYHOUSE 2910 LA IOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD, 858-550-1010. 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUES-DAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JULY 19.

Something's Afoot

New Vision Theatre Company presents this "family friendly murder mystery musical comedy," directed by Celeste Finnigan. 760-529-9140.

SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 N. COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE, 760-529-9140. 7:30PM FRIDAY, 7:30PM SATUR-DAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH JUNE 28.

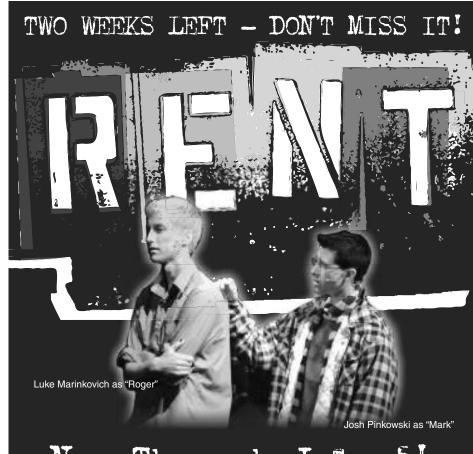
Unusual Acts of Devotion

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 90minute 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 can from their roles, though the exchanges 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 THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH JUNE 28.



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Another Side of BBQ

And now, for a completely different style of barbecue: Japanese *yakiniku*. Sensei Shima, Samurai Jim's martial-arts teacher, favors Suzuya for it; Jim and his fellow students often eat there with the master after class. Jim thought it'd be fun if we got together with his mom Masako and his step-dad Dan. And he was right. Interesting people to enjoy, new food to savor, and even a new brand of unfiltered sake to explore.

Japanese barbecue, *yakiniku*, almost certainly derives from Korean barbecue, adapted by the Japanese. There are centuries-old tensions between Japan and Korea, exacerbated by World War II, and still raw and painful today. But Suzuya has resolved them domestically–it's genuinely a family-run restaurant, owned by a Japanese husband and a Korean wife. (Didn't meet him. She's beautiful and lively.) The restaurant is roomy and airy, with nothing-special decor, but also no crowding. Almost all our fellow diners that night were Asian, ranging from single guys playing on Blackberries to convivial small groups.

Let's start with that fizzy sake, since that's what I did: It's called Sayuri, comes in pretty little pink bottles, and is drier than the familiar sushi-bar Takara (which they also carry). It's very good, similar to Momokawa Pearl, but then — like Peter Lorre as a besotted wine critic in Roger Corman's hilarious old *Tales of Terror* ("Hic! It's very good!") — I've rarely met a *nigori* I didn't like. Dan drank a sake called Kikusui that tasted like vodka. Not sure what ladylike Masako was drinking; it came in tall ceramic teacups (but wasn't tea) and on the bill was called "open bar." (Brings back images of San Francisco Chinatown speakeasies during Prohibition, when the tea wasn't tea.)

Our charming server brought small plates of lettuce salad, along with wet washcloths to wipe our hands. She chatted with Masako in Japanese and with the rest of us in English. All through the meal, she helped guide us to the best way to



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eat–so very nice, so valuable, when you're exploring a new cuisine. We began with *agedashi dofu* (lightly fried tofu), which Masako and I both adore, suffused in mild broth (so mild that both Masako and I added a squibble of

soy sauce to our portions). The tofu was silky rather than crispy, bedded in a slippery nest of narrow cellophane noodles. Three of us had to struggle a bit to capture them with our chaptericke but we

them with our chopsticks, but we were not so lily-livered as to ask for forks.

We debated–Should we get *kaki* (fried oysters) or *yaki* (grilled ones)? "I don't like fried food," declared tiny, glamorous Masako, so we settled on what Jim (learning Japanese) called *kaki yaki* (you may giggle now; he did): grilled oysters. They were delightful, tender-firm in a vibrant soy-based sauce spiked with tiny pepper bits to eat or not. Grilled squid were more challenging, reasonably tender but chewy, with a milder sauce. "I still haven't developed a taste for squid," said Jim, traumatized at an early age by a grandfather's rubber-band rendition. They're hard to get

> right, and grilling doesn't make it easier. These were nearly terrific–but only nearly.

> Among the scattering of Korean dishes on the menu is my favorite, *bibimbap*, a sort of Asian

jambalaya, short-grain rice cooked in a stone pot until crisped at bottom and sides, then mingled with a kitchen sink of meat and veggie slivers, and topped with a soft-cooked or fried egg, plus as much Korean hot sauce as you like. You stir it all together. I liked the emphatic crisping of the rice edges, but none of my companions were sold — the glutinous texture of the rest of the rice had vanished in the cooking. The egg was barely perceptible — the cook uses only the yolk, which

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shared dinner. **CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Japanese and Korean barbecue cooked by diners over gas at the table, plus Japanese tapas (*izakaya*), stir-fries, noodle and rice bowls, soups, salads, tempuras, with a few Korean items. Japanese beers, sakes, generic wines.

PICK HITS: Grilled oysters (*kake yaki*), Kobe boneless short-rib BBQ; Kobe tongue with green onions BBQ; pumpkin BBQ; raw beef with egg yolk (tartare); short-rib noodle soup.

NEED TO KNOW: Unlike Korean BBQs, no *pan chan* (gratis side dishes) with entrées. Gracious service.

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disappeared into the mixture — and I missed the rich gooey texture to temper the crackle and spice.

Then: BBQ! Dan, a sophisticated palate, proved my main ally for the order: He deliberately cultivates the look of a dude who should be wearing a trucker's gimme cap, but given his global travels — he drives airplanes, not semis — he's willing to try anything at least once. Everybody wants Kobe beef, but not everyone wants to cozy up to a Kobe beef *tongue*, or a Japanese version of beef tartare.

Jim, who's been eagerly learning to cook at



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home and was excited to show off his new skills, took charge of the grilling, a very good thing, since I was fried by my workday and would have pulled off everything near-raw, while Masako would have cooked everything well-done.

The Kobe tongue with green onions was a treat. It comes in thin slices, spread with scallion purée, and topped with minced scallions. This is the opposite of my ancestral people's tongue recipe (simmer two hours, peel, simmer two more hours), but it's a different pleasure. You grill it a minute or two on each side (the scallion paste won't fall off), and it emerges delightfully rare, tender-chewy, and ready to be finished with a squeeze of lemon juice. The restaurant also offers regular tongue for a buck or two less-I wonder if it's as velvetv?

The boneless Kobe shortribs are as spectacular as you'd hope-deeply marbled and buttery. You get a generous portion to feed four for \$17. (Compare that to fancy downtown places charging \$18 and up *per ounce* — albeit for filet.) The Kobe comes from Snake River Farms in Idaho. "We looked into Kobe from Japan and heard that the water there was polluted, while in Idaho it is pure. So we went with Idaho," said the lovely mama-san.

Then we tried some seafood, which arrived in light, elusive marinades. Due to Jim's care, the scallops were superbly cooked, translucent and succulent. Gotta have a Jim at the

table, or they might not be worth ordering-they're nice but not fabulous in themselves. The shrimp were merely shrimp, probably Thai tiger prawns. We added "pumpkin" (kabocha squash) and shiitake mushrooms to this course. The squash, although thinly sliced, took a lot of cooking until caramelized on both sides. It was worth the wait for the sweet vegetal flavor our mouths had been missing. The shiitakes, with no oil for basting, ended up dry and shriveled. "They need oil," I said. "I don't like oil," said Masako. "Sorry, I'm a Chinese cook at heart," I said, "and I really want to mop these in toasted sesame oil to plump them up while they grill." Dan, co-conspirator, nodded emphatically.

One more barbecue meat to try-pork. We chose pork cheeks, merely \$5, which were more than marbled, actually fatty, with a bouncy texture when cooked medium-rare. They were kind of fun-in fact, Jim and Dan liked them a lot, and even Masako ended up liking them, although she didn't want to because of the fat. They snuck up on her palate and seduced her.

Then came the really daring dish–Dan and I conspiring again: Japanese raw-beef tartare with a sesame marinade and raw egg yolk on top to mix in. The hand-chopped meat was fresh-tasting and tender, the yolk rich. "I like this better than French beef tartare," said Dan. "I like its simplicity." "I'm not sure I'd agree," I said. "This has all the richness, but I miss the tart contrasts of capers, parsley, anchovies, and so forth." After all that, we needed a

palate cleanser, and a simple, earthy soup struck the right note for a finale. (Soup at the end of a meal is less odd than it seems: it's standard among several Chinese ethnic groups and a great, soothing send-off.) *Karubi* soup offers short-rib meat in a clean, light meat broth with cellophane noodles ending our meal with the same slippery noodles we'd started with. So homey and right, it hit the spot.

This was a giant dinner, more than we needed to eat, but food costs were barely \$20 each. Your booze bill is up to you, but ours was ridiculously low, same as the food bill for full indulgence. So raise a glass to Suzuya– *kanpai!*

Middle and Upscale Bargain Bites du Jour

Portugalia: In case you missed the ad in the "Happy Hour" section, the restaurant is offering Free Food Tuesdays. That's right, free, one plate per person from 8:00–10:00 p.m. Their happy hour is late-night, 10:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m. (Tuesday–Sunday), with food specials from \$4–\$10.

Baseball Tailgate Party– Gaslamp Strip Club: Offered on all Padre home game nights from 5:00–7:05 p.m., cook-ityourself 10-ounce Skirt Steak, 10-ounce Baseball Cut Top Sirloin, or 10-ounce Teriyaki Steak for \$9.95, plus tax and tip, including salad and grill-ready garlic bread. Steaks are USDA Choice grade. To reserve for groups of eight or more, call 619-231-3140.

Lunch and Cocktail Nibbles with a View: Bertrand at Mister A's new 20/20 lunch features a spontaneous three-course menu that changes daily, priced at \$20 and served in 20 minutes, with dishes like tuna nicoise and Maine lobster strudel in filo dough. Later in the day, the new "Cocktail Hour," served on the scenic patio Monday-Friday 2:30-6:00 p.m., offers happy-hour discounts on drinks and small plates, such as spring rolls, sole sliders on brioche, Jidori chicken "tulips" with orange sauce, croque monsieur, and Kobe sliders.

The Palm's summer special is a four-pound Maine lobster, split to serve two, for \$90 per couple, including two salads and two side dishes, available through August 31. Not exactly dead cheap, but it's a huge lobster for the same price as an average mid-scale dinner. Bevs, tip, and tax extra.

The Marine Room continues to bend over backwards to stimulate our recessiondimmed appetites with bargains for superb food. The three-course Lobster Menu (with fabulous choices for first and main courses) is available every Monday from 6:00–9:30 p.m. The menu is \$40 per person for food only, \$55 with wine pairings. The adventurous Passport to the Seasons Menu is available Tuesdays–Thursdays 6:00–9:30 p.m., also \$40 for food, and \$55 with wine pairings. "Passport" dishes may include macadamia spiced wild prawns, lobster bisque, pomegranate cashew-crunch salmon, spiced diver scallops. Both bargain dinners end with the "Trilogy," three desserts in one.

Blue Point's Today's First Catch Three-Course Menu: \$30 a person for three courses, \$45 with wine pairings, for a menu that sounds like real edible fun-or do I mean fin? It's avail-Monday-Thursday able 5:00-6:30 p.m. At another Cohn restaurant, Dakota Grill, the continuing deal is Savory Sunset Savings & Monday Night Prime Rib Three-Course Dinner, available nightly from 5:00-6:00 p.m. — and all evening Monday. Three-course prime rib dinner (choice of pork or beef prime rib), \$25.50 per person, excluding tax and gratuity. Wine pairings are, amazingly, only \$10.

Spa: Celebrating its 20th anniversary with a new chef, C. Barclay Dodge, a veteran of major resorts across the west. For those lucky enough to find themselves in this luxurious area at midday, the lunchtime special is \$19.89 for two courses, an appetizer or soup, and an entrée, made with herbs and vegetables grown right on the property. Available 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. through Labor Day.

Thee Bungalow's "Summer 7 of 7s": \$7 selected glasses of wine, a \$7 Absolut martini, and seven entrées (including crispy sweetbreads, grilled rib-tip steak, Maine diver scallops, and a veggie plate), plus soup or salad for \$17. (Available all summer, all hours, except July 15 and August 10.)

La Valencia Hotel in La Jolla: \$55 tasting dinners Wednesday and Thursday nights at the newly renovated, view-endowed, and normally exorbitant Sky Room (including complimentary parking), running at least through July.

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uh? Last time I came through these doors this was a Chinese place, the Silver Sea. Now it's Hawaiian. Very Hawaiian. Bright yellow and sea-green walls,

canoe paddles, three toothy, lifesize tikis, and that bright red, blue, and white-striped Hawaiian state flag. One wall section's even covered with Kona coffee gunnysacks. And wow, two big flat screens show extreme surfing on Oahu's North Shore.

Forty-foot waves. Tiny stick men skiing down collapsing blue water mountains.

I like the atmos. The counter sits under a palm-frond palapa, and Jody the server stands behind it. She's friendly in that open, I.B. sort of way. Guess that's the Hawaiian way, too. Except she's never been to Hawaii. Lives right here and needed to get back to work. "I've just had twins," she says. "They're expensive."

I ask what she likes best. "The Big Kahuna burger, and the Big Kahuna's rice bowl," she says. "That's chicken teriyaki over three scoops of sticky rice. It's the best teriyaki chicken I've had."

But I see some other real tempters on the menu, like eight deep-fried coconut shrimp with sweet chili sauce, for \$8.95; a mandarin orange salad for \$8.25; and a "killer kalua" pork sandwich, with "a generous portion of succulent roasted pork piled high on our jumbo roll and smothered with BBQ sauce," for \$7.65. They also have grilled chicken (\$7.65), kalbi (beef short-ribs, \$10.25), and "Big Kahuna's Rice Bowl" (\$7.25).

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Monday, June 29 @ 7 pm

I notice this plastic box on the counter with a giant bun inside. "Is that what I think it is?" I ask Jody. I'm thinking, Big Kahuna Burger bun? It has to be twice as big as your average

burger bun. It looks like a kid's baseball mitt.

Jody nods. "That's the bun for the Big Kahuna burger. Our homemade jumbo roll, from Tita Lelani's secret recipe. It's what we're famous for." Hmm...I check the menu.

"Big Kahuna Burger, a grilled 1/2 lb. beef patty, Monterey Jack & Cheddar cheeses, tomato, red onions, fine-cut cabbage, mayo, ketchup & mustard. Biggest & best burger in town! Featured in the movie Pulp Fiction, \$7.65."

"You were in Pulp Fiction?" I say. "Our burger was," Jody says. "Samuel L. Jackson had one.'

I learn that Gordon Fatta, the grandfather of this place's owner, Paul, started the first Big Kahuna, in Oahu, back in 1992. Paul moved to the mainland, opened a place up north in Elk Grove, then a second location in P.B., and now he's here in LB.

So, hey, if it's good enough for Samuel L. Jackson... I order the Big Kahuna burger, and the heck with it, a kalua pork and cabbage and sticky rice and macaroni salad to go. See what Carla makes of it. Also a can of Hawaiian Guava Nectar (\$1.75).

While I'm waiting, the sound system plays '60s retro. Paul McCartney's "Yesterday," and from 1966, the Association's "Along Comes Mary." There are yellow road signs from Hawaii on the walls, like a silhouette of a girl carrying a surfboard, and the words "Wahine Crossing."

"This is what I.B. has needed," says Bill. He's waiting for his to-go order, Kalua pork and cabbage (\$9.25). "I've been here nine, ten times in the last two months. I'm a plumber. I get all over San Diego, so I know places to eat, and this food is really good."

Jody brings my Big Kahuna burger, and Lawdie, it's, well, large. No extras, like fries or potato salad. They have sliced it into two halves. Good idea. Even half of this moby bun is a handful. I lift it out and look at the guts. It's fairly standard, the half-pound patty, the melted cheeses on top, red onions and tomato slices below — except underneath that is this bed of shredded cabbage instead of lettuce.

Great move. The light sweetness of the Hawaiian-style bun, the crisp-skinned, juicy savoriness of the patty, and the cheese and cabbage all balance out. Somehow, I manage to get through both halves. Partly, it's the bun. It's big but light. And the warm, syrupy guava juice helps slide it down. Next time, if I have the bread, I'll get one of their \$4.50 pints of draft Hawaiian beers. Fire Rock and Longboard.

When Jody brings Carla's kalua pork and cabbage, I have to grab a little sample, full as I am. It's basically salted pork with cooked cabbage mixed in. And guess what? Delicious. Here, gotta say, you actually think of Hawaii. I mean, so much "Hawaiian" food, like Spam,

The Place: Big Kahuna's, 600 Palm Avenue #117, Imperial Beach, 619-429-5224 Type of Food: Hawaiian

Prices: Deep-fried coconut shrimp, sweet chili sauce, \$8.95; mandarin orange salad, \$8.25; "killer kalua" pork sandwich, \$7.65; grilled chicken, \$7.65; kalbi (beef short-ribs), \$10.25; Big Kahuna's Rice Bowl (chicken teriyaki, sticky rice), \$7.25; surfer sub (with roast beef, turkey, ham, pastrami), \$7.65; teriyaki burger (with pineapple, cabbage), \$7.65; BBQ platters with choice of hot links, pork ribs, or pork roast (two sizes, "giant," \$14.25, or "wimp,"



(cooked underground), makes you think, yeah, this is Hawaii, pre-missionary, pre-sugar barons, pre-tourists. I drink to that thought with the last of my guava juice.

Then I have another thought: come back too often, and I'm gonna end up a very Big Kahuna.

\$11.25); Big Kahuna burger, with 1/2 lb. patty, cheeses, cabbage, \$7.65 Hours: 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., seven days Buses: 901, 933, 934 Nearest Bus Stop: Palm at Rainbow Who says you can't enjoy Octoberfest all year long? Free Thai entrée uy one entrée & two beverage and receive second entrée of equal or lesser value FREE! **Beer Boot** Take-Out Special Come in and let us ^{\$}5 OFF bur you 112 oz. of cold beer in our Beer Boot. When you purchase \$25 or more Thai Dragon House **Centifonti's** 6062 Lake Murray Boulevard (1 mile from Baltimore Dr.), La Mesa Bar & Grill 619-589-8882 • Mon.-Sat. 11 am-9:30 pm, Sun. 4:30-9:30 pm 8365 La Mesa Boulevard www.ThaiDragonHouse.com In the heart of downtown *Not valid with any other offers or take-out. With coupon. Expires 7/9/09. One coupon per table. La Mesa • 619-461-4434 WE'VE GOT HUEVOS!" KARAOKE ON

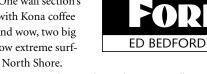




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Alpine

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.

Baja

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Big Boy Restaurant Boulevard Agua Caliente #9892, Tijuana, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food and big gringo breakfasts, this Big Boy knockoff draws a cross-section of Baja's big shots. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive.

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 insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its juices with oregano. Terrific flame-grilled beefsteaks, too. 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 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.

Tacos el Francés Pasco 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 cow-tongue 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 wheatgluten-free fake meats. Wonderful juices, breakfast scrambles, excellent soups like the filling caldo tlalpeno. Inexpensive.



Banker's Hill

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.

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.

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.

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.

Nozomi 3050 Pio Pico Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-7877. Gorgeous Japanese inn-style premises with food ranging from simple *nigiri-zushi* to party rolls



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to fusion grazing dishes and entrées (including genuine Wagyu beef) and back to Japanese standards. Don't miss the *ankimo* (monkfish liver påté). Moderate to expensive.

Carmel Valley

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-755-1454. Also 1355 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-1422. Flashcooked steaks of USDA Prime, topped with butter and parsley, are the hallmark of this chain. Side dishes are à la carte. The broiled tomatoes are a delight. Very expensive.

Chula Vista

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

College Area

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.

Coronado

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. Expen-

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.

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.

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. Inexpensive.

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 woos and the calamari in seafood arrays is knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness. Inexpensive to moderate.

Del Mar

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.

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.

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.

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

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. **Blue Point** 565 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy, noisy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops. Expen-

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.

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.

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 housemade menudo (tripe soup).

Currant Sofia Hotel, 140 W. Broadway, Downtown, 619-702-6309. Parisianchic 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,

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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.

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 softshell crab. Romantic upstairs dining room. Moderate to expensive.

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, shep-herd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, and grilled fish. Moderate.

The Fish Market 750 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-3474. Also in Solana Beach and Mission 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

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 South-ern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup) with nods to the "slow food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce. Very expensive.

Island Prime 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.

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 oakfueled fire, although some diners complain of toughness. Good happy-hour deals. Inexpensive to moderate

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest'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

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 moderatepriced 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.

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 misoorange broth is a sensuous entrée. Expensive.

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Top of the Market 750 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-234-4867. The up-per-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Expensive.

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El Cajon

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.



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Encinitas

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.

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.

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 ba-con-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo, or try spinach salad. 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

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 rockbottom prices. Huge portions, low prices.

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), terivakis, 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. Inexpensive.

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.

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 sandwich named after the volcanoes of the world (get it?). Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth St., Hillcrest 619-299-6282, A narrow, ever-crowded room with a long menu offering a familiar regional Italian potpourri, includ-ing reliable veal in a brandy cream sauce, "straw and hay" pesto pasta, shellfish pasta. Moderate.

Baja Betty's 1421 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-269-8510. Extensive cocktail, margarita, and tequila list and regular Cal-Mex food in a lively atmosphere. Inexpensive to moderate.

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.

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.

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. 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, sers in chipothe crean satter, spirty, sweet-sour layered jerk chicker; and the signature Skirts on Fire — a tender, grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Extremely noisy. 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, Frenchtinged 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.

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 moderate.

Imperial Beach

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). Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

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, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Inexpensive to exorbitant, mainly moderate. 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.

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.

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

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

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Bl., La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Great Cove view, with best food at breakfast/brunch: Coast Toast, the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with orange flavor. Coffee is excellent. Moderate to 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.

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.

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.

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). 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, chorizoand-date fritters, pristine "simply grilled" sustainable fish, and delicate *panna cotta*. Moderate to expensive.

La Mesa

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. Inexpensive.

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.

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. Lowmoderate.

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.

Lincoln Park

Batter Up! 342 Euclid Ave., Lincoln Park, 619-262-3333. Casual, familyfriendly 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.

Linda Vista

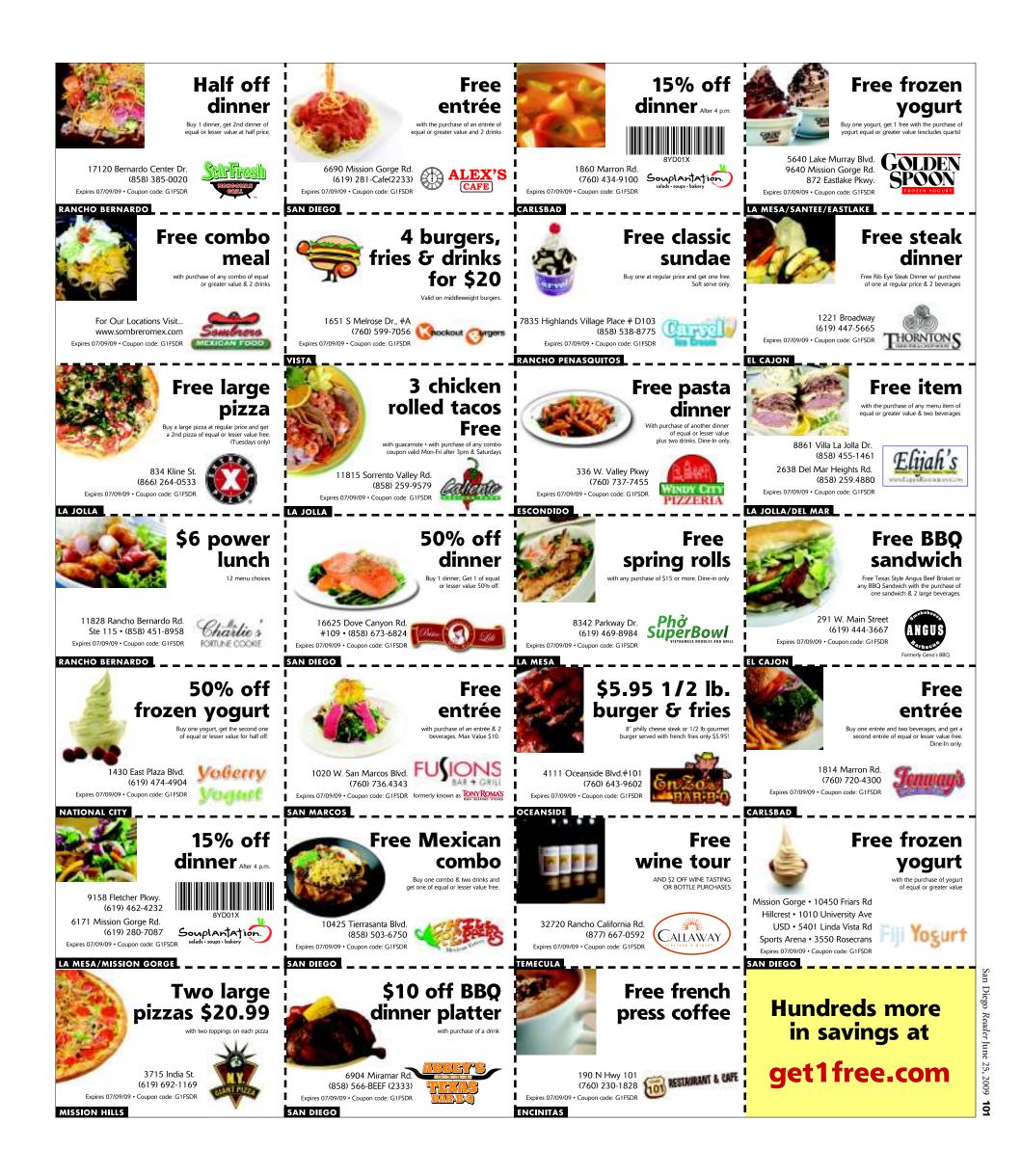
Sab-E-Lee 2405 Ulric St., Linda Vista, 858-650-6868. Tiny eatery serving authentic, fiery, fabulous food from northeast Thailand, as spicy as you want. Don't miss onion-rich tom yum



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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.

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.

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Logan Heights

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*, *po*zole, and menudo. 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.

Midway District

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

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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.

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.

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229, Vegetarian cuisine of South India, center ing 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 - such as salmon or tuna sashimi is scrumptious. Don't miss the chicken feet. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

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 wellcooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. Service till midnight or later. Moderate.

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 uivira 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.

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 Thai Grilled Chicken 3731 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-0177. Saffron Noodles and Saté is sitdown, all about Thai noodles and saté. Next door, take-out only, owner Su-Mei Yu serves skewered grilled chicken marinated in garlic, ginger, and spices. Delicious green curry, too. Inexpensive.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India St., 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.

Mission Valley

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.

National City

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

Normal Heights

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

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 one 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-fromscratch preparations. The focus is on sausages. Some of the best include the juicy "super bison Mexi-dog," the linguisa, and the Polynesian pork. 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, civilized tavern serving Niman meats, Jidori 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 filé). 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.

Ocean Beach

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.

Portugalia 4839 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. The menu is split between the homeland and Brazil, including coconut-milkswathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia rarely found locally. Enjoy salt cod fritters, fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp, codfish with chickpeas. Moderate.

Oceanside

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-0124. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek halfchicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced over salad, and the gyros mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials and meaty burgers. Inexpen-

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). 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,

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. High-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, ni-giri. 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 vour table, or *bad talay*, sautéed seafoods in spicy sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

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. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. Moderate.

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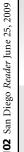
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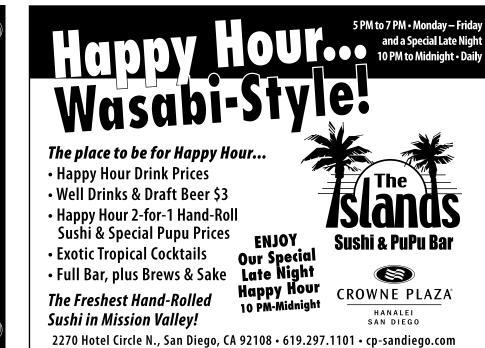
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he news, or at any rate the publicity, that Woody Allen had originally written *Whatever Works* for Zero Mostel (d. 1977) and had only lately pulled the script out

of a drawer and plugged in Larry David instead, might have given rise, among a few old-liners, to hopes of a return to

the "funny Woody Allen," pre-*Interiors*, pre-*Manhattan*, pre-*Stardust Memories* (1978, '79, '80). Well, it is a return at least to New York City (in the butterscotchy tints of cinematographer Harris Savides), after a lengthy sojourn abroad, in England and in Spain. But it clearly is not a return to the New York City of *Annie Hall* (1977), as allusions to AIDS, Darfur, the Taliban, and so on, will attest.

Once we're made aware that the screenplay underwent revisions, we can't help but wonder as to the extent of these. Does the opening of the film — a group

of old male friends reminiscing around a café table, leading into a flashback prefigure the structure of *Broadway Danny Rose* (1984) or does it slothfully copy it? And a bigger question: does

the older-man-youngerwoman romance — a configuration that got Allen into no hot water in *Manhattan* but into

boiling water later on in his personal life — indicate an early predisposition or a recent entrenchment? It matters only slightly. Either way, to have pulled this particular theme out of a drawer at this point, regardless of the amount of honing and sharpening and weaponizing, is to throw it into our faces. Take *that*, make of it what you will. Some people who still found Allen funny after *Manhattan*, needless to mention, stopped finding him funny after his real-life romance with the college-age adopted daughter of his Significant Other.



The older man in *Whatever Works* is diplomatically not Allen himself, but an Allen surrogate, in the role of a neurotic misanthropic hypochondriacal self-acclaimed "genius," once considered for the Nobel Prize in physics, who peppers his speech liberally (or perhaps we should say intolerantly) with epithets like "moron," "cretin,""idiot,""imbecile,""zombie," "mental midget," "inchworm," and "earthworm." Allen has long exhibited a tendency towards intellectual snobbery, but he has never before let it so boundingly off the leash. ("Let me tell you right off," the protagonist addresses the camera directly, "I'm not a likable guy.") And so, notwithstanding the mask of the surrogate, that's thrown in our faces as well. All of this throwing-in-our-faces, while it is not apt to foster much mirth, does not really foster much provocation either. The film is unmistakably, and emasculatingly, a minor effort from Allen, a low-pressure job. The younger woman (Evan Rachel Wood), a runaway Mississippi hick with a shaky grasp of irony and sarcasm, is never a swallowable character on her own,



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much less a swallowable partner for the protagonist, although there's a core of truth, of human observation and perception, in the way she begins to remold herself (albeit malapropistically) to her new mate. Her separated parents, holy-rollers who roll separately into the Big Apple and roll respectively into a ménage-à-trois feminist liberation and a homosexual awakening, are strictly hack. And the dialogue, despite a fair share or perhaps even less than fair share of amusing lines, possesses that stagy, literary, writerly, Allenesque quality that refuses for the most part to come to life.

Larry David, on his part, unlike so many Allen actors who end up sounding like Allen impersonators, proves to be a strong enough presence to escape Woody Allen if not strong enough to escape Larry David. The Larry David, that is to say, of Curb Your Enthusiasm, slight discrepancies aside. (For the record, he's forty years older than Wood, whereas Woody's a mere thirty-five older than his own actual spouse.) David, with his rapid gravitation to a raised voice, refreshes Allen's writing in much the way the British accents refreshed it in Match Point or the Spanish accents refreshed it to a lesser degree in Vicky Cristina Barcelona. A new mouthpiece, a new set of pipes. And the remark above about the unmistakably minor effort deserves a caveat. The minorness of Allen's efforts has become, besides a regular feature of them, a major part of their attraction. He is no longer out to set the world on fire. He is just out to keep the candle lit. Anyone who has journeyed this far with him will be interested to view his latest effort, however minor.

The Proposal, a more traditional romantic comedy directed by Anne Fletcher, has a premise no more ridiculous than something that might once have featured Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray. The editor-in-chief at Ruick & Hunt Publishers, a transplanted Canadian ice queen slash wicked witch of the north, now threatened with deportation for an expired visa, commands her lackey to marry her, true love following along lickety-split. The rotelike working-out of the premise appears heedless of the ridiculousness and therefore increasingly ridiculous, heed-twelve years in real life - between Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds, obvious to the naked eye, the proverbial biological clock wound down to its final flagging ticks, a woman-to-man seniority not quite the strict equivalent of Larry David to Evan Rachel Wood, but still. The two stars all the same display a polished smoothness if something less than a Golden Age luster.

Chéri, a compaction of two Colette novels, is not heedless of the age difference — twenty-three years — between a brink-of-retirement Parisian courtesan and the androgynous bastard son of an already retired courtesan, the older woman (Michelle Pfeiffer) hitching her wagon to the younger man (Rupert Friend), who after six years together opts to uncouple and then recouple with a woman his own age, the bastard daughter of yet a third courtesan. Indeed, so heedful of the mismatch are writer Christopher Hampton and director Stephen Frears as to give the occasional impression that the film is actually about something more than Belle Epoque clothes, décors, hairstyles, gardens, cars. The proper tone, however, is a struggle, the hardest labor coming from the arch omniscient narrator (director Frears himself), the lilting, mincing, neverletting-up music of Alexandre Desplat, and above all Michelle Pfeiffer, drawing out her vowels in an attempt to convey jadedness and sophistication and to keep pace in that regard with the predominantly British cast, short

of doing a full-blown British accent. *Year One*, not so much directed by Harold Ramis as permitted to happen, is an anachronism-littered buddy comedy about a hunter and a gatherer expelled from their primitive village and followed through a Biblical landscape of Cain and Abel, Abraham and

Ed Begley, Jr.

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Isaac, Sodom but not Gomorrah: "What transpires within the confines of the walls of Sodom, stavs within the confines of the walls of Sodom." Michael Cera, who couldn't remain a contemporary adolescent forever, preserves his delicate and diffident line-delivery even in the rough company of Jack Black. And Hank Azaria, as a fervent Abraham, gets a lot out of the word "God," and he gets it out a lot, sounding like a blend of the televangelist, the man who hits his thumb with a hammer, and the cat with a fishbone in its throat. The now routine outtakes in the closing credits carry the usual implication of trying desperately at the last minute to make up for the dearth of laughs in the preceding ninety.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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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.

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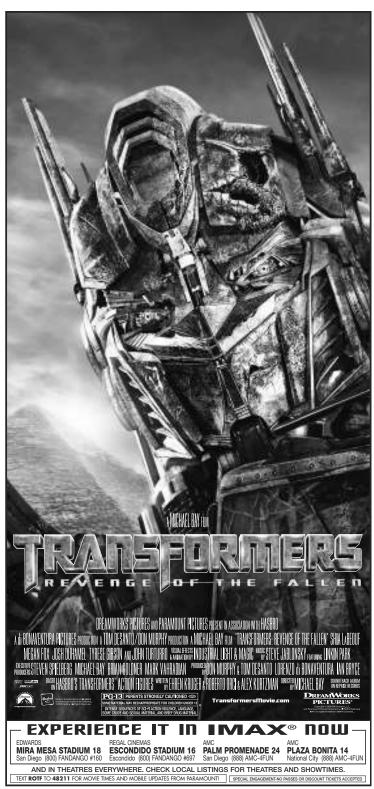
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Which one came first scarcely matters. It's just another day in the life of a Harvard symbologist (Tom Hanks again, with a hair trim), spearheading, by virtue of his scholarly tome on the secret society of the Illuminati, a beat-the-clock investigation into the kidnap of four cardinals in line for the vacant papacy, the one-by-one, hour-byhour murder of them in spectacular fashion in far-flung corners of Rome, and, for the pièce de résistance, the scheduled midnight demolition of Vatican City. Sportingly, the mastermind behind this diabolical plan has thought to provide cryptic clues to the Path of Illumination, leading from murder site to murder site to bomb site. Perhaps the builtin benefit of its earlier position in the bibliography of Dan Brown is that the plot can't top The Da Vinci Code in nonsensicality and grandiosity. To cancel that, it does try. And try and try. With Ayelet Zurer, Ewan McGregor, Stellan Skarsgard, Armin Mueller-Stahl. 2009. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Away We Go - Director Sam Mendes travels the sunnier side of Revolutionary Road, travels it, together with a 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 lived-in 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. With Maggie Gyllenhaal, Allison Janney, Jeff Daniels, Catherine O'Hara, Paul Schneider. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14, FROM 6/26; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 6/26; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14, FROM 6/26)

The Brothers Bloom — Self-admiring con artistry that sets the ideal of the "perfect con" as one where everyone involved gets what he wants. If that includes the wary viewer, the ideal is missed by miles. With Adrien Brody, Rachel Weisz, Mark Ruffalo, Rinko Kikuchi, Robbie Coltrane, and Maximilian Schell; written and directed by Rian Johnson. 2009. • (HILCREST CINEMAS)

Chérie — Reviewed this issue. With Michelle Pfeiffer, Rupert Friend, Kathy Bates, Felicity Jones, and Frances Tomelty; directed by Stephen Frears. 2009. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 6/26)

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 hometown and answers an ambiguously worded want ad — "working with departures" expecting something like a travel agency and finding instead an "encoffning" 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 music. But that's just part of the all-over lack of apology. Manipulation the film may be, but deft manipulation. 2008. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

II Divo — Paolo Sorrentino, making like an Italian Oliver Stone, rifles through "the Spectacular Life of Giulio Andreotti" (in the words of the subtitle), seven-term Prime Minister rumored to have Mafia ties and blood on his hands, less a character than a caricature in the interpretation of Toni Servillo, jug ears, humpback, hands folded monklike across his stomach, gliding around as unnaturally as Nosferatu. The florid direction is apt to call to mind, more than Stone, early Bertolucci, bestrewn with operatic or at least music-video dabs and splashes. The tangled politics and turbid narrative admit only an air of knowingness and a tone of insinuation, no actual clarity. 2008.

★ (KEN, FROM 6/26)

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. ★ (GASLAMP 15: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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; THROUGH 6/25)

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 on-





the-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, THROUGH 6/25)

Empty Nest — What will the cultured couple do with themselves after the last chick has flown? A common midlife problem, approached with sensitivity and sense of humor, but neither the element of fantasy nor the Argentine locale can evade banality. With Oscar Martínez and Cecilia Roth; written and directed by Daniel Burman. 2008.

★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 6/26)

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 Omnivore'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. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

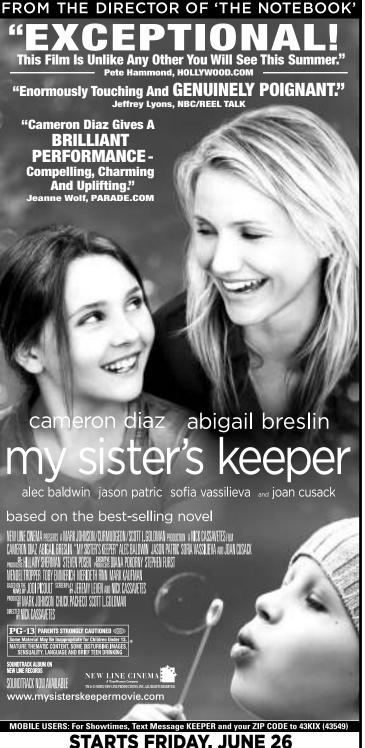
The Hangover — Sledgehammer comedy about four buddies (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Justin Bartha) who go to Vegas for a bachelor party and wake up the morning after with no memory of the night before, a tiger in the bathroom, a baby in the closet, and the mystery of a missing bridegroom. Boys will be bores. With Heather Graham, Ken Jeong, Jeffrey Tambor, and, as himself, Mike Tyson; directed by Todd Phillips. 2009. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20: OTAY RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10: RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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. • (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS &; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PLAZA BONITA 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SOUARE 14)

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



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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 eveball 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: "I thought you wanted to be an entomologist") as long as they don't mind the air of condescension. 2009. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 6/25)

Moon — Speculation 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, 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

The Proposal

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. 2009. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 Don-

ald Petrie. 2009. ● (FLOWER HILL 4)

My Sister's Keeper — Medical and legal drama with Abigail Breslin, Cameron Diaz, Jason Patric, and Alex Baldwin, directed by Nick Cassavetes. 2009. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: CHULA VISTA 10:

FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Proposal — Reviewed this issue. With Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, Mary Steenburgen, Betty White, Craig T. Nelson, and Malin Akerman; directed by Anne Fletcher. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Revanche — Tantalizing if ultimately unsatisfying thriller by Austrian writer-director Götz Spielmann. An ex-convict em-

ployed as a custodian in a Viennese house of ill-repute 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, next-door 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 it unveils (so to speak) a surprise nonending. Feelings about this last are apt to be mixed. 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 cat-and-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. Johannes Krisch, Irina Potapenko, Ursula Strauss, Andreas Lust. 2008.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/26; KEN, THROUGH 6/25)

Sleep Dealer — Resourceful low-budget imagining of future relations with Our Neighbor to the South: the border closed, water rights protected by armed guard, anti-terrorist airstrikes as reality TV, and cheap Mexican labor by remote-control ro-





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CARMEL MOUNTAIN

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Town Square 14 ont Drive (877-789-6684) 4665 Clair 4665 Clairemont Drive (0//-/05-0004) Away We Go (R); The Hangover (R); Land of the Lost (PG-13); My Sister's Keeper (Not Rated); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); The Proposal (PG-13); Star Trek (PG-13); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13); Up (PG)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (877-789-6684) Angels and Demons (PG-13); Drag Me to Hell (PG-13); Empty Nest (Not Rated); The Hangover (R); Imagine That (PG); 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); Under Our Skin (Not Rated); Valentino: The Last Emperor (PG-13): Year One (Not Rated)

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **Away We Go** (R) Fri. (11:20, 1:40, 4:15) 7:25, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45; Land of the Lost (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:50, 4:35) 7:35, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; My Sister's Keeper (Not Rated) Fri. (10:45, 11:30, 1:30, 2:15, 4:25, 5:00) 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 11:15, 12:40, 1:45, 3:15) 4:20, 5:45, 7:10, 8:15, 9:40, 10:45; Star Trek (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:35, 9:40, 10:45; **Star IFEK** [PG-13] Fri. (10:40, 1:3 4:30) 7:20, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:35) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **The Taking of Pelham 123** (R) Fri. (10:50, 1:25, 4:10) 7:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 12:55, 3:20) 5:50, 8:20, 10:45; **Trans**formers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50, 11:20 Sat. (10:00, 10:30, 11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:10, 3:40) 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:50, 10:20; Up (PG) Fri. (10:25, 12:45, 3:05, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) Fri. (10:35, 1:15, 4:05) 7:05, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 1:15) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) The Hangover, Imagine That; Land of the Lost; My Sister's Keeper, Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian; The Proposal; Star Trek; The Taking of Pelham 123; Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen; Up; Year One

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Away We Go (R) Fri. (2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:00) 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20; Chérie (Not Rated) Fri. (2:30, 4:50) 7:15, 9:35 Sat. Sun. (12:10) 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:35; Departures (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 5:10) 8:10 Sat.-Sun. (2:10) 5:10, 8:10; Easy Virtue; Summer Hours; 25, Whatever Works (Not Rated) Fri. (2:40, 5:00) June 7:30, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:20) 2:40, 5:00, 7:30,

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Grossmont Center 10

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Fallen (PG-13); Up (PG); Year One (Not

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Mira Mesa 18 10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information

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Cinema under the Stars 040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Casablanca (PG)

MISSION VALLEY

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7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons; Away We Go; The Hangover; Imagine That; Land of the Lost; My Sister's Keeper; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian; The Proposal; Star Trek; The Taking of Pelham 123; Terminator Salvation: Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen; Up; Year One

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Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons; Drag Me to Hell; The Hangover; Imagine That; Land of the Lost; My Sister's Keeper; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian; The Proposal; Star Trek; The Taking of Pelham 123; Terminator Salvation; Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen; Up; Year One

STATE UNIVERSITY

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Il Divo (Not Rated) Fri. (4:25, 7:00, 9:35) Sat.-Sun. (1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35); Revanche

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) The Brothers Bloom (PG-13) Fri. (4:30) 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 4:30, 9:35; **Chérie** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:25, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:55) 2:25, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05; **Food**, **Inc.** (PG) Fri. (2:15, 4:50) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55; **Moon** (R) Fri. (2:05, 4:40) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45; **Revanche** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:55) 7:00 Sat.-Sun. 1:55, 7:00; **Whatever Works** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:35, 5:10) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:05) 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15

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SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Proposal (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.; Star Trek (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.; Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) Fri.-Sat.; Up (PG) Fri.-Sat.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10 Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



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Otav Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262) The Hangover; My Sister's Keeper; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian; The Proposal; The Taking of Pelham 123; Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen; Up; Year One

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Angels and Demons; Dance Flick; The Hangover; My Life in Ruins; My Sister's Keeper; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian; The Proposal; Star Trek; The Taking of Pelham 123; Terminator Salvation; Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen; Up; X-Men Origins: Wolverine; Year One

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South Bay Drive In 170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

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3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262) Drag Me to Hell (PG-13); The Hangover (R); Imagine That (PG); Land of the Lost My Sister's Keeper (Not Rated) Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG); The Proposal (PG-13); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Terminator Sal-(PG-13); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13); Up (PG); Year One (Not Rated)

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POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Up 3D (10:15 11:00 12:30 1:30 2:45 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; My Sister's Keeper (R) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:15 9:45; Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) (10:00 12:00 1:15 3:30) 4:30 6:00 7:00 7:45 9:15 10:15 11:00; Year One (PG-13) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:30 10:00; 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; Night at

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San Marcos 18 1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information.

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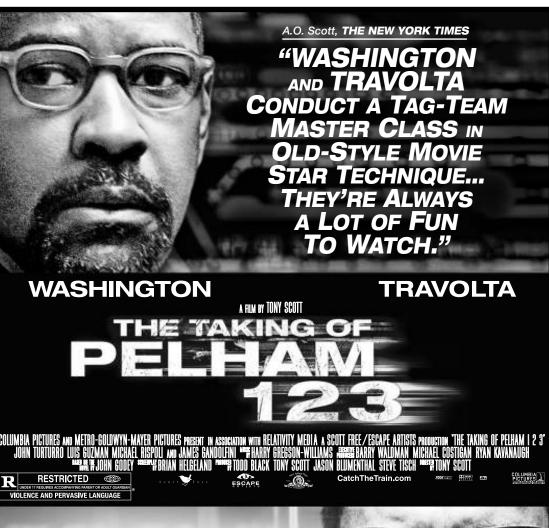
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) The Hangover (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15; The Proposal (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:10, 12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:30, 12:40, 3:50) 7:00 10:10; Year One (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:35, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8 El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



Up 3D (PG) (10:45 1:30) 4:15 7:00 9:30; Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) (10:00 12:00 1:15 3:30) 4:30 6:00 7:00 7:45





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Flower Hill 4 2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



My Sister's Keeper (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; 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) (11:00) 4:45 10:15; Angels and Demons (PG-13) (1:30) 7:00; No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

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La Paloma 471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) The Hangover (R)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6 6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)



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OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13 College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)



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Oceanside 16

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botics (hence the coinage, "cybraceros"). The grainy, gritty digital image constantly pulls you back, and down, to present reality. With Luis Fernando Peña, Leonor Varela, and Jacob Vargas; written and directed by Alex Rivera. 2009. ★ (GASLAMP 15, THROUGH 6/25)

The Soloist — A Los Angeles Times columnist (Steve Lopez by byline) finding a story in a homeless schizophrenic classical musician, and making something of it, is quite different from a team of filmmakers finding the same story predigested. What they chiefly make of it is a couple of outsized performances by Robert Downey, Jr., and Jamie Foxx. Director Joe Wright devises a nice subjective effect when the cellist's solo part is joined in his mind's ear by a full orchestra, drowning out the passing traffic in a freeway tunnel. But the accompanying birds soaring over the city are a bit much. As are the Jupiter-landing psychedelic lights accompanying a rehearsal of the L.A. Philharmonic. A sprinkling of flashbacks to How He Got Here adds little but filler. With Catherine Keener, Tom Hollander, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Stephen Root. 2009. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

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

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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



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The Taking of Pelham 123 - Buzzedup remake of the 1974 hijacked-subway thriller, a handy yardstick of early-21st-century 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 14: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: Yelchin, Zoe Saldana, John Cho, Simon POWAY 10: TOWN SOUARE 14) Pegg, Eric Bana. 2009. 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 vet 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 elu-

cidation of the better-left-unsaid, an under-

mining of the original concept, an overplay-

ing 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 thrill-

seekers, immune to nostalgia, who can con-

tent themselves with thunderous sound ef-

atmospherics (desaturated color, clouds of

smoke, sheets of rain, showers of sparks),

someone, you better be ready to pull the

"primitive" in design, but not in FX tech-

nology, than the Arnold Schwarzenegger

model: a towering Transformer-bot, road-

worthy motorcycle-bots, amphibious alliga-

tor-bots, airborne Stealth-bots, metal skele-

ton-bots. With Christian Bale, Sam

trigger"), and a hodgepodge of robots more

fects, video-game action, music-video

comic-book dialogue ("Point a gun at

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN-TEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SOUARE 14)

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 with out a Face, Iudex, Thérèse Desauevroux, 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 Assayas. 2008.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 6/25)

Worthington, Anton Yelchin, Moon Bloodgood, and Bryce Dallas Howard; directed by McG. 2009.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Transformers: Revenge of the

Fallen — Sci-fi sequel with Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, and John Turturro, directed by Michael Bay. . (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10: RIVER VILLAGE 6: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14)

Under Our Skin — Andy Abrahams Wilson's documentary on Lyme disease and the controversies around its diagnosis and treatment. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 6/26)

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. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: CHULA VISTA 10:

DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10: RIVER VILLAGE 6: SANTEE DRIVE IN TOWN SQUARE 14)

Whatever Works — Reviewed this issue. With Larry David, Evan Rachel Wood, Patricia Clarkson, Ed Begley, Jr., and Michael McKean; written and directed by Woody Allen. 2009. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE;

FROM 6/26)

Year One — Reviewed this issue. With Jack Black, Michael Cera, Olivia Wilde, Juno Temple, David Cross, and Hank Azaria; directed by Harold Ramis. CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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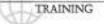
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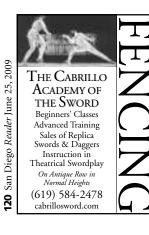


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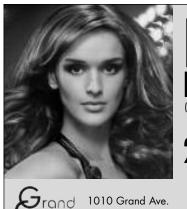
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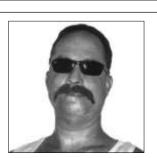


Chris Shipp Construction El Cajon

Tf it's a recent invention, I'd have to say the cell phone. I've had one for so long now and can't imagine what I'd do without it. I have two of them while I'm at work. We're not supposed to be on it while we work or are driving. And when I'm driving, I'm not hands-free either. Sometimes I'll be talking and a cop comes by and I have to tell the person to hold on, as I put the phone by my side. You can accomplish a lot while talking on the phone when you're in your vehicle.

Tracy Lindsley Hod Carrier Crest

There are so many. I would say electric cars, but they have too many problems. I'm thinking windpower energy, those things that turn and the turbines create energy. I really like those big Slurpee straws that are made of aluminum. They stay cold. You can use them over and over again. My man bought me two dozen of them, and they work well for other drinks, too.



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Maybe I'm just saying this because I had one a few minutes ago, but those blue mountains on the Coors cans. It lets you know when the beer is ice cold. When it gets warm, it changes color. But it's so hot today that I'm thinking the best invention ever is probably air conditioning. Nothing beats that on a warm day.



Kevin Henderson Caterer

El Caion $\overline{T_{ ext{going to say this meat slicer I}}^{ ext{his might sound weird, but I'm}}$ have. My dad's old buddy was a butcher and had a shop in the '20s and '30s. He boxed that thing up, but I recently started using it. It's 70 years old, and it hasn't been sharpened and still works like brand new. I'm assuming these things were invented in the '20s because electricity had only been used a decade earlier.



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I'm a bit older, so I saw a lot of things invented. I remember our first little black-and-white TV. I remember when the microwave was invented. Imagine people today trying to go without one of those. But I have to say, I get the most use out of my cell phone. I frequently drive people to our church, and often that's the only way people can get a hold of me is by calling my cell.



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- 1. WNBA All Star Leslie
- 5. "Su-u-ure"
- 9. Instrument heard on the Beatles' "Rubber Soul"
- 14. Playtex products
- 15. "____ the Explorer"
- 16. Egg producer
- 17. Rowing equipment belonging to a former
- First Ladv? 19. Delibes opera
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- actor was compensated? 28. Espy
- 29. Foofaraw
- 30. Espv
- 32. "The Time Machine" race

virtue"

- 33. Turn signal
- 35. "Patience _
- 36. Intend (to)
- 37. Overdue debts ... or a
 - two-word description of this puzzle's themed answers
- 39. UFO fliers
- 40. Mil. ranks
- 41. High times?
- 42. Archipelago unit
- 43. Theologian's sch.
- 44. Singer Waits
- 45. Frame shop stock
- 47. What a person with a fear of flying says when the travel arrangements have been made?
- 51. "You never had _
- good!" 52. Flat-topped land feature
- 53. Old Testament book
- 55. A family member along
 - with an old name in late night TV?
- 60. Team building?
- 61. Type of sax
- 62. Take back
- 63. "Phooey!" 64. Slog (through)
- 65. Keats or Yeats
- Down
 - 1. Great Society monogram
 - 2. Portfolio part, for short
- 3. Cul-de-_ 4. Request
- 5. Brainstorm

- 6. It may take a toll
- 7. Rub out
- 8. It's all over the road 9. Pine-
 - 10. "_____ to be alone" (quote attributed to Greta Garbo)
 - 11. Rest
 - 12. Athlete seated at a table, maybe
 - 13. Bakery loaves
 - 18. Visiting the White House, say
 - 22. It's less than a leer
 - 23. Cyclotron
 - 24. Jr.'s Jr.
 - 25. Singer Irene et al.
 - 26. Bouquet
 - 27. Females on a farm
 - 28. Actress Patricia and
 - others
 - 31. Softens
 - 33. Kitchen drawer?
 - 34. Stimpy's TV pal
 - 37. Prefix with inflammatory
 - 38. Origin
- ___ say?" 45. Vermont ski resort, in short
- 46. "What _____ state of
- affairs!" 48. 1999 Baseball Hall of
- Fame inductee Robin
- 49" ____ ears!"
- 50. "Cool!"
- 51. ____ uproar
- 54. More, to Manuel
- 55. It shows you the way
- 56. One of a litter
- 57. 2009, por ejemplo
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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

or less) message that you've written. This is optional, but it's a great way to express vourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to reject offensive text.

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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One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
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Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: www.SDReader.com/puzzle. The new ranking

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EASY

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 8. That was one wacky crossword.

Margaret Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 7. We need to take a trip to Tucson ASAP.

Jov E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 7. Happy 2nd B'day Chase!

Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 7. Let gays get married what are you homophobes afraid of?

John Prince, Serra Mesa, 7. Mockingbird Shaman! Four times with inverted head he spoke

Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 6. I hope I sent it on time this week!

John Pertle, Santee, 6. John 4:9-10; Romans 5:8; John 3:16; John 3:16; Peter 2:24.

Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 6. Glad the Sudoku wasn't messed up this week

Jim Koziol, UTC, 5.

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Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 5. "The Hangover" was hilarious

J.J. Cwiak, San Diego, 4. 10 - 4 Shane A. Thompson, Golden Hills, 4. Ericka, if

you're a flower, I'm the soil. Emma Gonzales, Chula Vista, 3.

Curt Morey, Chula Vista, 3. What are dissolvable staples?

Don Morton, Solana Beach, 3. Good fun while riding the Coaster.

Ron Stoeckel, Tierrasanta, 3. Ellen loves me.

Jonathan Bowman, San Diego, 2. Turn off the TV and read "Walden" by Thoreau!

Kaitlyn Sarka, San Carlos, 2. Summer school bites

Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 2. I'm better at words. Here's my stab at numbers. Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 1. What's up with the

crossword puzzle? Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 1. It's not the same.

Clues must match the puzzle. Sharon Dang, La Mesa, 1. Thanx - this was fun.

Paula Davis, San Diego, 1. Crystal, thanks for the email entry lesson. Love, Mom Madison Grepo, Chula Vista, 1.

Hilma Johnsen, San Diego, 1. Not so easy. Shanita McLeod, Lemon Grove, 1. O my

aoodness I'm preanants Ray Sappington, Clairemont, 1.

Natalie Sawyer, Vista, 1. Happy Birthday Miss Dora Diaz!!! XOXO Nancy Teruya, Rancho Penasquitos, 1. Cindy Traisi, Ramona, 1. Support fund for Animals

WIIdlife Cente Donovan Vick, San Diego, 1. D. and A.P. 4ever.

David Virissimo, Point Loma, 1. / like vanilla pud-

Dawn Wilson , Palm Desert, 1. Change is always good.

MEDIUM:

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 8. Crossword puzzle. R.M. Read, San Diego, 8. Happy Birthday Erik! Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 8, Baby, I'm amazed. Jo Mujica, San Diego, 6. Happy Birthday June Paul Boland, Bay Park, 5. Dave Small, San Carlos, 5.

Tiffany Renteria, San Diego, 5. Has anyone

seen my Turtle? Phillip? Where are you? Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 4. See Mulan Jr. at

San Diego Junior Theatre, 619126-7112

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 4. It's summertime! Neil Gibbs, 3. Wasting time again.

Kodukso, Poway, 3. Baja California our 51st state. Cindy Quinto, Golden Hill, 3. Well needed little

vacation Chris Siemens, San Diego, 3. 2:28am, finally done with the easy; ten words remain!

Becca Cates, Jamul, 2. One day I will win a tee-shirt. Sylvia June, El Cajon, 2. SD Reader Rocks!

Alex Morlett, La Mesa, 2. Everybody wants to know Mary Friedman too!

David Tomasin, San Diego, 2. Dora Diaz, Escondido, 1. Happy B-day Dora Diaz.

Terri Hutchinson, San Diego, 1. I like pudding. Do you like pudding?

Bernie Malihan, Mira Mesa, 1. Do I get a shirt? H. Maniscalco, National City, 1. Where's the Sudoku Club?

Katherine Portwood, Little Italy, 1. Finally moving to "Hard" category!

Scott Robertson, Alpine, 1.

Geri Sappington, Clairemont, 1. We're movin' on up!

Thomas Stam, Lakeside, 1. Pauley - You're a misfit Joel Suzuki, Mission Valley, 1. Did anyone solve this week's crossword?

Zina Wyman, Carlsbad, 1. A bit rusty.

EVIL:

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is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered site member.

Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 5. Sally Lukes, Serra Mesa, 5. Glenn Walker, La Jolla, 5. I'll never get to the top. Ray Hunt, Rancho Penasquitos, 4. Hey, hey, Miranda Rae welcome to Californ-i-a. Steve Desterhaft, University City, 3. Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 3. Are you really - con-

HARD:

serving, recycling, reusing...Really? Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 2.

Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 8.

John Strauch, Point Loma, 2. Beat Alzheimers at Adventures in Bridge.

Ginger Truschke, San Diego, 2.

Rachel Baker, La Mesa, 1. I love my fiance, Erik M. Harry Chiou, Mira Mesa, 1. Tiu Dexter, San Diego, 1. Always fun to play Sudoku!

Lisa DiPalma, Allied Gardens, 1. Just noticed puzzles the week the crossword is undoable! Matthew Horr, San Diego, 1. Welcome home

Hunter 610! WFGF. Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 1. Another Hard one solved. Neil Massenzo, Pacific Beach, 1. Dedicated to #1 Mom: Vanessa, and children Ethan and Isaiah!

Rebekah Mathiew, San Diego, 1. Yeah, I got the hard one!

Alex Moran, San Diego, 1. "Love is like war: Easy to begin, Hard to end.

Marty Sinigatan, Point Loma, 1. If it smells like cologne, leave it alone!

Eileen Spreque, Oceanside, 1. At Last! A legal addiction.



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Gregory Swajian, Palm Desert, 1. Happy 4th of Chris Thelen, University Heights, 1. In every competion there musst be a LOSER. DeKenya Williams, Bonsall, 1. I am so smart... S-M-R-T!

EVIL:

Daniel Aames, Carmel Valley, 8. Everyone share! See you at SDReader.com/puzzle. Joe Arbusto, Rancho Penasquitos, 8. Single payer is the only answer! End of discussion! Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 8. Love my girls: Wendy, Spunky, Cricket, Lucy and Call. Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 8. Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 8. Hello to my friends at Richard K. Johnson, La Jolla, 8. Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 8. Summer is here! Happy Kiera! Happy Bodo! Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 8. One week left before the big trip. Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 8. Do the Locomotion...sdmrm.org. P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 8. Sometimes it seems like luck. Michael Panther, Point Loma, 8. What happened to my beloved crossword puzzle? \$153 please. Gregory Parsons, Carlsbad, 8. Best surfer in the is one having most fun. Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 8. Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 8. Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad/Nana and Papa. WLY, DKSR

Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 8. Save gas - ride the Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 8. Nothing exists

by and for itself. Susan Williams, North Park, 8. Wishing peace and freedom in Iran

Barry Xin, San Diego, 8.

Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 7. I want sol to continue

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 7. The numbers add up to one thing - I love you. Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 7. Clyde Christie, East Village, 7. "...Is all the sad world needs " Flla Wheeler Wilcox D. Faulkner, University Heights, 7. Puzzle too hard? Try evil Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 7. Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 7. Julio Magno, San Diego, 7. US Postal Sudoku Expert. Hi Eileen William Quinter, San Diego, 7. Mr. Tree please don't blow your suicidal wind at m Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 7. May the best chile win aat the OB Street Faire! Tim Winder, Hillcrest, 7. Happy Father's Day, Dad. Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6. What happened to the Reader crossword puzzle? J.C. Uribe, San Ysidro, 6. Harry Walker , La Jolla, 6. Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 6. Myrna Wosk , La Jolla, 6. Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 5. Thanks for the Dad's Day gifts Kris and Elliott. Evelyn Greco, San Diego, 5. The Reader Rocks Steve K., Ocean Beach, 5. Bike>Hybrid>car 124855...9. Linda Kokel, Tierrasanta, 5, Triers are winners William Nowatnick, Allied Gardens, 5. \$19500 Susy Parnell, La Mesa, 5. Ric Witt, Clairemont, 5, Hello Summer!!! Have a great week Carolyn Woodbury, Chula Vista, 5. Reduce, reuse, recycle and drive less and slower Paul Wright, Lemon Grove, 5. Maybe I'll try hard for a while Mark Xitco, San Diego, 5. Way to go! Larry Clark, Clairemont, 4. Ask me no questions and I'll tell vou no lies.

Ron Lucero, San Diego, 4. Hello to all SDUPD sudoku fans

messed up this week's crossword. Roberto Mora, San Diego, 4. Can Pythagoras, Euclid, Archimedes, Leonardo, Einstein or Obama solve this? Helen Person, Santee, 4. Star Powell, Escondido, 4. Step it up Austin!!! Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Valley, 4. Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 4. Delfin Bernardo, National City, 3. Hello to Patron Roaelio, Christina, Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 3. Hi Mom! Haley Hodnett, San Diego, 3. Andrew Klapoetke-Reese, Hillcrest, 3. Thanks, Jo (and friends) for the softball practice. Mitchel Lamoureux, North Park, 3. Mashpotato, mashpotato. Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 3. I'd rather do the messed-up crosswo Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 3. Yuko T., San Diego, 3. Happy 1st Father's Day! You are the best father Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove, 3. Jeff Vaglio, Poway, 3. 3 Evil in a row! Eric Anderson, Elfin Forrest, 2, Evil is tough. Thomas Daley, San Diego, 2. Organization is half the battle! Sheri Deniger, San Marcos, 2, Hove you Darry! Mike Goldman, San Carlos, 2. Good luck to all next week! Ralph Hayward, El Caion, 2. Flame and gory! Patrick Henson, Lakeside, 2. 8 easy, medium, hard and evil all in pen. Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 2. Painful or sick, or maybe even perverse, but not evi Mgnor Morales, San Diego, 2. I love you Gloria at Sonny. Uy Ngo Quoc, Vista, 2. Happy Father's Day Mike

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 4. You really

and Mr. Dong. Donna Swing, La Mesa, 2. More time for "Evil", what with the crossword glitch.

Bob Rickman, Carlsbad, 2. How about a 16X16. Ed Vicino, El Cajon, 2. How do I get there? Andrew Bartlett, Ocean Beach, 1. Diana, you're the best, hope your foot gets better soon.

Mary Beavers, San Diego, 1. I loved the name "Evil" for your most difficult puzzle! Atom C. , North Park, 1.

Joseph Conway, University City, 1. Hello Shadi! Philip Erdelsky, North Park, 1. My computer solved it in the blink of an eye.

Donald Erwin, San Marcos, 1. For Johnathan, Deon, Claire Elizabeth and Carter Jay. Marco Gamez, Ocean Beach, 1. Who's going to

loan me \$10,000 for the WSOP? Michael Gussett, San Diego, 1. / bet you

thought I was gonna jump that see Natalie Hernandez, San Diego, 1. "Happy Birth-

day Daddy!" Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 1. Lorie, June 27th Happy 20th first date Anniversary. Love Mike.

🖝 James Mands, La Ĵolla, 1. Gloria Morales, City Heights, 1. My son needs to work.

Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 1. Does anyone like "loco" Sudoku instead of 3x3's? Michael Nowatnick, San Diego, 1. Repeal Prop D!

Amanda Peruchiti, El Cajon, 1. / love you Mr. Munch McGee!

Ted Tarris, Serra Mesa, 1. Baba-Booey! Baba-Booey! Baba-Booey!

Felina Thom, Lemon Grove, 1. David Thygrson, Poway, 1. Congratulations Sulani! You'll be the best Vet ever

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This week's questions

- 1. What's the local noshery that Naomi Wise reports is offering "Free Food Tuesdays"?
- 2. "The Mexican Ramones" described what local punk-rock originals, reuniting in town on Thursday, June 25?
- 3. Ed Bedford meets a movie star sort of. What item from Big Kahuna's made an appearance in Pulp Fiction?
- 4. How were NHL star Chris Chelios and rock star Eddie Vedder acquainted with each other years and years ago?
- 5. Scorpions guitarist Uli Jon Roth has created an instrument he calls the ____ guitar.
- 6. Josh Board justifies his actions in a stranger's kitchen by telling his girlfriend, "Hey, it's a party. If I see , I'm eating one."
- 7. The six members of alt-rockers Marguez! live in what three cities?
- 8. Local musician Phil Bellante says _____ kept playing keyboards into her nineties.
- 9. Musician Sara Petite gets described as a "country version" of what alt-rock songstress in this week's local record review?
- 10. The Fantasticks is currently running at the Lamb's Players Theatre, but starting in 1960, it ran for roughly how many thousands of shows?

Last week's answers

- 1. Tiffany, aka Tits McGee. (p. 26)
- 2. "Sludge." (p. 66)
- 3. Dinosaur Jr. (p. 76)
- 4. The Java Mama Café. (p. 24)
- 5. Janis's bottle of Southern Comfort. (p. 72)
- 6. Light a match above the toilet and drop it in. (p. 159)
- 7. Forty years. (p. 70)
- 8. False. (p. 21)
- 9. He slaps and punches Turner. (p. 68)
- 10. 112 degrees. (p. 100)

Last Week's Winners:

Ken Marsh, Millicent Kent, Kasey McGill, Natanael Roberts, and Julie Liu

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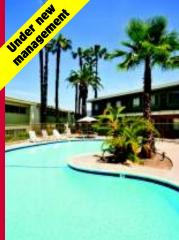
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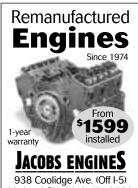
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Address: 10925 Hartley Road, Suite K, Santee, 619-448-5950 Founded locally: 1981 Senior pastor: Dennis Martins Congregation size: 55 Staff size: 1 Sunday school enrollment: 8-12 Annual budge: n/a Weekly giving: n/a Singles program: no Dress: casual to semiformal Diversity: mostly but not entirely Caucasian Sunday worship: 10 a.m. Length of reviewed service: 1 hour Website: none

Friends Christian Fellowship meets in a Santee office park suite artfully converted into a cozy chapel. Several times a year, they set up outreaches across the 67 at Shadow Hills Park. "One time," said Pastor Dennis Martins, "we did church over there. The week before, we'll pass out door hangers. We're trying to establish a relationship with people. Another focus is the Navy housing at Eucalyptus Ridge."

A military outreach might seem odd, given the Friends' famously pacifist heritage. "In our Faith and Practice," said Martins, "it

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does talk about the tradi-God Almighty, the earth is tional, time-tested pacifism filled with His glory." Something. But it also says that thing you could sway to. each person needs to follow

their conscience before God.

I have a church in a military

town. Any church that I know

of — nobody's pro-war. Some

people would say it's a nec-

essary evil. Ultimately, the

individual is the one who is

course, is another sort of war-

fare, one the fellowship hap-

pily champions. The second

song (out of six) at the ser-

vice's outset was easily the

most militaristic I have ever

heard sung by two men weav-

ing tight vocal harmonies

over acoustic guitars. "Stand

up, stand up for Jesus, the

trumpet call obey/ Forth to

the mighty conflict in this

His glorious day/ Ye that are

men, now serve Him against

unnumbered foes/ Let courage

rise with danger, and strength

more typically folksy, descend-

ing into a meditative lilt that

at times sounded almost like

a mantra: "Holy is the Lord

Other songs proved

to strength oppose."

Spiritual combat, of

accountable before God."

The congregation was friendly and chatty — at the welcome, a gentleman approached and said, "I already shook your hand, but let's do one of these," before embracing me. Martins reminded the men "that we have a workday next Saturday. We're going to be going over to Hazel's house to do some painting. She's looking forward to that with great anticipation."

But if there was more murmuring than you sometimes hear in church, there was also a good stretch of silence during the congregational praise and prayer. "Maybe you need to pour out your heart and tell God that you love Him," advised Martins. "Maybe you need to pour out your heart and tell God that you need Him. I'll give you a few minutes to do that." And he did.

Eventually, the silence was broken by a voice from the back: "Dear Father, we thank You for loving us.... You give us the ability to love

You. Thank You that You are the strong, mighty God who loves us so much that You would do this for us." The prayer placed the notion of utter dependence on an Almighty Other in bright relief.

That kind of surrender to God's power and providence came through in the sermon as well. Preached by an elder from the congregation, it was actually written by someone else. "I found something while doing my research that was definitely where I was going," he explained, "so why reinvent the wheel?" It told (in firstperson fashion) the story of Joseph — born to privilege, sold into slavery, prospering as a slave, thrown into prison, and ultimately rescued from the depths and brought to glory as Pharaoh's Number Two. "I want to tell you that the most significant outcome of my story is not the power and the applauding crowds, but what God did in my soul. I have witnessed the unmistakable and unshakable faith-

Dennis Martins

Friends Christian Fellowship Santee

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man. I expected God to take care of me. But instead, I was sentenced to die. I became intensely angry — did God even know or care that I existed?" Here, the preachers slipped out of Joseph's voice and into his own: "This is why Joseph is one of my heroes. His story encapsulates who we really are."

Ultimately, Joseph realized that "God was with me even in that prison, in my darkest moments. I was not forgotten. God was in it." The preacher realized it, too, and quoted Job's cry of divine abandon: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." What happens when we

die?

"If we have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ," said Martins, "then when we die, our body is laid to rest or burned up into ashes, and our soul goes to be with God. Upon Jesus' return, our soul is reunited with our body — how God does that is up to God. If we don't have a relationship with Jesus Christ, our soul goes into a kind of Hades, which is sort of a holding chamber, until Iesus' return — until the final battle of good over evil, Jesus over Satan. At which time, we are sent to hell with Satan." — Matthew Lickona

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LEAD STORY

Convicted Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols, now serving a life sentence in the Florence, Colo., "Supermax" prison, filed a 39-page federal lawsuit in March alleging unconstitutional "cruel and unusual punishment" because the refined-food, low-fiber meals give him "chronic constipation [and] bleeding hemorrhoids." He demanded fresh raw vegetables and other highfiber foods, necessary to "keep one's body (i.e., God's holy temple) in good health." Nichols was joined in the lawsuit by fellow Supermax resident Eric Rudolph (the convicted abortion-clinic and Atlanta Olympics bomber), who claimed "gas and stomach cramps" and observed that "our bodies" are "sacred and should be treated as such."

Government in Action!

 After three years of providing worker-training grants to a San Francisco-area multimedia coalition that includes a maker of sexualized torture videos, the California Employment Training Panel cut off funding in April, claiming that it had not realized the nature of what an outfit called kink.com does. The coalition protested the panel's decision, pointing out that Kink is a lawabiding, tax-paying entity that employs 100 local people and keeps California adult video "competitive in the international marketplace" by

training employees in video editing, Photoshop, and other multimedia skills. A typical kink.com production may feature paid, consenting women bound, gagged, and supposedly electrically shocked.

Great Art!

- In April at a gallery in London, Mexican artist Raul Ortega Ayala's exhibit opened with the customary hors d'oeuvres for visitors. However, since Ayala's work specializes in the roles that food plays in our lives, he served cheese made from human breast milk, to "explor[e] our first encounter with food emphasizing its territoriality and boundaries." He said his next piece would go the other way, with ten menus showing what "presidents, public figures, mass murderers, and cave men" ate just before dying.

- A pedestrian bridge over Interstate 80 in Berkeley, Calif., opened late last year, decorated with \$196,000 in public art by sculptor Scott Donahue. At each end of the bridge are 28-foot structures to honor the "history" and "daily life" of Berkeley, notably its tradition of citizen protests, but smaller sculpted medallions feature street scenes such as dogs romping playfully in city parks. However, as initially noted by a Fox News reporter in February, one of the medallions shows a dog defecating and another displays two dogs mating. Said a local art program official, "I think

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New York artist Ariana Page Russell has a dermatological disorder that makes her skin puff up immediately at the slightest scratch (which renders her, she says, the "human Etch A Sketch"). She now scratches herself in deliberate patterns, to create artistic designs, which she photographs and offers for sale. Russell says she must work quickly, for her skin usually returns to normal after about an hour.

Police Report

- East St. Louis, Ill., policeman Kristopher Weston apprehended a murder suspect about 20 minutes after the crime in April, which was such a nice piece of police work that the mayor called Weston before the city council to commend him. Five minutes after Weston left the room, the council got down to regular business, the first order of which was to approve a list of police and firefighter layoffs due to budget shortfalls, and on the list because of low seniority was Weston.

Just Can't Stop Themselves

 (1) In March, a judge in Jefferson County, Texas, probated the 90-day DUI sentence for Jeffrey Latham, 37, on condition that he not drink alco-

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hol, and he ordered Latham to report to the probation office. Two hours later, Latham showed up as scheduled, drunk, and was promptly shuttled back to court. (2) A man and woman in their early 30s were arrested in April after they stripped naked and began having sex in front of tourists on the lawn at Britain's Windsor Castle. The queen was in residence, but her living quarters are at the opposite end of the castle, and she missed the spectacle.

Creme de la Weird

· Shreepriya Gopalan filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in San Diego in April against Microsoft, Google, Apple, Saks Fifth Avenue, McDonalds, Starbucks, Subway, Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Chase Bank, Verizon, AT&T, and 47 other U.S. corporations, claiming that he actually owns the companies based on the Chinese divination system I Ching, which he said he invented when he was "15 or 16" years old. "These companies were I Chinged in through a metaphysical layer created and owned by me," he wrote, but he added that, "unfortunately," he lacks paperwork to document his claims and asks the court's help.

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'My kids are like druggies," lamented my friend Nancy. "If you give them sugar or TV, they don't want to stop."

I sympathized. "I know what you mean about the TV. Between that and the computer and the video games, I feel like I'm engaged in the care and feeding of zombies.

I'm seriously considering making this an electronics-free summer. Now I just have to figure out how to occupy them without spending much money."

"If I tell them to go play, they refuse," said Nancy."I find I have

to let them 'discover' things, so I do what I call 'featuring.' I'll take most of the toys out of the play area and leave just a few. We've been reading *Robin Hood*, so I left out the dress-up clothes and things that fit with that. Or I'll mix up uses for certain rooms — I just made the sun porch into an engine room, with a big table and lots of toy trains. Or I'll move a blan"You can learn a lot about a culture by chatting with the people who make it sweet."

ket around the backyard — one day a picnic in one spot, the next book-reading somewhere else."

Nancy's kids are still pretty young; Sande's run from six to teen. "Sometimes, my husband will set up a tent in the yard. We'll grill something for dinner. The kids will play in the tent all day and then sleep in it at night. And of course, there's always the beach. We like to go to Coronado in the late afternoon with a picnic dinner. And I know you want to avoid the TV, but if it's really,

really hot, I might turn on the air-conditioning and do an indoor movie

marathon. I'll play things like *Belles* on *Their Toes, Cheaper by the Dozen.* I make popcorn and give out some old movie-theater-type candy. It's a great way to make kids game for old movies."

Lissa suggested tweaking routines — "maybe going to a different grocery store — an Asian supermar-

ket or an Italian deli store. I let the kids wander the aisles, pick out something to bring home and try. Last week, we decided to visit as many bakeries around San Diego as we could. I found New York Bakery in El Cajon [619-283-6886], where they had these anise-flavored S cookies that I used to get in Queens. The owners were so nice — they gave the kids S cookies

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and chatted with us, and we picked out napoleons and éclairs to bring home. It was exactly the New York bakery experience. Next, we're heading to a Mexican bakery, and there's a Cuban bakery we want to visit. You can learn a lot about a culture by chatting with the people who make it sweet."

At home, Lissa loves games friendly to a broad age range. "We've played all-day marathons of 'Settlers of Catan' [**\$54.99** on Amazon] — you amass resources to build settlements."

Monica was all about the free for books, food, and fun. "Several of my kids' reading really took off because of the library's summer reading program," she attested. I called my La Mesa branch. "This year's theme is 'Get Creative.' It starts June 19 and runs through August 12. We have programs for birth through teens — and even one for adults. Kids receive prizes based on the number of hours they read — or number of books, for the little ones. They can also earn raffle tickets for a drawing — one of the prizes is a Nintendo DS. Throughout the week, we have crafts. You can register at your local branch or online."

Joann Tucker at the San Diego Unified School District told me about their program, Summer Fun Café. It's a free lunch program with no enrollment, no paperwork, and no conditions, "open to children from 2 to 18. You can find a list of schools and parks that offer it at *www.sandi.net/food*. Our big kickoff is on June 24 at the Skyline Hills Recreational

Center [8285 Skyline Drive] we'll have a free BBQ open to adults and kids, and San Diego Charger Matt Wilhelm will be there, along with craft tables and games."

I gave a call to the Adams Avenue Recreation Center in Normal Heights to see what they had going on. "Our free lunch runs from June 22 until August 28, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Also, we're going to have a portable pool set up on the blacktop. We'll have swim lessons for a small fee, and daily free open swim times. And we have Nature Camps from July 13 to 17 and August 10 to 14 — they include games and crafts based on nature, as well as a field trip. In past years, we've gone to the zoo or to Sea World. The cost is just **\$10** per child for the whole week."

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Thirty Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice:

How do you get hold of the words to a song when you can't understand them on the record?

[As] the critic Greil Marcus said in *Rock and Roll Will Stand*, an anthology of writing on rock music, a popularly sung lyric is not supposed to be understood word for word. If you feel that the words themselves are all-important, you have missed the message.

— STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, Matthew Alice, June 28, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

La Jollans sulked 20 years ago when Pacific Telephone altered their GLencourt 4 prefixes. To satisfy the Pac Tel computer's appetite for numbers, GLencourt 4 — the symbol of residential affluence — became the sterile 454. But even without the letters, a neighborhood was still a neighborhood. Hillcrest was always 295, 296, and 297; Coronado 435 and 437; downtown 231 to 239 (except 237); Southeast 262 or 264. No longer. The nonsequential jumble of 260, 574, and 692 are the new Hillcrest prefixes. When downtown businesses were starved for prefixes last year, Pac Tel reached out for 696; it was quickly depleted, and 699 has been added.

PREFIXES," Paul Krueger, June 11, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

A glance through last week's *San Diego Union TV Week* and it hit me. With Don Freeman's "Point of View" column, I realized these were the works of no common man but a Sartre in John Deere cap and golf sweater.

The paragraph that did it: Blair Brown was remembering the Old Globe production of the Thornton Wilder classic, "The Skin of Our Teeth." This one was a dandy ... it wowed the populace, including the oversigned. Frankly, I had never understood the Wilder play and I still don't....

— CITY LIGHTS: "DON'S POINT OF VIEW," Mary Lang, June 29, 1989

4. **Fifteen Years Ago** San Diego's Mike Hynsol

San Diego's Mike Hynson was surfing's trendsetter during the sport's golden era of the mid-1960s. Hynson, who with Robert August traveled the world in search of the perfect wave in *Endless Summer* had it all: fame, looks, fortune, women, talent.

Today, Hynson, who turns 52 later this month, is living in the back yard of a friend's house in Bird Rock. — CITY LIGHTS: **"AFTER ENDLESS SUMMER COMES ENDLESS BUMMER,"** Jamie Reno, June 23, 1994

Ten Years Ago

Ring-ring. A male voice answers, "Office."

I introduce myself and say, "I'm calling bail bond offices asking anyone who answers the phone about the San Diego Padres' problems. We're in last place and some wacko judge has just croaked the new ball park. What does it mean?" Silence.

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— SPORTING BOX: **"UNDERSTANDING. TRUSTWORTHY. COMPETENT."** Patrick Daugherty, June 24, 1999

Five Years Ago

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San Diego *Reader*, June 28, 1979

and fashion magazines. Pick women with completely different body types. If your wife's tall and slender, go for short ones on the chubby side. If she's blonde; mention in passing that you've always had a thing for redheads.

— "HOW TO GET DIVORCED: A PRACTICAL GUIDE," Michael Ryan, June 24, 2004

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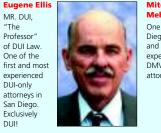
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