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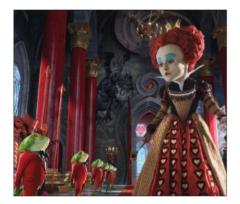
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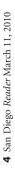
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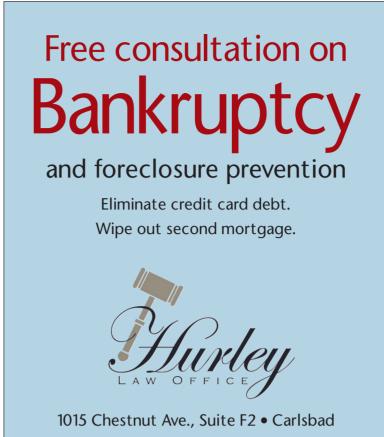
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Peace's pieces Who is putting up the money for the latest volley of direct mail



from ex-Democratic state senator Steve Peace's California Independent Voter Project? Because the group is a nonprofit 501(c)4 corporation, it doesn't have to disclose its contributor list, unlike political committees Steve Peace that are required by state law to make regular filings. But

the mailer, apparently dispatched only to those who decline to state their political affiliation when they register to vote, steps right into the national health-care debate with a distinctive GOP spin. "Don't let them tax your health care plan," the mailer urges.

"Californians could end up paying 33 percent more per capita in taxes than the average in the rest of the country." The piece also attacks the alternative minimum tax. "Originally intended to be an added tax to keep millionaires from avoiding their fair share," it says, "many people are paying this added income tax and don't even know it!"

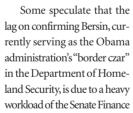
Peace, who spent years in the state assembly and senate, has long been a favorite of certain special interests, and he hasn't always been against taxes. His biggest legislative achievement was also his political undoing: the 1996 industry-favored electric utility deregulation scheme that ultimately imploded in a doubling of electric bills and the Enron scandal. As a result, Peace's hoped-for bid for secretary of state in 2002 went out the window. He insists the reform was good and outside forces beyond its control caused the meltdown.

In 1998, Peace carried a bill that levied a \$3.50 tax on each daily car rental here in order to finance a parking garage adjacent to the convention center and near a new baseball park being built by Padres owner John Moores. After Peace left the legislature, Moores made him a team executive. In an interview late last week. Peace said that Moores contributed \$1 million to launch the California Independent Voter Project but has not contributed since. He says he is still working for Moores on various projects. He said that Eli Lilly Company, the drug maker, had been a contributor but declined to identify any other donors, saying that to do so might subject them to retaliation from those who disagree with some aspect of his group's efforts, which range from the mailers to laying the groundwork for Proposition 14. The hotly debated so-called Open Primary measure would allow any voter, regardless of party registration, to vote for any candidate, with a runoff for the top two finishers, also regardless of party affiliation.

According to its most recent filing with the IRS, covering 2008, Peace's organization received \$600,000 in contributions from unidentified sources and spent \$934,062, leaving it with \$80,264 in cash at the end of that year. It paid \$20,989 to **David Takashima**, a Sacramento-based ex-Peace aide and former lobbyist for Southern California Edison and PG&E. Other payments listed include a \$27,000 contribution to the San Diego Asian Film Foundation and \$15,000 to the California Correctional Peace Officers Association, the state's prison guard union. "Other expenses" included \$162,500 for "research," \$132,227 worth of "consulting," and \$148,029 for "information technology."

Bersin's bash Three ex-U.S. Customs chiefs are getting antsy about the long delay in confirming onetime San Diego city schools chief Alan Bersin as the nation's next commissioner of Customs and Border Protection. "It is hard to imagine that the background and current experience of Mr. Bersin does not at least meet the threshold of deference to the President's choice of nominee sufficiently to merit a hearing and vote by the Committee in performance of the Senate's 'advice and consent' role," former commissioners Ralph Basham, Robert Bonner, and Raymond Kelly said in a letter. "Regardless of who the nominee for commissioner was, however, all of us believe the appointment deserves more focused attention and swift

action in the manner of other critical national security nominations."





Alan Bersin

Committee, which must pass on the nomination before a floor vote. But others speculate that Bersin's controversial history with San Diego schools and his wrangles with the teachers' union here, along with his financial interests in border businesses, including the Silicon Border industrial park near Mexicali and a Mexican travel insurance outfit, have given some Democratic senators cold feet. ... Ramping up for big state and local races, the county Republican Party has been spending heavily on voter registration efforts, paying Arno Political Consultants \$23,024. Major contributors include Don Bren's Irvine Company of Newport Beach, with \$15,000 on February 15.

- Matt Potter

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Strike Three at Copley?

By Don Bauder

Copley Press sold the *Union-Tribune* cheap but for good reasons: it was doing even worse than other ailing metro

newspapers. Now the company, the last remnant of the old newspaper empire, is sellgot juicy prices — at least in retrospect — for its holdings. In March of last year, the worth around \$100 million for a bit over \$50 million. For example, Platinum paid \$35.5 million for the Mission Valley headquarters, which had an assessed valuation of \$91.3 million. Copley sold Platinum several other buildings cheap too, although Platinum has already sold one of them at a loss in this dismal commercial real estate market.

There are a number of reasons for the low prices, but one has been spelled out by



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ing the rest of its assets into weak markets.

It wasn't always so: when it started breaking up the company four years ago, it company basically paid Beverly Hills-based Platinum Equity to take over the Union-*Tribune* by selling the buyout firm San Diego real estate

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none other than Hal Fuson, who took over as chief operating officer in June of 2007. On his Facebook page, Fuson admits that during his incumbency, the company's cash flow plunged "to almost nothing." Cash flow is cash receipts less cash payments — money in, money out. The new Platinum management told

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COMIC-CON'S DEPARTURE WOULD HAVE BOTH GOOD AND BAD ASPECTS TO IT.





No Picture-Perfect Vote

By Joe Deegan

merican elections lore over the last 50 years is rife with tales of funny business, from charges of a Chicago graveyard

vote in 1960 to the hanging chads count in 2000. But such anomalies in San Diego County? Couldn't happen. That's the attitude of local election officials, according to Carlsbad attorney Ken Karan. What it boils down to, he says, is that "they don't want to be held accountable." It's not his intent to impugn the integrity of those volunteers who run polling sta-

and observe the election process." That's what voter Linda Poniktera did during the California presidential primary election of February 5, 2008, first in an El Cajon polling place and later in the day in Kearny Mesa. To document her observations, Poniktera took along a video camera. She did it largely to challenge a policy that San Diego County Reg-

from violating the right to observe an election. In addition, she asked the court to direct the registrar to insure that, after ballots are cast, seals are properly affixed to the ballot boxes before they leave the polling places to protect the ballots from tampering. The election code requires that such seals not be broken until the containers arrive at a counting center. In these requests, Poniktera was represented by Ken Karan.

In superior court, Judge Michael Anello ruled against Poniktera. Karan later asked the California Court of Appeals to consider from scratch how First and Fourteenth Amendment law ought to be applied to the case. In January, the appellate court



Ken Karan believes a "chain of custody" can be established with cameras at polling stations.

tions on Election Day. "Yet there are a few people who think they know how an election should turn out," says Karan. "If they sense it may not go that way, they're willing to take steps to try to make sure it does." The problem, he thinks, is that San Diego County's registrar of voters has insufficient procedures to secure the ballots and doesn't follow the procedures she has.

As one antidote to fraud, a Voter Bill of Rights in the California Elections Code states that every voter has "the right to ask questions about election procedures

istrar of Voters Deborah Seiler wrote to guide poll workers in performing their duties. The policy states: "Photography and videotaping are not allowed by the public or voters during voting hours. However, if someone would like to photograph the seals on voting equipment prior to the opening of the polls or after the polls close they may be permitted to do so."

Poniktera later complained that she had been threatened with arrest for using her camera. On July 31, she petitioned superior court on behalf of all citizens to prevent the registrar of voters

After a pleasant threedollar Coaster ride, I catch up with Karan in Encinitas. His good humor offsets an intensity about transparency in elections that has been inspired by what he calls a budding "election integrity movement" across the United States. He chuckles at a line in the appeals court's opinion. Mistakes in the "reconciliation" of the number of voters with the number of ballots cast in the February 2008 election, the opinion affirmed, could be chalked up to the count being "performed at the end of an extremely

denied the appeal.

long day." Karan's petition to the superior court was written in a different tone. "Of the approximately 2% of the total precincts in the County reviewed," he wrote of a study he conducted after making a state Public Records Act request, "almost 60% indicated a material failure by the precinct board to account for all the ballots.... The record shows a serious inability to reconcile this important data."

So how might it improve elections to allow citizens to use cameras inside polling places while the election is still under way? Karan believes that there's a need to document the ballots' "chain of custody." Photographing sealed boxes only after the polls close guarantees no certain knowledge of what's happening to the ballots beforehand.

And Karan's postelection investigation revealed that there had been negligence regarding the seals. That included seals protecting the memory cards that store touch-screen votes. "During the February 5 and June 3, 2008, elections," Karan wrote to the superior court, "Defendants failed to comply with [the law] by allowing ballot boxes and memory cards to be transported without seals.... Poll workers who find that they were not issued the required seals and request them from the Registrar of Voters have been told by officials to transport them without seals...."

In the lawsuit Karan filed for Linda Poniktera, the evidence he supplied concerned more of his own experience than hers. His petition to the court claimed one polling station he visited in a 2006 election told him he could not photograph container seals at all. At another station, he was allowed only to see them on a piece of cardboard before they were attached to the ballot boxes

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University Avenue. The erosion created a four-wheel driving experience but made it impassable for most other cars. For the rest of the year, the unpaved sections created a dust bowl that coated cars and buildings.

At the last minute, the Third District council office's policy advisor, Stephen Hill, got involved and found some general fund money to use for the repaving. Residents are dancing in the alley with gratitude.

> By Joan FitzSimons Thursday, March 4

Bicyclists Be Damned

Diagonal Parking to Blame for Accident? La Jolla — On Sunday, February 28, at approximately 11:45 a.m., a bicyclist was hit by a car on La Jolla Boulevard. An ambulance arrived on the scene, followed by two police vehicles.

The driver of the vehicle said, "I was pulling out, and somehow he rubbed against my car. I said 'sorry,' and he said, 'You're gonna be.' The jerk overreacted and called 911. He had the police and the fire department waste their time. He said he was fine and drove away right after they all arrived."

Dave Schumacher, chairman of Walk San Diego (a regional grassroots organization dedicated to making neighborhoods more "walkable"), was present at the site of the accident. "With diagonal parking, you have a blind spot as you back out," he said. "Reverse diagonal is the way to go. The lines are angled in the opposite direction, and you back in and pull out instead of pulling in and backing out. We've sug-



Bird Rock parking slots a liability for everyone?

gested it to the City's traffic engineers, but so far nothing has come of it."

> By Carolyn Grace Matteo Tuesday, March 2

Bad Run

Female Jogger Attacked and Beaten in Park

Chula Vista — A female jogger was attacked dur- 🖔 ing an evening run in McCandliss Park on March 3. Chula Vista police were called just before 8 p.m. to investigate the incident

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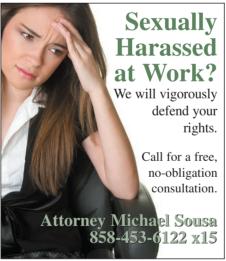
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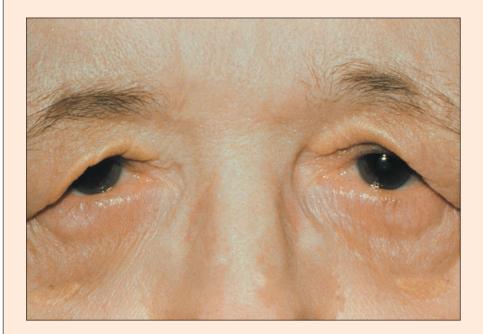
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employees that the company was about to go into the red under Copley, but to my knowledge, this is the first time the old management has admitted it.

On Facebook, Fuson went on to say that "the great majority of newspapers remain profitable on a cash operating basis." Ergo, the Union-Tribune was doing worse than its peers. (Many newspaper chains have gone bankrupt, but that has been almost entirely because of excessive debt, Fuson said correctly.)

The revelation was not surprising. San Diego is the nation's 17th-largest market. The *U-T*'s daily circulation was only 24th among metro dailies last fall. (Take away the nationally circulated Wall Street Journal and USA Today, and the *U-T* results are still poor.)

I asked some former top officials of the *U-T* about the underperformance. "We should have done some [personnel] cutting earlier," says one. "Many times we ramped up for cutting, but David Copley didn't want to do it."

David Copley also dragged his feet on selling Casa del Zorro in Borrego Springs. It had been a hideaway for his mother and father. David had recovered from his heart transplant there, promising at least one employee he would never sell it. Top management was dying to dump it because it was a huge drain on profits. The entrepreneur whose investment group bought it (and couldn't revive it) says it was losing \$5 million a year. Although Casa had valuable assets, Copley got only \$4.5 million for it.

CITY LIGHTS

Copley Press reacted very slowly to craigslist, which eventually stole the classified ad business from the big dailies. The company didn't wake up to what Monster.com would do to personnel ads, either. "I remember sitting in a meeting when craigslist came up," says a former top manager. "Somebody said it was probably some kid in a garage."

There were economic factors. The housing crash hit San Diego harder than most other cities. This affected real estate sales and severely dented related markets such as furniture and appliances.

Karin Winner, U-T editor, did not get along with Gene

Bell, U-T president, but Winner had David Copley's ear. As a result of the animosity, the newspaper took too long to integrate its print and online operations.

Ed Moss, current president and publisher, doesn't address former management's deficiencies but points to what his team is doing. "New partnerships with 10News, Cox Communications, and Monster are just a few of the ways we've added content," he says. Companies large and small can now make more efficient advertising buys, he says. He expects that with these changes, the U-T can "sustain profitability."

Fuson is on the board of Copley Press. Dean Dwyer is its chief financial officer. I asked both why the company had underperformed and how it might do in its upcoming asset sales. Neither would talk. I asked Fuson about his Facebook remarks, too, and got the silent treatment.

But here's the rundown, as far as I can determine: In 2006, Copley Press sold the Daily Breeze of Torrance for a good price: \$25 million. Separately, Copley sold the real estate for another \$14 million to \$16 million. Home

Then in 2007, the company sold its money-losing Ohio and Illinois papers for well over \$380 million in cash to GateHouse Media, which soon collapsed under the weight of debt piled up in a poorly plotted and ill-timed acquisition binge. Copley said that some of the proceeds would go toward settling the estate of the late Helen Copley. That suggested that luck might have been involved in the timing. Still, in hindsight, it was a home run with the bases loaded.

Then the company went down swinging on three pitches. In mid-2008, as the financial crisis billowed, it said it might sell the *U-T*. The deal was announced on March 18, 2009, and consummated May 4. On May 4, McClatchy stock was selling for 62 cents; Monday it was going for \$5.19.

A.H. Belo was at \$1.68 and Monday was at \$7.67. Lee Enterprises, owner of the North County Times, was at 64 cents and Monday was at \$3.68. E.W. Scripps was at \$1.89 and Monday was at \$9.04. Admittedly, the overall stock market took off on a liquidity-fueled toot in March of 2009, but newspaper stocks have risen far more rapidly than the general market. The conclusion is inescapable: Copley sold the *U-T* near the bottom of the newspaper market.

Now it is selling the contents of the Copley Library, along with the building itself at 1134 Kline Street, La Jolla. The collection is a magnificent one, containing such items as a broadside of the Declaration of Independence, worth perhaps \$800,000, and a letter from Abraham Lincoln to one of his generals, possibly worth \$700,000. Sotheby's will sell the items at four auctions beginning April 14 and ending a year later.

"A lot of people are hurt and angry" that the collection is leaving San Diego, says a La Jolla socialite, who thinks the contents should have been donated to a local institution. Prices for Americana are down about 30 percent now, "but that's not necessarily true for books and manuscripts," says an expert in the field. "Some of these items will bring huge, huge prices."

The library building in La Jolla was originally advertised for \$5.4 million as a possible home. "We're in escrow," says Rob Insinger of Prudential California Realty. The potential buyer "plans on using it for a library collection open to the public."

The company put its La Jolla headquarters building at 7776 Ivanhoe on the market last fall. The price has been reduced from \$11.5 million to \$9.85 million, says Mike Slattery of Cassidy Turley BRE Commercial. "Most people are looking at using some space for themselves and dividing it and remodeling for small tenants," he says.

The company is trying to

sell 22 acres next to the late Helen Copley's Foxhill estate for \$22 million. But it won't become a multihome development, says Greg Noonan of Prudential California Realty. "We would hope that we would find a buyer wanting a single parcel for a dream home or subdivide it into five or seven lots. There would be a tremendous amount of opposition if somebody wants to have density."

Does David Copley need the money? After all, his \$33 million yacht has a large staff. He is probably not hurting financially. He is remodeling Foxhill, and most think he has no intention of selling it.

Picture perfect

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or the voting machines.

During the February 2008 election, Karan tells me that he was twice threatened with arrest on grounds that he was trespassing when he was merely present with his camera at polling places. In one situation, he claims, poll workers indicated the registrar of voters had told them "to call the cops if this guy shows back up again." When two police officers arrived, Karan asked them on what grounds they planned to arrest him. He claims that one of them replied, "You know, I was thinking about that on the way over here. I pulled out my book, but I couldn't find anything. So I'm going to arrest you for whatever the registrar of voters tells me to arrest you for." After Karan asserted his right to be there, he says the officer asked, "Don't you think the registrar of voters knows better than you do?" "In this case, no," Karan says he told the officer prior to leaving the premises voluntarily. The appeals court's opin-

ion, however, accepted the registrar's version of events. It claims that prior to the February 2008 election, Dennis Floyd of the San Diego County Counsel's office had

explained to Karan that he would be able to use his camera if he weren't intimidating, or otherwise interfering with, people trying to vote. Karan was to alert Floyd when he was going to a polling place; Floyd would tell workers what Karan was doing and that it was permitted. Instead, according to the appeals court's opinion, Karan called Floyd to complain that "a precinct inspector was not allowing him to take photographs in the polling place and that the police had been called.... Floyd spoke with Karan and the officers, and then with the precinct inspector (Ms. Ritter), and learned Karan had attempted to debate his constitutional rights with Ritter (rather than calling Floyd to resolve any impasse), which was disrupting voters trying to enter to vote while Karan was lecturing Ritter on the law. Floyd told the poll workers and the officers that Mr. Karan would be allowed to photograph the documents he requested as long as it did not interfere with the voters. Thereafter, during a lull in the voting, Karan took pictures of the ballot box and log....

"Later that day, Karan visited a second polling station. He claimed that when he attempted to document the closing of the polling place, police were called and claimed he was trespassing, and that he avoided arrest by leaving the premises." The real reason the police were called, according to the registrar, was that Karan was bothering poll workers with constitutional questions and making it difficult for them to do their work.

This version of events suggests that the registrar was backing away from the policy to prevent photography in polling stations. Nevertheless, the courts, both superior and appellate, found the policy reasonable. They argued that the presence of someone









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taking pictures in the polling place could intimidate voters. But Karan insists that his only intention in using cameras in polling places is to document the security of the ballots. He understands, he says, that pointing a camera at people even before they enter to vote might very well scare them away. But he believes that taking pictures of poll workers doing their jobs and of their equipment is easily accomplished without intimidating voters.

The debate between Karan and the courts centered as well on whether polling stations are public places. The courts relied on a position established by the U.S. Supreme Court that the speech of election campaigners can be restricted within 100 feet of polling stations. That establishes

polling stations as nonpublic places. Thus, reasoned the appeals court, photography can be restricted within them too. Karan, however, argues that polling places are public places. Within them one finds the nonpublic voting booths in which voters are entitled to cast their ballots privately. Outside the booths, free speech reigns, including the use of cameras, as long as the expression does not amount to political campaigning.

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On the issues of sealing ballots and reconciling ballot and voter counts, the courts found that the registrar of voters already has in place procedures, training, and review that are adequate.

But Karan is disappointed that the courts seem "more interested in stability than voting transparency." He quotes a statement attributed to Joseph Stalin: "It is enough that the people know there was an election." ■

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in which the victim was struck in the head from behind, knocked to the ground and beaten.

According to police, two suspects punched and kicked the jogger in the head and stomach repeatedly before fleeing into the park on foot. The jogger called for help from her cell phone, and police arrived within minutes.

The San Diego Police Department's helicopter provided air support, searching the park and nearby canyon with no results. According to CVPD, the physical assault did not appear to be sexual. The victim was taken to the hospital for injuries.

> By Karina Hernandez Saturday, March 6

Bitter Grounds

Tainted Land to Prevent Construction?

Lemon Grove — "I have

found case law that establishes Caltrans liable for the contamination." writes Salvatore D'Anna in an email. D'Anna believes his discovery will put the brakes on Lemon Grove's plans to realign Lemon Grove Avenue and prevent the City from acquiring two large properties through eminent domain, one of which is D'Anna's office.

The City encountered a speed bump when high levels of arsenic were found on one of the properties, a self-storage center on North Avenue. D'Anna says the City is withholding the fact that Caltrans was the previous owner of the tainted land, and Caltrans spread the arsenic by grading the area before selling it to the current owners.

In February, D'Anna wrote to Caltrans director Randell Iwasaki, explaining the situation: "The City of Lemon Grove has gone to great lengths to hide this environmental issue from Caltrans to avoid the risk of Caltrans denying their encroachment permit and has attempted to hide Caltrans' previous ownership of the property from the current owner in order to advance purchase negotiations of the property due to the cost of remediation."

Yet to hear back from Caltrans, D'Anna awaits the March 19 court date and hopes that he and his neighbors will not be forced to vacate their properties for what he calls an "unnecessary realignment project."

> By Dorian Hargrove Saturday, March 6

Nightmare Over?

Orchard Run Residential Project Approved

Valley Center — When Craig Johnson moved to Valley Center in 1978, he could see only seven lights from the ridge on Chaparral Terrace. "Now there are hundreds," he said.

On March 5, he and about 100 other Valley



Valley Center residents consider

Center residents attended a meeting of the San Diego **Planning Commission to** protest a site plan submitted by developer John **Belanich for the Orchard** Run residential project.

The project sits on 118 acres off Betsworth Road and includes 177 homes and two recreation centers.

According to Lael Montgomery, chairwoman of the Valley Center Design Review Board, the project has a "suburban cookiecutter design" and "destroys the natural topography with artificial 'wedding cake' grading."

Final approval hinged on the trails, which residents will use. Belanich said a public trail would involve a liability that he would "rather not get into." When asked if he'd be willing to pay for one, he said, "I will pay for a public trail on the condition that we end this nightmare of continuances."

At the end of the threehour meeting, the commission approved the site with conditions. Among other conditions, the landscaping plan must be reconciled to the current list of "invasive species" and any future trails will be designed to connect to existing and future trails.

By Craig Vansant Saturday, March 6

Don't Mess with Karate Guys

Tae Kwon Do President Busts Crooked Cops

Tijuana — Four municipal cops have been arrested for robbing the president of an international Tae

Kwon Do organization who was in town to preside over a championship contest.

Korean Kim Chum Ku was traveling in a taxi two blocks west of Avenida Revolución on Tuesday evening at around 9:30, near the nightclub district, when the cab was pulled over by two squad cars. The officers pulled Ku out of the cab and demanded to see his immigration papers, then allegedly removed his billfold and took \$500, 300 euros, and 100 Canadian dollars.

Ku filed a complaint with city authorities, and with the support of local sports organizations and his cab driver, the four officers were identified and arrested.

Sources: El Segunda, Frontera

> By T.B. Beaudeau Saturday, March 6

North Party

Neighbors Organize to Halt Influx of Bars

North Park — "We're not baking cookies, and we're not brewing coffee here, either, we're reaching out and we're mobilizing," says North Park resident Don Leichtling.

Leichtling grows animated as he explains the **North Park Residential** Improvement District that he and neighbors formed to address concerns over crowded residential streets caused by business parking and large clubs and hars.

Ever since True North opened in February 2009, Leichtling has been roused from sleep in the middle of the night to find revelers urinating on his bushes or sleeping on the hood of his SUV. One night, Leichtling woke up to a couple getting it on on the front lawn.

Leichtling and the 40 or so members of the Residential Improvement District are wasting no time

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trying to stop the influx of bars and clubs to the neighborhood. "We have got almost a hundred protests against the [True North Micro-Brewery] and almost the same for the Urban Pizza/Bar."

On Friday, March 5, Leichtling and a couple of neighbors will meet with a representative from councilmember Todd Gloria's office. Two weeks later, Leichtling hopes to meet with Jennifer Hill, administrator for San Diego's branch of the Alcohol Beverage Control, and representatives from the city's **Police Department.**

> By Dorian Hargrove Thursday, March 4

Bad News Rising

City Projects \$11.2M **Budget Shortfall**

San Diego — At a March 3 meeting, representatives from the city's Financial **Management Department** presented the fiscal year 2010 Mid-Year Budget **Monitoring Report.**

"General fund projections are currently projected to have a year-end shortfall of 11.2 million dollars." said financial manager Angela Colton.

Despite saving \$16.5 million in department expenditures due to position vacancies, a \$42.8 million gap between revenues and city department expenditures remains. To help bridge the gap, the city plans to use \$31.5 million in "carry-forward appropriations" from previous years, money that was set aside for ongoing city contracts but was never used.

Independent budget analyst Andrea Tevlin predicts a much greater budget shortfall for next fiscal year. Tevlin says that rough estimates from her office indicate that the \$15 million revenue deficit suggested by the mayor's office is closer to \$30 million.

"We're in disagreement

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on that, but this is very early," said Tevlin. "If you take the [Annual Required Contribution1 and our revenue projections, we're looking at a 45 million dollar deficit for 2011."

> By Dorian Hargrove Wednesday, March 3

Rapist(s) on the Rampage?

Two Recent Rape **Reports in College Area** SDSU — Two reports of rape have the community surrounding the SDSU campus a little on edge.

On Sunday at approximately 1:00 a.m., a female reported to police that she had been able to evade an attempted rape. The woman — who occupied a residence off-campus near 55th Street and Mary Lane — said that a male suspect broke into her home and tried to rape her. The victim said that she was able to escape and the perpetrator got away in a white pickup truck.

The perpetrator was described as a Hispanic male, 26 to 30 years old, 5'4" with a stocky build, wearing a gray sweatshirt, blue jeans, and black boots.

Later that morning, just after 3:00 a.m., another female victim reported that she had been raped at an off-campus party. The location of the assault was less than a mile east of the first incident, also off-campus, near Montezuma Road and 64th Street.

> By Nathaniel Uy Thursday, March 4

Scratched and Jailed

Deputies Catch Rapist at Jack in the Box

Chula Vista — Sheriff's deputies arrested a Spring Valley rape suspect on February 27 in Chula Vista.

At around 6:45 a.m., deputies responded to an "unknown trouble" 911 call in Spring Valley and found a hysterical 43-yearold woman at the home. She said she had just been raped by an acquaintance and, in fighting him off, had scratched his face.

The deputies began an investigation and discovered the suspect had given the woman a false identity, but they obtained a description of his pickup truck.

At 3:50 p.m., the deputies spotted Jose Luis Covarruibias, 46, driving along East Frontage Drive. They followed him to the Jack in the Box and blocked his truck so he couldn't escape. Officers noticed fresh scratch marks on his face and took him into custody without incident.

By Craig Vansant Tuesday, March 2

The Beverly Hillbullies?

Trib Owners Face Labor Practice Charges

Mission Valley — The Graphic Communications Conference (GCC) of the Teamsters, the union representing some of the covered employees at the San Diego Union-Tribune, filed an unfair-labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C., on February 24.

The grievance details how union members were allegedly photographed and threatened while handing out leaflets in front of the Beverly Hills headquarters of Platinum Equity, the parent company of the Union-Tribune.

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According to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the paper's management has refused to bargain fairly with the workers and their union. The *U-T* employees represented by the GCC have already been forced to take a 12 percent pay cut and have been working without a contract for the past nine months.

By Steve Horvath Tuesday, March 2

The Hippies Win One

Town to Reduce Coast
Highway 101 Lanes
Leucadia — On Friday, February 19, a San Diego
County superior court judge
dismissed a defamation
of character lawsuit against
the Encinitas Chamber of
Commerce.

The chamber's former CEO, Gary Tucker (also the former owner of the downtown 7-Eleven on Coast Highway), filed the lawsuit. Though the case was dismissed, it is just the latest bad publicity for the chamber.

The biggest bombshell came last month, upon the city council's approval



More roundabouts like this to be built in Leucadia

of a controversial plan to alter Coast Highway 101 through Leucadia. Under Tucker's leadership, the chamber had opposed the plan on the grounds that it would damage businesses. The Leucadia 101 Main Street Association (a quasi-chamber of commerce) was intent on turning Coast Highway 101 into a reduced-traffic, bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly, art-infused, curbside din-

At last month's council meeting, the newer leadership of the chamber reversed its previous position and came out in favor of the plan to reduce the northbound lanes to one lane, install five roundabout traffic circles, and increase bike lanes by eliminating some parking spaces. The plan will take

ing "village."

ten years to fund fully and implement. As one Highway 101 merchant put it, "It looks like the hippies in Leucadia have finally won one."

> By Ken Harrison Tuesday, March 2

Killer Whale Watch

Trainer Interaction at Shamu Show Cut Mission Beach — Following last week's death of a trainer by a killer whale at SeaWorld Orlando, I followed the news to see weekend plans for months to come.)
Midweek, the park announced that the "Believe" show would reopen on Saturday, February 27, but with a major change — the trainers would not be entering the

water with the orcas.

how SeaWorld San Diego

would be impacted. (As

the parent of a Shamu-

obsessed toddler and an

annual-pass holder, the

news could change my

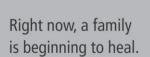
At the 5:00 p.m. show, trainer-to-whale contact had been chopped to a minimum. During what I call the "slow dance" - in which a female trainer swims (or, rather, used to swim) with one of the whales while a soft, weirdly romantic eco-ballad plays - one of the smaller whales performed the dance solo while her trainer provided direction from the center stage.

Even the penultimate act of the show — in which a child from the audience is introduced to Shamu had been whittled down to a nearly meaningless interaction. From behind one of the enormous glass buttresses that form the front of the stage, the child gave a few sample trainer moves for the animal to follow. Then the girl curtsied to the audience after experiencing little more than anybody sitting in the front row could have experienced.

To the revised show's credit, the finale featured something that I'd never seen: four whales doing synchronized breaches, flips, and jumps.

By Mark Shiflett Tuesday, March 2

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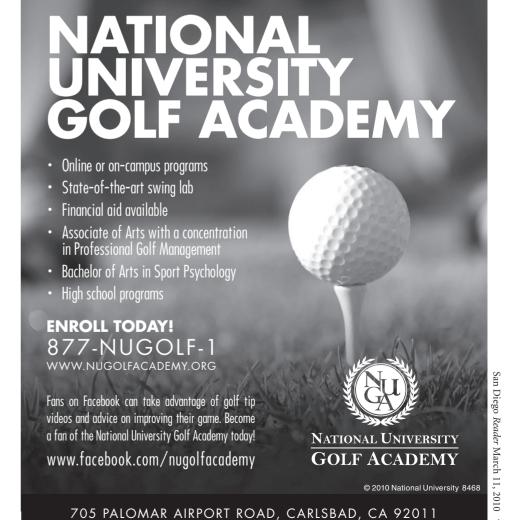
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Podder's Pride

Ms. Rejas's ("Filipino Rules,"

Cover Story, March 4) "podder" must be gloating with bragging rights for having a daughter who single-handedly made fun of her family, her upbringing, and her culture in one lame article in the Reader. And here I am, always thinking that having a son as a senior human resources manager (Clorox), another as a mechanical engineer (Nav-FacEn), and a daughter who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy (class '99), who presently teaches at a Montessori school, is the way to be very proud of your children.

Ms. Rejas, follow the wish of your "podder" and be a

nurse or a nurse's helper. You'll never go far with journalism. Stop slighting and insulting Barbarella by copying her style! Ben Javier via email

Out There

Great job by Maecel Rejas on the cover story about her culture ("Filipino Rules," March 4). Not many have the guts to put themselves out there, and she certainly did that, and she can be proud of it. Having taken a cold bath in the Mexican culture over the last two decades, I related immediately to the difference between how I was brought up and how others are taught from an early age. I'm sure that she'll take criticism from her peers and fellow Filipinos and Filipinas, but her effort here should transcend these differences. Teach me what I don't understand, and I'll be better off for it. Fear of criticism keeps me ignorant, and I hope you'll take that criticism in exchange for my enlightenment. Thanks, Maecel. I loved it.

> David Alton Dodd via email

More, Please

What a great read ("Filipino Rules," March 4)! Thanks for putting it on the cover, as I read it right away. More stories from Maecel, please.

Ryan Velasco via email

Much Ado About Pittman

I have a comment on your puzzle page "Brainstorms" in the March 4 Reader. I think vou may have a mistake in here. You start out saying, "This is the word for 'word' in shorthand," and then you have something looks something like a number 2 written in penmanship, and then you say, "Armed with just that little bit of information, a person even totally unfamiliar with Gregg" blah blah blah. I don't think that's Gregg shorthand what you show there. I started to do the puzzle, and I took my late mother's Gregg shorthand textbook out for some help, and that looks nothing like the symbol for "word" in Gregg shorthand, at least the book I have here.

My mother went to high school and after that business school, from 1923 through about 1929. She said at that time they taught Pitman shorthand — the Gregg existed but the school she went to taught Pitman. But later in life she decided to study Gregg.

Anyway, I've got my mother's Gregg shorthand

book. It was printed in 1945, and it's the 1929 revision. The symbol they show for "word" is completely different from the thing you show in the Reader. You go from left to right: first you make a little loop that looks like the top half of the letter O, and at the right end of that loop you draw a stroke, a straight line going up from left to right at a 45-degree angle. It looks nothing like the thing you show in the *Reader.* The little loop is for wer and the straight line is for d and that's it. The symbol that you show is the Gregg symbol for "we will."

Name Withheld via voicemail

The hint that this was not really Gregg shorthand was the final line of the instructions: "No knowledge of shorthand is required. Take our word for it." — Editor

Too Much Mayoral Muscle

Great story by Don Bauder about how the mayor fired Scott Kessler, a department head who wouldn't break the law to follow the mayor's orders ("Too Much Conflict," "City Lights," March 4). The department head is suing the City for retaliation against him.

The lawsuit shows the huge powers the mayor has under the strong mayor system, namely, awarding contracts and getting rid of employees who tell him that the contract is illegal. Quoting the lawsuit (page 4), "Mayor Sanders' office instructed Plaintiff to 'bend contracting rules' in violation of San Diego Municipal Code."

The suit also says that Kessler was told the mayor could not trust him because he cooperated with lawenforcement officers from the police department and the FBI.

I will vote against the June ballot measure to make the strong mayor system permanent. Too much power for one individual.

> Melvin Shapiro Hillcrest

The Free Stooges

Don Bauder's "Too Much Conflict" ("City Lights," March 4) emphasizes Li Mandri's Italian background. No mention is made of the Jewish background of other key players in this conflict. It is an indisputable fact that the only ethnic group in the United States that is not protected from lies, stereotypes, and hatemongering is the Italian Americans. Bigoted morons in the New York-Hollywood media, as well as their little stooges in San Diego's bankrupt media, including you, the Reader, simply do not want to get this message. Whatever the facts are, somehow the FBI, which has a number of homosexuals in

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MEDIA HAWK

by Moss Gropen



"Blame me," says comedian "Jiggaboo Jones" regarding race relations at UCSD.

Given the amount of ink — virtual and otherwise — flying around San Diego media-land these days, one might think that World War III had broken out at UCSD. The online NBC San Diego headline of February 19 blared, "Racial Tensions Boil at UCSD." Similar headlines could be seen on the news websites of San Diego's various other channels — 6, 8, and 10 — as well as on SignOnSanDiego, the Union-Tribune, and other local fonts of info. They showed the heat — but did they shed any light?

According to the dispatches coming from the usually sleepy campus, this exacerbation of tension (such as it existed) came about when a handful of black students learned of a black-themed, off-campus bash — dubbed the "Compton Cookout" by its hosts — which took place on February 13. Outraged by a ghetto-style costume party that they felt "mocked" Black History Month, a contingent of

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students launched into loud protests. When the Koala aired a show defending the party on the student-run campus television station, the protesters — ranks augmented by black "activists" from San Diego City College and other places — grew even more strident. Responding to pressure, the administration shut down the station, conducted a campus teach-in, and acceded to a laundry list of demands (including free tutoring) from the Black Student Union.

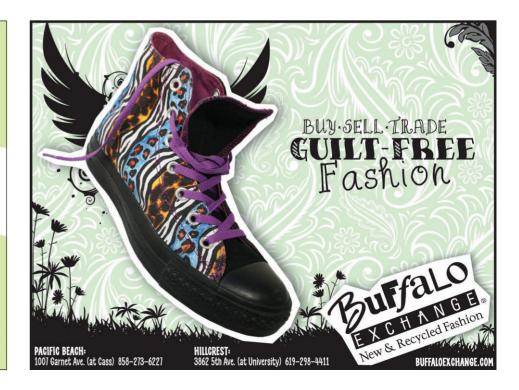
Before long, photos of angry black students, predictable condemnation from chancellor Marve Anne Fox and politicians, as well as tales of outrage and cries of insensitivity, racism, and stereotypes were all there, and then some. And after a noose was found hanging from a bookcase on the seventh floor of the Geisel Library, hundreds of black radicals and supporters were in no mood to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, preferring instead to stage a '60s-style takeover of the chancellor's office. (The everdeferential Fox was forced out of her office for several hours but declined to call the police.) But despite — perhaps because of — the extensive local (not to mention national) coverage, neither the hard facts nor their implications have become clear. To that end, J.W. August, managing editor of Channel 10 news, says, "Tread carefully. Perhaps people are being played here."

Whether or not local news organizations have been manipulated (willingly or otherwise), they seem to be playing fast and loose with the facts, at times "shading" their accounts to the cusp of distortion. To cite one

example, several online articles gave the distinct impression that the Compton Cookout — characterized by a fulminating few as archly insensitive — was organized by, and attended solely by, UCSD Greeks. Pi Kappa Alpha, the frat singled out for withering charges of racism, while admitting that some of its members may have been involved in the off-campus event, stated that the Cookout was simply a theme party attended by some fraternity brothers, along with many others. That version was seconded by Perette Godwin, a reporter for KSWB Fox 5, who says that it remains murky just how many people attended the urban dress-up, where the muchmaligned soiree was held, or even whether most of the partiers were actually UCSD students. (Godwin says that, from her journalistic perspective, it has been the furor over the party — and not the party itself — that has made this a compelling story.) Judging by their dispatches from the front, other local reporters have been much less circumspect.

Arguably, the missing details — omitted intentionally, it appears — constitute an even more egregious journalistic failure than the (somewhat) subtler shading. Those who dig a little deeper (or happen to read *CityBeat* or the *Union-Tribune* or listen to Roger Hedgecock's show) may have discovered that the impresario of the Compton Cookout — the man who, arguably, has sullied the reputation of this seaside mecca for hard-core scientists, this nice, liberal University of California campus where hateful thoughts are banished to the most remote synapses — is





BLACK! Yes, it's true; even a cursory visit to his website — barring the most sinister of Photoshop alterations — reveals that the chap behind the party is certifiably African American, an internet comedian who calls himself "Jiggaboo Jones" and claims the title of "The Number One Nigger in America." Yet neither R. Stickney nor Michelle Wayland — who posted stories online for NBC San Diego — deemed Jones's name or race important enough to merit mention. Indeed, the duo reacted defensively when questioned about the omissions, as well as the (media-wide) use of the term "mock." One might argue that "mock" implies something different from "lampoon," "parody," or "satirize," more neutral terms that might have been used — but weren't — to describe the February 13 party of newly

minted lore. Perhaps it all comes down to the proverbial goring of oxen, but for his part, Jiggaboo is laughing all the way to the checkcashing store.

Jones and his website are nothing if not self-parody — an overthe-top celebration (some would say exploitation) of black, inner-city customs. Still, when he issued a YouTube response to the university and its fellow PC travelers, he seemed earnest enough; with tongue only partly in cheek, the otherwise affable Jones savaged the news media and the hypersensitive protesters. Defending the partygoers — the much-maligned frater-

nity, in particular — he said that the Cookout was, in essence, an innocent frolic whose primary purpose was to hype his latest DVD release.

Accusing local media of wielding the "race card" and making "something out of nothing," Jones characterized the Cookout as a costume party for those seeking a small taste of life in the 'hood. "If you wasn't black, you could be black...put some shoe polish on...be an honorary 'N-word' for the event.... It was not racist; there was nothing racist about it.... It was like Halloween but it wasn't October." Seemingly eager to fall on his sword,

Jones also declared, "You want to blame somebody, blame me.... Don't be gettin' mad at these people that just had a good time.... Pi Kappa Alpha didn't have nothin' to do with that.... Get your facts straight.... To the news people, you know, you guys need to do a lot more fact-checking.... You trying to start a race riot."

The voluble impresario, by way of assuring viewers of his ghetto provenance, launched into a spoken résumé; he testified to a genuine Compton gangsta lineage, boasting, among other things, that several years back he'd served time in "the pen." He also added, "There were no black people hung at the event. Nobody was beaten up.... Everybody had a good time. The police weren't called.... Nobody got robbed, nobody got shot, nobody got stabbed."

> Jones may have had a good time (not to mention a flurry of hits on his website and orders for his DVDs), but the UCSD administration was less than amused. Neatly sidestepping any First Amendment issues — which were given conspicuously short shrift by the media — they promptly announced that they would investigate. Follow-ups by reporters, expected questions about little details like freedom of speech, were

Putting aside the reporters' glaring lack of journalistic detachment (i.e., their zeal to join, rather than report on, the braying chorus), it seems they also found a pack of white devils (just as national news organizations did in the

Duke lacrosse team) to lash with that blackest of contemporary opprobrium: racism. No one in the local fourth estate has acquitted himself exceptionally well (at least on the record), but of all the offenders, Channel 6 news has possibly been the most egregious, to wit: their February 24 online coverage of the teach-in was titled "Battle Against Hate" and placed next to a handy link, "Join the Battle Against Hate," which led to the official UCSD website.

Why was a key detail — the fact that an African American comedian was a moving force behind the



NBC website included stories that didn't mention Jones's name

event — its star, no less — omitted by TV stations? Was the intent to preserve a false black-white dichotomy the disturbing implication that this teapot tempest, this campus kerfuffle, arose from an act of profound animus rather than a college party lark? Who knows perhaps it was just slipshod reporting, the sort of coverage that shouldn't pass muster in a high school newspaper. As one might expect, blog posters have weighed in with their own interpretations of partiers, protesters, and campus politics. Some, such as "Kyle," posting on the San Diego News Network site, have noted the irony inherent in UCSD's efforts to muzzle some voices on campus. "Colleges used to champion free speech. Now it seems only pc speech is free." Still others, citing intrinsic comedic possibilities, have recommended a more lighthearted response to the Cookout brouhaha.

On the Channel 8 message board, someone with the handle of "Student of the Month" suggested, "We students should have a party, dress like chancellor chicks and talk loud and demanding like administrators. We could wear gold chains and expensive Nordstrom clothes and drive up in Mercedes and BMWs [and] eat a bucket o' caviar."



Marye Anne Fox offers predictable condemnation

Endangered Runaways



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BACK WHEN in the Reader

Thirty-Five Years Ago

There are other, larger reasons for the existence of sailing clubs, of course. For one thing, they provide a social refuge for old families steadily assaulted by Southern California's percolating nouveau riche. If one can't avoid these bothersome new rich at the

Cuyamaca Club or the University Club, at least the San Diego Yacht Club, for example, provides some sort of filter.

— "SAILING IN SAN DIEGO," Jerry Rush, March 13, 1975

Thirty Years Ago

Lynn H. at Security Pacific UTC. I'm glad you're back! You're incredibly attractive! By the way, are you single? Non-lecherous, non-geriatric male admirer.

SUSAN at San Diego Trust and Savings:

Where oh where are you? Money doesn't matter, but people count. I need you to count my money. Mike.

Reader

— CLASSIFIEDS, March 13, 1980

Twenty-Five Years Ago

At twelve dollars per month, basic cable service in the City of San Diego is a bargain. Since 1979, Cox and Southwestern cable companies have increased their monthly fees at about one-half the consumer price index and neither firm has asked for a general rate hike. But this apparent fiscal restraint isn't due to corporate kindness or the pressures of competition in San Diego, the nation's largest cable market.

The deterrent to hefty price increases is a city ordinance that gives the city council power to approve or deny rate hikes proposed by Cox and Southwestern. The firms must petition for fee increases and submit a complete accounting which reveals everything from advertising, promotion, and legal fees to taxes, depreciation, and net income.

— "THE INSIDE STORY," Paul Krueger, March 14, 1985

Twenty Years Ago

Most shoppers would agree that "failure" is an appropriate description for La Jolla Village Square, which perches on a hillside in the Golden Triangle. Too many of the mall's 60 storefronts are vacant, several of its shops clash with La Jolla's tony image (one store specializes in motivational tapes; another advertises cosmic matchmaking), and the mall's main promenade is often so devoid of shoppers that, in the words of one store

owner, "you can rollerskate through there backwards and not hit anyone."

— CITY LIGHTS: "SQUARE NEEDS ANOTHER ANGLE," Paul Krueger, March 15, 1990

Fifteen Years Ago

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The people who grow the flowers overlook-

ing the freeway in Carlsbad did something last spring that diverged from San Diego floricultural tradition: they encouraged the public to come onto the growing grounds. An estimated 125,000 people responded between March and early May of 1994, and upon many of them the ranunculus flowers cast an eerie spell. According to one of the women who sold

San Diego Reader, March 9, 2000 bouquets there, a

steady stream of

mentally disturbed individuals were drawn to the site. "They would just sit and look and when they left, they seemed a lot calmer." — "GOD'S DIRT," Jeannette De Wyze, March 9, 1995

Ten Years Ago

It's the stuff of urban legend, like sharks swimming through city sewers: the dead catfish delivered to the Reader offices on India Street the day after the paper featured "Are the Padres Married to the Mob?" The story linked Padres team owners Larry Lucchino and John Moores to ex-felon Jay Emmett.

Q. In what were the fish wrapped?

Heavy brown butcher paper. The package weighed approximately three pounds. A card on which the words "Thank You" were embossed was attached to the butcher paper. This card was unsigned. Blood was leaking through the paper.

- CITY LIGHTS: "FISHY DELIVERY," Matt Potter, March 9, 2000

Five Years Ago

Lost has fallen into the same trap as Gilligan's Island. If the cast is rescued, the show is over. If the show continues, the writers have to make three square miles of sand and coconut trees interesting. I'll watch this show again when they construct a car and radio out of materials found on the beach.

— REMOTE CONTROL KING, Ollie, March 10, 2005

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

When I turn on the faucet, the rush of water makes me have a painful urge to urinate, and I mean physically. It feels as if I'm going to wet my pants if I don't run to the bathroom fast. I suppose it just happens to some people: it happened to my mother, but it doesn't happen to my wife. What causes that?

— Bob, via email

Ya know when you go into the doctor's office and you ask a question that's been boring into your brain and keeping you up nights, and you really, really need an answer, and you go into big detail when you ask it so doc has all the info she needs, and you finish asking and look expectantly into her eyes, and all she does is look out the window and hem and haw and blow you off and gradually change the subject? Well, if you haven't had it happen to you before, Bob, you have now. Staff quack Dr. Doctor, our consultant, can be his own personal trauma case when he wants to be. We didn't bother to resus-

So, Bob, you have what urologists would call urge incontinence, the sudden onset of a mean urge to pee. Lotsa, lotsa triggers for it, including hearing/drinking water, putting a key in your front door lock, plus some true medical problems. We'll stick with the behavioral ones.

citate him. We'll just try to patch up the wounds

and do our best.

After extracting a couple of Dr. Doctor's eyeteeth, we got him to guess that your pee attack is learned. Mebby the sound of tinkling water sounds like the sound of tinkling. Or could be that Mother Bob taught little Bobby to pee in the pot, not in the diaper, by running tap water. A common Mom trick. (Key-in-thelock urgency might come from a built-up habit of going to the bathroom as soon as you go in the front door.) Of course, if you don't have a diagnosable medical explanation for the source of your pee panic, most doctors will hem and haw and look out the window and change the subject. I hope you appreciated our going out on a diagnostic limb for you.

So, if your situation is behavioral, not medical, then we need a behavioral solution. Nine out of ten doctors recommend biofeedback conditioning to regain bladder control. Deconditioning you to the running-water trigger might take a while, but if this pee predicament is embarrassing or a pain in the — um — well,

check in with a urologist, who can probably fix you right up.

Hey, Matthew:

Ducks in a row. My boss said we need to have all our ducks in a row on this new project. There ain't no ducks in our new

> project. So, why would he say this? Where did he get this "ducks in a row" idea? We can't ask him, since that will make him think we're not as smart as he thinks we are, and that might get us sent down to the mailroom. And what else can we put in a row that will make our boss happy so we don't have to go out and buy ducks?

— The Office, via email

Good thinking on that no-ducks business. We sent the elves out back to see if they could line up some ducks, and it was pretty much a fail-

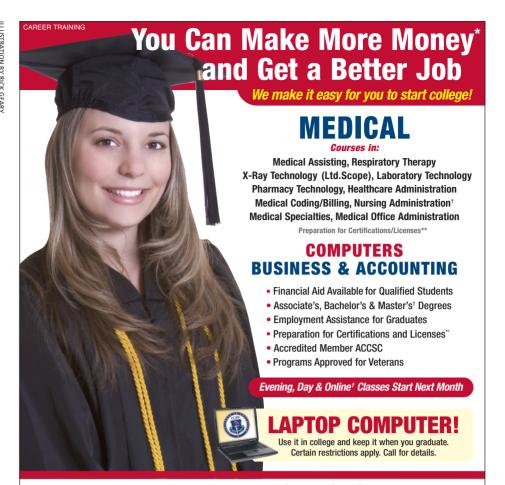
ure. Lotsa flapping and quacking and ducks breaking ranks. We even tried to lure them to line up with a row of corn kernels, but apparently they aren't as dumb as they look. Or as hungry. Whatever.

Unfortunately, we can put all our word wizards in the same cubicle as you guys. They're pantsing and dope slapping each other to see which speculative answer to this question is the winner. They all agree that the first print reference located so far is from a Virginia newspaper in 1910. But that means the expression was probably well known in conversation by the general populace long before.

One wizard squadron is sure it's from the game of pool; a "duck" is a ball sitting right at the edge of a pocket, ready to be drained. "Ducks in a row" are more than one duck ready for dunking. Squad deux is sure it's from the carnival shooting game in which ducks neatly in a row are the targets. Group tres will go to the mat for the idea that it's from mom duck leading a row of babies. This doesn't sound bad, since having one's ducks in a row means having all your facts squared away and organized in a logical, convincing order. While the wizards thumb-wrestle for supremacy, we'll leave you with those choices. As for what you can line up for your boss instead of ducks, try stacks of cash.

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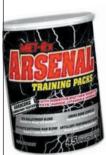
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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Hot Off the Griddle



REI camp kitchen as shown on rei.com

et's see if I can reconstruct the fantasy I was operating under. It starts with a friend of mine, Philip Burns (landscape architect, retired Cal professor, Harvard Ph.D.), and a book he praised, Up and Down California in 1860-1864; The Journal of William H. Brewer, originally published in 1930.

Granted, not a grabber of a title. Brewer was teaching chemistry at a Pennsylvania college when he took a job working for Josiah Whitney, California's first state geologist. The California legislature had authorized Whitney "...to make an accurate and complete Geological Survey of the State, and to furnish maps and diagrams thereof, with a full and scientific description of the rocks, fossils, soils, and minerals, and of its botanical and zoological productions, together with specimens of the same."

The journal opens in New York City as Brewer prepares to board the North Star. It's October 21, 1860, James Buchanan is president, the Union is whole.

Brewer spent the following four years walking up and down California, a 14,000mile outing. Since he stayed with families or camped out almost every day while on the trail, readers enjoy an unfiltered look at the people and the land as they were 150 years

For Philip, the journal was an inspiration. He and a friend hiked the High Sierra, retracing Brewer's route and camping at his campsites. Philip has been hiking in the woods for decades. Over time, his hikes got longer and more companions joined in. Lately, its pack mules, riding six days in from a trailhead, or climbing to 12,000 feet, frolicking with blizzards, altitude sickness, the whole deal. He usually goes for two weeks in the fall and two weeks in the spring. "I have to have this."

Philip is camp cook when he's hiking with cohorts. He says he cooks in selfdefense because he's unable to abide his friends' gruel. Since I have lunch at Philip's

house most Thursdays, I can testify that he has a genius for making uncomplicated meals that taste impossibly delicious.

So, back to the fantasy I was operating under. We have inspirational Brewer journal, a serious wilderness hiker/camp cook, and your servant who's been eating Philip lunches for years. What could be more logical, then, for me to take a backcountry cooking class from REI? Nothing, that's what.

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It's \$40 for members, \$60 for the multitude. I'm an REI member. I register. Now, the thing about fantasy is that when it's working on you, you're not fully aware of it; it's just a soft buzz around your ears. You experience an urge to do something. You don't ask why. I go into class with camp cooking skills of peanut butter sandwich, cheese sandwich, and peanut butter and cheese sandwich. I expect to leave as a high-strung, gourmet campfire cook, prepared to shock and awe Philip at our next lunch.

There are only three people in class today. I shake hands with an REI employee I'll call Jim. He's tall, slender, mid-30s, wirv athletic build, and brown hair. We four head toward a stout wooden picnic table loaded with cooking gear and bags of food. The class runs four hours. This is what I learned:

I learned that food that would ordinarily be left out on the curb for homeless people probably tastes great in camp. It's buy a bag of dehydrated or freeze-dried sludge at Albertsons, boil water, pour boiling water into plastic pouch of sludge, wait a few minutes and...bon appetit! Most of the dehydrated/freeze-dried food on our picnic table was not made for backpacking but for mom and the family at home, which is disturbing, learning that people are eating this and going to work the next day.

I learn there are three different kinds of tiny stoves. The tiny canister stove, the tiny liquid-fuel stove, and I forget what the third tiny stove was.

We three students prepare a meal using the three different types of tiny stoves. I select the Pesto Salmon Pasta with the tiny canister stove. I successfully boil water, pour it into the Pesto Salmon Pasta plastic pouch, and seal. Jim goes with the Betty Crocker Blueberry Muffin Mix/Simply Add Water.

Everything tasted goopy and sugary, but it was warm. I should say, the handsdown favorite of the afternoon was the always reliable stick of salami and hard cheese. That was gobbled down in a flash.

fast break

By Anthony Gentile



Lincoln players bust a move after winning the Division II title

Division I: El Camino vs Rancho Bernardo

Posted March 7, 2010

The sixth-seed Broncos completed an unlikely title run with a 64-55 win over fifth-seed and defending champion El Camino on Saturday night at the University of San Diego.

COMMENTS

The 15-4 run [to open the game] pretty much decided the game. Not at the time, of course, but looking back, RB gained momentum from that run that lasted them the rest of the way. They took several high-percentage shots, open three-pointers or layups into contact, and made the most of free-throw opportunities. El Camino did not play much help-side defense, committed too many bad fouls, and had a hard time getting the offense going. RB plays a smart brand of basketball and they deserved to win.

By Broncosdynasty24, Mar 7, 2010

Division III: Mount Miguel vs La Jolla

Posted March 6, 2010

Mount Miguel guard Harry Brazelton sank the first of three free-throws at the end of regulation to give the first-seed Matadors a controversial 47-46 win over third-seed La Jolla on Saturday at the University of San Diego. He was sent to the line after being fouled shooting a three-pointer as time expired by La Jolla forward Jack Latta.

COMMENTS

If you slow down the replay enough, it's apparent that Latta only got the ball before time expired. Given that he clearly got the ball first, the body contact should have been a wash. All that information is very hard to process in a split second for the referees. Regardless, Coach Assaf said it best. You learn that freshman year of HS basketball to never foul a jump-shooter, especially with the game on the line.

By Broncosdynasty24, Mar 7, 2010

Division IV: Francis Parker vs Horizon

Posted March 6, 2010

After falling short three of the last four seasons in the Division IV title game, Francis Parker finally broke through. The third-seed Lancers controlled the tempo to beat ninth-seed Horizon 59-53 on Saturday at the University of San Diego.

COMMENTS

Nice coverage of the GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

What? Are you a Helix teacher and told to stay away from the girls? Or are you just a sexist bastard?

UGH!

By YoureAnIdiot, Mar 6, 2010

Division II: Hoover vs Lincoln

Posted March 5, 2010

Leading by 16 at the start of the fourth quarter, Lincoln (25-2) withstood a late Hoover rally. The Cardinals started the final quarter on a 13-2 run to cut the Hornets' lead to single digits but couldn't get any closer than seven down the stretch. The loss was the Cardinals' first all season to a San Diego team.

Hoover head coach Ollie Goulston said. "We made a lot of mistakes, and we deserve what we

Division V: Foothills Christian vs Maranatha Christian

Posted March 5, 2010

Foothills Christian led by as much as 26 in the fourth quarter on their way to the victory. The 22-point win was by far the most decisive of their four consecutive titles.



Foothills Christian center Jvonte Brooks and Maranatha Christian center Chen Cai jockey for position under the basket on an inbounds pass

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Drop your drawers, Patrick," I called to my husband as I arrived home from grocery shopping. "It says here on this flyer that Dr. Kelly Austin is offering vitamin B12 shots at the La Mesa Henry's. Says these shots will help with weight loss, increase energy, and boost the immune system. I aim to get you stuck."

Patrick grumbled sleepily and confessed that he could stand to feel better (and thinner). Plus, he recalls his grandmother talking about getting vitamin B shots, and he's a sucker for old-time remedies. But needles make him nervous, so I gave Dr. Austin a call before Patrick headed over to the store.

Dr. Austin (858-

705-1727; nhealth.ca) is a naturopathic doctor. "I'm a primary-care physician," she explains, "but I also have training with nutritional herbs and acupuncture." When she sets up at Henry's, she says, "I go through a medical history with the person to make sure there are no possible drug interactions though there are very few reasons why someone couldn't take B12. After that, we decide which shot would be best and work out a schedule. Most people do a shot a week for the first month, just to get a couple of shots into the system as a loading dose. Then two or four times a month after

Patrick had whined about the shot and just taking a pill, so I asked about that. "When you take B supplements orally, you lose quite a large portion of the vitamin through the digestive process. With a shot, you get 100 percent of the vitamin put right into the bloodstream — the full dose. And while you urinate an oral supplement out within 24 hours, the half-life of an injectable supplement is seven to nine days. Finally, after the age of 60, your ability to absorb B12 that is taken orally starts to decrease. At that point, it's good to get a shot once a month or so. Also, the shot is good for vegetarians, since B12 is found only in animal products."

So...about those benefits. We started with B12 (\$20). "Most medical doctors tend to use cyanocobalamin, which is a synthetic form of the vitamin that's less expensive and really stable. It's great for preventing and treating anemia. It's also good for boosting the metabolism, which aids in weight loss and energy levels. Most people who come to me for the

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B12 shots are looking for those sorts of results. It's great for athletes who are training for a race."

Austin also offers B12 methylcobalamin (\$30). "I get it compounded for me — there are no preservatives. It offers all the bene-

fits of cyanocobalamin, but the additional compound methyl means that it can

pass the blood-brain barrier. It helps with moods — depression, anxiety, and stress. And studies indicate that it can be helpful in preventing Alzheimer's and dementia."

Next, B6 (\$10, given in conjunction with a B12 shot for a total of \$30). "This one is a powerful anti-inflammatory. It helps with arthritis symptoms and aids when athletes are recovering and sore. And it's good for women who experience bad PMS symptoms because cramps are caused from excess prostaglandin in the system, and B6 helps reduce prostaglandin production. It also helps with PMS mood swings. I have women who come in for a shot a few days

Austin adds that "the B12 plus B6 combination is really good for weight loss, for two reasons. First, it curbs your appetite.

before each period."

Second, they're both key factors in the Krebs cycle, which basically makes energy for your body. It's like throwing fuel on the fire."

Finally, there's the B12 plus B1 (also \$30). "This is good if you drink alcohol a great deal — if you're drinking to get drunk every weekend or using alcohol longterm." Alcohol depletes the body's supply of B1, she said, "and if you have a B1 deficiency, you can develop a disease known as beriberi, which impedes balance. You may wind up having headaches or getting tingling in your hands and feet."

Some drugs, many of them prescription, strip B12 out of the system. "The biggest depleters are birth-control pills, antidepressants, and drugs that lower stomach acid, such as Pepcid and Zantac."

Dr. Austin appears at Henry's stores throughout San Diego County.

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by Barbarella

The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.

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uh. I never thought about it like that." The others paused in a conversation they were having about cocktails and looked my way. I pointed to the giant book on the table before me. "Nit-picking is actually picking *nits*. And nits are lice eggs. Ew."

"Did I call it or did I call it?!" said Kimberly. She rose from her seat, sashayed to my side, and turned to show me her back. "Go on, pat it," she said. "I totally called it. I *knew* you'd dig this book."

"You were right," I said, patting away. Satisfied, Kimberly went back to her seat. My eyes returned to the glossy pages of *Disease: The Extraordinary Stories Behind History's Deadliest Killers*, the book she'd set before me earlier in the evening. "American lice — rife but nice?" I read aloud. "I like that they're getting all poetic with it. But anything described as 'feeds on human blood' gives me the willies."

David glared at Kimberly in the most playful way a glare can be and said, "Thanks a *lot*." He turned to me and said, "Now are you just going to regale us with tales of disease and pestilence?"

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"You don't find any of this interesting?" I asked. David said no with a shake of his head. "Haven't you ever looked at horrific photos of medical maladies online? Skin diseases? Deformities?"

"Not intentionally," said David.

"Then there's something wrong with you," I said, despite my awareness that my curiosity for things that make me go *ew* was definitely more wrong than David's disinter-

Morbid Curiosity

est in disturbing imagery. Still. Inquisitiveness is human — we're seekers by nature. How else can I explain why I'm so fascinated by the bizarre?

The internet makes it so easy to satisfy my morbid curiosity. Once, during a routine morning surf through bookmarked news sites, I came across an article about a little girl with "mermaid syndrome" (she was born with her legs fused together). The article did not answer all the questions it raised, so I set about searching for more information. First, I looked at images — diagrams, X-rays, and photos of other babies with the rare congenital defect. Then I searched for specifics. What causes it? Decreased blood flow from the lower aorta in utero. How does the plumbing work for a "mermaid"? One hole for digestive tract and genitals. After uncovering each new detail, I took a moment to ponder the tribulations of the impaired.

As I continued to gawk at photos, I contemplated the word "defect" and all of its implications. Flawed, inadequate...a glitch in the system. The result of something gone wrong. My search eventually led me to images of a young Indian girl who was born with eight limbs. I shuddered as I read about the "headless conjoined twin" growing from between the girl's legs. I was

horrified and mesmerized at this anomaly and found myself thinking about the other person that almost was and the potential consciousness that had been "absorbed" by the stronger sibling.

In the little girl's culture, she is viewed as holy. Hindus apparently see human oddities as reincarnations of various gods, whose many limbs and eyes are regarded as assets. This girl was seen as the four-armed Vishnu. More recently, a child born with two faces and four eyes was considered to be a reincarnated Ganesha. I went through pages and pages of Google images to see every possible angle of those faces, wondering if all eyes blink at the same time, if both mouths eat, and if that weird dimple between the two faces was the absorbed one's belly button.

When I gaze at pictures of mutants, I can't help but appreciate my own normalcy and the reality that I am a by-product of a bazillion serendipitous flukes. The fact that I came into this world with the right number of limbs, that everything's in working order (give or take a few glitches...such as impaired vision), is sheer luck.

With mutations or descriptions and photos of death and disease, it's not that I want to look — it's that I can't *not* look. Even more intriguing than the symptoms of murderous epidemics is how small are their causes — it's the flea that carried the bubonic plague, the mosquito that carries malaria, the louse that carries typhus. And the real killers — the viruses and bacteria being carried — are even *smaller*.

"It's terrifying but also cool, you know?" I said, closing the book and returning my attention to the table, or, more specifically, my drink that was on the table.

"No, I don't know," said David.

"I think you do," I said before uttering the one word I knew would silence David and prove my point: "Cirque."

We'd just gone to see Kooza, the Cirque

du Soleil show currently set up in Del Mar — David had delighted in the terrifying-but-cool aerialists. "That's not the same kind of 'terrifying' you're talking about," David said.

"Oh, yeah? What about the contortionists?" I was referring to the act that had enchanted us both, in which three spandexclad women flowed over and around each other like golden liquid. "They had to be born with some kind of abnormal flexibility or double-jointedness or something," I said. "I guess they weren't terrifying so much as cool, but still — they classify as human oddity, right? And you enjoyed watching them. And those guys in that wheel-of-death thingy? That was totally scary. Your palms got wet, but you couldn't look away, could you? Face it," I said, "weird shit is fun to watch. It's different than our day-to-day. Anything that makes us go 'wow' is entertaining."

David grabbed the book and opened it randomly. "The feet were monstrous, covered with thick, yellowish crusts disposed in scales separated at intervals by deep ulcerated furrows from which oozed fetid, aqueous pus." When he'd finished reading the passage aloud, he looked up and settled his eyes on Kimberly. "See, I could have gone without knowing that," he said.

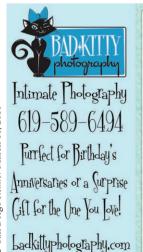
"But then you never would have known the side effects of elephantiasis," I said, peering over his shoulder. I made a mental note to search for pictures of elephantiasis.

Kimberly smirked at her husband Shawn, who, if his silence was any indication, had chosen to go Swiss on the issue. "I called it, didn't I?" she said to me.

"Oh, yeah," I responded. "You done good, girl."

David threw his hands up in exasperation and reached for his drink. "Just don't read any more of it to me," he said. But his request must not have registered because within moments I was pointing out the horrors of cholera and thanking my lucky stars that I have access to clean water.

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end of the narrow blue flag as it ripples in the

morning breeze that blows across the gopher-pocked

green of Lakeside's El Monte Park, which spreads out below the

brown face of El Cajon Mountain. And if that sentence sounds high-flown,

well, there's a reason why. The flag is only one of maybe a hundred ringing the field that will see today's combat — armored, unarmored, and rapier — and the serpent is only one of four symbols on that flag, but it is the symbol of the Barony of Calafia. The barony covers San Diego and

Imperial Counties, and today is its anniversary tournament. It's an

event grand enough to command the presence of King Patrick O'Mal-

ley and Queen Kara the Twin of Kelton, the reigning monarchs of the

Kingdom of Caid, the sixth kingdom in the Society for Creative Anachro-

nism, a region that encompasses southern California, southern Nevada,

and Hawaii. (Yes, it helps that their majesties are locals, but still.)

King Patrick won the crown in August of '09 at the Caid Crown Tourney in Fresno (you can see the deciding blow, uploaded via iPhone, on YouTube), after a three-way final with Sir Valrik and Sir Ragnar. Watch along with me, won't you?

He faces Ragnar first: two men of substance in full armor, each wearing the white belt that signifies knighthood, each carrying a painted aluminum shield and a rattan sword carefully wrapped in duct tape.

Patrick, a 30-year veteran of Society combat, is the less adorned of the two.

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and drove it out of the way and followed through to the side of his head."



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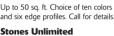
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(Another nod to modernity: his chainmail shirt is made from titanium instead of steel, so that it weighs 9 pounds instead of 35. It cost him around \$2000, but after three knee surgeries, the switch from steel was worth it. Not that it does him a great deal of good either way in combat: "Chain is mostly jewelry," he grants. "It's good for stopping a real sword, but against a club" and an inch-thick rattan stick with a basket-handle absolutely counts as a club — "not so

much.")

The two knights strike a few blows from a safe distance — there are great smacking sounds as sword rattles shield — but mostly, they dance, approaching, retreating, circling, weaving. "So much of what you're doing is mental," he says. "He'll shift position, and I know what blows he can throw from that position, so I'll shift to parry. There's a whole fight that goes on before







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any actual blows are thrown — it's more intricate than you can tell from the outside." There is reason to hesitate before committing to an attack: one shot to a limb, and that limb is gone (if it's a leg, you drop to the ground and fight from your knees). One shot to the head or torso, and you're done.

Eventually, each man having taken measure of the other, the two come to grips, and 90 seconds after the battle begins, it's over. Amid a flurry of swords, Patrick delivers a clean blow to Ragnar's head, and he crumples to the ground. "It can go very quickly," says Patrick, "and honestly, with the amount of energy you're expending during an intense fight, you're not going to go much more than a minute or so. It's like boxing — you can't just stand up and be relaxed. Your whole body is tensed" - and vou're wearing armor, and you have to keep your sword and shield up.... "Most of the people in Crown Tourna-

ment do a lot of work to stav in shape. You're going to fight a minimum of 11 fights to win." By the final, "I was pretty determined to be done in two fights."

And he was done in two. Returning to the tourney: the crowd also Society members, also dressed in period attire, because this is first and foremost a club, a community, as opposed to a company, of players — settles in for round two. The Marshal, dressed in a forest-green robe and a

white sash, opens the proceedings.

"Gentlemen, all salutes having been delivered: Sir Valrik, stand you prepared?"

"Ready!" replies Valrik, holding his sword high.

"Sir Patrick, stand you prepared?"

"Ready," says Patrick. He does not raise his sword.

"Lay on!" cries the Marshall, as he steps back to keep watch over the combat. But he's not exactly the ref nobody's waiting on his

call to celebrate the combat equivalent of a touchdown. It's up to the recipient of a given blow to say whether it landed, and whether it landed with enough force to be called a hit. (How much force that is, exactly, varies from region to region. The baronies around Toronto and Florida have reputations for light hits; New York and Cleveland tend to go heavier. It makes for some spirited discussions when various kingdoms come

together in battle, say at Pennsic, the massive Society gathering held each summer in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania.)

The fight takes all of 20 seconds. The two fly together and trade blows, and then O'Malley presses in and strikes from up high, and Valrik sinks before the onslaught.

"Victor of the day is Patrick O'Malley!" cries a voice. Everyone cheers. Valrik stands, and the two men embrace.

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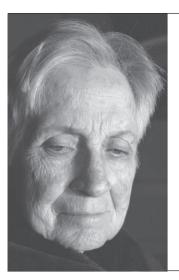
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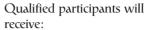
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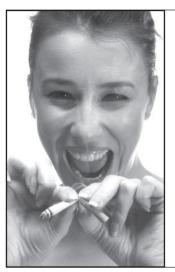
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Have you been diagnosed with schizophrenia and currently taking medication?

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shot to my leg that I caught low with my shield," recalls Patrick. "His shield was lowered, so I picked up the edge of it and drove it out of the way and followed

ing fighter practice under the outdoor lights at the Allied Gardens Community Center, steam rising from his armor in the evening chill. He still wears his

Guillaume goes a few rounds with Bennett Wiessenstein, a tall lefty in 14th-century Germanic plate mail.

through to the side of his head. I have a picture of it on my desk. It's much faster on the video than it was in my mind."

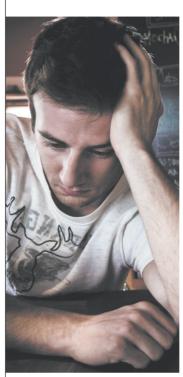
Now it is a brisk night in early December, and King Patrick is attendknight's belt, but there is no outward sign of his royal status, and nobody's standing on ceremony. He's not even the only Crown Tourney winner in the bunch — Sir Guillaume de la Belgique has won twice, which is why he is now called Duke. It's the off

season for tournaments and wars, so those who have turned out tonight are mostly diehards, people for whom this is a discipline.

And if you want to excel, you do need discipline. "Sir Armand was a duke when I joined 30-odd years ago," says Guillaume. "When he was away from practice for even a few weeks, the first thing he would do was put on a helmet and have one of his squires give him a dozen shots right across the face. The first thing he developed while away was that blink response, and he needed to get that out, needed to be able to keep his eyes open. He needed to condition that response back in."

"If there was somebody new here," says

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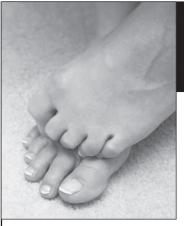
- Caucasian, female, 30-55 years of age
- With sparse eyelashes

Qualified participants will receive:

- All study-related exams under the care of board-certified physicians and study medication at no cost
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Afraid to show your feet?

Therapeutics Clinical Research is conducting a medical research study to evaluate the efficacy of an investigational therapy for people with onychomycosis, also known as toenail fungus.

We need participants:

- 18-75 years of age, in general good health
- With toenail fungus on at least one big toe

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Patrick, "we would be taking more time to explain how to throw blows, how to block. I hold out-of-armor practice every Tuesday night at my house that is nothing but learning sword technique. We practice combinations and shots against a pole, so that you don't have to worry about someone trying to club you at the same time."

As it is, this fighter practice consists mostly of fighting, followed by friendly blow-by-blow analysis. "After I pulled in my block, you blinded me and got in a nice shot." "You saw me cheating over, trying to fight to the leg." "I'm overgripping; my hands are killing me. That's what happens when you're out of practice."

Guillaume goes a few rounds with Bennett Wiessenstein, a tall lefty in 14th-century Germanic plate mail who favors two-handed weapons like spears over the standard sword and

power. All it takes is a little bit of deflection and the thrust is no good."

"But when it sticks..." observes Bennett, rubbing his unarmored armpit.

"There's almost no real record of how people fought prior to the Renaissance, so we learn a lot by trial and error."

shield. At one point, he gets Guillaume down on his knees and goes in for the kill, only to take a sword thrust underneath his arm. "It's a fairly subtle move," says Guillaume afterward, "and one you've got to deliver with a lot of

"It's interesting," continues Guillaume. "In my 30 years in the SCA, we've gone through phases where thrusting is seen as a cheap shot. It's off and on. Once we were having a knight's council, and everybody was say-

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You may be eligible if you have:

- Chronic infection with Hepatitis C genotype 1
- Never been on prescription therapy for Hepatitis C
- Otherwise good health

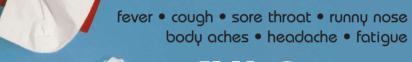
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A 3-month clinical trial for men and women, from 20-80 years of age, who struggle with the bloating, discomfort, and straining associated with chronic constipation is underway. An oral investigational medication will be evaluated to see if it may address these and other symptoms of constipation.

To possibly qualify:

- Male or female, 20-80 years of age
- Have a history of chronic constipation (fewer than 3 bowel movements per week) for at least 6 months
- · Bloating, straining and discomfort
- Not taking narcotics or medication which can cause constipation

Participants may receive at no cost all study-related:

- · Exam and consultation with a board-certified specialist
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- Compensation for your time and travel

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ing, 'We don't like thrusts — they allow you to just stand and poke at the other guy. It's not a very pretty fight. It takes a master to kill somebody with a blade.' But Duke Armand had been a fencer before joining the SCA, and he said, 'They used to say that any idiot can club somebody with a sword. It takes a real master to use the point."

"Yeah, I've seen fighting technique advance and change steadily," agrees Patrick. "It's mostly from innovation by the fighters. There's almost no real record of how people fought prior to the Renaissance, so we learn a lot by trial and error."

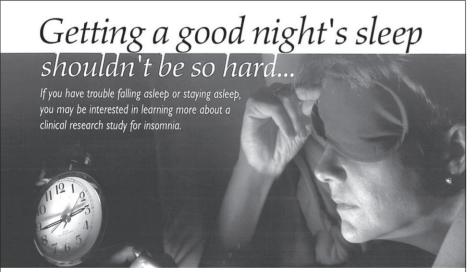
Guillaume demurs, saying that "in the last 5 or 6 years, I've been a little more focused on trying to study those period fighting styles. There's an unspoken assumption among medieval historians that now. Now, because of the basket hilts that protect your fingers — we have to go to work tomorrow — you can stick your hand out in front with impunity.

By "King Arthur," he means, "what the Victorians took and polished up and made pretty."

if you don't speak medieval French and Latin and German, you don't deserve to have this stuff translated; but there's less of that than there was 15 years ago. There are manuals that are starting to get translated from the 15th Century, and the picture we're getting looks very little like what we do

That allows for certain blows" — notably, flicks of the wrist that send the sword twisting downward from up high and out in front. They're quick, and they're hard to see coming. "But if you had just a cross-hilted sword, you tended to keep your hand back and to use the point much more."

RESEARCH STUDIES



The purpose of this clinical research study is to determine the safety and effectiveness of an investigational study medication for insomnia.

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- Trouble falling asleep
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- Restless or interrupted sleep

Additional eligibility criteria will need to be met in order to participate and the study doctor will decide if you are a good candidate for this study. If you qualify, you will receive the investigational study medication and all study-related medical care at no charge. Compensation for other study-related expenses may also be available. If you or someone you know is struggling with insomnia and would like to learn more about this clinical research study, please contact



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- with eczema of the legs, arms and/or torso
- 18-55 years of age, in general good health
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Ladies...not in the mood? Depressed?

A clinical research study is underway to evaluate pre-menopausal women who have been dealing with decreased sexual desire.

To qualify you must be:

- Female, 18-50 years of age
- Feeling mild depression for at least 4 weeks
- Stable on a depression medication
- In a heterosexual relationship for at least 1 year

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Do you have Chronic Low Back Pain?

Adults experiencing chronic low back pain are needed to participate in a clinical trial of an investigational pain medication.

If you have chronic low back pain (CLBP), you not only struggle with the pain itself, you have to live with the way it affects your ability to work and participate in an active lifestyle. And, you're not the only one who suffers with this life-altering condition. With about 30 million people in the United States suffering from chronic back pain, CLBP is a major health problem.

Currently available medications can help with the pain but often cause unwanted side effects, and research is still needed to provide additional treatment options. Local doctors are evaluating an investigational medication to determine how well it relieves pain in adults with moderate to severe CLBP.

Would I be eligible to participate in this study? To pre-qualify for this study, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older Experience moderate to severe CLBP
- Have been on a consistent, daily regimen of pain medication for CLBP for at least three months
- Be willing to discontinue your current pain medication

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MAJOR DEPRESSION

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You must be:

- 18-65 years of age Currently diagnosed with Depression
- Symptoms greater than 2 months

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Ladies...

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A 6-month clinical research study is underway to evaluate premenopausal women who have been bothered by a decrease in sexual desire. An investigational medication for hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD) will be evaluated in premenopausal women.

To qualify for the study you must:

- 1) be a healthy premenopausal woman
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- 3) be bothered by your decreased sexual desire for at least 6 months
- 4) have no history of depression

Qualifying participants receive at no cost, study-related:

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So when Guillaume fights, he does just that.

Some approximation of historical accuracy is also what led him to adopt a molded rubber basket instead of something heavier. "Different people like to balance the sword at different points," says Patrick. "If your sword is bladeheavy, it's easier to hit harder, but if the weight is closer to your hand, you get a lot more speed. You might use a rubber hand-guard if you wanted your sword to be blade-heavy" the way a real sword would be.

"There's a fair bit of disparity over what we're trying to represent here," offers Bennett. "A Viking judicial duel and an Italian judicial duel from the late Middle Ages are nothing like each other. The preconceptions of the societies that held those duels are radically different."

"The Vikings had an aspect of winning prizes, but guys still tended to get their limbs hacked off," agrees Guillaume. "And neither of those would have been like a high medieval tournament."

"And none of those are like what you read in King Arthur," continues Bennett. By "King Arthur," he means "what the Victorians took and polished up and made pretty" in an effort to bolster their cultural heritage. "So, take all of those things and throw in a little Dungeons & Dragons..."

"...and a little Monty Python," adds Guillaume.

"...and then some Kendo, some Olympic fencing, some guys who went through Marine Corps pugil-stick training, and you come up with this."

"It's very regional," concludes Guillaume. "Somebody will come along who is talented and buckles down and wins Crown Tournament three or four times in a row, and everybody says, 'We should fight like that!' Up in An Tir"—the kingdom of the Pacific Northwest — "there was a guy who fought with his butt sticking way out. It shifted his center of gravity and let him take advantage of that wrist-flick style of fighting. He was just phenomenal, and so you

RESEARCH STUDIES



Do You Have Plaque Psoriasis?

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- Compensation for participation

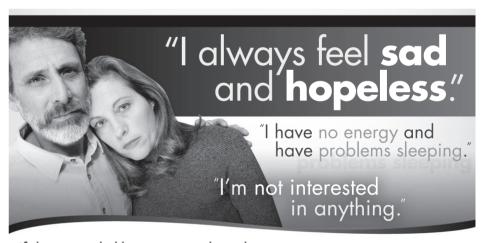
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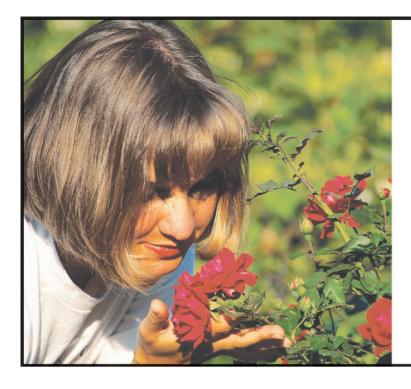
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saw a whole bunch of people fighting in that style — though not nearly as well."

On the morning of the Calafian Anniversary, King Patrick is still wearing his white belt, but instead of chain mail, it cinches a burgundy tunic trimmed with gray and gold. Instead of a helmet, Patrick wears a crown bearing the Caidian crescent borne by two medieval-ish dolphins, images that also appear on the delicately carved wooden thrones — a little bit gothic, a little bit Arts and Crafts — provided for both king and queen. Also provided: pillowed footstools, and in front of them, blue velvet pillows bearing

the heraldry of Caid's five baronies. Upon these will kneel all those who approach the thrones during Court, whether they come to present gifts or receive honors or swear fealty.

Fealty? Oh, yes, fealty. "Do you," the question will be asked of a woman seeking to join the queen's guard, "swear fealty and service to the Crown of Caid, and to the King and Queen of the realm, to come and to go, to serve and instruct in such methods as concern this realm, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until your lord release you, or death take you, or the world end?" And the subject, kneeling, with her hands placed along the flat of a sword held out

by her queen, will so swear.

"You can learn more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation." That's from Aristotle, and it's cited by Scott Farrell, aka Duke Guillaume de la Belgique, once baron of Calafia, twice king of Caid, in the introduction to his second book about life in the Society, Here Comes the Reign, Sir *Guillaume!* Court is by no means a compulsory aspect of Society life, but it's there, complete with attendants and heralds and royal welcomes and favors bestowed and oaths taken on bended knee. And it is well attended. What sort of play is this?

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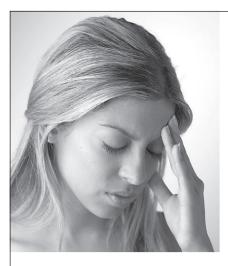
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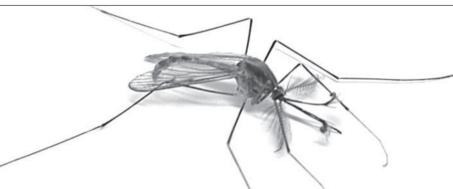
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Dr. Steven Drosman, MD Genesis Center for Clinical Research (619) 542-0593 of the Rings," says Guillaume. "And of course, the author, J.R.R.
Tolkien, was a brilliant medieval scholar, so it does come from that Celtic, medieval tradition — as opposed to a Tony Curtis B movie.
Though from the level of research we have now, we look back and think, You know, if we could do that over again... You have to

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SCA was not started as a
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started as a birthday
party, people putting
together costumes and
fighting with wooden
swords, 'like the knights
in the movies.' "

And the oaths? Farrell's wife April, who goes by Felinah Tifarah Arvella Memo Hazara Khan-ad-Din in the Society and teaches biology at UCSD outside it, answers: "We fully, with open eyes, and without any idea that the SCA oath supersedes real-world commitments and duties, choose to give

form to gestures and recognitions that aren't common today. And sometimes, it's an uneasy mix — you're aware that you're participating in a social con-

We've got a pretty strong sense of how far it goes and when it's appropriate to invoke it."

In his book, Farrell/Guillaume muses

"All rise! Now comes their Majesties Patrick and Kara, rightful king and queen of the Kingdom of Caid!"

vention that in the Middle Ages was life and death. But we choose to do this because we're part of a social group, and it's part of what we call the core traditions.

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on "not what we bring into the Society but what we take away from it. The standards of chivalry and honor linger with us...helping us each in our own small way to make the world of the 21st Century a better place." In conversation, he says that "vou can't delve into those [chivalric notions] of honor without internalizing them a little bit. A knight can take in a squire, and you kind of give your word to train them and be an example for them. They look to you to train them in armored combat; you don't want to blow that off. And that makes you question all





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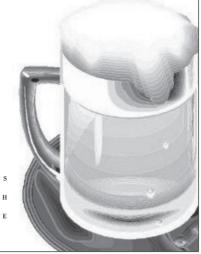
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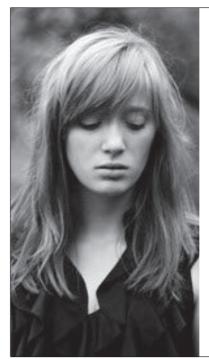
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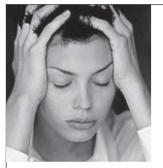
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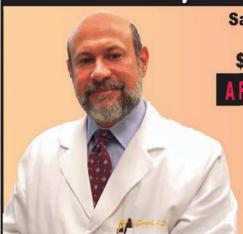
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aspects of your life: 'Hey, what is my word worth?' I think a lot of people come away from the SCA with a greater sense of what it means to live by a code of honor."

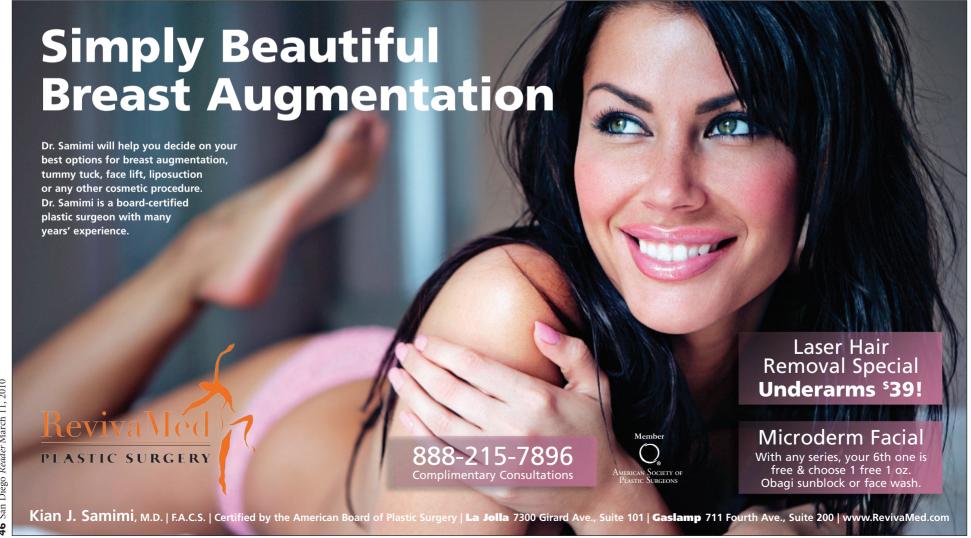
April/Felinah agrees that kneeling "is very unusual in a modern setting. I had to think about why I would do this. It seemed uncomfortable, and it made for some interesting internal exploring." Her findings? "There are social superiors in our own society — we call some people Sir or Ma'am and some people Doctor. Our social conventions change, but people are people — the physical gesture of kneeling means as much as calling someone Sir or Ma'am or Doctor, It's an outward manifestation," one that may or may not reflect an internal reality but which adheres to a social convention either way.

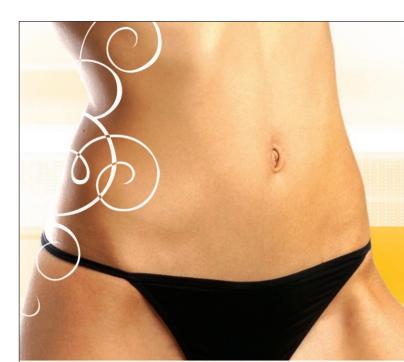
"And there is a respect for those who have been in the group for a long time and have contributed to the group," concludes Farrell. "People who put in a lot of time and effort to make things happen. But we also know that the status is just part of the fun. A king reigns for six months. Maybe in six months, I'll be king, and he'll be bowing to me. There's no sense that he's a king appointed by God to whom I must bow. It's simply that he's in this position, and I respect him. When I'm in that

position, he'll respect me."

So, back to Court. "Lords and ladies!" calls Master Thomas the Herald from beneath the broad yellow brim of his hat. (Appropriately enough, he is dressed in a tunic that is basically a wearable Caidan flag.) "All rise! Now come their Majesties Patrick and Kara, rightful king and queen of the Kingdom of Caid! And now come their Excellencies Oliver and Kate, vassals to Patrick and Kara, holders of the lands of Calafia. And their guests, former Barons and Baronesses of Calafia: Guillaume and Felinah, David and Adaleisha..." Couple by

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couple, the rovals and former royals process down the center aisle under the heavy wooden roof of the El Monte Park pavilion, attended by guards bearing spears and axes and swords, by ladies who take up their places behind the thrones. Their expressions are earnest but not overly serious. The array is, frankly, kind of gorgeous; Calafia does not go in for half-measures.

"We ask that everyone make an effort," says Lady Fionnghuala Inghean Uilliam, the Barony's Chatelaine and my guide for the day. She herself is resplendent in the garb of a 166th-century Russian Boyarina — not too surprising, since tailoring is what lured her into the Society. "My

daughters were in the group, and I started making clothes for my younger daughter, buying polyester stuff that I thought looked kind of period." Over time, "I started doing research online, finding out the criteria. She actually got a special token at one of the Twelfth Nights for a piece of garb I made for her." Eventually, "She told me, 'Mom, you have to come — there's going to be a guy there selling cheap fabric.' When you get into natural fibers like wool and silk, it gets expensive, so I said okay." When she saw that "it wasn't girls in chain-mail bikinis," but rather ordinary folks having fun in period dress, she found herself drawn in.

She is not alone.

King Patrick tells me that while there might be 2000 fighters on the field at Pennsic, there are 12,000 total attendees. The Barony's website lists some 15 guilds, ranging from manuscript illumination to metalwork to music to medieval medicine. There are no peasants, but still — Anniversary Tournaments don't hold themselves. "The group does place a premium on service," says Fionnghuala.

Fionnghuala chose her 16th-century Irish name because it belonged to a character in an audiobook she was listening to (while sewing) at the time she signed up. And because both of her daughters had used their father's name in their Society

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titles, she followed suit and used her own father's name, William. Or, in 16th-century Irish, Uilliam. For a device, she chose something that "would indicate who I was. There are three five-pointed stars — sable mullets on a white background, for the three of us in the Society. And then because my husband is known to the Society as 'the man from the Federation' — he's a big Star Trek fan — the top part of my shield is black with a gold comet going across it to represent him." The Society's central office checked to make sure that no one else in the group had just that name, and that no one else in the group or in actual history had just that device, and

eventually issued its approval.

"It's kind of nice to be able to develop your own persona, in pursuit of your own interests," says Fionnghuala, who signs her emails to me she recalls, "I was fortunate enough to be asked to be on Baroness Adelicia of Caithness's court as a lady-in-waiting. The following year, she asked me to be her chief lady. So she's always

"A 10th-century Viking might start liking the Tudor period and start dressing the part, and that's okay, too."

with the closing, "I remain in service to the Barony of Calafia, the Kingdom of Caid, and the Dream that is the Society for Creative Anachronism." It's a fairly grand sentiment, but it gets at how much the Society means to her. "When I joined,"

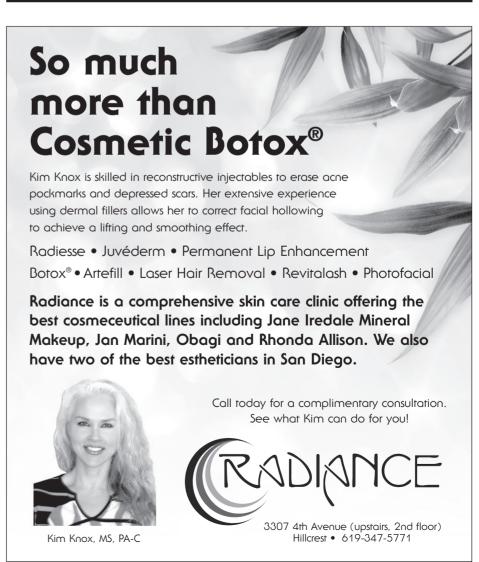
been 'my baroness,' to the point where we'd go out to quilting stores in modern attire and I'd find some fabric and say, 'Your Excellency! Wonderful fabric over here!' " It's not that this is her world; it's more that these are her people, and this is the

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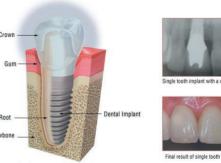
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rubric under which they gather.

As for why an Irishwoman is dressing as a Russian, she says, "Once you choose a persona, you're locked into it only as much as you want to be. Some folks have done a lot of research into creating a story of their family, who they are and how they ended up in England or Scotland. But a 10th-century Viking might start liking the Tudor period" and start dressing the part, and that's okay, too. "And particularly in California, you'll find that the weather dictates" — in summer, Middle Eastern personas become much more popular.

The King and Queen

welcome the attendees. There are announcements: a scavenger hunt for children, thrown weapons and archery on the perimeter, the

of a peerage — Knighthood for chivalry and skill in battle; the Order of the Laurel for knowledge of medieval arts and sciences; the Order

"Our goal is to get everybody fighting with new weapons styles — two-handed swords, pole-axes, spears, maybe even rapier and dagger."

upcoming arts festival, remembrances of those who have died or can no longer attend, an invitation to the dog-coursing later on. Ulf Fra Tjorn is awarded the Order of the Harp for his skill in leatherwork and for his generosity in teaching. It's not quite the honor

of the Pelican for service to the Society — but it's enough to earn him three cheers from all and sundry to go along with his new medallion.

(A note on knighthood: Fewer than five percent of fighters ever earn the rank of knight, says Patrick. "It might

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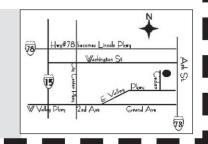


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take seven years for someone who is relatively focused. A lot of people fight primarily at wars — fighting in a shield wall with a bunch of your friends, you can do a few times a year and be decent at it. Fighting in tournaments and not getting taken out in two rounds takes a lot more dedication. It's roughly equivalent to being a black belt in a martial art.")

Duke Guillaume stands and invites those gathered to tomorrow's Passage of Arms. He promises "lots of fighting," but not "with the same old sword and shield you use in fighter practice every week. Our goal is to get everybody fighting with new weapons styles" — twohanded swords, poleaxes, spears, maybe even rapier and dagger.... "And for the nonfighters, one of the comments we got from last year was that it was fun for the gallery because they got to do much of the judging and rewarding. There will be beads to pass out for Panache, Prowess, Passion, and Chivalry." But today's fighting, at least the armored sort, is more straightforward largely sword and shield, with only the very skilled taking up the two-handed weapons.

"In period," Guillaume tells me later in his tent as he prepares for combat, "twohanded weapons gave you an advantage in terms of power — they would smash through anything. But here, they don't really give you an advantage; they're just harder to use. Still, some people use them very effectively." (I get a fine illustration of that when

a veteran knight uses a pole-arm — "a bladed weapon with a spike on one end" — to take out the recently honored Ulf Fra Tjorn. Ulf tries to get inside his opponent's defenses, but the knight finds his way around Ulf's shield and thrusts him down.)

Guillaume's tent is relatively modest in both size and appointments. The high ceiling and awning are held aloft by tall wooden poles and twiny ropes, but it's nothing like the forest of supports beneath the white tent

belonging to the king and queen. There is room for maybe 4 or 5 people to mill about comfortably, whereas the royals could easily entertain 20. The rug is

patterned jute, not oriental. And the rustic benches would not be out of place in a pioneer home — no ingenious collapsing Glastonbury chairs here, thank you.

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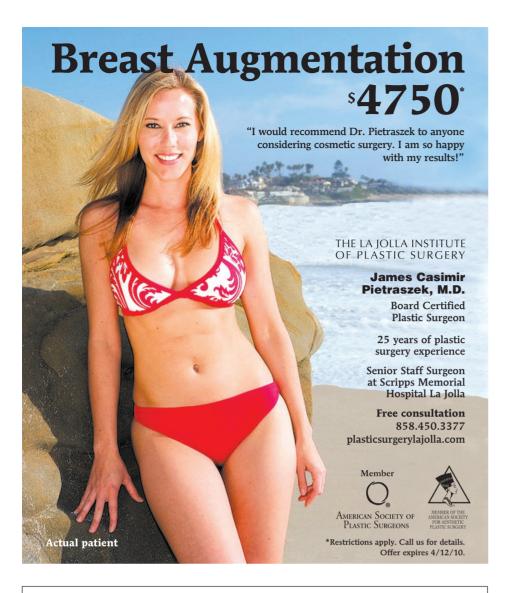
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And the mail? The mail is less modest. "There probably isn't anybody out on the field here today wearing anything more elaborate," Guillaume admits. "It's based on a suit in the armory at Churburg Castle in Tyrol, and it's representative of what a lord or a duke would be wearing in the 14th Century, around the Hundred Years' War. A foot soldier would probably be wearing a chainmail shirt, which itself would have been top-ofthe-line armor 200 years earlier. Once you got into this period, there was a degree of fashion to it: the armor was meant to mimic the fashionable clothing of the time."

And like fashionable clothing, it comes at a premium. All told, Guillaume's rig cost him over \$5000. But he is quick to note that it's been acquired over the course of 30 years. "We spend, probably, approximately the same amount on our highend sports equipment as any other sport does on its high end. Once you've been doing something for a long time and it's what you do," you're more likely to buy the better stuff.

But it's not as if you have to. "A lot of guys will make some or all of their armor themselves. That fellow over there is actually wearing an old breastplate of mine that is just hard plastic panels cut into shape and covered with leather totally homemade. And now there are people selling premade, offthe-rack armor, which is less expensive than what I have but probably doesn't fit as well."

Guillaume's armor, on the other hand, is stainless-steel plate lined with padding, and it fits very well. It begins with a padded purple jacket — a gambeson. "It goes underneath, to keep the armor from pinching. And it's something that everything else can tie down to, so

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that it all stays in place. It's based on a 15th-century coat in a museum, and it's custom-made by a friend of mine. The original has buttons all down the sleeve — that gives you an idea of how close-fitting it was. It gives a great range of movement; the big deal is that the sleeve comes all the way into the torso, so that when you move your arm, it doesn't pull the whole jacket along with it. There are 16 pieces of fabric for each arm, so that the sleeve is able to move with you."

Next come the articulated plates that cover his thighs and knees. "This is a cuisse — most armor is French in name. Anything covering the shin is a greave; since this one is small, it's a demigreave." The pieces buckle in back and hang from a belt that saves Guillaume the bulk of an arming vest. Similar pieces cover his forearms and elbows — a cuisse over the forearm. with a cupped poleyn over the joint. The whole arm guard is called a cannon, and it shows more wear than the rest of his suit. "It's going to get dented, and I have a couple of anvils at home that I use to pound out dents. You sweat a lot, and so the leather gets old; I've got a strap cutter, and I can sew the leather and rivet in a new strap. But that's about the extent of my armor-making skill. Eventually, the poleyn will get beat to the point where I can't keep it in round." (A few minutes later, someone pokes his head into the tent and asks for a screwdriver. Over at the market on the edge of the tournament, a longtime knight is selling some of his old

pieces — a used vambrace might run you \$25. Good for someone just breaking in.)

The breastplate, or cuirass, covers Guillaume's ribcage; from its base, a skirt of chain mail hangs down to his waist. Above, plates cover his shoulders. Add a padded steel band around the neck and a helmet and gloves, and

our man is ready for battle.

The helmet's mask looks more like a baseball catcher's rig than a traditional faceplate, so as to allow for better vision and breathing. The historically proper faceplate, the one with brass trim and a couple of narrow eye slits, remains at home, for when the helmet takes its place on the bookshelf in Guillaume's dining room. To its right, the dull, dark pot helmet that Guillaume wore clear

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through his ascent to knighthood, narrow eyes and all. "You can't see your opponent's knees," says Guillaume as he points it out, "and the CO₂ builds up inside the metal faster than vou can believe. It's rather exciting, but it's much more authentic." To its left, an equally authentic jousting helmet, huge and gleaming and topped off with a long spike impaling three fake sausages.

"That's a little replica I did," explains Guillaume. "In the Middle Ages, most armor was painted — the knights wanted to dress it up somehow. Generally, armor included some kind of heraldic display. But in the late part of the 15th Century, there was a

German knight named Marx Walther who came from a wealthy merchant family — he was not of noble or knightly class, but his family had enough money for him to go and joust as a hobby. Apparently he did fairly well at it, and he liked to celebrate his rather humble background in the face of all this nobility." He pulls out a book (from among the many of its kind) and shows me an illustration — there's Walther, riding out for a tournament, three sausages skewered atop his helmet.

Walther might make a fine mascot for the Society, many of whom are themselves middleclass merchant-types playing at the sport of the nobility. "We're all allowed to be aristocracy," says Guillaume. There are service guilds in the club, such as Pale Maiden, which prepared the feast that followed the anniversary tournament, but "you don't see any peasants." Somebody else has to join the 28,000 links in a shirt of chain mail

Guillaume has four such shirts stashed in his garage, each reflecting a stage in the development of the Society's history. He hauls them out onto the concrete floor, spreading them flat as they shimmer and chime. "Back in the day, this first shirt was state of the art: round wire cut and bent closed into rings. It holds up okay in combat, but after a while,

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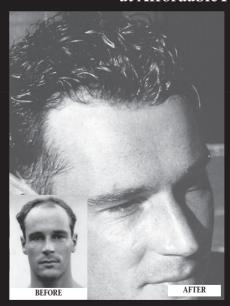
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the rings start to fatigue, and replacing them is really miserable. Trying to manhandle this 40-pound shirt and figure out the grand pattern of the thing. Eventually, somebody came up with the concept of welding these things shut — much more durable, and much closer to an authentic suit of mail. Except for the round wire — in the Middle Ages, chain mail was made from flat wire that was punched rather than extruded. It's hard to come by, but you lose about 60 percent of the weight by getting rid of all that extraneous metal on each round ring, keeping only what you really need for protection. But still not authentic, because of course, they couldn't weld. They riveted their rings shut. So now we're seeing a lot more riveted mail coming in from India and China that is pretty darn close to the real thing." The peasant class overseas.

The shirts reflect the group's growing interest in getting it right about the parts of history they seek to preserve — "the best of the Middle Ages," as Guillaume puts it. (The parts without filth and persecution and genuine conflict.) "The group has not stayed the same," says Felinah. "The Southern California region probably has 3500-5000 people active, which makes it around the same size of the town I grew up in. But like my town" — Mount Shasta, a Northern California logging outpost that weathered an invasion of hippies and ended up something else altogether —

"its perceptions of itself and its place in society, and even its own history, change."

In the Society for Creative Anachronism, what started out as an imitation of "the way they do it in the movies," combined with an interest in handiwork and hanging out with friends, began to evolve into an experiential investigation into history. Says Felinah, "We started focusing more on sources from people's daily lives. There were manorial accounts. People kept journals.

Literacy wasn't necessarily as rare as we are sometimes led to believe."

Along the way, "I think we began to see ourselves much more

as a community," one that asks, "What would it have been like to live back then?" Also, "There are kids involved now, children who have been raised

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The Farrells' Santee home is covered with signs of that community — illuminated scrolls recognizing their achievements and offices, maps of Caid

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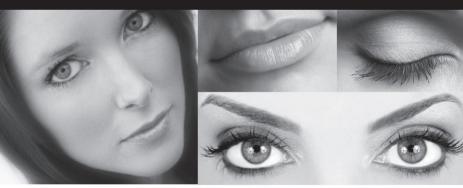
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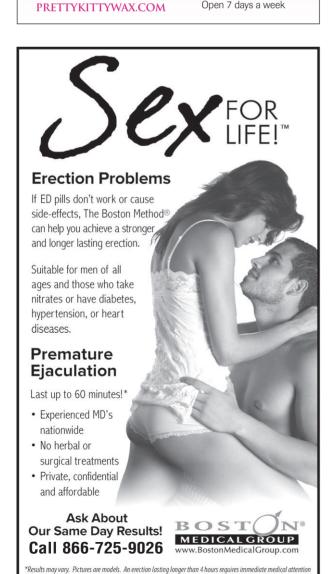
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I moved to Clairemont in October 1959. Technically, My mother was five months pregnant with a creature that



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was eventually to become me, third in line below a sister and

first-born brother. A relocation from Albuquerque, New Mexico. My father was in the Navy, and his next duty station was with the VF-51 fighter squadron at Miramar. So it was that we landed in San Diego.

The Clairemont development was in its fledgling years and was a revolutionary concept — it was the first planned community in the nation. Curving, meandering avenues, shopping centers within a short distance, and strategically placed schools were all part of the master plan. From the desolate, windswept canyons



and mesas north-northeast of downtown came a new community coined "The Village in the City." My father bought our newly built house on Sagasti Avenue for a princely sum of \$12,000.

Clairemont in the '60s was as close as you could get to living in the world of Leave It to Beaver. My neighborhood was a warm, secure place that allowed a kid to be a kid. For the boys in the neighborhood, it was often grand adventures in the canvon. In the eves of a child, the canyon was an expansive wilderness just

down the street that allowed us to explore the limits of our imagination. Forts were built, Indians were fought, imagined hardships were overcome. Years before puberty, my imagination saved dozens of damsels in distress, and they always fell in love with me. As I walked home after being the imaginary hero, everything was right in my world. After reading The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn in the fifth grade, the drainage creek through the canyon became my Mississippi River, and I

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played hooky for the first time.

School days were bittersweet and often wrought with struggle. Although scared, I reluctantly started afternoon kindergarten in room K-1 at Sequoia Elementary and immediately fell in love with my teacher, Mrs. Hollister. She was just out of college and incredibly beautiful. One day she complimented me on the shirt I was wearing, and I would wear no other to school after that. Sometimes before going to my afternoon class I would pick geraniums for her from the neighbor's flowerbeds. I was too young to know what love was about, but I sure knew what it felt like.

In first grade I learned to write, graduating from crayon to the Big Blue Pencil. I remember the day that Mrs. Harrington — old, prim and proper — paced the rows of desks, silently watching as we struggled to write the alphabet properly with crayon on oversized paper. Clutched in her fist was the prize — a bundle of fat blue pencils, sized for a child's hand, freshly sharpened. If she deemed you worthy, you would be touched on the shoulder, and as you gave her your crayon she would reciprocate with a pencil. The prize was yours. Halfway through the hour, I felt her hand on my shoulder. For the longest time that pencil was a treasured possession.

The ensuing years of elementary school were often tumultuous, and I was often at odds not only with my parents but with school authorities. I was usually bored, and without a creative outlet for my energy I became a frequent flyer to the principal's office. My mother was an unwilling advocate. Usually by the time she arrived after being called to the

school, the Conflict of the Week had reached the limits of the principal's patience, and he would utter a disparaging comment in my mother's presence about my character, her parenting skills, or the lack of a father figure due to my dad's deployment in the era of Vietnam. At that point the tables would usually turn in my favor. Her face would redden as she gave him the look of death and, graciously, with great restraint, she would listen to my side of the story.

I will never forget sitting in the hard wooden chair in that office — arms crossed, face red and crying — and looking out the window to see my mom tearing into the parking lot

in the '60 Chevy, hearing the car door slam hard, watching her in her nurse's uniform marching double-time toward the office with...that look on her face.

My awareness of the world seemed to increase exponentially as I grew. Although I wasn't a particularly good student, I was a voracious reader and

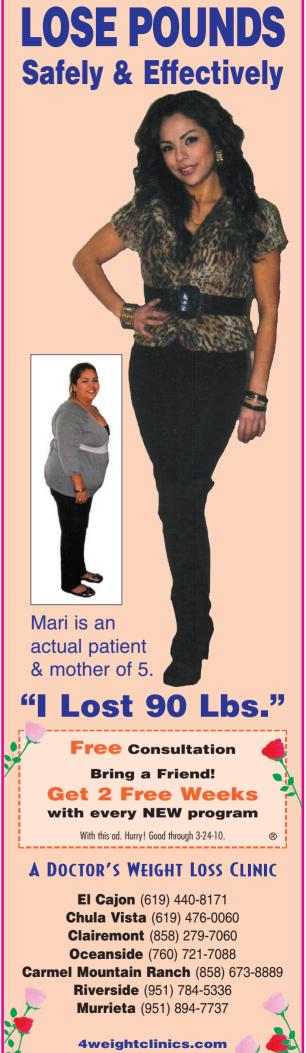
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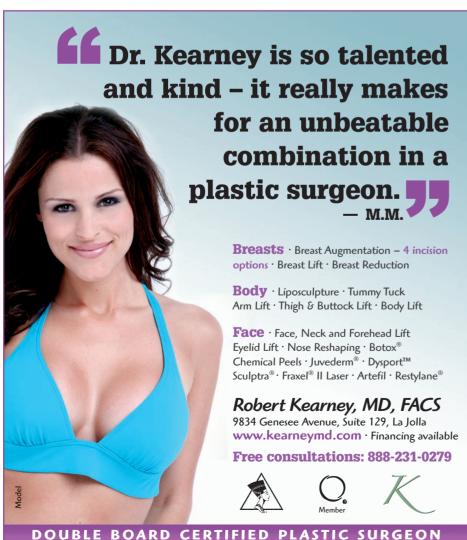


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readily absorbed what I read in the San Diego *Union*, the *Sentinel*, and *Newsweek* — the publications available in our household. I came to understand how the world outside the womb of my home and neighborhood worked. I understood the Gulf of Tonkin Incident and why my dad was across the ocean keeping the jets ready for battle at Yankee Station. I saw the horrors of the Manson Family unfold before me every morning for weeks on page one. I learned what a bribe was as then-Mayor Frank Curran was caught taking money from the Yellow Cab Company in return for certain favors. In Newsweek I learned of a voung man named Robert Kennedy and his fallen older brother who

was the president, and I grieved after he too fell to an assassin's bullet.

At the age of ten, there was a girl in my life, briefly. An older woman. She was in high school, a freshman at Madison, and a classic beauty of the time. Tanned, blonde, always smartly dressed, and with a face that could have launched a thousand ships. Sometimes she walked up my street on her way to school, and every morning, I watched...waiting to see if she was going to turn the corner. When she did, I carefully timed it so that I was leaving the house for school myself as she walked by.

Not only was she pretty, she was approachable and friendly. To initiate conversation I would ask her about things I'd read, and she'd explain the parts that I didn't understand and share her opinions. She explained to me what the "military-industrial complex" was and what Woodstock and the Summer of Love were all about. Blushing, she even explained the double-entendre of "Summer of Love."

As it turned out, our backgrounds and emerging worldviews were similar — her father was a career Navy man, too. In the aftermath of the My Lai Massacre we were shocked into believing that war and being in Vietnam was wrong, and we tried to reconcile that with the love and the high pedestal we held for our fathers — good men of character who were a part of the war machine.

As the weeks went by, she took my street to school more often, and our conversations became more personal — music, favorite foods, how funny the last episode of *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In* had been, what we wanted to become in the future. She had a clear vision; I had no clue. I often thought of trying to steal a kiss, but I was too afraid.

One morning before school I opened the newspaper, and as I saw

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the front page, I froze. There was a photograph of "my girl" and an article. Right there, right on the front page.

The headline: Girl, 15, Slain in Apartment.

I shook as I read. Home alone, stabbed repeatedly. Just a few hours earlier she had been laughing and joking with friends.

That night I stood in my front yard, tears streaming, looking over to where she had lived. In the ensuing days, denial. I waited every morning, waiting for her to turn the corner. But she never walked up my street again.

For a time following her murder, Clairemont was full of chatter and gossip. I endured what was said with damp eyes and a broken spirit. I wished I could have told Mrs. Hollister everything, but by then she had moved away — a Navy wife in addition to kindergarten teacher.

Time moved on. My father returned from his final deployment with wonderful and exotic gifts from the Orient. He would spend the rest of his naval career in San Diego, coming home to his family every night, Vietnam be damned. By then I had a little sister, who by anyone's account was the cutest kid anywhere, and with a personality to match — a real pistol by the time she was three. Our dad

bought a ski boat, and there were many endless, carefree summer days spent on Mission Bay. We fished, water-skied, and barbequed at Crown Point.

The summer after I finished elementary school, my father retired from the Navy and took a job with the City of Escondido. He moved us there, into a new house, into a new neighborhood, and though only 30 miles away from San Diego, it was a different world. I felt uprooted and off-balance for the longest time, but eventually I adjusted.

I found a mentor in the form of an eighthgrade science teacher, suffered the suicide of a

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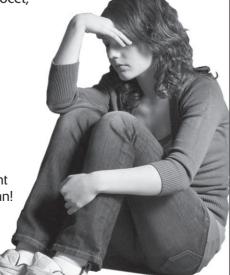
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best friend, barely graduated from high school, dropped out of college, then found the mountains, wandering the San Jacintos and climbing in Yosemite. I fell in love again and married, barely survived the divorce, made and squandered large sums of money, then found a new love in the form of drugs and alcohol. I flirted with homelessness and death and then navigated the sometimes inane ways of the mental-health system. Slowly, over years, in fits and starts, I recovered.

Last year, due to the economy, I — like so many others — came face-to-face with a financial little shop of horrors. Although a resident of Carlsbad, I lived in a

reasonably modest way. Nonetheless, my economic state quickly became untenable. In desperation, I called a former boss, and he hired me over the phone. I held an internal debate as to where I would live. As it turned out, I found a beautiful apartment that allowed pets right back in Clairemont. A mile and a half from my old house.

My enormous Great Dane, the Magnificent Bruno, is very happy here. His favorite haunt, Fiesta Island, is only minutes away. He loves to go for long walks and meet people, so we walk the neighborhood daily. That, combined with all the richness that is contained in my memories,

makes every walk a pleasant one. Sometimes we go by the apartment my girl lived in, and I retrace the walks we took together on our way to the schools. It still hurts, but it's manageable now. The pain is overshadowed by her memory. I've met the family that now lives in my old house. They like Bruno, and they are nice people. The house is in good hands.

I have a secure job with little stress. I live simply, yet I have a comfortable and inviting home. Bruno and I eat well, and we live in a peaceful, quiet neighborhood. Clairemont fits me like a glove.

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its ranks, seems to perpetuate stereotypes. The FBI is corrupt, as is the entire law-enforcement apparatus.

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St. Vincent, My **Decorator**

Regarding Pam Summer's article "I Am Not a Thrift-Store Junkie," in the March 4 issue of the Reader, I completely agree with her. Half of my apartment is furnished with items that I have found in either thrift stores or Dumpsters. I like to refinish furniture and reupholster furniture, and a lot of my clothes in my closet are from thrift stores as well.

Just this morning I was at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store on 16th Street downtown, and I got some cleaning products for my house, a lot of which were surplus from a larger store, and a DVD that I plan on watching later on tonight. The total was \$6; I bartered the cashier down to \$5 because all I had was a \$5 bill in my wallet, and they said, "Yeah, go ahead."

Prior to that, I had been working on a ranch, and after digging a ditch, working a shovel in Converse All Stars, I realized I needed some better shoes. So I went to that same St. Vincent de Paul thrift store and got a pair of Avia tennis shoes for \$15, and I love them. And those are probably \$60 tennis shoes brandnew. And they were in almost brand-new condition.

I almost never go to department stores to buy clothes. I will always hit up the thrift stores first, and if I can't find what I'm looking for, then I'll go to the department stores. In the same way, I'll go to farmers' markets first, and if I can't get what I'm looking for, then I'll go to the grocery stores.

San Diego has a wealth of locally owned and locally beneficial merchandisers, and I would like to give kudos to Ms. Summers for bringing that to the forefront in this week's issue of the *Reader*. Scott Weselis East Village

Kome To The Korral

A message for Pam Summers on thrift stores ("I Am Not a Thrift-Store Junkie," Feature Story, March 4). Apparently you have not visited the best of all San Diego thrift stores the Sharp Hospital's Thrift Korral on La Mesa Boulevard in La Mesa. You are invited, and we will give you a tour of a most amazing operation.

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Mold Miseries

I enjoyed your article "Home Owner Association Horror Stories" (Cover Story, February 18). I have one that is really severe. The property became mold-infested. They knew there were risk factors for water intrusion because they had contractors come out and investigate. And there were no drains around my unit — it was on a water table, and there were multiple risks for water intrusion and mold. But they didn't tell me, even though they knew I had a history of mold allergy.

So I began reporting the musty odor, and I had symptoms for almost three years without realizing mold was growing in the unit. I visited immunologists, orthopedic surgeons, dermatologists, and ENT people. They couldn't find a reason for my incessantly runny nose and sinus infections and body aches and pains.

So then at a town hall meeting, they reveal the fact that there are all these risk factors in the community, and my house is one of the biggest worries. They wanted a special assessment, and I had just received documents from an industrial hygienist stating that there's a 50 percent probability of mold in the house. They really didn't do anything about it, and I was forced to move from the property because the musty smell was present even with the windows open 24/7. They didn't actually go in and test until a year later, after a lawsuit was filed, and they tested and there was extensive mold.

But they didn't do anything to take care of the sources of moisture intrusion, so after sitting another year, mold regrew.

I was paying mortgage and taxes and homeowner association fees all the time on a property that I couldn't rent or I couldn't live in, and in addition to the cost I was incurring living in another home. And I am right now just about broke.

I think this is a case of absolutely ignoring health risk to a person who is at high risk for mold problems and not maintaining the property well — or the whole community well — for a period of 20 years, so that it was really in very bad disrepair. Gloria Darovic

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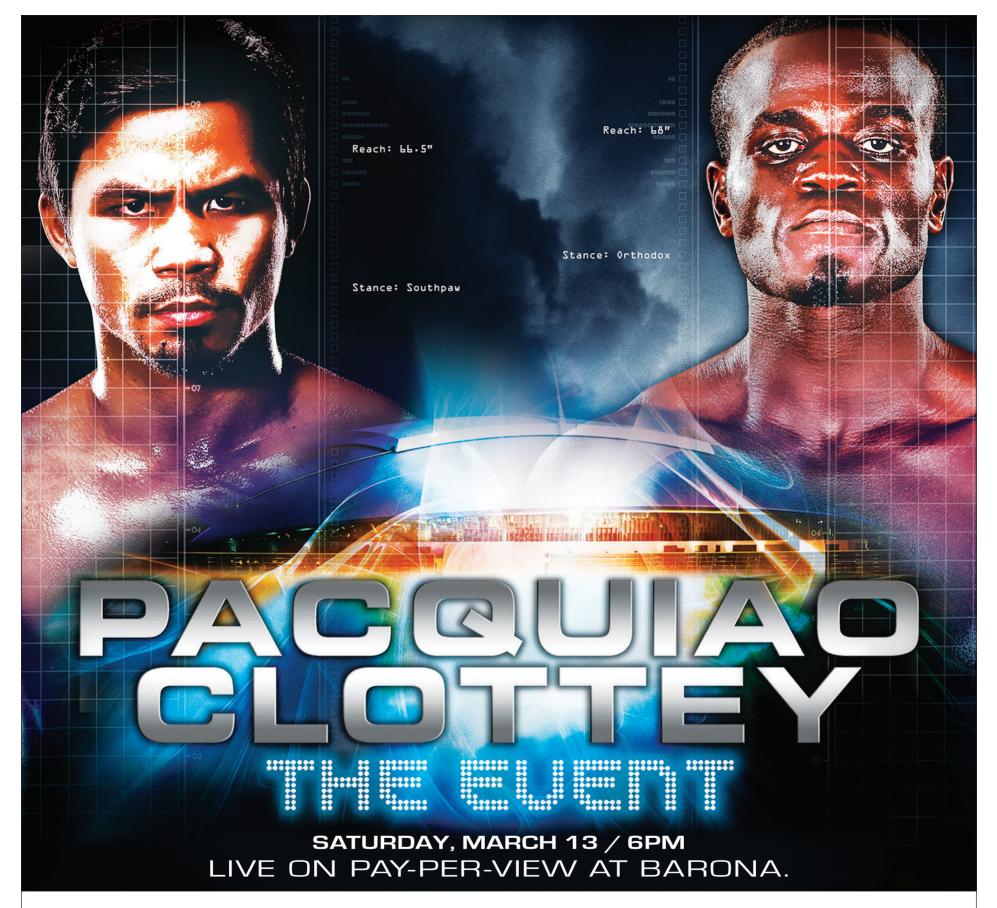
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NEPOTISM AND OTHER CHARACTER FLAWS

Sushi Performance & Visual Art presents an evening of artist-made films. Four artists from the "Family Matters" exhibition were charged to develop a series of films made up of "artists, friends, and/or colleagues to whom you owe something or from whom you want something." Discussion follows. See **FILM**, page 73.

Saturday | 13

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

The Junior League of San Diego hosts its fifth annual program "designed to address the urgent issues surrounding childhood obesity and poor nutrition by getting children and their parents excited about leading a healthy lifestyle."

Hands-on activities aid the learning process. See **FOR KIDS**, page 74.

SAKURA TIME

Celebrate the onset of spring during this traditional Cherry Blossom Festival, featuring authentic Japanese food, cultural demonstrations, entertainment, children's

"Little Miss Sakura" pageant.

See **SPECIAL**, page 71.

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Sunday | 14

GET OUT AND GOLF

Golf Fest will offer a variety of activities, including lessons by PGA and LPGA pros for players of all levels, a driving range used to test the latest technology, stage presentations, and driving-range exhibitions geared to juniors, females, and golfers of all ages and levels.

See SPECIAL, page 72

BACKWARDS IN HIGH HEELS

The Fullerton Civic Light Opera Music Theatre presents the story of Ginger Rogers, with dance sequences to music by Gershwin, Kern, and Berlin. The show offers a "backstage look at the public and private life of this timeless beauty." See **IN PERSON**, page 74.

Monday | 15

UNDERWATER BEAUTIES REVEALED

Wildlife photographer and author Marc Shargel discusses the importance of protected marine areas and presents his new book, *Wonders of the Sea, Volume Two:*Marine Jewels of Southern California's

Coast and Islands, followed by a signing.

See **LECTURES**, page 77.

Tuesday | 16

THROUGH HER EYES

What has changed in the 15 years since the creation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action? The International Women's Day breakfast offers "Critical Perspectives from the Girl Child Today," including video testimony from girls in six countries. See **SPECIAL**, page 71.

Wednesday | 17

IRISH TUNES, CELTIC MELODIES, TRADITIONAL DANCE

The San Diego Symphony honors the shamrock with a "St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Pops" with performances by the Brian Baynes Band, vocalist Siobhán O'Brien, and the Malone Academy of Irish Dance. Be sure to wear green!

See **CLASSICAL MUSIC**, page 90.



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TRAVEL STORIES AND TIPS FROM OUR READERS



It's a long, bumpy way down this Yucatán pyramid

Coba, Mexico

By Ron Hamilton

The site of pre-Columbian ruins on the Yucatán peninsula, Coba, reachable on a day trip from Cancún, was at one point inhabited by over 50,000.

Coba's Nohoch Mul is the highest pyramid in the Yucatán (42 meters), and we chose this site because you're still permitted to climb to the top. There's a rope to assist climbers, but take care — it's a long, bumpy way down and the steps are uneven.

Cancún is about 130 kilometers away, and there are two roads in: the southern route is more modern, and there's a more rural route to the west. Tour buses are available, although renting a car provides more freedom and photo ops. Watch out for the topes, or speed bumps.

There are several ball courts in the ruins — they were used to play a game involving the use of the hips, forearms, or head to project a rubber ball through limestone hoops located high up on a

smooth, sloped surface on either side of the court.

The local guides say that the captain of the winning team would occasionally be sacrificed, as it was considered a great honor and some games lasted for weeks. There's a skull carved from limestone at mid-court, apparently to remind everyone that this was more than a game.

Modena, Italy

By M'Liss Hinshaw

A foodie just learning balsamic's tasty lineage, I visited one of the many countryside balsamic vinegar producers while in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Modena, Italy.



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In Sorbara, as I tasted lively 10- to 50-year-old aged balsamic varietals, balsamic producer Guido Paltrinieri and his family of Acetaia Paltrinieri Balsamico explained the traditional production of balsamic, detailing the use of the special

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The Mix of Rain and Sunshine characteristic of the last few weeks has triggered the emergence of bright green leaves on sycamore, liquidambar, and other decorative deciduous trees around San Diego. Cruise down 163 through Balboa Park to appreciate the vernal splendor of the sycamores growing in the landscaped center divider. Or walk across the El Prado bridge and look down upon the same.

African Daisies are bursting into bloom around San Diego, especially along the freeway embankments. The name refers to a wide variety of species belonging to the genuses *Arctotis, Dimorphotheca* and *Osteospermum*, with flowers ranging in color from yellow, orange and white to purple. These hardy ground covers require little water except when in active growth, and help to hold soil in place during heavy rains.

The Pleasantly Pungent Odor of sage is filling the air wherever

native vegetation grows on the county's coastal and lower-foothill slopes. Most common are the black sage, with tight clusters of small, white flowers; the grayish-leaved white sage; purple-blossomed, sweet-smelling Cleveland sage; and California sagebrush, characterized by soft, needle-like leaves.

The Ghostly Thin Waxing Crescent Moon makes its first observable appearance low in the western sky during early twilight (around 30 minutes after sunset) on Tuesday, March 16. The easier-to-spot pinpoint of white light to the left of the moon is the planet Venus. Both objects will sink to the horizon within the next 30 minutes. March 16 marks the first of a series of moon-Venus conjunctions that will be visible

roughly once a month from now until September.

"Help Save the Source" San Diego River Park Foundation's executive director guides open-house tour of this 516-acre park, "home to many species of plants and animals as well as cultural and historical resources." Required RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, March 13, noon; free. Eagle Peak Preserve, Fagle Peak Road. (IJILIAN)

"Leprechaun and Other Creature Habitats" Enjoy trail guideled walk along green chaparral in search of "the mischievous Irish elf and other elusive creatures" calling the park home. "Discover pots o' gold in the abundant sunflowers," wildflowers, learn Native American folklore, more. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 13, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Afternoon Fitness Hike Join naturalist Rita Ospelt on sevenmile double-loop hike with brisk pace, some steep up- and downhill sections. Not suited for children. 760-839-4680. Tuesday, March 16, 4pm; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours Walking tours start at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, March 13, 11am; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Beach Cleanup Coastkeeper hosts beach cleanup, starting on south side of pier. RSVP: 760-435-5807. Saturday, March 13, 9am; free. Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

Daley Trail Maintenance Join a ranger for trail maintenance. Wear long-sleeved shirt, closed-toe shoes. 760-839-4680. Saturday, March 13, 8am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Endangered Plants and Animals Naturalist Dorothy Klitzing focuses on plants and animals during two-mile hike over variety of trails. 760-839-4680. Saturday, March 13, 8:30am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive (ESCONDIDO)

Hike in Search of Gold Discover rich colors bursting in nature during guided hike. Which creatures emerge as air warms and flowers bloom? 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 13, 9:30am; Sunday, March 14, 9:30am; Wednesday, March 17, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Meet the Salt Marsh Wetland Tend California native plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough in this salt marsh wetland. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them 619-224-4591. Saturday, March 13, 9am; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

Merry-Go-Round Meander Join Walkabout adventurers for scenic prance around Balboa Park, the harbor, downtown, Banker's Hill, over some little-known footbridges to explore between park and heart of downtown. The brisk, three-hour walk starts at Balboa Park carousel (at Park Boulevard and Zoo Place). 619-231-7463. Sunday, March 14, 8:15am; free. Park Boulevard at Presidents Way.

Palm Walk Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, March 13, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Field Ornithologists Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, March 13, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

San Diego River Headwaters Cleanup Calling volunteers, nature enthusiasts for trash and debris removal. Tools, supplies provided. Educational tour planned as well. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, March 13, 9am; free. El Monte County Park, 15805 El Monte Road. (LAKESIDE)

Tidepooling for All at Dike Rock It's an excellent time to explore local tide pools because lower tides reveal wider beaches and pools teeming with native marine life. Learn about ocean critters when Birch Aquarium at Scripps hosts tidepooling led by aquarium naturalist. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Saturday, March 13, 1pm; \$12. 2 and up. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

SPECIAL



"Black to Greatness" The 18th annual Kuumba Fest promises "positive cultural images, healthy challenges, and spiritual rejuvenation." Events begin on Friday with traditional ceremonial pre-fest opening in the courtyard with vendors, fashion, cultural art, music, food, drumming, dance, libations. "Royal Court" begins at 7:30 with parade of history, warrior kings, queens and ancient pharaohs. Also on tap: the play Black at the Gate.

Saturday promises opening of marketplace (11am), educational workshops (noon), youth play (1pm), dance and step showcase (3pm), "Late Nite Live" (9 pm), more.

Marketplace opens at 1pm on Sunday with "The Living Truth" biographical monologues (3:30pm), cooking demonstrations (4pm), gospel event (7pm), more. Tickets: 619-544-1000. Friday, March 12, 6pm; Saturday, March 13, 11am; Sunday, March 14, 1pm; \$5-\$20. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

"CPR Saturday" Get certified during classes offered in English

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casks made of chestnut, oak, juniper, cherry, and mulberry woods. The "mother" of each variety stands near the smaller casks, and, ceremoniously, balsamics are taken from the mother and placed in the smaller casks to keep the vinegars aging to perfection.

These varietals have no "vinegar" bite because they are made from grape musts — not artificial flavors or added caramel colors. A small drizzle from these aged elixirs on cheeses, fruits, and vegetables are as sweet and natural as honeycomb.

Dog-Sledding in Alaska By Jan Austin

Dog sledding (or mushing) affords you thrills, challenges, and opportunities to view pristine wilderness in remote locations that aren't accessible in other ways. Whether you're feeling bold or conservative, there are options to meet your needs:

If you want to mush your own team of sled dogs on a four- to six-day excursion with someone who has completed the famed Iditarod dogsled race numerous times, Jerry Austin of Alaska Dog Sledding in St. Michael, Alaska, is ready to train and escort you. It's pricey (around \$2500 per person), but it's an experience you'll never forget.

If you're less of a thrill-seeker, like me, you can get a taste of dog sledding on a two-mile excursion in Seward, Alaska, at Ididaride Sled Dog Tours. You'll experience the power and energy of 13 Iditarod sled dogs as they pull a wheeled sled. When you return to the kennel, the guides, who are all Iditarod racers, will teach you about the sport.

Perhaps the most memorable part is that you get to hold and cuddle with husky puppies that will one day be sled



Christ the Redeemer a must-see in Ric

dogs. Prices are \$59 for adults and \$29 for children.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

By Dominic DeGrazier

Among Rio's many attractions, visiting Christ the Redeemer (the quintessential Brazilian photo opportunity) on Corcovado Mountain is a must. After catching a view of the city and Sydney-like bay from this 2000-foot-plus peak, stroll along famed Copacabana and Ipanema beaches for a bonanza of people-watching.

If the beach isn't your thing, mean-dering through the small bohemian neighborhood of Santa Teresa will satiate most anyone's visual — and culinary — senses. Hang out at a bar and listen to effusive, positive sounds while sipping on a *caipirinha*, the revered Brazilian cocktail.

Looking for a nighttime experience? Don't miss the neighborhood of Lapa. If the samba music spilling out of its bars were jazz, you'd be in the French Quarter of New Orleans. Too touristy? Okay, head on over to Trapiche Gamboa for a refuge of the self-proclaimed "most authentic" Brazilian music. The restaurant/bar has ceilings 40 feet high, but the atmosphere's intimate with dancing and laughter.

While Rio does have its share of extremely poor neighborhoods, the Cariocans (Rio natives) shine with their infectious smiles and carefree attitudes. Don't be surprised to see yourself flashing the national thumbs-up sign and a big smile after a few days.

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and Spanish by American Red Cross, 858-309-1369, Saturday, March 13, 7am; free. San Diego Community Concourse, 202 C Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Casa de Milagros" Artist Helen Shafer Garcia leads two-part workshop. Build a "House of Miracles" with light papier-mâché techniques, paint, collage embellishments; structure will house a small pamphlet stitch book with collaged pages. Materials fee: \$15. Registration, materials list: 619-223-0058. Sunday, March 14, 10am; \$74-\$86. 14 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

"Fine Art Festival VI" SDMA Artist Guild hosts exhibit in Copley Auditorium (adjacent to museum). "These practicing artists support the museum through financial contributions from the sale of their art...for new acquisitions. exhibitions, and art education.' Event opens with reception on March 12. 858-222-2222. Friday, March 12, 5pm; Saturday, March 13, 10am; Sunday, March 14, 11am; \$5-\$20. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"InfoTopia: Feed the Art Side of Your Brain" The Ancient Gallery presents Total Information Awareness, an interactive black light installation assembled from mass-produced cultural icons and original fabricated sculptures and paintings for "Art After Dark." Performance by San Diego Acro Yoga Acronauts in UV-reactive costumes. Participate in UV-reactive group art project or have your body adorned by body-painting artist Anh Pham. Techno-fusion funk by DJs Michael Striler and Gato Blanco. View three current exhibitions. Refreshments provided. Reservations: 760-435-3720. Friday, March 12, 7pm; \$20-\$25. 21 and up. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

"Through Her Eyes" What has changed in the 15 years since creation of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action? International Women's Day breakfast offers "Critical Perspectives from the Girl Child Today," with video testimony from girls in six countries supported by local and international speakers, and global update from 2010 UN Commission on the Status of Women, 619-260-7509. Tuesday, March 16, 7am; \$8-\$22. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Voices in Wonderland" Underground art experience promises exhibit of work by 25 artists with work themed around Tim Burton's new Alice in Wonderland. Music by Stealing Loves Iones, circus performers, DI Dennis I, Alicethemed video projections. 619-846-7180. Saturday, March 13, 8pm; \$15. 21 and up. Blonde Martini, 835 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

31st Annual St. Patrick's Day Open Reading As always, "Messrs. Guinness and Harp will officiate the proceedings" when members of the public are invited to read their favorite poetry and prose selections by James Joyce, William Butler Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde, Sean O'Casey, Edmund Burke, et al. Join the fun! 858-456-1800. Wednesday, March 17, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue, (LA JOLLA)

Democracy in America Consider a selection from Alexis de Tocqueville's seminal work with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome, 619-440-5625. Saturday, March 13, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street, (EAST VILLAGE)

Sakura Time Celebrate onset of spring during traditional Cherry Blossom Festival promising authentic Japanese food, cultural demonstrations, entertainment, children's games, "Little Miss Sakura" pageant. Tickets: 619-232-2721. Saturday, March 13, 11am; \$18-\$20. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Song Yet Sung James McBride's novel is focus for "Unwilling Immigrants, Exiles, and Refugees: An American Book Discussion" program in commemoration of Black History Month. Read the book, discuss with UCSD African American literature and culture expert Professor Camille F. Forbes, 619-236-5817. Monday, March 15, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

A Tiny Shrine to Hope Create a miniature shrine, learn some simple assemblage techniques from Carol Murphy. Kits include German scrap trim, collage sheet designed for class along with sheet of positive affirmations and words. bottles, mirrors, brads, tiny flowers, tiles, dominoes, keys, fibers, small jewels, buttons, more. 619-280-8408. Saturday, March 13, 1pm; \$28. 13 and up. Vintage Religion, 3821 32nd Street. (NORTH PARK)

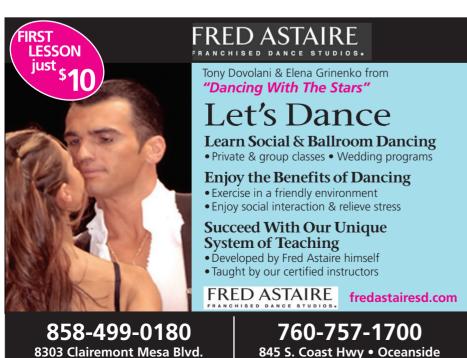
ABC Bridal Showcase San Diego Association of Bridal Consultants hosts event with food tastings, design galleries of latest trends in wedding decor, wedding planners, entertainment, venues, officiants, caterers, more, 619-466-1455. Tuesday, March 16, 5:30pm; \$5-\$10. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Antiques on Offer Dealers host sale of variety of antique and collectibles during North San Diego County Antique and Collectible Show. Professional appraisals: \$5 per item. 858-232-9474. Sunday, March 14, 9am; free, California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard, (ESCONDIDO)

Before Hail Marys Debra Hocking leads beginners' rosary-making class. Fee includes all tools (for student to keep), supplies, instruction needed to craft a black or pink five-decade rosary, 619-280-8408. Monday, March 15, 6pm; \$35, Vintage Religion, 3821 32nd Street.

Community Art Fair Exhibit by county artists, as well as food, live music, activities for children, Silent auction benefits Bread of Life Res-







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cue Mission. 760-757-3636. Sunday, March 14, 1pm; free. Oceanside Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1943 California Street.

Gardening Inspiration on Offer San Diego Horticultural Society bosts tour of "four exceptional and

San Diego Fiorticultural Society hosts tour of "four exceptional and diverse gardens in the Encinitas neighborhoods of Olivenhain and Leucadia." Rain or shine. 760-295-7089. Saturday, March 13, 9am; \$23. Grangetto's Farm and Garden Supply, 189 South Rancho Santa Fe Road. (ENCINITAS)

Get Out and Golf! Golf Fest promises variety of displays and activities, including lessons for players of all levels by PGA and LPGA pros, driving range use to test latest technology, live stage presentations, driving range exhibitions with lessons geared for juniors, female, and male golfers of all ages, levels. 858-586-1202. Friday, March 12, 10am; Saturday, March 13, 9am; Sunday, March 14, 9am; free-\$10. Riverwalk Golf Club, 1150 Fashion Valley Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Gray Whale Season Returns!Outings hosted by Birch Aquarium at Scripps and San Diego Harbor Excursion boast Scripps natural-

Rhyme & VerseFor I Will Consider My Cat Jeoffry

-Christopher Smart

For first he looks upon his fore-paws to see if they are clean.

For secondly he kicks up behind to clear away there.

For thirdly he works it upon stretch with the fore paws extended.

For fourthly he sharpens his paws by wood.

For fifthly he washes himself.

For sixthly he rolls upon wash.

For seventhly he fleas himself, that he may not be interrupted upon the beat.

For eighthly he rubs himself against a post.

For ninthly he looks up for his instructions.

For tenthly he goes in quest of food.

For having consider'd God and himself he will consider his neighbour.

For if he meets another cat he will kiss her in kindness.

For when he takes his prey he plays with it to give it chance.

For one mouse in seven escapes by his dallying.

For when his day's work is done his business more properly begins.

For he keeps the Lord's watch in the night against the adversary.

For he counteracts the powers of darkness by his electrical skin and glaring eyes.

For he counteracts the Devil, who is death, by brisking about the life.

For in his morning orisons he loves the sun and the sun loves him.

For he is of the tribe of Tiger.

For the Cherub Cat is a term of the Angel Tiger.

For he has the subtlety and hissing of a serpent, which in goodness he suppresses.

For he will not do destruction, if he is well-fed, neither will he spit without provocation.

For he purrs in thankfulness, when God tells him he's a good Cat.

For he is an instrument for the children to learn benevolence upon.

For every house is incomplete without him and a blessing is lacking in the spirit. For the Lord commanded Moses concerning the cats at the departure of the Children of Israel from Egypt.

For every family had one cat at least in the bag.

For the English Cats are the best in Europe.

For he is the cleanest in the use of his fore-paws of any quadruped.

For the dexterity of his defence is an instance of the love of God to him exceedingly.

For he is the quickest to his mark of any creature.

For he is tenacious of his point.

For he is a mixture of gravity and waggery.

For he knows that God is his Saviour.



After developing a religious mania in which he would continually fall to his knees and pray, Christopher Smart (1722–1771) was confined in St. Luke's Hospital and then in Mr. Potter's Madhouse. At some point during the years of his confinement, between 1756 and 1763, he wrote his long antiphonal poem "Jubilate Agno" (Praise of the Lamb), the most moving section of which is this fragment in praise of Jeoffry, his sole companion during those years. Nine years after his release, "Kit" Smart was thrown into prison for the crime of being unable to pay his debts,

and there he spent the remaining few months of his life. Unknown during Smart's lifetime, "Jubilate Agno" was not discovered until the 20th Century. It was first published in 1939.

ists on hand to share information about gray whales, the ecology, and history of San Diego Bay and Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Detect, listen to whale and dolphin sounds in real time using state-of-the-art research equipment from Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Dolphins, sea lions, marine birds make guest appearances. Registration: 619-234-4111. Thursdays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Saturdays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Sundays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Sundays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Mondays, 9:45am and 9:45am a

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Tuesdays, 9:45am and 1:30pm;

Wednesdays, 9:45am and 1:30pm;

through Sunday, April 4, \$15-\$35.

San Diego Harbor Excursion, 1050

North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Green Fair Learn to be better steward of planet by recycling, composting, conserving water, conserving energy, preventing water pollution. Organizers promise environmental booths, food, chil-

dren's activities, live music, more. 760-435-5021. Saturday, March 13, 11am; free. Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

Healing Arts and Psychic Festival

Try something new! Dozens of alternative healing practitioners on hand offering samples of their services; variety of psychic readers including mediums, channeling, numerology, cards. Reverend Roby Warren presents "Consciousness: The Missing Peace" (1pm). 858-320-0090. Saturday, March 13, 9am; \$5. Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 5820 Oberlin Drive #108. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

House of Ireland Lawn program with costumes, music, dance, and ethnic foods (for sale). 619-234-0739. Sunday, March 14, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

KnitNight Gather with fellow fiber artists for social knitting, cro-

chet, spinning. 760-806-6744. Tuesdays, 7pm; free. 18 and up. Clever Knits, 214 South Indiana Avenue. (VISTA)

Master Composter Material?

Solana Center for Environmental Innovation offers master composter course; participants are trained to teach others in community. Course meets once a week for five weeks. After completing course, certification is earned by performing 30 hours of volunteer service in various composting activities. Materials fee: \$5. Registration: 760-436-7986 x217. Tuesday, March 16, 6pm; \$5. City of San Diego Ridgehaven Building, 9601 Ridgehaven Court. (KEARNY MESA)

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)

Ranunculus Rainbows The Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours. Visitors may stroll pathways or

take wagon ride (\$5 general). Sweet pea maze, poinsettia display, American flag of flowers. Season passes available. 760-431-0352. Thursdays, 9am; Fridays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; Mondays, 9am; Tuesdays, 9am; Wednesdays, 9am; through Sunday, May 9, free-\$10. Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

Shave-a-Thon Over 100 "shavees" expected to shave their heads to generate awareness, funds for childhood cancer research. Proceeds benefit St. Baldrick's Foundation. 619-531-8869. Saturday, March 13, noon; \$10-\$20. 21 and up. Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar, 410 Tenth Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, March 14, 10am; free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

The Art of the Circus! Circus Vargas raises its new big top for performances around county. Circus "bridges the gap between old tradition and modern innovation." Prior to each show, audience is invited into center ring for "crash course in circus skills such as juggling, feather balancing, and hula-

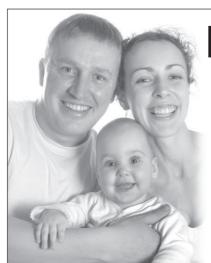
hooping." Tickets: 877-468-3861. Thursday, March 11, 7:30pm; Friday, March 12, 4:30pm and 7:30pm; Saturday, March 13, 1:30pm, 4:30pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, March 14, 1:30pm, 4:30pm and 7:30pm; Monday, March 15, 7pm; \$15-\$55. Circus Vargas — Vista Village, Vista Village Drive at Wave Drive. (VISTA)

The Greenest Block Party! Annual Miller Lite ShamROCK 2010 promises entertainment by the Fooks, the Young Dubliners, DJs, traditional Irish music with step dancers, more. Over 60,000 square feet of green Astroturf is rolled out for party. Food and libations from over 20 venues on offer. 619-233-5008. Wednesday, March 17, 4pm; \$20-\$25. 21 and up. Gaslamp Ouarter. (DOWNTOWN)

Universal Answers? P&R Discussion Group meets to examine "the latest theories on origins of the universe." 619-370-1027. Thursday, March 11, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Wearing of (Much) Green The 30th annual St. Patrick's Day parade and festival celebrates Irish culture, starting at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. Festival (at corner of Sixth and Quince) showcasing Celtic per-





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formers follows; Celtic village, youth stage, food and vendor booths. 858-268-9111. Saturday, March 13, 11am; free. Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Who Is Dr. Funshine? Caroline Meeks M.D. leads laughter yoga classes on third Wednesday of each month. No floor exercises. Donations welcome. 858-483-5100. Wednesday, March 17, 2pm. LiveWell San Diego, 4425 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

DANCE



"St. Paddy's Day Hoedown" Dress in your best Irish/country/ green wear when the Hi-Lo Playboys perform for dance (9-11:30pm). Jitterbug swing lesson at 8:15pm. All ages. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, March 17, 8:15pm; \$15. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

English Country Dancing Judee Pronovost calls for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, March 14, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road, (POWAY)

Hustle Dance Party Hustle workshop for intermediate dancers with Debra Hampton, 7-8pm (\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers). Beginner hustle lesson with Archie Dawson (8-8:30). Hustle dance party with contemporary and classic hustle tunes, 8pm-midnight (\$5 members, \$7 nonmembers). 760-803-9982. Saturday, March 13, 7pm; \$5-\$15. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Blvd., Suite 100, (ENCINITAS)

Jammin' Anniversary "Swing Dance Now" hosts one-year anniversary Iam swing dance, with live music by Sue Palmer for Lindy. East Coast, jitterbug, swing dancing. Expect performances, potluck. "Tuck turn" workshop and beginning swing lesson. Three dance classes (8-9pm); dance (9-midnight). Pay \$15 for dance only, or \$22 for dance and lesson. All ages. 619-291-3775. Friday, March 12, 8pm; \$15-\$22. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Old Twine String Band Provides music, Steve Barlow calls for contra dancing hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, March 13, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Singing and Dancing Learn, practice songs to some "favorite Balkan dances" when Mary Ann Downs leads singing workshop. Regular international folk dancing follows. 619-281-5656. Saturday, March 13, 7:30pm. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street, (NORTH PARK)

West Coast Swing Fever DJ plays West Coast swing, nightclub, and requests for dance party for singles, couples. Lesson: 8pm; open dancing: 8:30-10:30pm. All ages. 619-275-3533. Saturday, March 13, 8pm; free-\$8. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Zydeco Dancing Tuesdays; 21 and up. Riley's Music Lounge, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

FILM

"A New Generation of Spike and Mike Animation" Festival promises "flat-out best and funniest animated shorts the world has to offer." The 19 featured films include Key Lime Pie, Stillwaters, A Town Called Panic: Cake. Tickets: \$15 general; group rate of \$12 per ticket for four or more, 858-459-8707, Saturday, March 13, 7:15pm and 9:30pm; 6 and up. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street, (LA JOLLA)

"Dive-In Theatre" She's the One (1996) screens for cinema social, combining "eclectic film choices," food, drink, light conversation at hotel's poolside lounge and theater (outdoors), Reservations: 619-226-6100. Wednesday, March 17, 8pm; free, Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

"Nepotism and Other Character Flaws" Theme provides both "title and sole requirement for...evening of artist-made films.

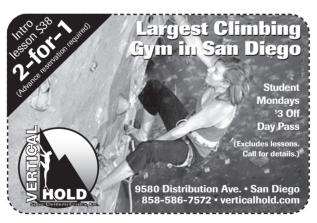
Four artists from "Family Matters" exhibition were charged to develop film series made up of "artists, friends, and/or colleagues to whom you owe something or from whom you want something." Discussion with panelists Lisa Hutton, Andrew Kaufman, Lauren Tvler Norby, Donna Stack. 619-235-8466. Friday, March 12, 8pm; \$10-\$15. Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Belonging Minky Schlesinger and Khetiwe Ngcobo's film is "investigation into the complex dynamic between those who remained in South Africa and risked their lives to lead the struggle against apartheid and those who returned victoriously after living in exile." 619-236-5817. Wednesday, March 17, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Estômago: A Gastronomic **Story** ArtPower "Foovies" gather for screening of this 2007 Brazilian/Italian film, as well as Brazilian/Italian-inspired meal from Zanzibar Cafe. Reservations: 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, March 11, 7:30pm; \$26. Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive, (LA JOLLA)

Solomon and Gaenor This 1999 Academy Award-nominated Welsh film directed by Paul Morrison screens for Cinema Society of Carlsbad. Pre-show introduction and post-show discussion led by Andy Friedenberg or Ann Zivotsky. 760-602-2026. Saturday, March 13, 1:30pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

The Blue Eves of Yonta This 1991 film by Flora Gomes screens for African Arts Council at San Diego Museum of Art. Film "offers a bittersweet portrait of the disillusionment of the revolutionary generation in Guinea-Bissau and the vibrant...society which developed





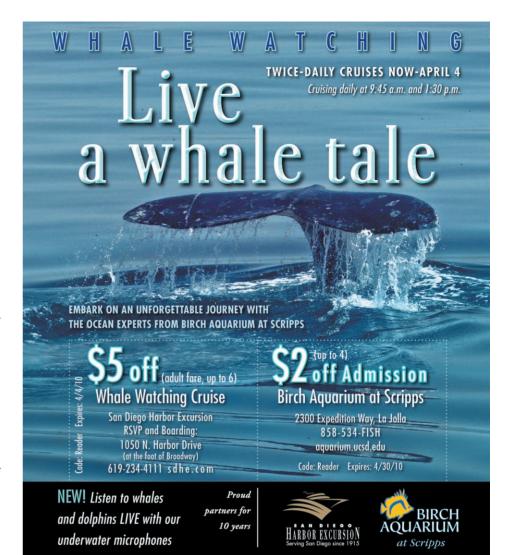


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after independence." 619-232-7931. Sunday, March 14, 2pm; \$3-\$5. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

The Informant! Matt Damon stars in Steven Soderbergh's 2009 film, screening for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800. Monday, March 15, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Not-So-Silent Movie Night Scott Paulson and the Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra provide sound effects and live music while silent films roll. Reservations: 760-433-3245. Saturday, March 13, 8pm; \$10. 6 and up. New Village Arts Theatre, 2787 B State Street. (CARLSBAD)

FOOD & DRINK

"Beer U: Stouts" Ken Wright chronicles history, brewing, "tasty variations to be found in the world of stouts," offers samples. 760-471-4999. Monday, March 15, 7pm; \$20. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Cooking Made Easy" Two cooks from Vegan San Diego Club demonstrate making of joyful salad, veggie fried rice, nonbake pear ginger crisp. Enjoy food samples, gift bags. 858-705-3987. Sunday, March 14, 3pm; free. Loving Hut, 1905 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

"Eclectic Beer and Cheese Pairings" Beer expert Ryan Ross hosts beer-and-cheese-pairing class with "tour of barley, hops, malt, and yeast." Saint Patrick's Day pairings promised, including favorite Irish cheeses. Reservations: 619-358-9081. Monday, March 15, 6:30pm; \$50. Venissimo Cheese — East Village, 871 G Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"For Every Meal There Is a Season" "Opera-singing chef" Elizabeth Podsiadlo plans "slow foods" class focusing on colcannon (winter vegetable casserole), potato soup with sausage and kale, apple tarts using Julian apples. Recipes, tastings offered for each dish. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, March 13, 1:30pm; \$25-\$30. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Tastings 2010" Family Winemakers of California host public tasting with participation by more than 200 wineries. Tasting show-cases very small, family-owned wineries, many of whom pour at very few events. Registration: 415-705-0646. Sunday, March 14, 3pm; \$45-\$55. 21 and up. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Chef Kitchen Experience Participants head to Hillcrest farmers' market to select menu ingredients, return to Jsix kitchen for hands-on (or hands-off) cooking experience, replete with champagne, and three-course meal with wine or cocktail. Reservations: 619-531-8744. Sunday, March 14, 10am; \$120. Jsix, 616 J Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Get Cooking! Learn fundamentals of cooking during eight-week "Academy of Culinary Technique" taught by Jeff Jackson of the Lodge at Torrey Pines and Fixtures chef Bridget Bueche. Registration: 858-966-3600. Thursday, March 11, 5:30pm; \$595. Fixtures Visions for Living, 9340 Dowdy Drive. (MRAMAR)

March Madness Home Brew Competition Celebrate "ancient art of home brewing" during annual American Homebrewers Association membership rally promising "dozens of delicious home brews" to sample. Or make your own and bring it along for competition. Details: 760-471-4999. Saturday, March 13, 1pm; \$33. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Venissimo Stinks! Love stinky cheeses or a bit frightened of them? "Learn what makes them the unique individuals they are" during "tour of some of the world's finest aromatic fromages." Registration: 619-358-9081. Friday, March 12, 6:30pm; \$50. Venissimo Cheese — East Village, 871 G Street. (FAST VILLAGE)

FOR KIDS

"Just for Kids!" Naturalist DJ Summers leads easy hike for parents and their children; meet at La Honda Drive entrance at 1:45pm, ride shuttle to Ranch House to begin hike. Craft session at picnic area follows. Bring a snack if you want. 760-839-4680. Sunday, March 14, 1:45pm; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Wild Things Are Here" Listen to Maurice Sendak's Where the Wild Things Are, venture into children's zoo to encounter some of the "wildest animals" during Kindernights and Kindermornings program. Participants create a crown or wild mask, enjoy treats. Fee does not include admission to zoo. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. Friday, March 12, 6:30pm; Saturday, March 13, 9am; \$12-\$15. 3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Pippi Longstocking San Diego Junior Theatre presents stage adaptation of Astrid Lindgren's classic tale of adventurous, independent Pippi and her friends. Performance on March 20 is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; Hrough Sunday, March 21, \$8-\$14. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

Willy Wonka Jr. Aviara Oaks Middle School drama department performs. 760-420-7004. Thursday, March 12, 7pm; Friday, March 12, 7pm; Saturday, March 13, 2pm; \$5-\$10. Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center, 3557 Monroe Street. (CARLSBAD)

All Aboard! Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. Donation: 50 cents. 619-421-5227. Saturday, March 13, noon; Sunday, March

14, noon.; Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

Animals, Animals, Animals! Enjoy *The Rock and Roll Rabbit* and *How Much Is That Puppy in the Window* when Big Joe Productions entertain. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, March 17, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Bend It, Shape It, Sculpt It "Art Explorations: Exploring Sculpture" classes for families with children 5-12 years old. Participants engage in studio activities inspired by museum's collections. 619-232-7931. Wednesdays, 1:30pm; through Wednesday, March 31, free. 5 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

How Do You Solve a Problem...

A high-spirited governess named Maria, seven children, and a widowed naval captain equals *The Sound of Music.* The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical is next production for J*Company Youth Theatre. Score includes tunes such as "Climb Every Mountain," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," "Edelweiss." Reservations: 858-362-1348. Saturday, March 13, 8pm; Sunday, March 14, 1pm and 4:30pm; \$13-\$17. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Kids in the Kitchen Junior League of San Diego hosts fifth annual program in Liberty Station's Ingram Plaza. Event is "designed to address the urgent issues surrounding childhood obesity and poor nutrition by getting children and their parents excited about leading a healthy lifestyle." Handson activities. 619-234-5573. Saturday, March 13, 9:30am; free. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road (POINT LOMA)

Move It! "Introduction to Animation" presented by Lori Damiano, whose "creative work spans the genres of painting, illustration, animation, 'zines, and films, as well as quilts, gardens, miniature sweaters, and pies." Teens will learn tips and strategies on how to cultivate their own creative futures, create an animation project. Reservations: 858-454-3541 x153. Saturday, March 13, 11am; \$15. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

WDA Swing Kids Troupe Introductory lesson, information session for troupe's 2010 season, for males and females 8-18 years old. Styles include swing, Latin, ballroom. All experience levels welcome. 858-679-8277. Saturday, March 13, 3pm; free. 8 and up. Academy of World Dance 'n' Arts, 12621-A Poway Road. (POWAY)

Watch Out for Mr. MacGregor! Peter Rabbit's adventures presented by Eva Kvaas of Puppet Express. 619-544-9203. Thursday, March 11, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, March 12, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, March 13, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, March 14, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130

Pan American Road West. (BALBOA

Wood Rats and Fauna Kids of all ages (with an adult) learn facts about wood rats and fauna in the oaks during class promising songs, specimens, trail walk to habitats, craft activity. 619-582-6261. Thursday, March 11, 10am and 3pm; Friday, March 12, 10am; free-\$5. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

GALLERIES



CURIOUS REMINISCENCE Aaron Jasinski & Josh Taylor

Reception: 3/13, 6-11 pm Music by "Templates" 760-781-5779 www.distinctionart.com

"6 Women Artists" Opening reception for exhibit by four painters and two photographers, "connected by their love of art and the support they offer one another." Show in Upstairs Gallery closes with artists on hand, Friday, March 12, 4-7pm. 619-818-8734. Friday, March 12, 4pm; free. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Curious Reminiscence" Opening reception for Aaron Jasinski and Josh Taylor, who "share a common theme of fantastical illustrations but are differentiated by varying styles and techniques." The 14 studios featuring more than 20 local artists will be open. Closes Friday, April 2. 760-781-5779. Saturday, March 13, 6pm; free. Distinction Gallery, 317 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

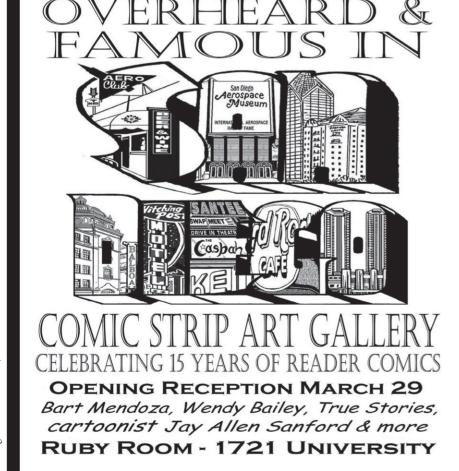
"Only Human" Closing reception for exhibition of large oil paintings and small narrative drawings by figurative painter Linda Kardoff. 619-299-4278. Saturday, March 13, 6pm; free. San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

IN PERSON

"Backwards in High Heels"
Fullerton Civic Light Opera Music Theatre presents "The Ginger Rogers Story," with dance sequences to music by Gershwin, Kern, Berlin. Show offers "backstage look at the public and private life of this timeless beauty." 800-988-4253. Friday, March 12, 8pm; Saturday, March 13, 2pm and 8pm; Sunday, March 14, 2pm and 7pm; \$37-\$65. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

"Directing for Film and TV" Director Danny Leiner (Harold and Kumar; Arrested Development; Dude, Where's My Car?) presents clips of his work, discusses "the art and commerce of a film and television career" in Arts 240. 760-750-





4011. Monday, March 15, 7pm; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

"Killer Party Gala" Mystery authors Penny Warner (*Killer Party*), Rhys Bowen (*The Last Illusion*), Diana Orgain (*Motherhood Is Murder*), Margaret Grace (*Mourning in Miniature*) sign, discuss their books. 858-268-4747. Thursday, March 11, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

"Luscious Noise" Multimedia performance experience where live classical music, dance, film converge, created by California Ballet music director-conductor John Stubbs, with members of San Diego Symphony. 619-595-0300. Sunday, March 14, 7:30pm; \$20-\$25. Anthology, 1337 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Blue Collar Mentality Tom Barbour signs copies of his book, subtitled Boise State's Rise to Football Prominence. 760-479-0242. Saturday, March 13, 2pm; free. Borders Books and Music — Carlsbad, 1905 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

Flying Pans: Two Chefs, One World Chefs (and authors) Bernard Guillas and Ron Oliver sign copies of their new book. 619-435-0070. Friday, March 12, 6:30pm; free. Bay Books, 1029 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Impatient with Desire What really happened during four months the Donner Party was trapped in Sierra Nevada Mountains? Life of Tamsen Donner imagined by Gabrielle Burton in her most recent book, which author will sign, discuss. 858-454-0347. Thursday, March 11, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

My Year of Living Anxiously

Moira Keefe presents her onewoman play, looking at "complicated life of a member of the 'sandwich generation,' wedged between aging parents, hormonal teenagers, and psychiatric bologna." 760-753-7376. Friday, March 12, 7:30pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Switch Chip and Dan Heath are authors of *Made to Stick* and *Switch: How to Change Things When Change Is Hard.* One of the Heaths will be on hand to discuss and sign books, answer audience

questions. Fee includes copy of *Switch*. 760-814-1223. Thursday, March 11, 10:30am; \$40. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

A Fresh Spin! Warren Fahy, author of *Fragment*, "puts a fresh spin on the survival-of-prehistoric-beasts theme." Learn how Fahy "spent three years studying the science that informs this imaginative debut novel." 760-753-7376. Wednesday, March 17, 6:30pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

An Evening of Indian Music Renowned sitar virtuoso/composer/educator Kartik Seshadri — whose "playing is marked for its expressive beauty, rich tonal sensibility, and extraordinary rhythmic intricacy" — plans concert with friends, benefiting Mingei Museum. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x133. Friday, March 12, 8pm; \$35-\$125. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Gelato Poetry Series Jim Babwe reads his poetry, followed by open-mike performances. 760-434-1240. Friday, March 12, 7pm; free. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

Journey of Self-Discovery Author Bette Blaydes Pegas discusses her travel memoir, *Chasing a Dream in the Galápagos: A Personal Evolution*, for Crest Kiwanis Club (public welcome). Signing follows. 800-626-6579. Monday, March 15, 6pm; free. Crest Community Association clubhouse, 113 North Park Drive. (EL CAJON)

Kooza! Cirque du Soleil "combines two circus traditions — acrobatic performance and the art of clowning" — to tell story of "The Innocent," a melancholy loner in search of his place in world. Show highlights physical demands of human performance in its splendor and fragility, presented with emphasis on slapstick humor. 800-450-1480. Thursdays, 8pm; Fridays, 4pm and 8pm; Saturdays, 4pm and 8pm; Sundays, 1pm and 5pm; Tuesdays, 8pm; Wednesdays, 8pm; through Sunday, March 21, \$21-\$125. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard.

Lively and Loose San Francisco Bay Area poets Josef Aukee and

f Joshua Boylan are featured readers when Drunk Poets Society convenes. 619-222-6822. Monday, March 15, 6pm; free. 21 and up. Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street.

Mariachi Magic San Diego High School's fifth annual mariachi conference includes guest Javier Rodriguez, who began his musical studies at age eight and started developing his talents as trumpet player a few years later. 619-570-1100. Friday, March 12, 6:30pm; \$20. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Open-Mike Night Musicians, singers (including karaoke), actors, poets, comedians invited to entertain. Purchase requested. 619-299-9360. Sundays, 8pm. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Payday Slam Will you judge, slam, or just listen? To compete, bring at least three original three-minute works and get ready to slam. Cash prizes awarded. Poets, judges enter free; \$3 suggested donation for others. 619-641-6123. Friday, March 12, 7pm. City Heights Performance Annex, 3791 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Set Yourself Free! Board-certified psychiatrist Judith Orloff — author of *Second Sight* and *Emotional Freedom* — on hand for "informal evening and book signing." Reservations: 760-753-5786 x848. Friday, March 12, 7pm; \$30. Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Stress-Free Tuesdays Comedy show by Leo Flowers and Foo, host Byron Bowers. No cover before 7:30pm. 619-708-7975. Tuesday, March 16, 7pm; free-\$5. 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

The Fallacy of Religion Library author series continues with San Diego author Horacio Hanson discussing his new book, *There Is No Creator: Religion Is a Fraud — What Now?* Book signing follows. 619-236-5817. Saturday, March 13, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Thriller! Author David Rosenfelt signs *Down to the Wire.* 858-268-4747. Tuesday, March 16, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

What Is the Nature of Dark Matter? Journalist/scientist Anil Ananthaswamy discusses, signs his



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new book, *The Edge of Physics*, in which he searches for "world's most audacious physics experiments." 858-454-0347. Tuesday, March 16, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

¡Ask a Mexican! Spring Literary Series continues when author/ OC Weekly staff writer Gustavo Arellano discusses his work. Catch this very funny man in D121-A/B. 619-388-3596. Thursday, March 11, 9:35am; free. 14 and up. San Diego City College, 1313 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

LECTURES

"Be a Star Performer" Career counselor Nancy Davis leads workshop focusing on "soft skills" and career success, in Career Center Room 627. Consider your skills with problem solving, working as a team member, oral communication skills, more. 619-644-7614. Thursday, March 11, 11am; free. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

"Biblically Approved Abuse""Biblical Texts That Challenge" series continues with "look at texts and traditions that have consis-

tently explicitly or implicitly encouraged abuse of women and children." 619-466-4163. Wednesday, March 17, 7pm; free. 13 and up. La Mesa First United Methodist Church, 4690 Palm Avenue. (LA MESA)

"Broadway — An American Invention" Pianist/singer/storyteller Bruno Leone plans lecture/performance series combining anecdotes, history, live music for behind-the-scenes look at music world. Talks trace development of musical comedy from small beginnings, through Broadway's "Golden Age," to grandiose musicals defining contemporary Broadway, Musicals of leading composers, lyricists of today and yesterday showcased. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Tuesday, March 16, 7:30pm; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall

"Bye-Bye Grass! Part Two" Gardening expert Nan Sterman focuses on how to evaluate irrigation, prepare soil, select plants. Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, March 13, 1pm; \$45-\$50. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive.

"Designing Landscapes with Native Plants" Greg Rubin of California's Own Native Landscape Design focuses on care and placement of drought-tolerant natives, design ideas, more. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Thursday, March 11, 6:30pm; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

"Happy Bedfellows: The Law and Music" "The Incredible Power of Music" series offered by pianist/"stage personality" Jacquelyne Silver continues with illumination of works by great composers who were lawyers, exploring connection between music and law. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Sunday, March 14, 2pm; \$30-\$35. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"How Capitalism Is Failing California" All is revealed when International Socialist Organization gathers. Learn "how our economic system has led to the failure of California's programs and services." 619-865-0621. Thursday, March 11, 6pm; free. City Heights Recreation Center, 4380 Landis Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Are There Limits? Rabbi Arnold Rachlis answers questions such as "Are There Any Limits to What I Can Believe?" "Is There a Difference Between Inspiration, Creativity, and Revelation?" RSVP for luncheon and lecture: 858-268-3674. Saturday, March 13, 12:30pm; free. Congregation Dor Hadash, 4858 Ronson Court.

"Living Without Answers but Asking Great Questions" Rabbi Arnold Rachlis delivers "Reflections on Being a Reconstructionist Jew." 858-268-3674. Friday, March 12, 7:30pm; free. Congregation Dor Hadash, 4858 Ronson Court. (KEARNY MESA)

"Ritual Rhythms" Why do human beings use music to enhance important life events? SDSU ethnomusicologist and world music professor Kevin Delgado presents lecture, demonstration exploring both unity and diversity of how music is used in ritual activity. 619-239-0003 x405. Saturday, March 13, 1:30pm; \$10-\$15. Mingei International Museum North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Spotlight on Aquaculture Research" Research biologist David Jirsa highlights current research being done at Hubbs-Sea-World Research Institute for Life at MiraCosta senior learning group in room 1068 (1pm). Sandra Fichter and Chuck Atkinson of Veterans Association of North County present preview of new veterans center (2:30pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, March 12, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Who Is Jesus the Christ for You Today?" Lecture by Ryder Stevens, "a practitioner of Christian Science healing" with degrees from Boston University and Harvard Divinity School. 760-745-1561. Saturday, March 13, 10am; free. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Escondido, 440 South Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

Ace Photographer Don Bartletti, Pulitzer Prize-winning *Los Angeles Times* photojournalist, speaks for Sierra Club photography section meeting. 619-238-7559. Wednesday, March 17, 7pm; free. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Beyond the Zodiac Debbie Keil-Leavitt focuses on "The Fixed Stars of the Zodiac: Bringing the Power of the Stars to Your Astrological Readings" for San Diego Astrological Society. Learn "technique used to identify heliacal rising and setting stars for any given chart, along with the stars of success, joy, difficulty, and mysticism." 619-307-1636. Friday, March 12, 7:30pm; \$6-\$12. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLGREST)

California-Friendly Gardening Workshop focusing on landscape irrigation management taught by an experienced instructor with degree in horticulture, background in water conservation. Topics: landscape design, WaterSmart plants, watering, irrigation systems. Registration: 760-632-4236. Saturday, March 13, 9am; free. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (FNCINITAS)

Careers in Health Care Industry experts divulge "what it takes to obtain a career in the health-care sector" during discussion sponsored by San Diego Workforce Partnership. 619-228-2992. Thursday, March 11, 3:30pm; free. 16 and up. Casa de Oro Library, 9805 Campo Road #180. (SPRING VALLEY)

Celebrating the Americans with Disabilities Act Event focuses on benefits and dispels myths of hiring individuals with disabilities in the workforce. Keynote speaker Cameron Clapp shares stories of his experiences, athletic accomplishments; he lost both legs and right arm after being struck by a train nine years ago. Breakfast served at 7:30am; opening remarks at 8am. RSVP for space availability: 619-266-4214. Thursday, March 11, 7:30am; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Contemporary Floral Design Celebrate spring by creating a contemporary floral design during hands-on workshop taught by floral designer David Root. Materials fee: \$30. Space availability, reservations: 760-436-3036 x206. Sunday, March 14, 2pm; \$25-\$30. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (FNCINITAS)

Crosthwaite Art Talk Artist Hugo Crosthwaite speaks about his on-site drawing for the museum and his past decade of work. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. Sunday, March 14, 3pm; free-\$12. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore the Kingdom of Fungi! Eric Piehel and Sam Andrasko focus on "Mushroom Cultivation: Gourmet and Medicinal Mushrooms," explaining fungi's many mysteries. Learn importance of fungus in our environment, how it reduces waste, improves health. Leave with a mushroomgrowing kit. 619-255-0203. Tuesday, March 16, 6:30pm; \$15-\$20. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Find Your Ancestors San Diego Genealogical Society offers genealogy classes for beginners including basic genealogy research procedures, census records, vital records, computer resources, more. 858-279-7347. Saturday, March 13, 10am; free. Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church, 8350 Lake Murray Boulevard. (SAN CARLOS)

How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Cat Training secrets, cat behavior, nutrition, preventing destructive behaviors, socialization with people and other animals, how to communicate with cat. For humans only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Tuesday, March 16, 6:30pm;

\$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Know San Diego Thornmint? In a few weeks, pink and white blooms of Acanthomintha ilicifolia (SD thornmint) will emerge from plant's green thorny foliage. Botanists Jonathan Snapp-Cook and Jessie Vinje provide virtual tour of some of locations where this species is found, present findings of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's fivevear review when California Native Plant Society meets in room 101. Bring mystery plants for identification. 619-232-8232. Tuesday, March 16, 6:30pm; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

Life in Albania Alketa Wojik, associate dean of MiraCosta College's Community Learning Center, discusses his home country, which "few were allowed to leave...and even fewer were allowed to enter." Life program presented in room 201. 760-757-2121 x7782. Friday, March 12, 1pm; free. 18 and up. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Meet California Natives Landscape designer Doug Kalal focuses on "30 Great Drought-Tolerant Plants for Your Garden," showcasing photographs, "flowers, foliage, and fun tales from the field." 619-200-7066. Tuesday, March 16, 6pm; free. San Marcos Library, 2 Civic Center Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

Quest for the Perfect Query Key to landing "an editor or agent these days can often be boiled down to the right cover or query letter." Alexis O'Neill — author of Loud Emily, The Recess Queen, Estela's Swap — chronicles "making a great first impression" for Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, in USD's Hahn School of Nursing Building (Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). 619-713-5462. Saturday, March 13, 2pm; \$7-\$9. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Shaping the American West Frank H. Goodyear III, National Portrait Gallery associate curator of photographs and curator for "Faces of the Frontier" exhibition, plans lecture in conjunction with exhibit opening. Gain "in-depth historical look at the four main themes that shaped the American West: land, exploration, discord, and possibilities." 619-232-6203. Friday, March 12, 6pm; \$5-\$15. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Start with Seeds Nan Sterman divulges how to "Start a Vegetable Garden from Seed" during handson workshop. Instruction in basics of starting plants, particularly annual vegetables, from seed. 619-255-0203. Thursday, March 11, 6:30pm; \$25-\$33. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Start a Collective Learn what it takes to open a collective and delivery service from "successful collective owners and attorneys." 858-864-8787. Saturday, March 13, 11:30am; \$99. 18 and up. Legal

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Cannabis Institute Mira Mesa, 9808 Waples Street. (MIRA MESA)

Underwater Beauties Revealed Wildlife photographer, author Marc Shargel discusses importance of marine protected areas and presents his new book, Wonders of the Sea, Volume Two: Marine Jewels of Southern California's Coast and Islands. Book signing follows. RSVP: 858-534-5771. Monday, March 15, 6:30pm; \$5. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Water-Smart Edibles Horticulturist David Yetz presents "informative and delicious exploration of fruit that can be grown in a waterconserving landscape." Enjoy samples, see some of the plants. Learn proper planting, drip irrigation, maintenance. 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, March 13, 10am; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Web-Design Seminar Learn of newest trends in web design; focus on "benefit of open-source applications and plug-ins." Guest Dylan Whitman examines "web-design structure and social media campaigns to propel your business forward." RSVP: 415-886-7736. Thursday, March 11, 6pm; free. EnDev LLC, 404 14th Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

What Do You Know About Blackwater? Raymond Lutz, coordinator for Citizens' Oversight Projects, divulges "history of the Blackwater/Xe paramilitary company, the efforts to stop Blackwater in Otav Mesa and Southwestern College, and the 'Stop Outsourcing Security' bill" when Rancho Santa Fe Democratic Club gathers. Guests welcome. RSVP: 858-869-9515. Wednesday, March 17, 6:30pm; \$10. Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club, 5827 Via de la Cumbre. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

What Is a Pagan? Explore ritual, "Magick, and the Wheel of the Year' during "Introduction to Paganism." Donation. 619-298-9978 x8014. Saturday, March 13, 10am, First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

SPORTS

"The Dressage Affaire" "Elegant tête-à-tête between horse and rider" featured during competition. 858-481-9085. Friday, March 12, 8am; Saturday, March 13, 8am; Sunday, March 14, 8am; free, Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

2010 Champs for Life Top amateur boxers from SD and the county - Josue De La Sancha, Yareldi Rodriguez, Karina Hernandez, Luke Redondo, Danyelle Wolf - compete in USA Boxing District Champs Junior Olympics. 619-233-5444. Saturday, March 13, 1pm; \$12. City Boxing, 1059 14th Street (DOWNTOWN)

Aerial Star vs. Threat! American Wrestling Alliance presents "Friday Night Live." Card includes heavyweight championship bout between Aerial Star and Threat; "The Mirror Image" Ricky Mandell versus Mr. Clutch; others. 619-569-0356. Friday, March 12, 7pm; \$10-\$13. Unity Lodge, 3366 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Extra Hills! San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists plan 80mile ride to Ramona, following route down Highway 52, up Highway 67, down Highland Valley. 619-473-8513. Sunday, March 14, 8:45am. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Friendship Classic Take in first home game of season for San Diego Thunder football team, playing Las Vegas Buccaneers. 619-846-4073. Saturday, March 13, 6pm; free-\$10. Balboa Stadium, 1405 Park Boulevard, (EAST VILLAGE)

Nuclear Cowboyz Freestyle motocross tour includes "legends like Adam Jones, Mike Mason, Nate Adams, Ronnie Faisst, and...Jeremy 'Twitch' Stenberg" presenting "theatrical-style scripted performance" set to "pulse-pounding hardrock music." 800-745-3000. Friday, March 12, 7:30pm; Saturday, March 13, 7:30pm; \$20-\$55. San

Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Rack 'em Up Women's Pro Billiards Association holds annual San Diego Classic tournament. Sixty-four "world-class players will compete for top spots in the rankings." Monica Webb returns to defend her title, face competition from Austrian champion Jasmin Ouschan, "Black Widow" Jeanette Lee, Hall of Famer Allison Fisher, and Ga-Young Kim, the numberone-ranked female player in world. 800-847-6537. Thursday, March 11, 10am and 6pm; Friday, March 12, 10am and 6pm; Saturday, March 13, 11am and 5:30pm; Sunday, March 14, 1pm; \$8-\$20. 21 and up. Viejas Casino, 5005 Willows Road, (ALPINE)

Sea Level Century Join Knickerbikers for fifth annual 100-mile bicycle adventure to Dana Point for lunch (bring money) and back before sun sets. Bring identification for entry on Camp Pendleton. 760-525-6833. Sunday, March 14, 7:15am; free. Carmel Valley park and ride, 12791 Sorrento Valley Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Walk for Haiti This 5k around Mission Bay raises money, awareness for ongoing needs of Haitian people as a result of January's earthquake. Pledges requested. 619-243-5000 x0. Sunday, March 14, 8:30am; free, De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

MUSEUMS & **PUBLIC ART**

Chinese Historical Society and Museum "Five Dynasties of Chinese Pottery" features collection of pottery ranging from Han Dynasty to Ming Dynasty, tracing Chinese pottery from its humble, utilitarian origins to its culmination as an elite art form. Exhibit includes roof tile ends, grave goods, funerary jars, sculptures of horses and carriages, porcelain vessels.

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)

Embarcadero Urban Trees 6 Public art exhibit of 31 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorn Street). Artists were supplied with a 12-foot-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)

Mingei International Museum North County "Rite and Ritual: Ceremonial Art Across the Cultures" focuses on beauty of objects used for special familial, tribal, community events in traditional cultures such as birth, childhood, initiation, marriage, death, and festivals and in various religious expressions among the world's peoples. Closes Saturday, October 16. 155 West Grand Ave., 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Photographic Arts "Seeing Beauty" explores aesthetics of beauty expressed through eyes of photographers through history of the medium including Bill Brandt, Walker Evans, Mary Ellen Mark, Edward Weston, Minor White, Aaron Siskind. See works in range of genres such as portraiture, abstraction, landscape, still life through Sunday, January 23, 2011.

"In Light: Selections from the Permanent Collection" may be seen through Sunday, January 23, 2011. These "works tell vivid stories of photography's master practitioners and technological innovations, while demonstrating photography's ability to reveal the unseen and the unseeable." Exhibit boasts photographs by Ansel Adams, Dorothea Lange, others. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of San Diego History

"Faces of the Frontier: Photographic Portraits from the American West, 1845-1924," opening Friday March 12, presents portraits in four general themes: land, exploration, discord, possibilities, Exhibit organized by the National Portrait Gallery includes more than 100 photographs of leaders, statesmen, soldiers, activists, laborers, criminals, entertainers including Sitting Bull, Kit Carson, George Custer, Geronimo, Jesse James, Annie Oakley, Theodore Roosevelt, Brigham Young. Closes Sunday,

"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 "NTC Promenade Views and Visions" features photography, architecture, landscape architecture of new NTC Promenade Arts and Cultural District. Exhibition continues through Sunday, March 21, 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 102, 619-255-8908. (POINT LOMA)

San Diego Automotive Museum

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

Timken Museum of Art Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18thand 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)

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From Disneyland to Ducasse

As my posse and I settled down and looked at the latest menu at Blanca, I sang out happily, "Thank God, it's not the same old food again!" There's a new gunfighter in town; he's not as mellow with his sharpshooting talents as Colorado (Rick Nelson) in the classic *Rio Bravo*, but he is as fiery as Billy the Kid. Chef Jason Neroni, aged 33, arrived at Blanca last October after receiving a "Rising New York Chef" award for his work at 10 Downing Street in Manhattan and prized two-star ratings in the New York Times (both there and at his previous gig, the famously porky Porchetta). Outspoken, and sometimes irascible, he also hit the blog-sites frequently in the Big Apple, where celebrity chefs are even more newsworthy than the Kardashians (who?). (If you're starved for the gossip he spawned, go Google him.)

Neroni started out as an Orange County high school kid with no idea of what good food tasted like, and then he took a summer job cooking at Disneyland. Palate rapidly awakening, talent showing, during his second summer he swiftly rose from the kitchens of Disneyland's regular restaurants to Club 33, the park's classic French dinner house. Instead of going on to art school as planned, he headed for San Francisco to work at Chez Panisse and Postrio and then south again for a grueling, vital training gig at Spago.

He now felt ready for the Big Apple, where the level of ambition in restaurant cooking was even higher. At Manhattan's fabled Le Cirque, young Jason, fresh from Orange County with a backpack on his shoulders, strolled through the formal dining room in the middle of its ultra-chic lunch hour, straight to the kitchen to hand the top chef his résumé. He was hired the next day. Working his way through the stations of the kitchen at New York's top restaurants, he gained experience at Tabla (creative Indian cuisine) and Dan Barber's Blue Hill (deep country-style American with French techniques) and even worked as chef tournant at the short-lived restaurant opened at



NAOMI WISE

This uncompromising chef may need to lighten up a bit.

Essex House by French chef Alain Ducasse, record-holder for the largest number of Michelin stars awarded to a single chef. At age 27, Neroni was finally ready for the top-toque slot at chef

Wylie Dufresne's revered avantgarde farm-to-table eatery, 71 Clinton Fresh Food, and then on to his final two New York gigs at Porchetta and 10 Downing Street.

Now that he and his wife have tots, they wanted to move closer to his family in Orange County, so now he's here cooking for us. Unfortunately, "us" doesn't mean the full-time fish-taco crowd (some of whom have posted idiocies on Yelp) — just you and me, folks, and our own food-lovin' posses. Shoot down the no-taste badguys; support our local culinary artist. (Lest, like so many other outstanding chefs who've briefly set foot in San Diego, he moseys on to the next town that's looking for a hot hired gun.)

The extremely good news is: Blanca's prices

have dropped by at least \$10 on entrées since a year ago, to a mid-\$20s average (about the same as most "better" neighborhood restaurants). So this could be a worthwhile splurge-and-thrill-

ride — say, to celebrate an IRS refund.

I'd read in various publications that Blanca's new chef was, professionally speaking, a hottie,

so I checked the website menu. There, I spotted a starter featuring ingredients I mildly dislike: brussels sprouts, dashi (Japanese dried bonito broth), and lovage (an herb resembling ultra-intensified celery leaf). It also contained two lovable items: crispy garlic and slow-poached duck egg. If the new chef was half as good as he sounded, he might even make me *like* brussels sprouts. With that, I gathered the posse.

The dining room (along with the kitchen) was renovated while awaiting Neroni's arrival: The coldly chic cream color has been replaced

Blanca

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437 South Highway 101 (Beachwalk Center), Solana Beach, 858-792-0072, dineblanca.com.

HOURS: Monday–Thursday 5:30–9:30 p.m.; weekends until 10:30 p.m.; closed Sundays.

PRICES: House-made charcuterie (to feed about four), \$13–\$25; starters, \$8–\$17; pasta course, \$16–\$19 (feeding two); entrées, \$24–\$35; desserts, \$9; cheese plate, \$13. Five-course tasting menu, \$65; matched wines, \$40.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Inventive "farm to table" cuisine with French and Spanish influences, utilizing top global ingredients, Chino Farms produce. Huge global wine list with plenty by the glass and the half-bottle, ranging from well-chosen affordable quaffs to well-aged greats for plutocrats. Full bar, creative cocktails.

PICK HITS: Menu changes frequently; everything's worth trying. Starters: charcuterie plate, roasted brussels sprouts with duck egg, any pasta. Entrées: confit of suckling pig, hanger or Wagyu flat-iron steak, black truffle herb-roasted chicken. Tasting dinner (all off-menu dishes). NEED TO KNOW: Happy hours 5:30–9:00 p.m. weeknights; until 7:00 p.m. weekends. Valet parking \$3. (Lot is small, crowded.) Casual-nice dress, spiffier on weekends. No vegetarian entrée, but easily made on request, as veggie treatments are thrilling.

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with mellow grays and informal-looking hard-wood flooring (but it's not noisy). We were seated in a roomy leather booth. The Lynnester and her gourmet-cook mom, Mary Ann, joined me, along with Ben-the-Stew, about to fly off to Tokyo. The first page of the wine tome offered a list of cocktail creations at \$10 each. The pomegranate martini and blood-orange variation were superb.



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My pear-lavender "spritzer" had enough lavender to savor but was otherwise too sweet. Ben's "B-12" spicy Bloody Mary variant was interesting, if you like V8-type flavors.

But the intensity of the current wintery menu calls for wines, not frou-frou, particularly reds — and especially French ones. I was glad to find a palate-pleasing, no-big-deal Marsannay Burgundy for \$52, along with an Eberle Paso Robles Viognier (\$38) to go with the seafoods. If your budget can stretch to big-deal French reds, go for it! The list is loaded, and the food deserves it.

The chef's "amuse" consisted of tiny brioche sandwiches enclosing tender shreds of cured salmon, crème fraîche, and herbs. "Ooh, where can I go and buy a 12-pack of these?" asked Ben. "This is what I really want late at night, not some crummy taco."

Next: an assortment of three house-made charcuterie selections, with mustards, fruit

chutney, fresh-pickled cukes, and crostini. The country lamb pâté with pine nuts was solid and classic; the ramekin of chicken rillettes charmed my friends, all of them new to rillettes (a sort of fluffy chopped pâté). "At home in Paris," said our exuberant French waiter. "rillettes like this are everyday food, which we buy from the charcuterie on almost every block." (Charcuteries kept me alive in France the way Denny's Grand Slams kept me from starving my way across Texas — only much better.)

Not in the slightest "everyday" was the chef's almostshocking chicken-liver mousse, something more like essence of chicken liver, gooey-soft, and powerful. (Neroni says it's Julia Child's mousse, made with apples and thyme, but no way - I've made that scores of times, and this is a different animal!) This was one of those dishes where your palate takes a roller-coaster ride, screaming with joy once you're over that scary first drop.

The house-made breads were French baguette and focaccio. The butter came served

atop a cold black metal ingot tart unsalted European butter, sprinkled with coarse sea salt and minced fresh chives. Ravishing.

And now, those brussels sprouts. The crisp roasting brought out a touch of natural sweetness, while the rich-flavored sous-vide slow-poached duck egg (which you stir into the broth) turned the dashi velvety. With so strong a primary flavor as sprouts, the crisp garlic and lovage were quiet grace notes. It was all in balance, worth attention - not an easy deliciousness, more of an intellectual conversation, offering the sort of pleasure you might enjoy at a lively book-club discussion. No, the dish didn't make me love brussels sprouts, but it made me respect a bold chef. Note: definitely red wine with this.

Inspired by a recipe by top Australian chef Tetsuya Wakuda, ocean trout tartare was original, too, a change from the endless local ahi and hamachi tartares. The rich, fatty flesh of this Tasmanian fish (which Neroni finds both more consistently available and consistent in quality than Alaskan king salmon) is dark pink, and fishier than ahi. It's finely chopped and mixed with pine nuts, pickled mustard seeds, and spicy Spanish pimentón red pepper, plus minced chives and microgreens. Like an old-time beef tartare, it's united by a raw quail egg. A subtle sweetness, resembling sweetened sushi vinegar, provided a backdrop. The dish is perhaps more rigorous than instantly lovable, but we all went nuts for the

At one point the chef did a brief stage at the legendary El Bulli in Barcelona, originator of "molecular gastronomy." He'll use those techniques occasionally, sparingly, he says, but not in a showy fashion. What he gained was an appreciation for Spanish ingredients. In a white-bean soup with garlic confit, for instance, the surprise element was bacalao, salt cod - not shredded as usual (into croquets, fritters, salad), but in small whole pieces. (The menu listing for a pimentón-dusted monkfish entrée, which we didn't get to try, boasts of "Catalan flavors.")

Our ebullient waiter had already given us a rave résumé of the chef's background. As he poured wine, we asked about local reactions to the cooking. We feared the worst, and our fears were justified. "The problem," he said, "is that most people really don't know much about food. Yesterday, somebody asked me if she could have the trout tartare heated up! All they want is the same dishes they eat everywhere else — the seared ahi, the Caesar, the fried calamari, lobster bisque..." We chimed in: "Crab cakes, beet salad..." "You know," he continued, "that couple sitting right there [a table away] a few minutes ago? They asked, 'Don't you have any salads?' So I pointed out the Chino farms salad. A few minutes later they closed their menus and walked out. They just didn't see anything

Given that week's starters, I could understand the problem: In this season-bound menu, the appetizers were wintry and innovative, none offering light SoCal pleasures. (Even the Chino salad includes an-

they wanted to eat."

chovies, which people think they hate if they've only encountered them as fish-sawdust on pizza.) The website menu from a few weeks earlier offered a sexy chestnut soup, at least. Thing is, the beachy breed doesn't really believe in winter, no matter the icy downpours! So, to win the palates of famously food-fearing San Diegans, this uncompromising chef may need to lighten up a bit at the start of the meal, to gently seduce the populace until they've learned to trust his palate.

The easy pleasures began with the next course, and kept on coming. A pair of housemade pastas are listed each evening as a "Middle Course," hinting that they should be shared family-style, as Italians do. The "agnolotti nero" were shiny black small rectangles visually resembling licorice candies, colored by squid ink, surrounded by a generous scattering of peekytoe crab, cauliflower, tomato comfit, and fennel pollen. It's an excellent use of rare peekytoe, showcasing its delicate flavor and texture. The subtle, creamy fill-



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ing oozes out from the al dente pasta, easy to love and hard to identify (is it crab, cauliflower, cream, or all three?). The other choice that night was a carbonara involving guanciale (pig-jowl "bacon"), Parmesan, and poached egg. I have no doubt we'd love that, too.

Neroni made his name partly at Porchetta, a restaurant dedicated to the pig, and his "suckling pig confit" here speaks to those passions: Tender, pale baby pork-meat, brined and slow-cooked in duck fat, is pressed overnight and then seared, resulting in crispy-crackly pork skin. To die for. (Did you know that pork fat is actually better for you than margarine?) Alongside are apples shaped into little round marbles, with black figs, red cabbage, and horseradish cream. Decorating the pork's surface is "vodavon glaze" an Indian spice mixture that Neroni learned while working for renowned chef Floyd Cardoz at Manhattan's Tabla

Hanger steak was another knockout. "That's what I'd call perfect medium-rare," said Ben, making me laugh because

the color was dark red, extrarare. (I hadn't even bothered specifying. It didn't matter it wasn't grilled, it was slowcooked sous-vide.) The hanger steak is a rare cut itself, only one per animal, hanging inside the carcass — a favorite of butchers because it ages naturally in there. It was wonderfully rich and came with a lightened version of sauce perigourdine (a truffled French meat gravy that takes about five days to cook in Julia Child's weighty haute cuisine version of 50 years ago). It came with a separate ramekin of astonishing smoked potato purée that started out heavy and then took wing, silky (from Plugrá ultra-rich butter) and mysterious and addictive. The menu claims there are short ribs with this — a thin layer of boneless braised meat topped with chives serving as a pillow on which the steak slices recline. But Neroni was actually on vacation that week, so maybe the kitchen guys just, uh, didn't bother with it? Or else one of my best friends Hoovered it up behind my back before I got my turn at this plate! Didn't

see any, didn't really need any, would sure have liked to try it.

The lightweight of the dinner was Maine diver scallops the real thing, not just another passable batch of dry-pack scallops like the kind I've been hitting lately. They were cooked ultra-tender and came with trumpet mushrooms, cauliflower, and a splash of emerald-colored parsley juice that the waiter poured around the periphery of the plate, turning it into a Fauve painting.

Spotting "herb and truffleroasted chicken" on the menu immediately brought to mind the legendary French poulet a demi-deuil ("chicken in halfmourning"), a whole chicken with the breast stuffed, between skin and meat, with slices of black truffle — figure about \$200 per person for that, if anybody still cooks it. The actual inspiration for this dish was something more homey: Judy Rodgers's roast chicken at Zuni Café in San Francisco. It's a brined, tenderly roasted whole chicken (serves two), with bits of black truffles poked into any spot they fit. (Blanca's departing chef Wade Hageman left

behind a huge supply of frozen house-made black truffle butter, made with fresh truffles.) It comes with lavender jus, orange-glazed sweet Chino carrots of many shapes and colors, and best yet, a pool of remarkable smoked soft polenta that turned us all into Hoovers. Quibble: Now that I know the origins, Zuni's chicken-skin is crisper.

The desserts, designed by the chef, looked tempting but, really, we could eat no more. Bottom line: four courses that would easily feed five ran \$200 for food costs (about \$40 each). For a special treat, the chef tasting-menu for \$65 doesn't replicate any regular-menu dishes, and you get matched wines for a semi-reasonable \$40 more. The main thing is: this is fresh and new to San Diegans. Many good chefs here are now doing "farm to table," but the style at Blanca is different, not like anybody else's. The Orange County Kid has picked up the seriousness and perfectionism of New York. That's a long way from Disneyland — and from Legoland, too.







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Off the Street

"Alberto and Miguel and me, we're real. Funky Garcia, we made him up."

was shocked — *shocked*, as Claude Rains said to Humphrey Bogart in *Casablanca* — to see Funky Garcia's sign being put up above the Sun Cafe's a few months back. Actu-

ally, I did go *ulp*. The Sun Cafe? A greasy spoon icon! The Jeong family had run it since 1963, nearly 50 years. Plus, the building itself has been open for — get this — 127 years.

Or, is Funky Garcia's giving
the place new life? They've stripped it back to
its 1883 bones: great old ceiling joists, beautiful
brick, real wagon wheels as chandeliers and
tequila barrels sawn in half and turned into
soft-glowing light shades. They even installed a
distorted, wavy-crazy mirror. You might say
they're putting the fun back into funky.

So, right now, I'm hunched at the bar, staring at old beams, beaming at old stairs (hehheh), sucking on a Sol (\$2 right now, at around 11:00 at night — Wednesdays, it's happy hour all night), trying to decide. Should eat at home, but, well, this place is, like, rockin'. On a Wednesday! Party of eight right behind me sounds like they're celebrating not being fired. A gal whirls one of those clackety things. Somebody else dongs the big ol' mission bell hanging at the bar. Another's ordering a round of shots for everybody.

"Happy hour? All day, too, today," says Dulce, the ringletted blonde Mexican server who talks like Rosie Perez. "That means halfoff appetizers."

Hmm...tempting. I take my bottle over to a table against the brick wall and settle in with the menu. Taco-wise, it's pretty simple. What they're calling their "TJ street tacos" are \$1.99.

'Course, real bargain night was last night. Taco Tuesday. Tacos, \$1.1'm not

complaining — the normal prices are pretty darned reasonable. Standard tacos include carnitas ("little meats," pork cooked in pork fat), chorizo (Mexican sausage), *al pastor* (rotisserie-

cooked pork), and fish or shrimp. Oh, wait. I see four of the tacos cost more (\$2.50): fish, shrimp, vegetarian, and the Campechano, which is carne asada with chorizo.

In fact, almost everything's

under \$8. Most burritos, from carne asada to carnitas, are \$6.99. Tortas are a buck more. Tostadas, with more or less the same stuffing choices, are \$2.99 each. You can even get that mysterious *esquite* for \$3.99. It's basically an *elote* (roasted corn on the cob), but with the corn kernels shucked into a cup and topped with butter, mayonnaise, lime juice, cotija cheese, and Tamazula salsa (a hot sauce named after a Jalisco town).

I'm tempted by the *al pastor* tacos. They're pork, but the name means "shepherd style." It was originally applied to lamb meat, which tells you where the idea of cooking rotisserie-style, on a vertical spit, comes from: Lebanese immigrants brought the Arab shawarma (the Greeks called it "gyro") to Mexico City, and it spread north from there. For my money, it is the best-flavored taco you can buy.

Except...a deal's a deal, right? I can't resist going for the \$1.99 duo, the chicken taco, and the carne asada one. That holds the total bill at \$6, plus tax. In the Gaslamp!

Uh, chicken taco's fine, with little cubes of chicken and fixin's, but not that tasty. The carne asada is, and with each taco made with two corn tortillas, the two sure are filling.

Shania Twain comes up on the three barscreens with "Man! I Feel Like a Woman!" Oh,



"Man. I feel like a woman."

man. Haven't been remembering my woman. Think I'll bring Carla back a carnitas torta, even though it's going to cost what my beer and two tacos did together. Big-hearted Charlie here. On my way over to the bar, I meet two guys standing there who look familiar. Oh, yeah. There's a mural you can't miss in an alcove by the mission bell, featuring four *compañeros* with their names labeled below. Alberto, Funky, Moe, and Miguel are pictured lined up like four banditos, with red ties and black sombreros. And — aha! You can see it: these guys have to be two of them. Alberto and Moe. The shorter guy 'fesses

up. "Alberto and Miguel and me, we're real," says Alberto. "Funky Garcia, we made him up." Turns out Moe (short for Mohammed) is Iranian and has four restaurants in TJ. "We figured that, now, with people too afraid to go down," Moe says, "we'd better bring TJ up here."

Back out on Market, I kick myself for not treating myself to one last thing: the churro dessert (\$3.99). Churros dipped in *cajeta*, caramel. But no room. I'm stuffed. On the other hand, this means Carla's torta's probably going to arrive home intact. She'll be shocked — *shocked*.

The Place: Funky Garcia's, 421 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth), Gaslamp, 619-23-FUNKY (619-233-8659) **Type of Food:** Mexican

Prices: "TJ street tacos," carne asada or pollo (chicken) asado, \$1 on Taco Tuesdays, carne asada, pollo asado, al pastor, carnitas, chorizo, fish, shrimp tacos, normal price, \$1.99; burritos (including carne asada and carnitas), \$6.49; tortas, \$7.99; tostada (same filling choices), \$2.99; esquite (cup of corn kernels, butter, mayonnaise, lime juice, cotija cheese, salsa), \$3.99; bag of churros, \$3.99

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Alpine

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite burning under freshcut beef rib is too much to resist — the secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire. Inexpensive.

Baia

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

Café Français La Belle Claude 7th Street #8186-A, Tijuana. A family with their own farm outside town runs this chic Parisian outpost offering farm-made jams and cheeses, panini, ciahattas, an excellent French-dip sandwich, flaky dessert empanadas, and French pâtisserie to go with the gen-uine Cuban coffee. Inexpensive.

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993, Ensenada, 646-178-1809 Gourmet Mexican cuisine with unique specialties: Crisp quail with rose petal sauce proves delicious, and seasonal chiles en nogada (meatstuffed poblano chiles with walnut cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin.

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10611-A, Tijuana, 664-634-3346. Mexican haute cuisine with inventive combinations. The menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Inexpensive.

Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuauhtémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Bl., next to CESUN Universidad), Tijuana, 664-686-4687. Unusual dishes from Chef Roberto's native Puebla include huazontle, the Aztecs' "red spinach" in chocolate mole sauce, and Dedos de Moctezuma ("Montezuma's fingers" – cactus stuffed with steak). Moderate.

La Leña Boulevard Agua Caliente #11191, Tijuana, 664-686-2920. Opengrill charro food with a peaceful view. Old-style BBO steaks, surf 'n' turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut filete cabrería, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Moderate.

Lonchería la Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Best food stall in the marketplace? Maybe. Ask for carne de puerco (pork), chiles rellenos, bistek ranchero, or higado al gusto (liver), all around \$3. Inexpensive.

Super Antojitos Fourth Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Tijuana, 664-685-5070. The house special, mole poblano, has complex, delicious house-made mole sauce with an enchilada, eggs, rice, beans, tortillas. Also delicious: stuffed pastries, pork rind gorditas. Inexpensive.

Banker's Hill

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Ave Banker's Hill 619-294-2132 Also 1430 Union St., Little Italy, 619-294-7001. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by her travels from Paris to Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Uptown location desserts only: downtown offers light grazing meals, too. Moderate.

Hane 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-260-1411. This city branch of legendary Sushi Ota is more comfortable with bilingual chefs at the counter exercising impeccable craftsmanship, emphasizing pristine rolls and sashimi, not party rolls. The omakase sashimi platter offers Ota's most popular and showy creations. Moderate-plus.

Taco Rey Taco Shop 1870 Fourth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-234-6617. Everyone from garbage-truck drivers to doctors patronizes this sidewalkseating, canopy-shaded taquería. Their breakfast huevos Mexicanos and sunset California burritos are great al fresco. Inexpensive

Campo

Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Pl., Campo, 619-478-2888. The burgers are made from Black Angus beef, so they cost more. But there are deals, too, like the huge The Works omelet and the robust lunchtime homemade soup of the day. Inexpensive.

Cardiff

Besta-Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Dr., Cardiff, 760-753-6707. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you want to fill up. Inexpensive.

Trattoria Positano 2171 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-632-0111, Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Upper-moderate.

Carlsbad

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Bl.,

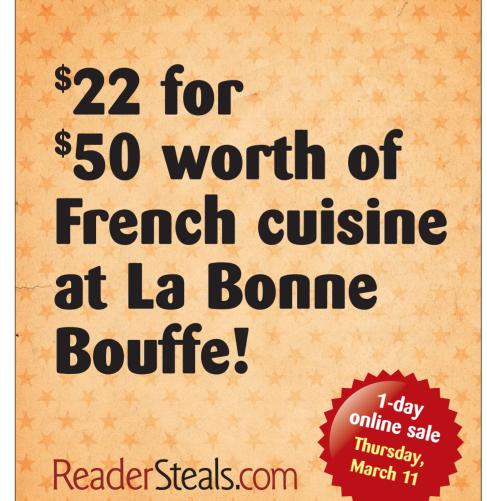






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pizza here. They make the pies with thin, crisp crusts and toppings like meatball or garlic. Maybe their best is the Bronx Special: pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper, and garlic. Inexpensive.

O'Sullivan's Irish Pub of Carlsbad 640 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-4072. Above-average pub grub, especially the moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, salads, and house-baked brown bread. Noisy interior, serene patio out back. Inexpensive.

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish. Inexpensive.

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 its adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." Moderate.

Jimmy's 1198 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Also 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-448-8994. Family-friendly restaurants offer a six-page plastic menu of good old-fashioned American food — huge breakfasts, big dinners like steak with all the trimmings, homemade desserts. Inexpensive.

Restaurant el Patio 410 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-9745. Old-fashioned Cal-Mex with nothing new except the Flying Saucer (fried tortilla stacked with beef, tomatoes, and a mound of salad). Otherwise, go for the chile rellenos, enchiladas, taco combo, and open-faced chiliburgers. Inexpensive to moderate.

City Heights

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.

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-284-4215. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the filling Vietnamese beef-noodle soup meal. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodles with seafood and assorted vegetables. Inexpensive.

Trieu Chau 4653 University Ave., City Heights, 619-280-4204. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*"—fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Inexpensive.

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-584-2535. Flower-strewn patio, plush interior, with sandwiches named after navy bases, rich entrées like eggplant Parmesan, chicken with mushrooms, served until midnight weekends. Inexpensive.

Clairemont

Buga Korean BBQ Restaurant 5580 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-560-1010. Aside from the BBQ meats and generous free side dishes, treats include simmered black cod in spicy sauce, miso soup with pork, stone pot *bibimbap* (rice casserole), *mandoo* dumplings. Moderate.

Coronado

Chez Loma French Bistro 1132 Loma Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0661. In a charming, historic cottage, this bistro offers classic French bourgeois cuisine, plus some lighter, modern dishes. Don't miss Normandy-style onion soup with apple cider. Prix fixe dinners moderate, à la carte expensive.

Clayton's Coffee Shop 979 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5425. The food is all American: steak and eggs, veggie omelets, old-fashioned waffles, sandwiches both hot and cold. Dinner specials include pork chops and homemade meat loaf with gravy. Inexpensive.

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. Fun "aloha" atmosphere with a bay view. Herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are tasty, and the tender roast beef is USDA Prime. Moderate.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280. Try Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread loaf or corned beef and cabbage with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Raucous inside, but escape on big heated patio. Inexpensive to lowmoderate.

Mistral 4000 Coronado Bay Rd., Coronado, 619-424-4000. The light, healthful, Mediterranean-style cuisine (northern Italy and southern France) emphasizes seasonal ingredients, as local and sustainably raised as possible, including herbs and some fruits grown organically on the resort grounds. Romantic ambience with bay view. Expensive.

Peohe's 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4474. Fabulous seaside venue, silly with Hawaiian decor, featuring steaks and seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia beurre blanc. Expensive.

Del Mar

Americana 1454 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Casual breakfast/lunch, serious dinners, with flavors of the American melting pot and summer veggies from the chef's home garden. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to

Del Mar Rendezvous Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-2669. Longtime restaurateur Mark Sun came out of retirement to try out a new concept of contemporary Asian tapas and Chinese entrées made over with prime ingredients — clean, creative, and greaseless, with a wide choice of wines. Moderate to expensive.

Iris Food and Spirits 2334 Carmel Valley Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-5878. At this comfortable but upscale "neighborhood restaurant" with patio overlooking Del Mar Lagoon's marshy beauty, chef-owner Tommy Golden (ex-Parkhouse and Beach Grass) turns out eclectic, homey-tasting Euro-Cal dishes, climaxing in stellar desserts; a well-priced wine list accompanies them. Expensive.

Kitchen 1540 1540 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-793-6460. Gorgeous seaside resort (renovated in 2008) offers a modern dining room and heated patios to enjoy fine, creative cooking, combining "slow food" craftsmanship and the latest technical tricks to display the bright seasonal flavors of local veggies, sustainable seafood, and natural meats. Expensive.

Market Restaurant and Bar 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Chef-owner Carl Schroeder is all about seasonal, local, organic — and inspired culinary imagination. Menu changes but is always exciting. The vibe is "nice neighborhood restaurant" — diners have a good time here. Expensive.

Pacifica del Mar 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803. Fresh fish and organic produce enliven fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. Extremely noisy bar area. Expensive to very expensive.

Downtown

Alambres Mexican Grill 756 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-2838. Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Inexpensive.

Athens Market 109 F St., Downtown, 619-234-1955. Owner Mary Pappas serves huge portions of honest Greek home cooking (lentil soup, *spanakopita*, meaty gyros), in a classy white-tablecloth atmosphere. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bice 425 Island St., Downtown, 619-239-2423. It may be a chic offshoot of a worldwide Milanese chain, but the kitchen follows Italy's traditions of artisanal ingredients — "slow food" from the country that invented it, with regional cheeses, handcrafted salumi, house-made breads and pastas. Moderate.

Coffee and Art Photographic Art Gallery 777 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-8458. Come for the curry pies. This South African-run East Village neighborhood coffee place has healthy breakfasts and light lunches inside a cool art/photo gallery. But it's the ultra-flaky Brit-made "savory pot pies" that star, especially the beef or veggie curry pies. Inexpensive.

Darband Fifth Avenue Grill 1556 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-230-1001. Good, fresh Persian cooking, popular with local Persians. Tasty dishes include Khoresh Bademjan (baby eggplant and beef stew), Barg (marinated beef tenderloin with rice), and the vegetarian plate. Kebabs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty flavors. Inexpensive.

De'Medici Cucina Italiana 815 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-7228. Sinatra atmosphere, cool street patio. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive.

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-7581. Faux-fusion fare. The lighter dishes are best — not a bad place to graze on appetizers or a mini-pizza when you're starved for a water view. Entrées high-moderate to very expensive.

Gaslamp Pizza 505 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-7542. This joint comes alive around 2am, serving good thin-crusted pizzas (vegetarian, BBQ chicken, and chicken pesto are best-o) plus wings, "halapeno peppers" and big salads to revelers seeking post-revel ballast. Inexpensive.

Georges on Fifth 835 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-0444. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster martini," oysters, tuna tartare). Expensive to extreme.

Harbor House 831 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters to tourist families and conventioneers, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to watch the sailboats over a margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Moderate to expensive.

Hot Dogs @ 428 428 G St., Downtown, 619-544-0428. Late-night dog house for after you've drunk your fill on Fifth. Good fast dogs, always Hebrew National. Regional dogs include New York, Deep South, Texas, even the Sushi with wasabi. Also: good-value lunches. Inexpensive.

Indigo Café 1435 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-6478. Favorite of San Diego Symphony players. Specialty: New Orleans dishes like jambalaya or gumbo. Really good: oyster or shrimp po boy sandwich. Inexpensive to moderate.

JJ's Sunset Deli by the Bay 200 Marina Park Way (behind the Convention Center), Downtown, 619-237-1070. JJ's delivers one heckuva harbor view plus an ambitious menu running from rib-eye steak sandwiches to a pork chop plate and sometimes a half-rack of BBQ baby back ribs. Inexpensive.

Mediterranean Café and Lounge 1352 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-2233. They serve a panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food until 3 or 4 am. Best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Inexpensive to moderate.

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza offers an elegant homeyness and sense











Pauly's Pizza Station 1050 Park Bl., Downtown, 619-231-0300. Pauly hides inside a convenience store at the City College trolley stop, making flavorful, East Coast thin-crust pies with some creative toppings — plus break-fast pizzas and calzones for when Friday night turns into Saturday morning. Open late to very late. Inexpensive.

Pierre's Place 1404 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-727-4700. Toussaint School's student-run restaurant offers pizzas and interesting dishes like Florentine breakfast *panini*, Tuscan chicken *panini*, and the Italian Special (toasted Italian roll with salami, ham capicola, provolone). Inexpensive.

Quarter Kitchen 600 F St., Downtown, 619-814-2000. Local-born Belgian chef Nathan Coulon mingles American bistro cuisine (splendid short ribs) with Gallic classics (moules frites) Some extravaganzas (caviar tacos, Kobe) remain from ultra-chic opening era, along with weekend club-crowds but weeknight scene's more down-toearth. Moderate to exorbitant.

Rama 327 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-8424. Ravishing upscale decor and chefs from top Bangkok restaurants offer a special experience. The menu includes some rare authentic dishes like chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork. Moderate.

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J St., Downtown, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively inter-preted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes and veggie side dishes tend to be tastier. High-moderate.

Rei Do Gado Churrascaria 939 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-8464. Skewer after skewer of churrasco (Brazilian barbecue of many meats). The buffet (included in meal price) includes side dishes, salads, fruit, and hot entrées like seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but comfortable flavors. Moderate

Sidebar Deli 225 Cedar St., Downtown, 619-525-1444. Cal Western students clamor for lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Also breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches. French din sandwiches, California wraps. Inexpensive.

Soleil @ K 660 K St., Downtown, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioneers, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. Starters may include a seasonally available fried-calamari salad and crabby crabsticks. Moderate to expensive.

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Ave. Downtown, 619-231-3140. It's DIY grilling here; no minors admitted. You can take the USDA Choice steaks up a notch with spice blends and sauces. Other choices include burgers, chicken, ahi, shrimp, and kebabs. Inexpensive to

East Village

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway, East Village, 619-232-6264. From a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage-link sub, portions are generous if not exactly gourmet fare. Free neighborhood delivery. Inexpensive.

Dirty Del's 499 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-677-3789. A cozy neighborhood watering hole near the ballpark has half a dozen tables and half a dozen sports screens, and serves big, interesting sandwiches. Inexpensive

East Village Tavern and Bowl 930 Market St., East Village, 619-677 2695. Big, noisy sports bar/bowling alley with creative pub grub until 2am nightly. Imagine three New York strip steaklets, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. Or try a Panino Cuhano or herb-brined chicken wings.

El Cajon

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. The salad bar is surrounded by a Ushaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to certified Black Angus prime rib. Moderate.

Encinitas

The Bird House Grill 250 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Savory Turkish cuisine includes generous plates like Iskender Kebab (gyros, a.k.a. döner kehab with rice, tomato sauce. rich house-made yogurt) and kofte (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and tzatziki sauce). Inexpensive.

Firefly 251 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. Spacious winebar/restaurant features exciting wine choices and wine-bar snacks. The most popular lunch item is the Cobb salad.

and at dinner there's a bourbon-andmustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts and weekend brunches are strong suits. Moderate to expensive.

Firenze 162 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., Encinitas, 760-944-9000, Gorgeous rooms and outdoor patio, offering heaping platefuls of multiregional Italian cuisine (including two dozen meatless selections) and affordable Italian and California wines. Highmoderate

El Q'ero 564 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. The fare includes empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées - most from the family homeland, Peru. Be sure to try the house's chicha morada, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. Moderate.

Saint Germain's Café 1010 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Not French, despite the name, but all-American. Omelets are the bestknown dish - 14 three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request). Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veggie choices). Inexpensive.

Escondido

A Delight of France 126 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-746-2644. This French bakery is a delight indeed, offering authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including true



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Ste. 1 (Next to Hoover High) 619-487-9399 Expires 4-1-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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Free NY style deli entrée

With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Some restrictions.

Elijah's Restaurant La Jolla: 8861 Villa La Jolla Dr.

858-455-1461

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with purchase of \$3 or more. Toppings not included. No stamp cards. Originals only accepted. One coupon per customer. Not valid with any other offers.

Paradise Yogurt Mission Valley: 5664 Mission Center Rd. • 619-295-9648

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Two sushi rolls \$725

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Jump Tokyo Sushi House **Mission Valley**: 10450 Friars Rd. Ste. R • 619-280-4043

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Parisian-style almond croissants studded with nuts and laced with almond paste. Inexpensive.

La Tapatía 340 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare done low-salt and healthy style in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. Moderate.

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.

Vincent's Sirinos 113 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-745-3835, French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, like a flavorful yeal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables are the season's best and sensi tively treated. Expensive.

Golden Hill

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-231-0716. Also 47th and Market, Chollas View, 619-262-6052. Regular Mex dishes served, but the soaring specialty is Seven Seas Soup, a big bowl of savory red broth clunking with giant crab legs, clams, fish chunks, shrimp, octopus, and vegetables. Inexpensive.

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. Every night's an indoor cookout as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks, burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms. Inexpensive to moderate

Hillcrest

The Asian Bistro 414 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The adventurous Thai-accented pan-Asian menu is served until 3 am. Don't miss the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named Jumping Jarvis. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate.

Banana Leaf South Indian Restaurant 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-8888. Rarely found South Indian cuisine including crepes (dosa) and rice-flour pancakes (utthappam), best with simple vegetarian garnishes or unadorned as wraps for tropical curries (veg or non-veg), many with tangy tamarind and/or coconut milk. Moderate.

Bite Bistro and Wine Bar 1417 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-2483. Modern Mediterranean tapas are most of the menu, cleverly cooked and assembled into interesting bargainprice early-bird dinners some weeknights. Individual dishes inexpensive to moderate, but they can add up.

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-0119. Nooks and crannies for liaisons dangereuses, or there's the street-side casual level. Mainly Sicilian-style tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like torta di melanzana, eggplant layered with mozzarella), but satisfying. Moderate to expensive.

Celadon 3671 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The entrées offer sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go to the chef's specialty menu to find the rarest. Among the entrées, don't miss choo chee duck or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Moderate.

Chipotle 734 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-209-3688. Several San Diego locations. This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves to the original vision: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades, including freshgrilled carne asada and carnitas. Rockbottom prices.

Islander Grill 3645 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-297-3929. Exotic food from Guam includes chicken kelaguen, a citric salad resembling ceviche and brilliant coconut shrimp. Stews are flavorful: The saucy pot roast is definitely not your mother's, unless Mom's from Guam. Inexpensive.

Khyber Pass 523 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. Fascinating Afghani cuisine. Don't miss the out standing aushak (spring onion ravioli) and mantu (ground-meat ravioli) both with lively yogurt sauces - and zamarod chalow, a spicy lamb-andspinach stew. Moderate.

Sushi Itto 441 Washington St., Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Also 409 F St., Downtown, 619-237-1037. This is Mexican sushi. Nearly all party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado; most include hot spice and some fake crab (surimi), too. Inexpensive.

Yakitori Yakyudori 3739 Sixth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4189. Yakitori are Japan's little skewers of grilled or fried odies, each marinated and/or garnished to flatter its nature - great for grazing. Chicken-skin salad, fried tofu, skewered pork with shiso, chicken heart, and octopus fritters are among the standouts. Inexpensive to moderate.

Imperial Beach

Big Kahuna's 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-5224. A mini chain, but with true Hawaiian roots. Go for the baseball-mitt size Big Kahuna Burger or the Killer Kalua pork sandwich — the pork comes straight out of the imu, the traditional Hawaiian underground oven. Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

Crab Hut 4646 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1678. A local Vietnamese family runs this friendly, barebones eatery, specializing in Louisianoid fried seafood and boiled seasoned shrimp, crabs, and crawfish. Inexpensive to moderate.

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971, Argentine specialties feature healthy, grass-fed, grilled beef, including an Americanized version (minus organ meats) of the *gauchos'* great *parrillada* mixta (mixed grill). Good beef empanada, potatoes. Moderate.

Sunrise Super Buffet 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608, Apart from all the meats, fish, shellfish, lobster (on Sundays), and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, and dragon rolls, raw oysters in their shells are a big draw. Beverages included in price. Inexpensive.

Kensington-Talmadge

Bleu Bohème 4090 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-255-4167. Classic French bistro, très chic but informal and noisy, emphasizes familiar favorites from the old-fashioned, Frenchin-America, bourgeois-cuisine restaurant repertoire. High-moderate.

La Jolla

A.R. Valentien 11480 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-777-6635. California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of in-season produce and topquality meats and seafood; scenic setting. Very expensive.

The Cookie Lady Café and Bakery 7596 Fav Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-1640. It's soup-and-sandwich land, and good in both departments. A half-and-half of turkey sandwich (with real house-

roasted turkey) and Italian wedding soup will feed you all day for nearnothing. Inexpensive.

George's at the Cove — California Modern 1250 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The California Modern dining room continues to serve Chef Trey Foshee's ambitious California cuisine based on seasonal ingredients and emphasizing wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. Very expensive.

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Ave., La Iolla, 858-454-7381, Downhome eatery with a pretty patio, where the ham, steak, and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as are Hot Creamy Oatmeal with strawberries, pecan pancakes, and thin, crisp waffles. For lunch, turkey burgers and the British Burger are popular. Inexpensive.

Jai 2910 La Jolla Village Drive/UCSD Campus, La Jolla, 858-638-7778. Chic Wolfgang Puck spinoff serves refined Asian fusion in beautiful woodsv setting, and you don't need tickets to L.J. Playhouse to enjoy it — it's all pure, playful pleasure. Expensive.

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Plava, La Iolla, 858-454-1589, Reserve for the garden patio to avoid indoor din. Exquisite, creative Italian dishes include fine sweetbreads, ravioli *al limone*, prosciutto-grilled romaine, and key lime-raspberry tart. Moderate to expensive.

The Steakhouse at Azul 1250 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The Brigantine chain's upscale branch offers surf 'n' turf with a sea view. Big,

tender steaks, reliably well-treated seafood. Very expensive.

Zenbu 7660 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-4540. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls Don't miss the live local uni (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood. Upper-moderate to expensive.

La Mesa

Antica Trattoria 5654 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-463-9919. Exuberant Italian food in family-friendly atmosphere. NY expats will rejoice at cooking and hospitality to equal Manhattan favorites, Moderate (pastas) to slightly expensive.

Ciao Bella Caffe Bar e Ristorante

5263 Baltimore Dr., La Mesa, 619-337-0238. Not your ordinary neighborhood Italian joint. Exciting dishes include Penne Ciao Bella (salmon, shrimp, and spinach in a light sauce), cartoccio $(baked\, spaghetti\, with\, seafood)\, and\, San$ Remo pizza (with sunny-side-up eggs).

GIO Bistro & Wine Bar 8384 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The vast garden patio is the main draw, however punishing the wiry patio chairs. The hit-or-miss menu of eclectic Cal-Ital-Asian-fusion offers "some-thing for everyone" — but there's no "there" there. High-moderate.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room 7777 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-713-6777. This rambling roadhouse reincarnates the Turf Supper Club's DIY communal grill, adding side dishes and desserts to the marinated raw steaks, portobellos, etc. Under 21 from 4 to 7 pm only; no reservations. Open late, Moderate,



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760-630-1551 Expires 4-1-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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Honey's Café **San Diego**: 7947 Balboa Ave 858-565-4244

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DiMille's Italian Restaurant Kensington: 3492 Adams Ave. 619-283-3153

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50% off entrée

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Skewers

Mira Mesa: 9254 Scranton Rd. 858-658-0109 Expires 4-1-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Thai lunch or dinner

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Jade Thai Cuisine **Mission Gorge**: 10330 Friars Rd. #105 • 619-280-4048

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Sher Punjab Indian Cuisine Mira Mesa: 9254 Scranton Rd. Ste. 102 • 858-458-2858

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Free buttermilk pancakes

Short stack with purchase of two entrées. May not be combined with any other offer. One coupon per table. Not valid on holidays

The Trails **Neighborhood Eatery** San Carlos: 7389 Jackson Dr 619-667-CAFE Expires 4-1-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free entrée or sushi roll

With purchase of a second entrée of equal or greater value and two drinks at regular price. Maximum value \$8. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per table or per party.

Kirin Sushi San Diego: 4111 Voltaire St. 619-223-3388 Expires 4-1-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Asian fusion entrée

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Khan's Cave Kearny Mesa:

9350 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Ste. F 858-279-9799 Expires 4-1-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Mexican combo plate

with purchase of a combo plate of equal or greater value and two drinks. Some restrictions. Valid Mon.-Thurs. only. Only combos 1-16.

Emiliano's Mexican

Del Cerro: 6690 Mission Gorge Rd. Ste. E • 619-284-2460 Expires 4-1-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Lemon Grove

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Ave., Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. True Tennessee-style barbecue of meats and poultry slow-smoked tender over oak, plus mouthwatering Memphis-style soul food entrées and honest Deep-South sides. Inexpensive.

Taste of Polynesia 6937 Federal Bl., Lemon Grove, 619-466-6199. It's Samoan here, not Hawaiian, so be prepared for new stuff, like *muli pipi* (roasted turkey tail), *oka* (raw cubes of yellowtail with coconut milk), and corned beef with taro. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Hwy, Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco pink palace at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky flavor. Inexpensive to moderate.

Indigo Grill 1536 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-6802. Deborah Scott expands her original Native-American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Aficionados line up for Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini*—veal rolled around cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Inexpensive.

Puerto la Boca 2060 India St., Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Uncompromised Argentine cooking here, emphasizing healthy grass-fed grilled beef but also lush seafood, pizzas, and lactovegetarian pastas. Starters include luscious beef or corn empanadas and the filling *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Moderate.

Logan Heights

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Ave., Logan Heights, 619-236-0470. The menu depends on what Sister Pee Wee feels like cooking. You might find big pork ribs with soulful sides or fried chicken or catfish fillet with trimmings or chitlins (her specialty). Inexpensive.

Midway District

Country Kabob 3145 Rosecrans St., Midway District, 619-226-2524. Also 3375 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-563-6300. The star of this reasonably priced Greek place is owner-chef Karim Latif. He's Afghan and learned Greek cooking in NYC. He always has specials, sometimes even "pay what you can." Reliable choice: Number 36, the kobeda kabob. Charbroiled. Inexpensive.

Fairouz Café and Gallery 3166 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned restaurant for Lebanese and Greek food. The menu offers lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and exotic vegetarian meals, plus daily lunch and dinner buffets. Moderate.

Mira Mesa

Buca di Beppo 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Downtown. Try *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff in vast familyfriendly quantities, but you're having fun. Inexpensive to moderate.

Mission Beach

Red Marlin Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina, 1441 Quivira Rd., Mission Beach, 619-224-1234. Blissful bay view, with hotel food enlivened by Chef de Cuisine Danny Bannister. Want Kurobuta pork medium-rare? He knows the secret. And his blue crab cake is all crab, minimal filler. Expensive.

Mission Hills

Lucha Libre Gourmet Taco Shop 1810 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-296-8226. Wonderful shrine to Mexican wrestling, plus really excellent tacos. It's a taco joint, but definitely gourmet. Quesotacos are a must. Book 24 hours ahead and you can be seated in the Champions' Booth, treated like *El Rey*.

Sausage King 811 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. The German couple who run this place make 34 sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. Inexpensive.

Starlite 3175 India St., Mission Hills, 619-358-9766. The California-Mediterranean cuisine features naturally raised meats, house-made pasta and sausages, local produce. The Jidori chicken and Prime flat iron steak are knockouts; so is a toffee-chip ice cream sandwich. Nice back-patio seating. Moderate.

Venissimo Cheese 754 West Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese,

goat cheese...fruity, moldy, runny, stinky... Any cheese in the house, same price: around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it. Inexpensive.

National City

Asian Noodle 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-5390. The main dish is Filipino-style chicken soup with egg noodles — a little bland, but filling. *Siopao* (stuffed steamed buns) make a good accompaniment — or try "sweet spaghetti." Inexpensive.

Birrias, Chivos & Cheves 2401 Highland Ave., National City, 619-477-7660. Goat is what you get here, and it's good. Guadalajara style. The taste is rich but not too gamey. Inexpensive.

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-479-6748. The pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Inexpensive.

Normal Heights

Blind Lady Ale House 3416 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-255-2491. The amazing, ever-changing draft ales will bring you here, but the unusual pizzas will help you keep chugging. Original salads, too. Basic draw: the civilized craziness of the place.

Cantina Mayahuel 2934 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-283-6292. Small room, short menu of fine, authentic mainland cooking including specials like complex house-made mole poblano and Oaxacan black mole, Chili Colorado (slow-cooked beef), or Yucatán seafood stew. Inexpensive. Jayne's Gastropub 4677 30th St., Normal Heights, 619-563-1011. Clamorous interior, but you'll find sophisticated southern-European appetizers like hummus, fried calamari, and Spanish-style shrimp with garlic. Entrées run to comfort food. Grazing dinners moderate, mains moderate to expensive.

North Park

Alexander's 3391 30th St., North Park, 619-281-2539. A spin-off of Old Venice, serving neighborhood-style Italian with Greek touches, including interesting specials and imaginative thin-crust pizzas. Loud, bright interior; sweet, dim back patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

Crazee Burger 4201 30th St., North Park, 619-282-6044. You'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads, German sausages, bargain wines, and serious beers. Inexpensive to low moderate.

Hawthorn's Restaurant 2895 University Ave., North Park, 619-295-1688. When this Banker's Hill restaurant moved to new digs here, the change proved positive. Mediterranean-influenced menu choices are fewer but better, with seasonal locally grown vegetables matched to the individual entrées. Expensive.

Heaven Sent Desserts 3001 University Ave., North Park, 619-793-4758. Cookies, tarts, pies, custards, puddings, and intricate cakes and ice cream fantasias. The style is rich and often fancy with choices ranging from American favorites to ethereal Euro-style elaborations. Inexpensive.

Marie's Café 3016 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-0142. Old-time diner serving generous portions. Try **Over 900** more restaurant listings at SanDiegoReader.com



the three-egger breakfast omelet with Italian sausage, avocado, and olives. If Erik's smokin' up some ribs (you'll smell them half a block away), grab them. Inexpensive.

Ocean Beach

Livingston's Chicken and Mexican Grill 5026 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-224-8088. "Broasted" chicken — pressure cooked in oil — is tastier and less greasy than standard fried chicken. Or try garlicky "potato Jo-Jo's," a California burrito, or pork salsa verde plate. Until midnight weekdays; 2am weekends. Inexpensive.

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.

Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-Op Deli 4765 Voltaire St., Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. Virtuous, mainly vegan-prepared dishes include garlic eggplant with beet and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, mil-



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let spinach bake, veggie shepherd's pie, "mango madness." Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Ruby's Diner 1 Oceanside Pier, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Ruby's is part of a themed '40s-diner chain. Red-leatherette-and-chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, and that view to Hawaii. Good-sized servings — try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive.

Old Town



El Agave 2304 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-220-0692. Serious Mexican food highlighting mainland regional cuisines, including five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas). Moderate.

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-294-2074. The traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crabmeat, or the scampi dishes. Moderate.

Pacific Beach

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. Also 624 E St., Downtown, 619-237-9990. The Kiwi owners guarantee healthy, hormone-free, organic beef and lamb from New Zealand — mainly in burgers, from grass-fed organic beef burgers to lamb burgers with wasabi dip. Inexpensive.

Broken Yolk Café 1851 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Additional locations in Chula Vista, Carlsbad, and Downtown. Breakfasting P.B.ers love this place for the sundeck, the 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. Inexpensive.

Gringo's 4474 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. This noisy, popular indoor-outdoor venue is better than its name implies, with fresh, skillful cooking of slightly dumbed-down, gentled Mexican cuisine such as you might find in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta. Moderate.

JRDN 723 Felspar St., Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. Beachfront dining room and patio, with dishes covering the waterfront, ranging from mac'n' cheese to die for to a sexy, fruited gazpacho to swoon over. Chic, relaxed atmosphere, great grazing, youngish crowd. Entrées expensive.

Joe's Crab Shack 4325 Ocean Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. Additional locations in Mission Valley, Oceanside, and Downtown. Buckets of crab or fried or grilled seafood in raucous, kid-friendly atmosphere. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Latin Chef 1142 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-8810. Peruvian and Chinese-Peruvian cuisine cooked with rare, authentic ingredients, including canchitos (special toasted corn kernels) to nibble instead of bread. Outstanding anticuchos (heart kebabs) and refreshing ceviches. Friendly owner gladly explains the food. Inexpensive.

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Dr., Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. This renowned sushi bar offers pristine seafood, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. And beauty, of course, like the sashimi of a whole small Spanish mackerel bent into the shape of a swelling sail. Moderate to expensive.

Pine Valley

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Old West atmosphere, vintage American food including hefty anytime breakfasts (bulging omelets, chicken-fried steak with eggs). Their burgers are big, their chili is legendary, and the dinner ribeye steak can make city folks swoon. Inexpensive.

Point Loma

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-226-1135. Japanese and Korean entrées such as *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen) chicken/seafood/beef, Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and spicy Crazy Boy "krab" roll. Inexpensive to moderate.

Rancho Bernardo

El Bizcocho 17550 Bernardo Oaks Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. This deluxe resort restaurant features cutting-edge French and Asian (but not exactly fusion) dishes made with fresh, superb local ingredients and modern "molecular" techniques, producing flavor explosions to thrill culinary adventurers. Very expensive.

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. At this romantic restaurant with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting, the menu offers classic Gallic dishes, but ingredients and execution can be inconsistent night to night. Moderate.

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan, de-spiced for SoCal suburbanites. Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are tasty. Inexpensive.

Rancho Santa Fe

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, the French...actually, anyone with taste buds. Enjoy an entrée of Prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, or chicken. Very expensive.

San Marcos

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346.

Also 417 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-434-6777. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu. The Manhattan chowder is tasty, as is their "krab" salad. Moderate.

Santa Ysabel

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. Colorful historic roadhouse draws Harley-riding weekend day-trippers. Cheeseburgers are the default dish. Available are a "Texassized baked potato," salad, and squaw bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

Solana Beach

Beach Grass Café 159 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Also 1476 Encinitas Bl., Encinitas, 760-942-2741. Imaginative breakfasts are the specialty (reservations vital on weekends). Lunches and dinners feature uneven multiethnic "coastal cuisine" with good veggies. Moderate to slightly expensive.

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Ave., Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Try the La Colonia combination: just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla is delicious. Inexpensive.

Zinc Café & Market 132 S. Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. Vegetarian menu offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personalsize pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger are tasty, too. Inexpensive.

Tierrasanta

Bud's Louisiana Café 10425 Tierrasanta Bl., Tierrasanta, 858-573-2837. Authentic NOLA favorites cooked by a friendly native, including good okra gumbo and fine roast beef po' boys—to eat in or to go. The white-chocolate bread pudding is a masterpiece. No reservations; no tables for more than six. Low moderate.

University City

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Dr., University City, 858-678-0950. This chain serves one big, fresh meal. Stuff your raw meat and veggies into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hot plate, and add noodles. Inexpensive

University Heights

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-8661. The most popular lunch at this Greek deli with a patio is lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special — Fridays and Saturdays — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Inexpensive.

Farm House Café 2121 Adams Ave., University Heights, 619-269-9662. At this charming spot in a near-rural corner of the central city, chefowner Olivier Bioteau serves rustic but sophisticated French cuisine, including creative chocolates for dessert. Dinner moderate, brunch inexpensive to moderate.



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Screen-Glow Soundscapes

"As it starts, you hear little chirps and pops, and it's slowly revealed that these are the sounds of people talking."

went rock climbing this morning," says Daniel Shapira of the Bitwise Operators, a "laptop ensemble" from the University of California San Diego.

"I went skiing last weekend," says Cooper Baker, another

Here's the thing: These guys

want it to be clear that although they spend the majority of their time working toward their doctorates in computer music, they are multifaceted human beings with activities and interests outside the scope of computers or music.

"We don't just sit in front of our computers programming every day." ("Lies!" shouts the group's jokester, Chris Warren.)

"Actually," says the quiet-unless-we're-talking-tech Michelle Daniels, "I do."

Bitwise members do agree that it's hard to explain what they do, at least to those outside the university's computer-music program.

"Every time someone asks us what we do here, it takes 45 minutes to answer them," says Warren. "We do performance and research in making sounds with these things," he says, as he taps the cover of his silver MacBook.

The ensemble's name is an inside joke among the tech-savvy. "Bitwise operations is a way of manipulating data on the lowest level, playing with the individual ones and zeros," Warren explains.

And that, in a nutshell, is what the ensemble does. They manipulate the tiny bits of computer memory to make music.

On Thursday, February 18, the Bitwise Op-

erators debuted as part of Winterfest, a series of concerts produced by graduate students in the university's department of music. The audience looked to be "friendly," says Daniels. "People in

the department and [people] that we know."

Most of the 25 or so concertgoers sat in the theater's

stadium seats, though a few occupied foldout chairs that had been placed in a large semicircle around the tables to give the audience a view of the laptop screens.

The 8 p.m. show took place in the Conrad Prebys Music Center's experimental black-box theater, opening with a performance by the New Brutalists. This improvisational quartet consisted of saxophone, a trombone, a flute, and a laptop. The musicians used their instruments in nontraditional ways (at one point the trombonist twisted his mute back and forth to make it squeak into the microphone) to create excruciating sounds that caused several audience members to plug their ears and grimace.

Paul Hembree, Ph.D. student composer, said the New Brutalists "were sort of mimicking the type of amplifier feedback you'd get from a guitar." It was, he says, "a shock-and-awe sort of thing. I didn't expect Ian [Carroll] to take his trombone and rub it against the floor, which was kind of insane. I wouldn't do the same thing to my trumpet."

Up next was Rick Snow, a Ph.D. candidate in composition, who turned off all the lights in the theater and, with his face and hands aglow in the light of his computer screen, performed a piece he calls "Improvisation 0.4." Snow de-



Sounds that caused audience members to plug their ears and grimace

signed a synthesizer inside his computer that he controls with a keyboard.

"I have a lot of samples of noisy sounds," he says. With his program, he can "take that noisy sound and play a chord through it. You can tune it to the sound of a Palestrina motet, which I did for part of that piece. Or you could tune it to a chord from a pop song or the sound of a creaking door."

Finally, the Bitwise Operators took the stage. Although the ensemble had rehearsed only four times prior to the show, they say the one thing that made them nervous was the possibility of a power outage or a computer crash. The latter, they said, could be handled with grace.

"If someone's computer crashes, we know how to go on and put on a good show," said Shapira. "You wait for them to reboot, and you cover for them. Just like you would in a regular band."

Baker said that one of the goals of the band is to "start making performance a more prominent practice in our program."

One of the biggest complaints about computer music in performance is that there is nothing more to watch besides a person sitting at a computer. "I could be checking my email," says Warren. "I could be doing something unrelated. I could just be pressing play. You have no way of knowing."

Prior to the show, the group toyed with a few ideas on how to make their performance more interesting. They considered wearing hazmat suits or projecting their laptop screens to the front of the room. In the end, aside from Warren's five-minute stint in a gas mask, the Bitwise performance consisted of five people staring at their computer screens.

Shapira composed the first piece. He calls it "Vitality" and says that it is a sonic interpretation of census data from around the world. Each of the ensemble members has a world map. As they move around the map on their own computers, they control the pitch, but then their actions look up data through Shapira's system and the musical output changes.

"A lot of the sounds could be misinterpreted as technical difficulties, but that was purposeful," Shapira says.

Next, Warren wore the aforementioned gas mask as he stood in front of the other ensemble members and conducted "Number Stations,"



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which he considers an appropriate metaphor for the work the ensemble does.

"As it starts, you hear little chirps and pops, and it's slowly revealed that these are the sounds of people talking. And you can start to hear voices and make out what they're saying, but then [it turns out to be] gibberish." At the conclusion of Warren's piece, two audience members hooted their appreciation.

The program ended with "In a Large, Open Space," composed by James Tenney and arranged for computers by Baker. Each player plays his choice of available pitches for 30 seconds to a minute, chooses another, and then does the same thing.

During this piece, several audience members began to walk quietly around the room. Clint McCallum, another Ph.D.-in-composition student, stood up from his chair, found a spot behind ensemble member Ignacio Lopez, and rocked side to side, shifting his weight from one foot to the other.

"We have all these tones that are going around the room," McCallum said, "but when you're moving, there are points in the room where they cancel each other out. So, if you move around, it starts to sound like melodies are happening inside your head."



Chanticleer's repetoire spans seven centuries

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Warren answers this question with another: "Where else would they put us?" ■

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"Fairy Tales: Music of the Imagination" Camarada chamber ensemble performs Carl Reinecke's sonata "Undine," Schumann's "Fairy Tales," the "Trio" by Bohuslav Martinu, as well as

pieces by Howard J. Buss, Debussy. 619-231-3702. Friday, March 12, 7:30pm; \$20-\$25. Saint Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue.

Missed it? Try again Sunday, March 14, 6pm; \$20-\$25. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. 619-231-3702. (BANKER'S HILL, LA JOLLA)

"Four Hands" The Morebello/ Rathje Duo performs "four hands" program featuring music by Dvořák, Schumann, Clark, Piazzolla, Mendelssohn for Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2316. Thursday, March 11, 12:30pm; free. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (PALO-MAR COLLEGE)

"In Time of" The all-male chorale ensemble Chanticleer performs songs and love and loss, war and peace, chosen from breadth of Chanticleer's sevencentury repertoire, for Saint James Music Series. 858-459-3421 x109. Sunday, March 14, 4pm; \$25. Saint James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)



Yeah, they do surf music also (The Hutchins Consort)

"Musica de los Californios, Part II" The Hutchins Consort explores music with ties to California, including Velazquez's "Besame Mucho," the "Pulcinella Suite" by Stravinsky, a Mingus composition, surfer music, and more. 760-753-7376. Saturday, March 13, 10am; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive.

All Tchaikovsky Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra and pianist Alexander Sinchuk perform the master's "Romeo and Juliet Overture-Fantasy," "Piano Concerto No. 1," "Symphony No. 3 (Polish)." 619-235-0804. Sunday, March 14, 2pm; \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Camera Lucida Enjoy selections by Brahms and Dvořák performed by musicians from San Diego Symphony and UCSD's music faculty. 858-534-3229. Monday, March 15, 8pm; \$1-\$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Guest Organist Ty Woodward plans recital. 619-702-8138. Sunday, March 14, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road (BALBOA PARK)

Honoring Poland's Musical Legacy Enjoy music by Krzysztof Penderecki and Karol Szymanowski, two of Poland's most notable composers, when La Jolla Symphony and Chorus performs with guests Peter Gach (piano), Renee Calvo (soprano), Janelle DeStefano (mezzo-soprano), Philip Larson (bass). 858-534-4637. Saturday, March 13, 8pm; Sunday, March 14, 3pm; \$15-\$29. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Irish Tunes, Celtic Melodies, Traditional Dance San Diego Symphony plans "St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Pops" with help from Brian Baynes Band, vocalist Siobhán O'Brien, Malone Academy of Irish Dance. 619-235-0804. Wednesday, March 17, 7:30pm; \$20-\$85. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Montagues and Capulets Return! San Diego Opera season continues with Charles Gounod's Romeo and Iuliet. Cast includes American tenor Stephen Costello singing role of Romeo opposite his wife, American soprano Ailyn Peréz as Juliet. Conductor is Karen Keltner; Cynthia Stokes directs. Performed in French with English translations above stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. Saturday, March 13, 7pm; Tuesday, March 16, 7pm; \$30-\$180. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

South Bay Benefit Concert Sweetwater Union High School District Symphonic Orchestra takes stage. 619-267-5141. Tuesday, March 16, 7pm; \$10. Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center at Eastlake High School, 1120 Eastlake Parkway.

Spring Awakens Palomar Symphony showcases Robert Schumann's "Symphony No. 1," which the composer characterized as his "Spring Symphony." Pay what you can at door. 760-744-1150 x2453. Saturday, March 13, 8pm. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

UCSD Guitar Ensemble Guitar students perform solo and ensemble pieces by Luis Bonfa, Fernando Sor, John Cage, Denis Gougeon, others. 858-534-3229. Friday, March 12, 8pm; free. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

UCSD Wind Ensemble Listen for works by Handel, Mozart, Verdi, Puccini, Purcell, Debussy, Strauss. 858-534-3229. Thursday, March 11, 8pm; free-\$15. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Wind Synthesis Musician Robert B. Williams presents "new world of music on woodwind-like instrument controlling 1500 different sounds" for Winter/Spring 2010 Concert Series. Williams "composes all of the music he plays." Expect to hear Renaissance, baroque, African, Tibetan music, as well as cello quartet ballads, blues, pop, jazz, more. 619-236-5810. Sunday, March 14, 2:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

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of another bar in the neighborhood. He was trying to put his keys into every single lock on the car, including the trunk. He can't make his keys work, so he spins around and falls in the street. There's no way I'm going to let this guy drive home. I confront him. I wrote

the inside track

I was waiting for the punchline that never came."

Mike Esparza, namesake of the Mikey Show, testifies every

Friday on the air as to how Jesus Christ helped turn him away from a life of substance abuse. Esparza moved his all-talk morning show from Rock 105.3 to 94/9 this year.

Donhowe is the manager of Lancers bar in

University Heights. He describes an incident involving a member of The Mikey Show in the early hours of Saturday, February 27.

"The bartenders tell me, 'You have to see this guy across the street. He can't get into his car.' This guy was coming out

down his license plate and told him if he drives I'm calling the police. It was about 12:30." Donhowe says he took the

back. That's when three squad cars pull up. I gave them his keys. Had I not grabbed his keys, he probably would have gone down with a felony DUI. If you have possession of your keys, you can still get a DUI even if you are not driving.... The cops drove him home. Then I found out that this was Steve Woods, the guy from The Mikey Show."

Woods joined the crew

Neighbor Julio Flores confirmed details of Donhowe's account, including the fact that Woods was taken away by the police. "He was so drunk, I don't think

of The Mikey Show when it moved to 94/9. He handles

he knew what he was doing.

YOU CAN TAKE THE MAN OUT OF TEXAS...(STEVE WOODS)

man's keys. "I told him if he wants them he can come to my bar across the street in the morning and I'll give them back to him, but I wouldn't let him in the bar that night.... Five minutes later the guy is out front, leaning on the lamppost, asking for his keys

His car stayed there [on Park Boulevard near Adams] for the next couple of days."

SDPD spokesman Detective Gary Hassan said there may not be a police report if he was not arrested and only driven home.

Woods responds: "This

was a great wake-up call. I got humbled. I have no problem owning up to it. I owe Jonny a huge debt of gratitude. He prevented the situation from going further. It could have been very detrimental, to say the least."

Woods says that police eventually put him in a cab. "I don't know why they took pity on me." While he says it is not an excuse..."I've seen my wife 2 of the last 48 days. She's my balance." He says she will move here after they sell their house in Dallas.

Esparza and station management had no comment as to whether the incident would have any effect on the spiritual portion of the Mikey Show.

The arrival of the *Mikey* Show resulted in an uptick in 94/9's ratings for the month of January.

— Ken Leighton

Recession-Proof Rock

"The strippers were breaking it down next door and kept us all very entertained when the band wasn't onstage," says Caustic Felon guitarist Matt Arbaugh of playing the VIP room of the Pure Platinum strip club. "One girl was more than just doing her job with our bassist Paul [McFaddin], and I'm pretty sure if the other guys weren't married... In fact, the drummer was late to the stage, due to a beautiful blonde named Jessie, who was draining his wallet in the lapdance lounge."

Pure Platinum has also hosted the Carlos Blues **Experience and Roots** Covenant, as well as a weekly Wednesday "concert karaoke" showcase. "With bands," says

and Junior the Disco Punk.

"It's a good idea [for strip clubs] to go into bundle marketing, like cable companies and fast-food places. Times are tough for strippers, and



LIKE JELLY GOES WITH PEANUT BUTTER. CAUSTIC FELON GOES WITH T & A

Arbaugh, "your ticket gets you into the show along with access to the strip club side at no extra charge. We feel as a band that we can hold your attention, but who doesn't like to look at a half-naked girl?"

"Nude girls go with rock and roll like jelly goes with peanut butter," says Steven "Sugar" Cole, who claims his failed attempt to open a local club called Groupies, offering both live music and nude entertainment, cost him over \$50,000 in 2008. "The City reneged on all the permits," alleges Cole, "but the older clubs that have been around since the '80s, they have a lot of leeway about mixing live entertainment with stripping." Dream Girls in Kearny Mesa has similarly expanded, booking club nights with DJ Atari

bands are out of work. But if you tell people they can have their naked girls and their rock bands, two for the price of one, that's probably the most recession-proof business in town."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Burning of Bridges

Burning of Rome gave a surprise show at U-31 on Friday, February 26, for former bandmate Tracy Morris. The band's energetic stage presence, however, was allegedly met by hostility from club security.

"They went all out," says BoR fan Rachel Tisnado. "Joe [guitar] was running around and sitting at booths where people were having bottle service. It was pretty crazy. At one point, about four or five

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songs in, Adam [front man] got up on the keyboard and managed to hit the disco ball. It wasn't damaged or anything. But the security guards grabbed Adam and dragged him out the back door. Adam just kept singing with the mike cord wrapped around his neck. I went out back. Adam had a bloody lip, and

that they couldn't go back in or they would be arrested. So my friend and I were running back and forth, giving the band their equipment."

Front man Adam Traub writes via email: "The whole demonstration by U-31 security was unnecessary. We did the same set at the Casbah a few weeks earlier and security shook our hands and helped us out with our gear. At U-31 they put me in a choke hold and kicked me in the face."

"They were out of con-



DISCO BALLS DRIVE BURNING OF ROME ABSOLUTELY BONKERS

Joe had a big mark on his neck. These big, burly guys just kicked the shit out of them. Adam and Joe are tiny guys. It definitely wasn't worth beating them up over."

Another audience member, Kolina Koleva, also thought the reaction to be overkill: "Any damage [the band] might have done was to their own equipment."

"Cops came," Tisnado continues. "The band was told

trol," says U-31 manager Steve Billings. "Promoter Gabe Vega told me he thought they had a little too much to drink before the show. The band was cussing at people who were leaving the bar and started spitting on the crowd. The singer tried to rip the disco ball off in the air, and if he succeeded in pulling the ball down, it probably would have killed

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after the show. It was an

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incredibly unfortunate situa-

Music Zirconia "Many of

our tribute acts look like the

original artists in their hun-

gry glory years," says Brent

Meyer, co-owner of Music

spired versions that might

have last toured, if the origi-

nal act still exists at all." The

local agency includes a roster

around a third of those based

Meyer contends that his

faux acts are often better than

the real thing. "Tribute bands

of around 60 tribute bands,

in San Diego.

Zirconia, "not the tired, unin-

– Chad Deal

the face. There was no blood.

Blasphemous Rumours (Depeche Mode), Rio (Duran Duran), Gabba Gabba Heys (Ramones), Ghost in the Machine (Police/Sting), Dust

"Like cubic zirconia, we offer a replica of a high-val-

N' Bones (Guns N' Roses),

and the Cured (duh).

are more particular about sounding more like the recorded versions than the original artists, who may get bored and take liberties with arrangements.... Tributes generally adhere to what's in the vinvl grooves."

Founded in late 2008,



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musiczirconia.com includes around 45 video clips featuring agency acts such as Sweet and Tender Hooligans (Smiths/Morrissey), the Joshua Tree (U2),

ued product for a fraction of what it costs to buy the real thing," says agency cofounder Michael Twombly, who specializes in booking multiple tribute acts on a single bill. "I

haven't witnessed too much competition among the bands. The rare exception is when there are two or more tributes to the same artist. There's sometimes a rub there that can range from friendly and interested competition to bitter rivalry."

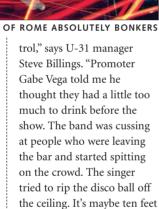
According to Meyer, "Gigs may be drying up for original artists, but things are currently better than ever for tribute bands. We attribute that to a tighter economy and music fans wanting to get more bang for their buck.

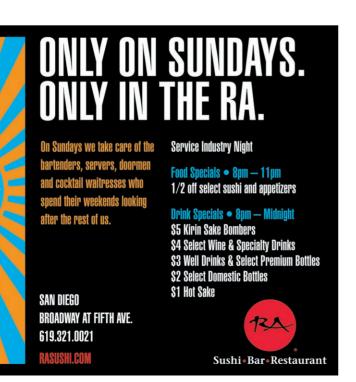
"Tributes represent a snapshot in time, so that fans can feel as if they've seen rock-and-roll history. Like Hendrix at Woodstock or U2 at Live Aid. Only without the brown acid and skinheads."

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Bar Pink books a doozie of a double-bill tonight and one of this week's many sets-to-see, so let's hop to: U.K. quartet Lovvers will woo you with the blown tones off their art-punk debut OCD Go Go Go Girls, a collection that recalls Butthole Surfers and Flipper, but, you know, anglophilically. (That a word?) Also, they're quite handsome. Lovvers will hook up with garage-punks Abe

Vigoda at the North Park hot spot. Abe Vigoda came up in L.A.'s artsy Smell scene, and their very recommendable '08 long-player Skeleton is still doing time in the truck's carousel.... Notable locals the **Beaters**. Maren Parusel, Jenn Grinels, and Wirepony fill a smorgasbord of a bill at the Belly Up. This one's brought to you by CityBeat, propping this week's expertly handled local-music issue Cuban heartthrob Jon Secada brings the Latin party pop offa last year's Expressions to Anthology. Dude was an advisor to W?... Tape **Deck Mountain, Writer**, and **Primitive Noyes** play a tonal triple bill at Tin Can Ale House. Finally

caught a TDM set last week, and it's pretty compelling stuff live and loud. They're just back from Noise Pop and are off next week, with Writer, to SXSW. Go wish 'em luck.... Ruby Room has new noise group Knockout Bell playing foil to straight-ahead alt-poppers Vinyl Film and Sour **Soul**, who are up from Mexico City

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Seattleites and ex-Pretty Girls Make Graves trio the Cave Singers come to Casbah Friday night with fellow Nor'westers the Dutchess and the Duke and the Moondoggies. The Cave Singers' Welcome Joy (Matador) was a folk-rocking standout last year. Bend an ear here: myspace.com/thecavesingers.... Vallejo, CA's Earl Stevens, aka E-40, is set to rock the mic at 4th&B Friday night. The West Coast rapper is a word whiz of the Bay Area varietal — heavy on the snark, light on the beats. Still and all, a 40 of fun.... SanFran psych-pop band Thee Oh Sees are sharing the van to Austin with Bay Area buds the Baths. They'll make a pit stop

at Bar Pink to share a show with the Irish Buddy Holly, So~Cow, a guitar-pop guy whose s/tdebut has him playing some

sweet sets at SXSW.. Acousticats Tim Barry (of punk band Avail), Possessed by Paul James, John Meeks, and Brian

Holwerda are all on tap at Soda Bar if yer feeling folksy.... L.A.'s dynamic duo El Ten Eleven ("Kraftwerk in

best set yet.

(I was par-

tial to

acoustic-

Whigs' new

one, In the

Dark. is

the Sky," says the Onion) will join Chula Vista alt-rockers Lyon Crowns and disco-house dudes Buddy Akai at Beauty Bar. This is an EP-release show for the Crowns, if you've been waiting on merch

Saturday

The leather-clad lads from Northern Cal Black Rebel Motorcycle Club ride into House of Blues with rock-steady Athens band the Whigs. Fuzzrocking BRMC have a new t'do in Beat the Devil's Tattoo, which officially dropped last week. A February leak of the 16-song set had

drownedinsound.com boasting that it's the trio's blues departure Howl. so guess I'm out of the conversation.) The

due to BLACK REBEL MOTORCYCLE CLUB AT HOUSE OF BLUES drop

on Tuesday.... Joseph Shabalala's South African choral group Ladysmith Black Mambazo graces the stage at Anthology. The Grammy-winning nonet is best known for their work on Paul Simon's world-pop smash Graceland.... English electro-pop dolly **Little Boots** steps into Casbah behind her debut Hands, which saw its U.S. release last week. Dragonette and Class Action will set the stage.... Jazz-n-funk showman Karl Denson and his **Tiny Universe** will fill the floor at Belly Up.... Up that way at the Ché Café, nu-math jam band WITT will rock the campus hot spot with Planets, Totally Serious, Census, George **Pritzker**, and **Secondary**.... While English duo **Slow Club** bring the folk-pop fare off of last year's crit-pick Yeah So to Bar Pink. SanFran band Sleepy Sun sets the stage.



OUASI AT CASBAH

Sunday

Happy Pi Day! Yay, Archimedes of Syracuse! Yay, math! Yay, Quasi, which, like pi, is an approximation. Yay, segue! Sam and Janet and Joanna make up Portland indie-pop band Quasi, which will take the stage at Casbah after **Explode into Colors**, Pivot, and Little White Teeth. Sam and Janet and Joanna have a new record out on Kill Rock Stars called American Gong. A gong is a circle and pi...has something to do with circles. Yay, pi!

Monday

Canadian acoustic-rocker Matthew Good and Tampa band Automatic Loveletter do the AntiMonday honors this week at Cashah, Or you could stay home and watch Big Bang Theory. That's a funny show.

Tuesday

It's Yeah Buddy Tuesday at Radio Room. You know, Yeah Buddy Tuesday, featuring Okay! Okay!, the Humans from Reno, One I Red, and Game On

Wednesday

It's been about five-six years since I slunk my way through **Xiu Xiu**'s Fabulous Muscles, each track piling goose bumps on top of goose bumps — not in a Wow! way — and about the same time since I last saw Jamie Stewart perform. I was in L.A. People prodded me to go. I didn't get it, but I was intrigued by this mad scientist of experimental art-faggery, like watching live erotica through plate glass. Not that I ever... "Demented disco!" a cohort drunkenly spat in my ear hole. Muscles creeped me out, but over the years, as "I Luv the Valley OH!" or "Fabulous Muscles" showed up on shuffle, I guess I've developed not just a taste but an affinity for Stewart's very necessary fringe-pop. Xiu Xiu's latest, Dear God, I Hate Myself, is a better entry point if any of this appeals to you. They play Casbah Wednesday night with Tune-Yards, which is solo singer Merrill Garbus. Her ukulele and

throwback warble should set the stage nicely for what you're about to watch Flse: it's fookin' St. Patrick's Day, right, so Belly Up stages local Irish-pub punks Lexington

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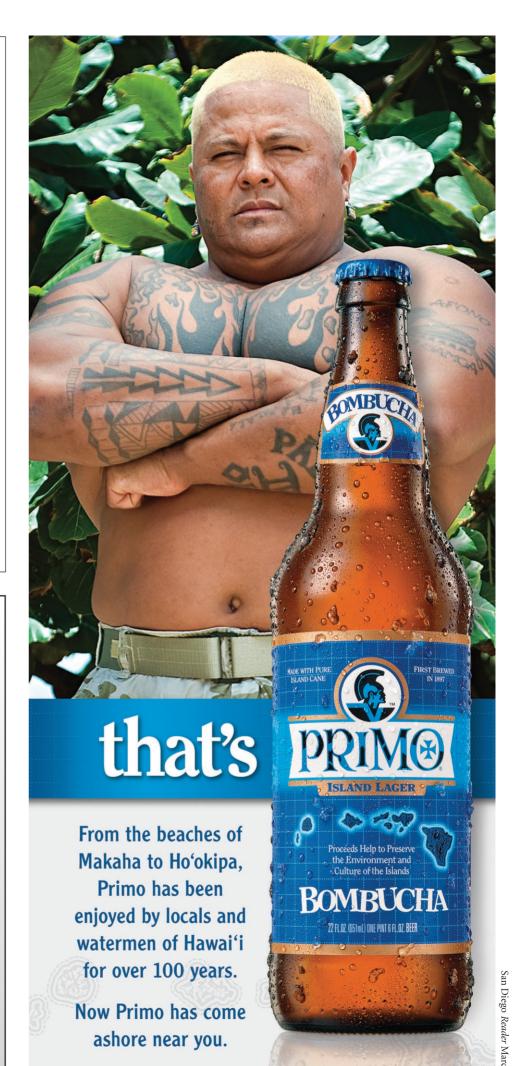
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ard-rocking, Christian, and proud, Thieves & Liars pulled no punches on their debut, *When Dreams Become Reality*, a concept album based on the Old Testament story of Joseph.

Now they're back with a more straightforward but still faithsteeped follow-up, *American Rock*

'N' Roll. Guitarist Corey Edelmann and bassist Joey Bradford answered a few questions.

WHAT ARTISTS INSPIRED YOU TO START PLAYING MUSIC?

Corey: "I started playing piano at the age of five and played until I was in junior high, when I was teased by friends for not playing a 'cool' instrument, and so — wanting to be cool — I decided to start playing guitar. Initially I just started to learn the instrument and was not really influenced by any artists until much later, when I started playing in bands."

Joey: "My older brother Steven has always been my biggest musical influence. He wanted to learn guitar, so I decided I did, too. He became a bass player, so I did as well. Then he showed me bands like the Beatles and Radiohead...that changed everything. Once I heard Pablo Honey by Radiohead, I wanted to write music. I've always been obsessed with creating feeling in my music, the way Radiohead gives me feeling with every track. Corey and Kyle [Rosa, T&L's drummer] introduced me to Zeppelin and Floyd when I started jamming with them, and that was a total mindfreak to my writing. A song like 'The Lemon Song'

by Zep gave me the direction that our band has been traveling the past five years. I've always wanted to give the listener that emotion and vibe that my idols give me."

MUSIC ANDREW HAMLIN

HAS YOUR STYLE OF PLAY-ING CHANGED OVER TIME?

Corey: "My playing initially was

classically influenced, but when I moved to electric guitar I started playing with bands and started getting into metal, which was an easy transition because most metal is rooted in classical music. After high school I fell in love with the rawness of hardcore and played that for a while, but eventually I grew tired of its simplicity and lack of harmony and wanted to move on. After a couple more years playing with bands, I was in a position to start my own band and wanted to play rock and roll, and so I immersed myself in blues and rock and roll."

Joey: "I think our style is changing now more than ever. We've given ourselves sort of an unspoken boundary with writing over the years for the purpose of keeping our songs as blues-based as possible. We recently started writing new material without those standards, and it's making our band have a more unique-to-who-we-are vibe. I'm finally at a point where I feel who I am as a songwriter is getting to be apparent."

HAVE THE HEROES OF YOUR INSTRUMENT CHANGED OVER TIME?

Corey: "I was always more of a rhythm-guitar player, and so I looked up to bands more than

players when I was young, but when I fell in love with blues and rock and roll I definitely fell in love with certain players' style. My favorite blues players are Mississippi Fred McDowell, Son House, and John Lee Hooker. My favorite electric guitar players are Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page, Angus Young, Jimi Hendrix, and David Gilmour."

Joey: "I've never really had a hero on the bass. I mean, John Paul Jones is a guru, and I love

Thieves & Liars: Most metal is rooted in classical music.

everything he brought to Zep, but it's the entire band that gets me excited. As far as vocalists go, I love dudes like Thom Yorke and Jack White."

point of being a Christian. Christ died because we all fall short of His glory, and He longs for us to hit Him up again. That makes me stoked."

YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE?

Corey: "Habakkuk 3:17–18, Proverbs 3:5–6, and Philippians 4:6–7. Obviously I love the story of Joseph, and I also love the story of Job. Over the last four years I have lost my son, a good friend, my mother-in-law, my house, and my parents got divorced, so obviously the verses and stories that speak to me are the ones of perseverance. Those verses and stories help me remember that the key to faith is to believe that God is good no matter what happens in this life and to trust in Him even when it doesn't make sense. Proverbs 24:10 says if we faint in the [face] of adversity, then our strength is small."

HOW DID THE DECISION TO MAKE A CON-CEPT ALBUM ABOUT THE STORY OF JOSEPH COME ABOUT?

Joey: "Corey had the idea when I was 11 years old. He just waited for my mustache to grow in before putting it on tape." ■

AT WHAT POINT DID FAITH ENTER YOUR LIFE?

Corey: "Faith entered my life through youth group while I was in the seventh grade. I just knew that what the youth pastor was saying was truth, and I made the decision to follow Jesus. But it hasn't always been an easy ride, as I was so hurt by people at church at one point [so] I stopped going for a while. And in my late teens I had a streak of rebellion where I learned the hard way why God has commandments. Eventually, like the prodigal son, I returned to my heavenly Dad, and I haven't left my spiritual home since. These days I spend more of my spare time studying my Bible than anything else."

Joey: "I was raised in a Christian household but did my own thing for a bit of high school. I was fascinated by religion most of my teenage years and came to the conclusion while studying religion as a whole that Christianity had no biblical flaws. People are what have flaws, but that's the



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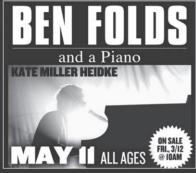
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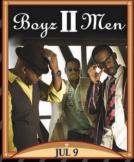
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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

4th&B: 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343. Friday — E-40. Hip-hop/rap.

Matthew Good, March 15, the Casbah

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176 Thursday, 7:30pm — Abbey Road. A tribute to the Beatles. \$20-\$45. Friday, 7:30pm — Lucy Kaplansky, Country/rock,

Saturday, 7:30pm — Berkley Hart. Folk/indie, \$20.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. Thursday, 7:30pm — Jon Seceda. Latin pop/R&B. Additional 9:30 pm show. \$20-\$59. Friday, 7:30pm — Andrew Strong (from The Commitments). Blues/rock. \$24-\$36. 9:30pm -Mexican Institute of Sound. Latin/electronica/indie. \$15.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Ladysmith Black Mambazo. World. \$38. Tuesday, 7:30pm — John Scofield. Additional 9:30pm show. Jazz guitar. \$7-\$45

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Tribute to Cannonball & Nat Adderly Jr. Blues/soul/jazz. \$7-\$24.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194. Thursday, 10pm — Lovvers and

Abe Vigoda. Alternative/pop/punk. Friday, 10pm — So Cow. With Thee Oh Sees and the Baths.

Rock/alternative. \$5. Saturday, 10pm — Slow Club. With Sleepy Sun. Free. Sunday, 10pm — Or, the Whale. With the Maldives. Indie/rock/

country. Mondays, 10pm — The Styletones. Funk/soul. Free.

Tuesday, 9pm — Adrian Demain & Rick Schmidt.

Beachside Grill: 215 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-433-

Friday, 9pm — The Optimators. Reggae/ska.

Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-0474.

Thursday, 9pm — Nate Donnis. Acoustic/alternative/covers. Free. Friday, 9pm — Gonzology. Blues/soul/rock. Free. Saturday, 8pm — December's Children. Rolling Stones cover band. Free.

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

Friday, 9pm — One Drop. Reggae/dub/rock. \$12-\$14. Saturday, 9pm — Karl Denson's Tiny Universe. With Delta Nove. Funk/jazz/R&B. \$20-\$22. Sunday, 8pm — Sol E Mar Funky Samba Party. \$10.

Wednesday, 8pm — St. Patrick's Day Bash. With Lexington Field, Geezer and DI Man Cat. Irish/folk/ punk. \$8-\$10.





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Blonde Martini: 835 Fifth Ave., Downtown. Saturday, 8pm — Stealing Love

Jones. With DJ Dennis J. Alternative/indie/rock. \$15

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave Carlshad, 760-729-2989 Thursday — Zombie Surf Camp & Buck Face. Rock/surf. \$5.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Friday - Into the Presence. Rock/alternative/pop. Saturday, 8pm — Michael Monroe.

Bub's Dive Bar: 1030 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-472-1713. Saturday, 9pm — GFI. With Guilty by Association, Raging Bettie, and Counter Launch. Punk. \$3.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. Thursday — Transfer. With the Silent Comedy and Black Hondo. Alternative/indie rock. \$15. Friday — Cave Singers. With the Dutchess and the Duke and the Moondoggies. Indie rock/folk/ roots, \$12. Saturday — Little Boots. With

Dragonette and Fan Death Alternative/electro-pop/indie, \$15 Sunday - Quasi. With Explode Into Colors, Pivot, and Little White Teeth. Alternative/indie/rock. \$12. Monday — Matthew Good. Acoustic/rock/alternative. \$17-\$20. Wednesday - Xiu Xiu, With Tune Yards and Noveller, Indie/ alternative/rock \$10-\$12

Celebration Center for Spiritual Living: 5820 Oberlin Drive #108, Sorrento Valley. Saturday, 4pm — Betty and Pete Anderson, Acoustic, Free,

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311 Friday, 7:30pm — Skelator. With Ritual Torture, Invocation War, and Antebellum. Metal/hardcore. \$5. Saturday, 7:30pm — WITT. With Planets, Totally Serious, and Census & George Pritzker. Rock. \$6.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695

Thursday, 6pm — Red Lane. Blues/rock. Friday, 6pm — Eight Twenty Band.

Latin/rock Saturday, 3pm — Red Lane.

Blues/rock. 6pm — Bill Magee. Blues.

Sunday, 5pm — Billy Watson. Harmonica blues.

Wednesday, 6pm — Plato Soul. Funk/soul/rock.

Dizzy's: Harbor Club Towers, Downtown, 858-270-7467. Friday, 8pm — Gilbert Castellanos. With bassist Marshall Hawkins and Daniel Jackson on piano/tenor sax. Iazz \$12-\$15

Saturday, 2pm — Duo Acquavella/ Jarrell with bassist Jeremy Kurtz. With La Jolla Symphony cellist Erdis Mexhelaku and a jazz rhythm section. Acoustic/jazz/classical. \$10-

8pm — The Mtafiti Imara Quartet. Jazz. \$10-\$15.

Sunday, 7pm — Martin Taylor & Mundell Lowe. Jazz guitarists.

Downtown Café: 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Sunday, 2:30pm — Open Jam. Blues jam with Chet Cannon and the Committee.

Dublin Mob Choppers Shop: 6306 Federal Bl., Oak Park.



Brian Kelly is an Irishman who was living in South Korea when he decided to put together

a musical project inspired by the scrappysounding likes of the Lucksmiths from Australia, the Clean from New Zealand, and the Swell Maps from England. After a couple of self-released CDs, he got signed to a small label in Chicago and began touring Europe and North America. But don't let the globe-trotting fool you into thinking Kelly's music will be sophisticated, professional, or polished. So Cow, as his project is named, is about as ramshackle as mu-

sic gets in this digital age. And that's precisely what makes it so much fun.

If Kelly had a big budget and studio hotshots backing him up, he could create some great music. But if that happened, he couldn't get away with singing "To-Do List," in which he rhymes "I've yet to interfere with mountain goats" with "I've yet to tell you, you're the one I love the most." No. the only way to get away with lines like that is to record them in your friend's basement while everyone is

drunk. This technique is, of course, unpredictable, but when it works, it really works.

Kelly's song "Greetings" is one of those moments where a real gem emerges from the chaos. Amid random musings about Buddhism and open relationships, Kelly sings, "Oh, life's been just one nonevent, and every day's an in-

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crement, but you restore my sanity, so won't you come and sit with me now?" The whole song's over in less than two minutes but will be stuck in your head for days.

SO COW: Bar Pink, Friday, March 12, 10 p.m. 619-564-7194, \$5.

Sunday, 11am — Dublin Mob Choppers Paddy Ride. Bands include Deadbolt, Cash'd Out, the Fooks, and the Screamin Yee Haws. Price of admission includes food.

El Cajon Grand: 351 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-444-0949. Sunday, 3pm — Off the Wagon. Country.

Encinitas Elks Lodge: 1393 Windsor Rd., Cardiff. Friday — Off the Wagon. Country/western/bluegrass.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-6982204 Friday, 9pm — 89 Vision, Free,

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: 544 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-9840. Wednesday - St. Patrick's Day Block Party. With Shamrockers, the Fooks, the Young Dubliners, No Duh! (No Doubt tribute band), the Downs Family, and DJs.

Friendly Grounds Coffee House: 9225 Carlton Hills Bl., Santee, 619-249-0519. Friday, 7pm — Tom Smerk. Acoustic/folk/rock. Free.

Gallagher's Pub & Grill: 5046 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619222-5300. Saturday, 9pm — Lexington Field. Celtic/acoustic/punk. Free.

Tuesday, 8pm — Raggle Taggle. International jazz and Celtic fusion.

Wednesday, 9pm — The California Celts. With Skelpin.

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

Friday, 8pm — Smooth Tran Zition. Pop/rock. Saturday, 8pm — Superfreaks. With DJ Van from 11 pm to 2 am. Covers/pop.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill: 850 Tamarack

Ave., Carlsbad, 760-434-2660. Saturday, 8pm — Greenland Whalefishers. Alternative. Free.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. Thursday, 8pm — Brandi Carlile. With Gil Landry. Alternative/ folk/pop. \$20-\$42. Friday, 7pm — Melissa Ferrick. With Jay Nash and Rob Laufer. Folk/rock. \$14-\$16. Saturday, 8pm — Black Rebel Motorcycle Club. With the Whigs. Rock. \$20-\$37. Wednesday, 8pm — Pennywise.



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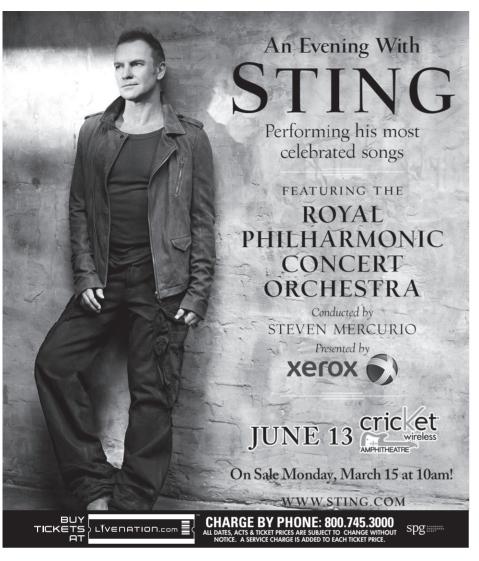
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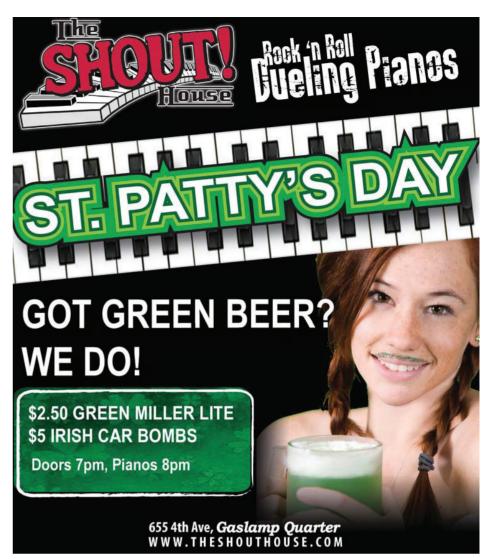
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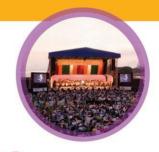












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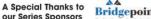


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Friday, 9pm — Viva Santana. A tribute to Carlos Santana. Covers/rock. \$12.

Saturday, 9pm — Atomic Groove. Covers/dance, \$12.

Sunday, 8pm — Fattburger. Blues.

Monday, 7pm — Blue Monday Pro Jam/Blues Party. With Chet Cannon and the Committee.

Tuesday, 7pm — 52nd Street. A tribute to Billy Joel. \$5.

Island Sports and Spirits: 104 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-

Monday, 7pm — Andrew Deering. With Cantua, Melly Frances & the Distilled Spirits, the Notice, Mitchell Cornish and Mojo Nivon Acoustic/alternative/bluegrass.

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Monday, 7pm — Gayle Skidmore. With Elaine Fave and the Corev Booth Project. Free.

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Wednesday, 6:30pm — Gregory Page. Acoustic/folk. \$24.

Larry's Beach Club: 1145 S. Tremont St., Oceanside, 760-439-6646.

Saturday, 5pm — Live Wire, Covers,

Last Call: 4977 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-287-9505. Friday — The Cory Wilkins Band. Blues/country/rock. Free.

Wednesday, 8pm — Taters Invaders Blues/funk/jazz, Free.

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

Friday - Chad Farran, With Lee Coulter and the Heavy Guilt. Acoustic/rock/alternative. Saturday — Lisa Sanders and John

Foltz. Acoustic/rock. Sunday — Alexis Allan and Brandon Tvler.

Wednesday - Kenny Eng. With Damian Shiner and John Lull.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.

Friday, 8pm — The Mike Keneally Band. With S. Ali. Blues/rock. Saturday, 8:30pm — The Ruby Suns. With Toro Y Moi. World/folk/alternative, \$12.

Wednesday, 8pm — Kalman Balogh & the Gypsy Cimbalom Band. World, \$26

Lyceum Theatre: 79 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-544-1000. Monday, noon — The Rob Thorsen Trio, Jazz, Free,

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5280 Thursday — 4-Way Street. Rock. Friday — The Elevators. Rock, cov-

Saturday — The Stilettos. Rockabilly. Tuesday - Jackson/Jesus. Wednesday, 8pm — Northstar.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050. Friday, 9pm — Flashback. Rock. Saturday, 9pm — American Rock Experience

Pal Joey's: 5147 Waring Rd., College Area, 619-582-6699.



The Mexican Institute of Sound is not an institute, nor is it much of a band. Rather. it is the side project of one man, a Mexico City-based record company executive named Camilo Lara, whom I first became aware of from the soundtrack to the Alfonso Cuarón film Y Tu Mamá También.

"Alfonso called me because we had a lot of friends in common," Lara emails from Mexico City. "When we met, we had an instant connection. I was 100% involved in the selection of the soundtrack with Alfonso."

Lara has a huge record collection. He started collecting when he was eight, the story goes, and now has over 50,000 albums. The tracks Lara chose to include were a brilliant match with the film's outrageous sexuality, everything from Zappa to Café Tacuba to Natalie Imbruglia, Lara and Alfonso also started Suave, the first Mexican indie label. Lara's day iob prior to Suave was as an executive with FMI of Mexico. When Suave broke apart. Lara went back to EMI.

What's up with the name, the Mexican Institute of Sound? "I love that all the people [at MIS shows] expect a whole bunch of people," he says, "and it is just me."

MIS is part of the Mexican electronica movement of the past decade. Along with groups like the Nortec Collective, the new sound is a club phenomenon as identifiable and localized to Mexico City as house is to Chicago or trip-hop is to London. It is a chaotic and highly alternative mix of juiced-up vintage sounds like cumbia and mariachi and mambo set to hip-hop beats and torched with electronics and samples.



I ask the Coachella veteran what his DJ set in San Diego will be like. "Lots of cumbia and electronic music. Frenetic tracks. Music to dance to, like a pagan party. Naked people.

MEXICAN INSTITUTE OF SOUND: Anthology, Friday, March 12, 9:30 p.m. 619-595-0300. \$15.

Saturdav, 9:30pm — Slight Return. Covers/rock, Free.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252. Friday, 9pm — No Limit, Dance/

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Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077 Sunday, 9pm — The Rhythm Jacks.

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Prohibition: 560 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-8068. Thursday, 9:30pm, Friday, 9:30pm David Patrone Quartet. Jazz/lounge, Free,

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-

4030 *Thursday*, 9pm — The Pheromones. Blues/rock/soul.

Saturday — Stepping Feet. A tribute to Dave Matthews Band.

Alternative/rock Wednesday — Big Fat Soul.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Bl., Normal Heights, 619-284-3323. Thursday, 8pm — Nautical Disaster. With China Clippers, Animal Ancestors, and Race Against Space. \$5. Friday, 8pm — Irradio. With the Slants and Silent Screams. Alternative/indie/rock. \$5. Saturday, 8pm — The Hotrod Hillbillies. With the Strikers, Death Valley Drifters, Watchmen, and Josh I.

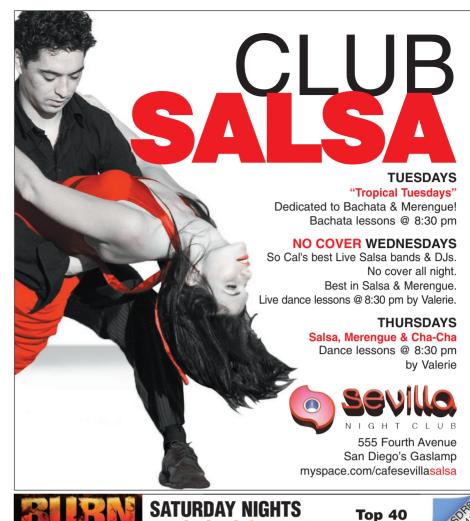
Sunday, 8pm — Extra Life, With Witt, Totally Serious, and the Vaginals. Monday, 8pm — Pyrate Punx. With

Rum Rebellion, Abject, San Deviants, and Brian Congerjo & the Handsome. Punk. Tuesday, 8pm — Yeah Buddy Tuesdays. With Okay! Okay!, the Humans, One I Red, and Game On. Rock. \$5.

Wednesday, 8pm — Sinner Sinners. With the Mad Mummies and DJ Barnesey. Rock.







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Sunday, 7pm — Diabolical Slaughter. With Within the Swarm, Rott, Dark Possession, Process for Enigma, Sergulath, and Perdition. Metal/hardcore.

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Friday, 9pm, Saturday, 9pm — Danielle Tucker. Country. Free.

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Thursday – Banned From Eden. Rock.

Friday -- Club Catalina BBWs. Saturday - I&B. Funk.

Robbie's: 530 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2365. Saturday, 6pm — Peter Marin. Jazz.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372. Thursday, 8pm — Knockout Bell. With Vinyl Film and Sour Soul. Saturday, 8pm — That Time of the Month. Hosted by Lauren De Rose with Sharon Hazel Township, the Dirty Legs, and Unruly Bangs. 10pm — The Dirty Legs. With the Unruly Bangs. Rock. \$5. Monday, 8pm — Animal Ancestors and Brother Cecil.

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Casino: 25575 Highway 79, Santa Ysabel, 760-787-0909. Saturday, 7pm — Steve Phillips and the Pescadero Pickers. Blues/ country/rock. Free. 18 and up.

Compilation: Gastonia Gallop

CD Review by Mary Leary

If you're one of those people who hears oldtimey, country-fied sounds and opines, "I've heard that — Beverly Hillbillies theme music," you'll want to skip to the next review. But if you're interested in windows into different worlds, you may want to get hip to this 24-track compilation of 78s, which, along the way, shows the

evolution of ragtime, folk. blues, and protest forms.

As often happens with vintage folk and blues, Gallop charts the mutation of various songs. "Think a Little" shares a melody with an older tune most commonly known as "Red River Val-



Compilation offers windows into different worlds

ley." "Been on the Job Too Long," which seems to be about knocking off a popular laborer, has a lot in common with "The Ballad of Duncan and Brady."

Long days of exhausting labor, sudden layoffs, unemployment, poverty, illness, and escapism color this collection. While revelations abound, some of the most telling include "Bay Rum Blues," "I Want My Black Baby Back," and "Cotton Mill Colic" ("The kids get to cryin' in a different tune" says so much with so little — it's North Carolina 7en)

Pylon: Chomp

CD Review by Andrew Hamlin

More, indeed, than any other American band of their era, Pylon (the amazingest Athens, GA, act you never heard of) sounded like semaphore, like ordinary communications forced into a code and forced upon you without a codebook. Now-deceased guitarist Randy Bewley claimed he never

learned the names of any chords or notes, and although his ringing and chiming lines up reasonably well with the Gang of Four's Andy Gill's work around that same time, it manifests enough mystery to stand alone. Singer

Music Reviews from Our Readers



Reissue revives Athens GA's unsung supernauts

Vanessa Briscoe Hay counts, spells, and satisfies herself with "beep beep." Unless, of course, that's another kind of coded communication.

Remixes and de-mixes don't slow this unique foursome down a bit, allowing them wide-range sonic space and signal decay that make the album versions sound like teasers. Come on and ride this space train, hold out hope for the rest of Pylon's catalog, and mourn the loss of an unsung sixstring supernaut.

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Wednesday, 9pm — Collage Menage, With Sleeper Cell, Rock,

The Sky Box Sports Grill: 4805 Clairemont Dr., Clairemont,

858-274-7269 Wednesday, 9:30pm — The Touchies. With Tiny Frank, Scenic Dr., and the Canton Mudders. Alternative/pop/rock, Free,

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224. Wednesday, 10pm - The Moviegoers. With the Royalty. Alternative/pop. \$3.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. Friday, 7pm — Get Back Loretta. With Good Morning Milo, Valora, Add the Color, and Meseta. Alternative/rock, \$10. Saturday, 7pm — Seconds From Disaster. With Hide the Details, Roman Burial, To Build an Empire, Good Sir, and Light of Doom. \$8.

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Stage Saloon: 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-696-9436. Thursday, 9pm — The Touchies. With the #9s, Bar Elements, and Jesse Nova. Alternative/pop/rock.

Star Theatre: 402 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, 760-721-9983. Friday, 7pm — Soup CD Release Party. With the Honkys. Alternative/rock. \$10.

Sushi Performance & Visual Art: 390 11th Ave., East Village, 619-235-8466.

Tuesday - Scott Amendola. With Wil Blades. Experimental/noise/ jazz. \$10-\$15.

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March 24 — Hank III & Assjack.

March 25 — Raekwon.

March 26 — Andre Nickatina. March 27 — Air.

April 17 — Assassin.

April 19 — Jeff Beck.

April 24 — Dave the Butcher. May 8 — Too Short.

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Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.

March 19 — Roy Zimmerman, Bill Evans & Megan Lynch.

April 10 — Jimmy Webb.

April 17 — Houston Jones. April 26 — Rory Block.

May 1 — Neil Innes.

May 8 — Dave Alvin.

May 14 — Michael Chapdelaine.

June 1 — Crooked Still. June 17 — John Keawe.

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

March 18 — Laurence Juber.

March 19 — Gene Perry

Orchestra. March 19, March 20 - Steve

Tyrell.

March 25 — Monette Marino

March 26 — Anthology House Band: Motown Revue.

March 27 — The Sons of

Champlin. March 30 — Anthology House

Band: Motown Revue.

March 31 — The 52nd Street

Band.

April 1 — Beausoleil

April 2 — Lao Tizer.

April 3 — The Perfect Age of Rock

'n' Roll Blues Band.

April 4 — The Church.

April 6 — Tomasz Stanko.

April 9 — Colin Hay. April 9 — Kofi Baker.

April 13 — Anthology House

Band: Motown Revue

April 14 — Bill Frisell.

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Honky-Lofting

Concert Review by Farl Dove

The Loft at UCSD is the last place you would expect to find traditional country music in San Diego. Regardless, this was the setting for some honky-tonking, courtesy of Joe Pug and Justin Townes Earle.

Pug, a songsmith in the tradition of Woody Guthrie, John Prine, and Bob Dylan, started things off with a scorching set. Armed with only a guitar, he captivated the audience with his passionate, introspective, and lyrically inspired songs. While touring in support of his first album.

Messenger, to hear him live you would think he had been doing this for decades.

Earle provided a more upbeat set. Taking the stage with a bearded fiddler and a female doghouse bass



Dapper honky-tonker no trend-setter

player, the trio blasted through almost two hours of unapologetic old-school country music. Between songs, the lanky Earle, suited up with a bowtie and thick-framed glasses, kept the audience laughing. The onstage banter between the band and Earle added to the vintage mood of the performance.

High points of the set included the poignant "Mama's Eyes" and a cover of the Buck Owens classic "Close Down The Honky Tonks." Recently featured in GQ magazine as one of the bestdressed men of 2009 (which was joked about onstage), Earle's music is anything but trendy.

Concert: Justin Townes Earle/Joe Pug

Show date: February 9 Venue: The Loft at UCSD Seats: General Admission

Shake, Rattle, Roll

Concert Review by Andi Hazelwood

A tattooed man playing a washboard and yelling with glee leaps off the stage into a hoedown of dancers. The joyous press of musicians onstage play at a breakneck pace with a melange of instruments: autoharp, upright bass made out of an old washtub, mandolin, banio, fiddle, harmonica. This is the aggressive bluegrass of Old Man Markley.

Originals fit nicely with covers such as Flatt & Scruggs's "Rollin' in My Sweet

Baby's Arms" and Cake's "Stick Shifts and Safety Belts," all played in an articulate, fun style.

The Pine Box Boys opened the evening with rootsy songs of murder and



Old Man Markley whipped up a good old-fashioned hoedown

politics. With erratic hard-rock rhythms and bloodied-tongue-in-cheek lyrics, it's as if Primus and Johnny Cash decided to write together. It's an enjoyable combination.

With little of the hillbilly rhythm in him, singersongwriter Pete Bernhard was the odd man out, playing the middle set. Bernhard is the front man for the Devil Makes Three, an emergent band whose traditional sounds would've been right at home at this show.

Concert: Old Man Markley, Pete Bernhard, the

Pine Box Boys

Show date: February 16

Venue: Casbah Seats: general

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Billy Davis Jr. Band. April 27 — Anthology House Band: Motown Revue. April 30 — Raul Midon. May 15 — Richie Havens.

May 28 — The Average White Band.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-454-5872 March 22 - Danny Green.

Avo Plavhouse: 303 Main St., Vista, 760-724-2110. April 11 — The Peter Pupping Ouartet.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100. April 11 — Elvis Costello.

March 19 - Syndicate. March 22 — The Styletones. April 21 — Monterey Jazz Festival.

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

March 24 — The Pierced Arrows.

March 25 — Weatherbox

March 26 — Surfer Blood.

March 28 — Jeff the Brotherhood.

March 29 — The Styletones. March 31 — Buddy Akai.

Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-0474.

March 18 — Allegra.

March 19 — Mark Fisher.

March 20 — P.K. Earlson. March 25 — Ventura.

March 26 — Mark Fisher.

March 27 — The Jones Revival.

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

April 3 — San Diego Soul Revue.

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

March 18 - Michelle Shocked

March 19 — Junior Reid. March 20 — Wild Child.

March 21 — Stephen Stills. March 25 — Devendra Banhart and

the Grogs.

March 26 — Boogie Nights. March 27 — Tainted Love.

April 1 — The Howls.

April 3 — Dead Man's Party (Oingo

Boingo tribute band).

April 7 — Buddy Akai.

April 9 — 40 Oz. to Freedom.

April 10 — Super Diamond. April 11 — Patty Griffin.

April 14 — Cheap Trick.

April 19 — The Temper Trap.

April 21 — John Brown's Body.

April 22 — Nanci Griffith.

April 23 — Stepping Feet.

April 27 — Rogue Wave.

April 30 — The Dark Star Orchestra.

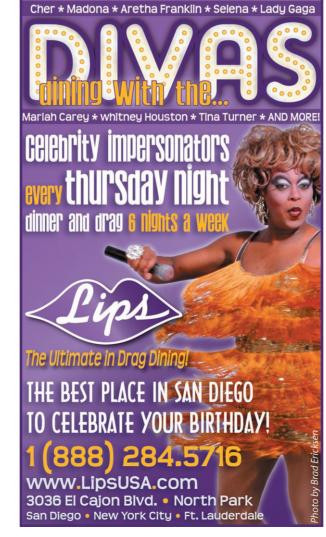
May 7 — The Stanton Moore Trio.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 858-534-3474.

April 24 — Island Fever.



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Tuesday, February 2, 9:10 p.m.

Tower Bar's namesake tower in City Heights is visible from blocks away, jutting skyward between Vietnamese Laundromats and Ethiopian restaurants like a cartoon monument to a forgotten Aztec deity.

The place is almost at maximum capacity. A line of patrons extends from the door. I show the doorman my I.D. and get a stamp. "Fucktard," it

Videos of glam babes in bikinis shooting automatic weapons illuminate the crowded bar. A sign above the bar advertises absinthe for \$10. Framed photos on the wall show where a drunk driver plowed into the bar in 1964, inspiring the moniker "the original hole-in-the-wall." Now, all the support beams lean west in homage to that fateful day.

I grab a tall bottle of Racer 5 (\$7) from the jovial bartender, Thaddeus, and disappear into the sweaty mass of show goers.

Local happy punks the Beaters make some noise while, outside, patrons smoke cigarettes and line up to re-enter as a wizened Vietnamese woman named Lom Sok sweeps garbage and butts from the sidewalk and gutters.

An Arrogant Bastard (\$7) later, S.D. heroes the Soft Pack (formerly the Muslims) unleash Drive Like Jehuinspired post-punk breakdowns overlaid with candid Pavement-esque vocal melodies. Celebrating a selftitled album release, the Soft pack has made the Tower one of their first stops before embarking on a tour throughout the U.S., the U.K., and Europe.

After, the place empties out until a handful of steadfast boozers remain. The owner, Mick, a laidback

Attire: CASUAL

A sign above Tower's bar advertises absinthe for \$10.

Aussie with a greaser hairdo, slides me a 24-ounce "man can" of Pabst Blue Ribbon (\$5) and laments the bureaucratic absurdity of permit regulations in San Diego. "You have to have a permit for alcohol, a permit for music, even a permit for dancing," he relates with a

distant look. "But the City doesn't want to give out any of them." Iggy Pop comes over the jukebox and a few girls leave their stools to groove around on the vacant floor. "Do me a favor." Mick says with a grin. "Tell those girls to stop dancing."

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April 14 — The Guthrie Family Rides Again.

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March 18 — Grammatical B.

March 20 — West Indian Girl.

March 21 — Asteroids Galaxy Tour.

March 22 — Acid Mothers Temple.

March 23 — Cymbals Eat Guitars.

March 24 — Tobacco.

March 25 — The Paper Chase March 26 — The Morning Benders.

Lisa Campbell

March 28 — Fever Sleeves.

March 29 — Field Music

March 30 — Red Octopus. April 1 — The Wedding Present.

April 3 — Gram Rabbit.

April 4 — The Dabbers.

April 5 — RJD2.

April 8 — Bostich & Fussible.

April 9 — Blowoff.

April 10 - Big Sandy & His Fly Rite

April 11 — Murder by Death. April 13 — Holly Golightly & the

Broke-Offs.

April 14 — The Retribution Gospel

Choir.

April 15 — The Big Pink.

April 16 — Get Back Loretta.

April 17 — Love Is All.

April 20 — Bonobo.

April 21 — Japandroids.

April 22 — Bostich & Fussible.

April 25 — High On Fire. April 28 — The Antlers.

April 29 — The Slackers.

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March 19 — The Blues Brokers. March 20 — Friends & Enablers.

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March 21 — Johnny B. Blues.

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March 24 - Northstar.

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August 20 — The Dave Matthews Band.

August 29 — American Carnage Tour.

Dizzy's: Harbor Club Towers, Downtown, 858-270-7467.

March 19 - Bill Evans Tribute. March 20 - Greg Sorcsek.

March 25 — The Wallace Roney Ouintet.

March 26 — Chirgilchin. March 27 — Mikan Zlatkovich &

His Ouartet. April 2 — Jazz Drummer Brett

Sanders. April 3 — Gilbert Castellanos.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-

March 19 — Jazz Band: XIV.

March 20 — Collage Menage. March 26 — American Maniacs.

March 27 — Sanctuary

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

March 19 — Private Domain. March 20 — Federal Funk.

March 26 — Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz.

March 27 — The Baytown Band. April 30 — Snoop Dogg.

May 16 — Earth, Wind, & Fire. May 28 - Heart July 17 - Gladys Knight & Smokey

Robinson. July 24 — Ziggy Marley.

August 14 — B.B. King & Buddy

August 28 — Huey Lewis & the

September 10 - Gary Allan.

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March 24 — Kreator.

March 26 — The AD Tour 2010. March 28 — HammerFall.

March 31 — Steel Panther. April 1 — The Alkaline Trio.

April 7 — Five for Fighting.

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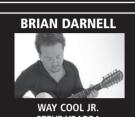
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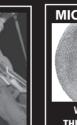
















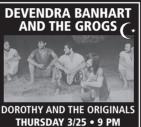
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4/14 Cheap Trick

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4/23 Stepping Feet -

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4/28 John Mayall

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5/17 Midnite

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March 26 — Chris Duarte.

March 27 — Rising Star.

March 28 — Vertice Williams. March 29 - Nathan James.

March 30 - 4 Way Street.

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March 24 — Laguna.

March 25 — Harmony Road. March 26 — The Offbeats

March 27 — Northstar

March 30 — Iim Moore.

March 31 — Tommy Price.

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March 31 — Brad Mehldau. April 14 — The Anthony Wilson Trio.

May 3 — Anat Cohen.

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March 27 - Nite Hawk

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Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252. March 19 — Tyghtship.

March 20 — Help!

March 26 — The Basix

March 27 — Judge Jackson. April 18 — Tony Bennett.

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Poway Center for the Performing Arts: 15498 Espola Rd., Poway, 858-748-0505.

April 24 — Leon Redbone.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Bl., Normal Heights, 619-284-3323.

March 18 — Blowfly

March 19 — Londons Falling. March 21 — Class in Session

March 22 — Tim Raldo & the Filthy Fuks.

March 23 — The Loneliest Monk.

March 24 — The Narrows.

March 25 — The Ratbirds.

March 27 — Students of the Drum.

March 28 — Class in Session. March 29 — Blood Stained Reality.

March 31 — Pyrate Punx Present

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April 18 — Blowfly.

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March 18 — Bang Tango.

March 19 — The Dreaming

March 20 - Suidakra. March 21 — Pentagram.

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Anti Citizens are Mr. Ridley (rhymes and beats), Bazerkowitz (rhymes), and DJ Artistry (turntablism). Their song "Effortlessly" (featuring Ras Kass and Apathy) was the mostdownloaded local MP3 from SDReader.com during February. Ridley provided some background.

If you could sum up the message of the song with one line, which lyric would that be?

"Don't try too hard to do what should come naturally." If you find yourself putting tedious amounts of time and labor into making shitty music, then you should find a new career.

> So, what's effortless? Making music is

effortless for us. Where the real work comes in for any independent artist is the grind of getting the music out to the people.

What does take a lot of effort?

Everything in our lives besides making music.

You rap about something called Operation Wake the Fuck Up.

That's to bring consciousness back to the general population of listeners. Especially the ones who don't even realize yet that hip-hop is in fact music, and there's more to us than what 93.3 FM and MTV shows you.

What's up with demanding that rival emcees "take an Ambien" sedative? Should hip-hop make you sleepy?



Time-traveling test-tube babies Anti Citizens

It just means certain artists across the globe don't need to be artists. It's like everyone woke up and decided to start rhyming or making beats, with no real talent whatsoever, and they need to go back to sleep. The line is more a suggestion, not a command...just stay the fuck outta the way of people who do this full time.

Tell us something about you guys that few would know or quess?

I'm a time traveler from the year 2029. Bazerkowitz

is in the movie Dodgeball and did various stunt work in major motion pictures. Ras Kass is currently working on an album with DJ Rhettmatic from the Beat Junkies. Apathy works with Mike Shinoda from Linkin Park. And DJ Artistry was born in a test tube.

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March 27 — Dead by Wednesday. April 2 — Otep.

April 21 — David Allan Coe. June 2 — Pat Travers.

Riley's Music Lounge: 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma, 619-255-

March 20 — Rising Star.

March 25 — DJ Dreyfino.

March 26 — Funk's Most Wanted.

March 27 — Federal Funk.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.

March 18 — A Scribe Amidst the

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-

570-1100.

May 7 — Celtic Women. May 21 — Sara Geronimo.

San Diego Sports Arena:

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March 23 — Hank III & Assjack. April 3 — The Black Eyed Peas.

May 1 — Daughtry.

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Drink Specials

3/19: No Cover Night w/The Styletones

3/20: CUBENSIS

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224 March 23 — Kata and Kerretta. April 6 — Kasey Anderson.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District 619-226-7662 March 19 — Murder on the Dancefloor.

March 26 — Jonny Craig. March 27 — Mike Pinto.

March 30 — This Providence. April 2 — Pierce the Veil.

April 8 — Owl City.

April 9 — Bleeding Through.

April 16 — Strung Out. April 17 — Authority Zero.

May 29 — 3OH!3 & Cobra Starship.

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500

April 21 — Pat Metheny. April 24 — Norah Jones. May 23 — The National.

Sushi Performance & Visual Art: 390 11th Ave., East Village, 619-235-8466.

April 6 — Kenny Wollesen. May 7 — Fields Have Ears.

Swedenborg Hall: 1531 Tyler Ave., University Heights. March 21 — Songwriters' Acoustic Nights.

Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400. March 21 — Campus Five. May 15 — Lisa Lisa. June 12 — The Temptations.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.

March 19 — The Styletones.

July 9 — Boyz II Men.

March 20 — Cubensis.

March 23 — The Photo Atlas & the Rouge.

March 24 — Shoreline Rootz. March 25 — Big Sams Funky Nation & Skirt Alert

March 26 — Greensky Bluegrass & Rana Santacruz.

March 27 — Afro Classics. March 30 — Faking Genius.

DJ

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Bacchus House: Thursdays, 9pm: Club '80s. With DJs Bryan Pollard and Arzola1. '80s/ industrial/underground. 3054 University Ave., North Park. 619-299-2032

Bar Dynamite: Thursdays, 9pm: Dynamite Thursdays. Sound Selectors Smoovgroovs, Hobbs One, Eclektic, and Thumbprint, Hiphop/soul/dancehall. 1808 W. Washington St., Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Bar Pink: Wednesday, 10pm: St. Patrick's Day Rock 'n' Roll Stew. With DJ Mikey Face and DJ Angie 3829 30th St., North Park. 619-564-7194

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: Tuesdays, 7pm: Basic Tuesdays. Art, fashion, and music. Free. 410 Tenth Ave., East Village. 619-531-8869.

The Brew House at Eastlake: Saturdays: Brew 30 DJ. Dance. 871 Showroom Pl., Chula Vista. 619-656-2739

Café Sevilla: Thursdays, 10pm: DJ New Yo Rican. Salsa. Tuesdays, 10pm: DJ Israel. Bachata. 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-5979

Camel's Breath Inn: Fridays, Saturdays: Live DJ. 10330 Friars Rd., Mission Valley. 619-281-1722.

Candelas: Fridays: Sessions at 420 Third Avenue. DJ Chris Renzulli and DI Eric B. Adult/ contemporary. 416 Third Ave., Downtown. 619-702-4455.

Club 67: Wednesdays, 9pm. Monday, 9pm: DJ Power. Electronica. Free. 10109 Main St., Lakeside, 619-443-4100.

Confidential: Fridays, 10pm: DJ Henry Diaz. With Tone Capone and Omar. Electronic/hip-hop/ lounge. 901 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-696-8888

The Coyote Bar & Grill:

Thursdays, 10:30pm: DI Swoll Fridays, 10:30pm: DJ Gary B. Saturdays, 10:30pm: DJ Paul Dumesnil. Saturdays, 10:30pm: DJ Paul D. Saturday, 6pm: Bill Magee. Blues. 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.

El Cajon Grand: Fridays, 8:30pm: DJ Neko. Spins classic rock. Saturdays, 8:30pm: DJ Chuck. Spins classic rock, 351 W. Main St., El Caion, 619-444-0949.

Fannie's Nightclub: Thursdays, 8pm: DJ Mick B. Spins hip-hop tunes. Thursdays, 9pm: DJ Undaground. With guests Hiphop/rap/reggae. Sundays, 9pm: DJ Demond. '80s/hip-hop/pop. Free. Mondays, 9pm: DJ Undaground. With guests Hip-hop/rap/reggae. Wednesdays, 9pm: J & Biko. Hiphop/reggae. 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley. 619-698-2204.

The Flame: Wednesdays, 9pm: Cookies with DJ Dirty Kurty. 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

The Fleetwood: Saturdays: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. 639 J St., Downtown, 619-702-7700.

The Flying Bridge: Fridays, 9pm: DJ Ricardo. Reggaeton/salsa. Saturdays, 9pm, Sundays, 9pm: DJ Waistline. Hip-hop/R&B. 1105 N.

Coast Hwy., Oceanside. 760-722-0081

Gaslamp Tavern: Thursdays, 8pm, Fridays, 4pm, Wednesdays, 8pm: C-Phish. 868 Fifth Ave., Downtown 619-239-3339

Harney Sushi: Wednesdays, 9pm: Hot Like Wasabi Wednesdays. With DJ Matty A. Electronic. 3964 Harney St Old Town 619-295-3272

Harrah's Rincón: Thursdays, 8pm: Noche Latina. With DJ Don Jose, Electronica, Latin, 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center. 760-751-3100

Hawthorn's Restaurant:

Wednesdays: DJ Kiki. 2895 University Ave., North Park. 619-295-1688

House of Blues: Friday, 8pm: Steve Aoki. Electronica/DJ/dance. \$15. 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-299-2583.

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Kadan: Tuesdays: Darkwave Garden. With DJ Bryan Pollard, DJ Heather Hardcore, Pet M1. Gothic/industrial. Wednesdays: Night Vision, Drum 'n' bass with live MCs. DI. Free. Saturday. Saturday, 9pm: Club '80s. with DJ Bryan Pollard, DJ Roxanne Redlight, DJ Evil Kelly. Free. 4696 30th St., North Park, 619-640-2500.

McDini's: Tuesdays, 9pm: '90s Throwback Tuesdays. Hosted by Zerland of Pali Roots. 105 E. 8th St., National City. 619-474-6771.

The Office: Sundays, 10:30pm: Club '80s. Featuring DJs Bryan Pollard, Adamnation, MasterBlaster, and Roxanne Redlight. Industrial/underground, Free, 3936 30th St., North Park, 619-450-6632.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill:

Wednesdays, 10pm; DI Tony, 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey

Dive Bar: Mondays, 6:30pm: Metal Mondays, Metal all night long. 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-2827.

RT's Longboard Grill: Mondays, 9pm, Wednesdays, 9pm: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos, 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-270-

Ramada Inn: Saturdays, 9pm: Dance Party. Hip-hip/reggae/ dancehall, DJ. Free, 5550 Kearny Mesa Rd., Kearny Mesa. 619-596-9777

Ruby Room: Friday, 8pm: DJ K. With Mighty Melody, the Chemist, Jonny 5, MkUltra b2b Punisha. Rebellion; and MCs Tez, Werd, and Foe. Sunday, 8pm: Isolation. With DJ Bryan Pollard and DJ Am Bones. Sunday: Klub Isolation. With DJ Bryan Pollard, DJ Ambones. '80s/'90s post-punk new wave. Free. 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

SIN Niteclub: Sundays, 9pm: Reggae Sundays at Sin. With DJ Ez Doe, DJ Hektik, and DJ Winston T. Dancehall, reggae, hip-hip, and soca. 526 West F St., Downtown, 619-232-4746.

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: Saturdays, 9pm: Rasta Nation Posse, Reggae, 4076 Bonita Rd., Bonita, 619-470-8000.

Satin Lounge: Thursdays, 9pm: Hot Latin Beats. Reggaeton, salsa, and merengue. 18 and up. Fridays, 8pm: Funky Fresh Fridays Hiphop/mash-ups, 18 and up. Saturdays, 9pm: DJ Dizzy D. Spins hip-hop, old skool, and techno. 18 and up. Wednesdays, 9pm: Blazin' 98.9 Night. With guest DJs. 6195 University Ave., College Area. 619-544-1177

Seau's: Thursdays, 7pm: DJ FOS. Hip-hop/jazz. 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-291-7328

Side Bar: Thursdays, 9pm: Ruby Thursdays. 536 Market St., Downtown, 619-696-0946,

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Thursdays: Tattoo Thursdays. With DJ Viktor and DJ KB. Saturdays: DJ Girth. Spins hip-hop and rock hits. Mondays: Latino Mondays. With DJ Power. Wednesdays: Beer Pong. With DJ Power. 10109 Maine Ave., Lakeside, 619-561-6767.

Soda Bar: Thursdays, 9pm: Expressway to Yr Skull. Punk/rap/ rock. Free. 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights. 619-255-7224.

Static Lounge: Saturdays, 9pm: Club Backbeat, Hip-hop/rap, \$15-\$20. 18 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-1609.

Stout Public House: Fridays, 9pm: DJ CC. 1125 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-7933.

Tavern at the Beach:

Thursdays, 10pm: DJ D-Skwiz. Fridays, 10pm: DJ BDP. Saturdays, 10pm: DJ BDP. With DJ MIC-E. Wednesdays, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hiphop/rock. 1200 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066.

Tiki House: Tuesdays, 9pm: Tunes by Joe Marson, Every Tuesday, 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-273-

True North: Thursdays, 10pm: DJ Bacon Bits. Fridays: DI Ramsev. 80s/hip-hop/house. Sundays, 10pm: DJ Waly Mayhem. Mondays, 10pm: DJ Wonderbread. Tuesdays, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 3815 30th St., North Park. 619-291-3815.

U-31: Thursdays, 8pm: DJ Artistic. With Cros 1. '80s and '90s hip-hop. Fridays, 9pm: Feel the Noise. With Gabe Vega and Saul Q. Dance/indie/rock. Saturdays, 9pm: Dance Party Mash-Ups. Sundays, 9pm: Tribe of Kings. Featuring DJs Jestor, Peril, Dash Eve, Unite, and Rashi, Reggae, 3112 University Ave. North Park. 619-584-4188.

Whiskey Girl: Fridays, 9pm. Saturdays, 9pm: DJ Marc Thrasher. Mixes music videos. Mondays, 9pm: U-Call-It Mondays. With DJ Marc Thrasher. 600 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-1616

Whistle Stop Bar: Sundays, 9pm: Too Many Creeps. With DJ Mario O and guests. Post-punk. 2236 Fern St., South Park. 619-284-

Winstons: Saturday, 9pm: Ocean Beats III, With Ana Sia, Joe Nice, Thavius Beck, Addiquit, Austin Speed and CRMNL, and more. Dubstep/electronica/hip-hop. \$12. 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.

The Wit's End: Fridays, 5pm: DJ Artistic. 420 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest. 619-294-4848.

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ALPINE

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

Donato's Italian Restaurant: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$3.50 imports & house wine, \$6 Long Islands, \$3 wells.

BALBOA PARK

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

BANKER'S HILL

Avenue 5: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$2 off bar food, \$2 off wines by the glass, \$3 draft, well.

Azuki Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$5 large Saki, \$5 large Sapporo. \$4 sushi rolls, discounted specialty rolls and appetizers.

Bertrand at Mister A's: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6pm: Specially priced cocktails, beer, wine, small plates on patio.

Pizzicato: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 pints, house wine; \$6 pizza slice +



Bay Park Fish Company: Every day, 3-5pm; \$2 fish tacos, 20% off sushi rolls, 25% off draft beers, wines by the glass, and appetizers.

BONITA

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-9pm: Two-for-one all well drinks. \$4 sixpiece chicken wings, falafel, or mozzarella sticks, \$5 small hummus. 1/2off hookahs all day Tuesday.

CARDIFF

Beach House: Every day, 4-7:30pm: \$2.95 draft, domestic. \$3.95 margarita, Bloody Mary, mai tai, house wine

Besta-Wan Pizza House: Monday-Friday, 11am-6pm: \$1 pint, glass of house wine. \$3 pitcher.

Chart House: Monday-Friday. 4:30-7pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 premium drafts, wells, glass of wine, \$5 cocktails, \$6 martinis.

CARLSBAD

Argyle Steakhouse/Golf Clubhouse: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Drinks priced by the hour (4-5pm: \$4, 5-6pm: \$5, etc.), offering wine, beer, premium liquors.

Bellefleur: Every day, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, Happy Hour wine, well highballs.

Bistro West: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: Discounted wine, draft, well, specialty martinis, bar appetizers.

Boar Cross'n: Thursday-Saturday, 8-9pm: \$1 Bud & Bud Light.

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Fenway's Sports Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$3 domestics, house wine. \$3.50 margarita, Cape Cod.

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

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

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: Monday-Saturday, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles, \$2.75 wells (short), \$3.25 wells (tall).

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm, 9-11pm: \$1 beer, mixed drinks, 1/2-off appetizers.

CARMEL VALLEY

Arterra: Every day, 4-8pm: \$3 snacks, \$10 grilled calamari, \$5 premium drafts, \$6 Arterra wines, \$7 specialty signature collection.

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

Twenty/20 Bar & Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink. \$2 off appetizers.

CHULA VISTA

905 Sushi: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.25 Bud Light, Corona, \$4.50 large Kirin, Sapporo, sake. 1/2-off appetizers

Achiote Restaurant: Monday-Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, 4-7pm: Two-for-one drinks. Thursday, 4-7pm: Two-for-one drinks.

Brigantine: Every day, 4-7pm: \$3-\$10 appetizers, \$1 off draft, \$4 house champagne, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house red, \$5.75, Brigantine Chardonnay.

D'Lish Gourmet Pasta: Monday-Saturday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, house wine, slice of pizza, Texasbrisket slider, three St. Louis ribs.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 beer, margaritas. \$1.50 tacos.

CLAIREMONT

Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 wells, Bud draft, Michelob bottles, Drifter Pale Ale. Discounted appetizers.

Joint: Every day, 4-7pm: Discounted

Don Patrons Mariscos Bar & Grill: Every day, 2-7pm: \$3 domestic drafts, wells; \$4 imported drafts, specialty shots. 1/2-off appetizers: chicken

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

COLLEGE AREA

4.0 Deli: Monday-Friday, 4-7:30pm: \$6.75 Stella, \$5.75 Uncle Jesse/Shock Doc/Hefeweizen, \$4.75 Bud Light.

California Kebab: Every day, 4-8pm: \$2 Heineken, Sam Adams, \$5 carafes.

day-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

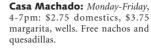
Veni Vidi Vici: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off all drinks.

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger draft beer. \$3.50 house wine.

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Joe's Pizza: Thursday, 6-9pm: \$2 any tap or bottled beer, glass of wine.

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Cucina Fresca and Sons: Every day, 3-5pm: \$1.75 domestic beer.

Marie Callender's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1.95 draft, \$2.50 well, \$3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price appetizers (in bar only). Saturday-Sunday, \$2 Bloody Mary/mimosa w/

Pal Joey's: Every day, all day: \$3

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pmclose: \$1 Bud drafts.

CORONADO

Beach 'n' Diner: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine, \$2 off shakes. floats, malts, appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Bistro d'Asia: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, \$3.75 draft beer, \$4.50 house wine. \$1 off hand rolls.

Brigantine: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off Brig brew, Karl Strauss IPA, featured red and white wines, 4.75 house margarita, \$5.50 house Chardonnay, \$5.75 house red wine, \$7.50 Cuervo Gold hand-shaken margarita.

Chance Bistro: Monday-Friday, all day: \$4 or \$5 wine by the glass. \$7.99 burger/fries/drink.

Clubhouse Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$3 domestic bottles, wells, house wine.

Coronado Boathouse 1887: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: \$2.50 domestic beers, \$5 wine by the glass, \$7 specialty martinis.

Costa Azul: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm; \$3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts. \$6 margaritas, mojitas. \$2.95 tacos. \$3.50 shrimp. \$5.95 nachos.

Danny's Palm Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic draft. \$4 wells.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$1 off appetizers, \$1.50 sliders. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Primavera Ristorante: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off all drinks: \$2 off daily food specials. Wednesday, 5-7pm: Wine night: 1/2-off all bottles, incl. champagne.

Village Pizzeria: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$3 slices, 1/2off appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

DEL MAR

Brigantine: Every day, 4-6pm: \$1 off Kenwood wines; \$5.50 Georgia Peach Mezzacorona, Chardonnay; \$4 Alaska white ale, Brig Brew golden ale; \$4 house margarita.

Bully's Del Mar: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3 bottle beer, \$3 domestic pints, \$4 microbrew pints, \$4.50 wells, \$3 house wine by the glass, \$6 wine by glass. 1/2-off appetizers.

Clubhouse Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2-off draft beer, wine by the glass.

Del Mar Rendezvous: Wednesday, Sunday, 1/2-off select bottles of wine

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Athens Market: Monday-Friday 3:30-6:30 pm: \$5 appetizer menu, \$4 shots, Jameson, Jack Daniel's, Jäger, Jose Cuervo Gold

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Friday, \$6 pomegranate martini. Saturday, \$6 cosmos.

Bella Luna: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 house wine, 1/2-off appetizers.

Bice: Every day, 5-6:30pm: \$5 house wine, wells, draft Moretti.

Blue Point: Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks, select appetizers; discount on caviar; \$1 oysters.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar: Every day, 2-6pm: \$3 Buster's pale ale, amber; \$3.50 mai tai, margarita, Long Island Ice Tea.

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, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangarita. Friday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price garabato.

Candelas: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2 price.

De'Medici Cucina Italiana: Monday-Thursday, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, \$3.50 imported beer, \$5 wells, \$6 house wine by the glass. Discounted appetizers. Sunday, all day: 1/2-price any bottle of wine.



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Downtown Johnny Brown's: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 pints of the day. 40% off appetizers.

Dublin Square: Every day, 2-7pm: \$3 wells, drafts, bottles. 1/2-off

Dussini Loft Bar: Monday-Friday, 4:30-6:30pm, 10:30pm-close: \$1 off draft beer, house wine & wells. 1/2off select tapas, Saturday, 10:30pmclose: \$1 off draft beer, house wine & wells. 1/2-off select tapas. Sunday, all day: \$1 off draft beer, house wine & wells. 1/2-off select tapas.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: Friday, 5-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails. Saturday-Sunday, 7-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestics, \$4 imports. Saturday-Sunday, open-5pm: \$3 domestics, \$4 imports.

The Fish Market: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$3.75 draft, \$3.95 wells, \$2.95 domestic beer. \$.95 oysters, \$4 fish tacos, \$5.75 mahi mahi sliders.

The Fleetwood: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$4 calls.

Funky Garcia's Mexican Restaurant: Every day, 3-7pm: 1/2off all drinks; \$1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos.

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells. Sunday, all day: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells.

La Gran Tapa: Tuesday-Thursday. 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft.

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm; 10pm-midnight: \$2 Bud Light/Coors Light drafts, \$3 margaritas, wine, wells, sangria. 1/2off seafood bar and appetizers.



Horton's Bar & Grill: Monday Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 house wine, \$7 margaritas/cosmos; \$7 potato skins/mozzarella sticks; \$7.50 nachos grande/buffalo wings.

House of Blues: Every day, 2-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells & wines, \$4 martinis, 1/2-off select appetizers.

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

The Local: Monday, 4pm-close: \$3 Bud Light, Miller Lite. \$6 burgers. Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Dos Equis. \$2.50 chicken/steak tacos. \$3 lobster/fish tacos. Wednesday, 4pm-close: \$10 big pitchers. \$2 BBQ pork slider, corn dogs. Thursday, 4pm-close: \$3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. \$3 lobster tacos. 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. \$5 sushi roll specials, pu pu specials.

O'Brothers: Every day, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$5 glass of wine. \$7 sliders with fries.

Patrick's II: Every day, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, Bloody

RA Sushi: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm: 1/2-off select sushi & appetizers; \$1 hot sake, \$2 domestics, \$3 wells, imports, \$4 specialty cocktails and wine, \$5 Kinn with sake.

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. Noon-9pm: tasting flights.

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; 1/2-price appetizers Saturday-Sunday, till 6pm: \$3 domestic and Canadian bottled beer. \$4 wells, Bloody Mary, \$5 mimosa.



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Suite & Tender: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

Tabule: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers, Saturday-Sunday, 2-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: Monday-Saturday, 3-8pm: All drinks two-

Tequila 100: Monday-Wednesday, 8-11pm: \$2 draft, \$4 margarita, mojito, glass of wine, \$5 Patrón shot. Thursday-Sunday, 3-7pm: \$2 draft, \$4 margarita, mojito, glass of wine, \$5 Patrón shot.

Tivoli Bar: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 house wine, domestic/import.

Urban Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-7pm, 9pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 signature cocktails, \$5 house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Wolffy's Place: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: Two-for-one all beers, \$4 wells & house wine. 1/2-off all appetizers.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-8pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$2 off wine. \$2 off appetizers.

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$5 mason jar Russian standard vodka, \$3 carafe, beer, \$6 wine. Complimentary Basic pizza.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: Monday-Thursday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. Friday-Saturday, 11pmclose: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. \$4 Jäger, Bacardi, Svedka.

Hive Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$.99.

Jewel Box: Monday, \$2 PBR drafts. Wednesday, 6pm-2am: \$5 Jäger bombs; Happy Hour all night w/military ID. Thursday, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. \$3.75 calls.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

The Broken Piñata: Wednesday-Sunday, 11-6pm: \$2 wells, \$3 drafts.

Calypso: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottled beer (12oz). \$3.75 beer (22oz). \$7.50 pitcher.

Double D's on Broadway: Every day, 10am-noon, 4-7pm; \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1

Flinn Springs Inn: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

Main Tap Tavern: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls, \$5 nachos.

ENCINITAS

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: Tuesday-Friday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, sake, select appetizers and sushi rolls.

Bullpen Pub & Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.

El Calleion Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic, \$2.75 imported, \$3 house margarita. \$2-\$7 appetizers: pork tacos, fried calamari, grilled shrimp skewer.

Cap'n Kenos: Monday-Friday, 6pm-midnight: \$2.50 drafts, wells. Free appetizers.

D Street Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 wells. \$2.50 domestic drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers.

When in Rome: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: Two-for-one all wine by the glass.

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: Tuesday-Saturday 3:30-7pm: \$2-\$9 appetizers, \$1 off draft beer, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 red wine, \$7 Krista vodka cosmo, \$7.50 Brig hand-shaken margarita.

Holiday Wine Cellar: Monday, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 for five wine tastings.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3 domestic, \$9 pitcher; \$4 imported, \$12 pitcher; \$1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/spirits. \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips

GRANTVILLE

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

HILLCREST

The Alibi: Every day, all day: \$3 dipper, wells.

Baja Betty's: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 bottled beer, salsa margarita, wells, house wine, sangria, appetizers, quesadilla.

Bangkok Thai Bistro: Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, appetizers.

CJ's Club: Every day, 5-7pm, 9pmmidnight: All wells \$2.75.

Cafe Eleven: Every day, 2-6pm: \$4 house margaritas, \$3 wells, house wine, bottled beer. \$3 appetizers: shrimp cocktail, stuffed mushrooms, Thai chicken skewers.

The Caliph: Every day, noon-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$3.50 wells.

Taste of Thai: Monday-Thursday, 9-11pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$3 imports, house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

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

IMPERIAL BEACH

Baja Oyster Bar: Monday-Thursday, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 house wine, \$2.75 Bud Light 16 oz. on tap, \$9 pitchers, \$3 wells, \$3.25 margaritas. Monday & Thursday, 4-9pm: \$5 select martinis. Free Happy Hour buffet. Saturday-Sunday, all night: 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Black Angus Steakhouse: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wells, draft beer, appetizers.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Churasan: Monday, Sunday, football special: \$4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer. Tuesday-Wednesday, Friday, 5-8pm; \$4 large Japanese beers. Thursday, 5-8pm: \$4 large Japanese beers. \$3 appetizers.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$1 off draft, glass of wine. Saturday, 3pmclose: 1/2-off bottles of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials. \$2.50 empanadas (bar only).

Shogun Kobe Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm (sushi bar only): 30% off sushi and rolls (excludes sea urchin, giant clam, toro & cocktails), 30% off sake and beer.

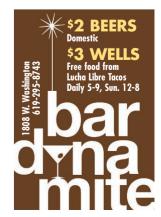
Taiima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/draft beer.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Beauty Bar: Wednesday-Thursday, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Kensington Cafe: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

The Kensington Club: Every day, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.





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Beaumont's: Every day, 4-6pm: \$3 draft, well; \$5 Cabernet, Chardonnay. Special prices on margarita, sangria,

Bird Rock Pizza & Sports: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 pint, \$12 pitcher; \$7.50 pint with appetizer, \$15 pitcher with appetizer, Saturday-Sunday, all day: \$3 pint, \$12 pitcher; \$7.50 pint with appetizer, \$15 pitcher with appetizer.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 Bud/Bud Light; \$3.50 wells, Bull & Bear wine.

Clay's La Jolla: Every day, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 sangria, \$6 house wine

Crab Catcher: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, wine, champagne by the glass, margaritas. \$5 select specialty martinis. 1/2-off select appetizers. \$1.50 oyster shooters.

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

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.

Lupi Italian Restaurant: Tuesday-Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3-\$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.

Rock Bottom Brewery, La Jolla: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$3.50 beer, house wine, well drinks. Saturday-Sunday, 10pm-midnight: \$3.50 beer, house wine, well drinks.

La Sala: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

The Shores Restaurant: Sunday, 3-7pm: Red/white sangria: \$7 glass, \$25 pitcher.

Su Casa: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Sushi on the Rock: Every day, 5-6:30pm: \$2 hot sake, Coors Light, \$3 cold sake, \$4 Soju spritz, \$5 house wine. \$1.75 vegetarian roll, spicy krab roll, \$2.75 spicy tuna roll.

Whaling Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty

Whisknladle: Every day, 5-7pm: \$9 all-you-can-eat tapas.

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

Casa de Pico: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: Free appetizer with purchase of bar drink. \$3.95 margarita.

Charcoal House: Every day, 11-7pm: \$.75 off all drinks, \$1 off all appetizers.

Chico Club: Every day, all day: \$3 big-ass beer (23 oz).

Hearth House: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 premium beers, wine & wells. \$2 bratwurst & fries, \$3 burger & fries.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill (La Mesa): Every day, 3-7pm, 10pmclose: \$1.50 off drafts, \$1 off all mixed drinks, bottled beers, glass of wine.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 off all cocktails, wine, drafts; \$2 off 8-oz. sirloin.

Tarroz Sports Bar: Monday. Wednesday-Sunday, 2-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, tequila shots, \$3 imported beer, \$4 premium drafts.

LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: Monday-Friday, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: \$1.50 12oz. drafts, \$6.50 60-oz. pitchers.

Coo Coo Club: Monday-Friday, 6-8pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Monday-Friday. Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics. \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperial.

The Calypso Café: Every day, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. Sunday, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: Every day, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

The New Morena Club: Every day, noon-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 domestic bottles, wells.

Tio Leo's: Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts, \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine, featured beer, martinis, margaritas. \$4-\$8 appetizers.

Fat City Steakhouse: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, \$4 wine, 1/2-off appetizers.

Puerto la Boca: Every day, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 glass of house wine, \$3.50 draft beer, well drinks, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: Monday-Friday. 4-7pm: \$2.50 draft beer, \$8 pitcher, \$2.50 french fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.

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

Desi N' Friends Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm: \$2 well drinks, domestic beers, 11pm-midnight: \$3 draft.

Devine Pastabilities: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2.50 drafts. Discounted wines by the glass. Three free bread holes with drink purchase.

MIRA MESA

A Taste of Boston: Every day, 3-7pm: \$2.25 Bud draft, \$2.75 bottled beer (except Guinness), \$3 drafts, \$3.75 all wine. Discounted appetizers.

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 house beer, domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine, \$1 off appetizers

Mira Mesa Lanes: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers, \$2.50 wells, \$3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings

MIRAMAR

Excalibur Cigar Lounge & Wine Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 select pints, \$5 house wine.

The Filling Station: Monday, 7pm-close: \$4 margaritas. Tuesday, 7pm-close: \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday. 7pm-close: \$3.50 premium drafts. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$2 wells, domestic beers, \$6 domestic pitchers. Saturday, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. Sunday, noon-7pm: \$3 Bloody Marys.

MISSION BEACH

Coaster Saloon: Monday-Thursday, 10am-2pm, 5-7pm: \$2.50 domestic, wells. 8-10pm: \$2.50 domestic, wells. 1/2-off burgers, pizza.

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

MISSION HILLS

Bar Dynamite: Monday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.

Cafe Bleu: Every day, 4-6pm: \$5 select wine by the glass, special prices on starters and hors d'oeuvres, special Happy Hour sandwiches.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille: Every day, 4-7pm: \$4.95 imported 20-oz. beer, \$3.75 well drinks, \$1 off bottled beer and house wine by the glass.

Starlite: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. Sunday, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: Wednesday, \$3 wells,

Adam's Steak & Eggs: Monday-Friday, 3:30-7pm: Double well drinks, complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 Bud/Bud Light draft (12 oz.), wine by the glass. \$3 local beer, \$3.50 Bud/Bud Light (16 oz.), wells. \$4 mixed drinks, imported beer, small margarita. \$4.25 Bud/Bud Light (24 oz.).

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 draft beer, \$5 wells, \$6 wine by the glass, \$7 house cocktails.

Bully's East: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-close: \$2.50 domestic, draft; \$3.50 wells, \$5 wine: Chardonnay, Merlot, Jacobs Creek Cabernet.

Camel's Breath Inn: Monday-Thursday, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3 wells, \$4.99 lunch/dinner specials.

In Cahoots: Wednesday, \$2 drinks. Friday-Saturday, \$2.50 Coors/Coors Light. Sunday, any drink \$2.50.

The Little Fish Market Restaurant: Every day, 4-6pm, 8:30-close: \$4.25 fish tacos, \$3.75 spicy tuna roll, \$4.50 Cajun shrimp skewers.

NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

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, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, Bloody Mary; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare

Triple Crown Pub: Saturday noon-5pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers. Sunday, noon-2am: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: Monday-Friday, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off everything, \$2.50 domestic bottle,

El Comal: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wells. Two-for-one mixed shots

Crazee Burger: Every day, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers of beer, \$3.99 select glasses of wine, \$2.99 bratwurst, \$3.99 turkey burger.

Lips Restaurant: Sunday, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: Every day, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

Redwing Bar & Grill: Monday-Thursday, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles, Friday-Sunday, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

Toronado: Monday, 11:30am-5pm \$1 off drafts. Tuesday-Sunday, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

True North: Monday, noon-close: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-7pm: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. Sunday, 7pm-close: Industry Night, \$3 calls.

West Coast Tavern: Every day. 4-7pm; \$1 off all drinks. Five menu items for \$5 each



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HAPPY HOUR

The Arizona Bar: Every day, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3 house wines, 20-oz. domestics, microbrew pints, wells, 1/2off all pitchers. \$3 food specials.

Blue Parrot: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$1 off all drafts, \$3 margaritas. wells, \$1 off select appetizers.

Cheswick's West: Monday-Friday. 5-7pm; \$3 wells, \$6 domestic pitchers.

Dav Break: Friday-Sunday, 12-4:30pm: \$-off drink menu. Discounted appetizers: shrimp taco, artichoke dip, crab stuffed mushrooms.

Dream Street Live: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Portugalia: Tuesday-Sunday, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine; \$4-\$10 food specials.

Sunshine Co.: Every day, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.

The Vine: Every day, 4-6pm: 1/2price entire wine and specialty beer

Winstons: Monday-Saturday, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

The Flying Bridge: Every day, 4pm-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine, 20% off appetizers.

Hana Japanese Restaurant: Every day, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off

Harney Sushi: Thursday, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, wells, \$4 wines, margaritas, \$5 Long Islands, 25-oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters. Saturday-Sunday, 9pm-close: \$3 pints, wells, \$4 wines, margaritas, \$5 Long Islands, 25-oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2price appetizers, \$1 soft taco, \$3 draft beer, \$3.50 well, house wine, \$3.95 house margarita.

Alamo Mexican Cafe: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

7pm: \$2 drafts, house wine, \$3 house margaritas, \$2 off absinthe specials. \$2 flat-bread tacos.

Café Covote: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6pm: \$3.75 draft beers, \$4 specialty shots, \$4.95 Coyote drinks, \$5.95 flavored margaritas, flavored shots, \$2 assorted tacos.

Casa Guadalaiara: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Free appetizers. \$3.50 well drinks, margaritas, drink specials.

Fred's Mexican Cafe Old Town: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$3 12-oz. house margaritas, \$5 20-oz. house margaritas, \$2.50 14-oz. domestic

drafts, \$3.50 20-oz. domestic drafts. Harney Sushi: Wednesday, \$5 specialty cocktails.

PACIFIC REACH

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

Bare Back Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 Miller Lite, amber ale, well drinks

Big Kahuna's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 beer, wine.

Bub's Dive Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$10 pitchers. 1/2off appetizers.

Chateau Orleans: Wednesday, all day: 1/2-off all wine bottles. Thursday, all day: \$5 Louisiana hurricanes, margaritas. 1/2-off champagne bottles.

Costa Brava: Every day, 4-6pm: 1/2-price sangria. 1/2-price tapas.

Dave's Tavern: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic draft. \$3 mimosas. \$3.25 wine. Free pool.

The Dog: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, \$6 pitchers.

Hennessev'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.

Lights Out Hooters After Dark: Monday, 5-8pm: \$1 wells/domestic drafts. 8pm-close: 2-for-1 drinks. Tuesday, 5-8pm; \$1 wells/domestic drafts. 8pm-close: beer and a shot, \$5. Wednesday, 5-8pm: \$1 wells/domestic drafts. 8pm-close: \$2 you-call-its. Thursday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$1 wells/domestic drafts. Sunday, 5-8pm: \$1 wells/domestic drafts. Industry Night: 1/2-off the bill.

Miller's Field: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 wells, \$2 street tacos.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Tuesday-Sunday, 3-7pm: \$2 wells, house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews. \$2 off all drafts

Moray's Lounge: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins

Pacific Beach Ale House: Mon*day-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

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

Sinbad Café: Every day, 4-8pm: \$1 drafts, \$1.50 wells, shots, \$2 imports. \$3.50 appetizers. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Society Billiard Cafe & Bar: Monday, Wednesday, Sunday, all day: \$3 wells/Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints, Herradura tequila shots. Tuesday, Thursday, all day: \$8 12-oz, bottle of beer and a shot, \$3 pints of Bud Light, Friday-Saturday, noon-10pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, \$4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints.

Tavern at the Beach: Monday-Saturday, noon-7pm: \$3 drafts, bottles, wells, wine. Sunday, noon-7pm: Industry Night: \$3 domestic beers. \$2 make your drink a double, \$3 calls for industry. Pay stub required.

Tony Roma's: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 house margaritas, Long Island Ice Teas, \$3 wells, draft beer. Appetizer specials.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Eu**ropa:** *Monday-Thursday, Sunday,* 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas selection.

POINT LOMA

Blue Wave Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$1 off drinks, \$2 off appetizers.

The Boathouse: Every day, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month

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Dalton's Road House: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm; \$1 off house wines, wells. \$5 margaritas. 1/2-off appetizers: cheesy fries, potato skins, buffalo

The Jumping Turtle: Monday, 11am-close: PBR \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/pitcher. *Tuesday*, 11am-close: \$2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. Wednesday, 11am-close: \$4 drop drinks. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$3 Jäger, \$2.50 Bud Lime. Friday, 5pmmidnight: \$5 Long Islands Saturday. 11am-close: \$3 Orange Patrón, Tanqueray. Sunday, 11am-close: \$2.50 Bloody Marys.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: Sunday, \$2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. \$3.50 mimosas, Bloody

SOLANA BEACH

The Fish Market: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm; \$3.50 wells, \$3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, \$4.95 mahi mahi sliders. Saturday-Sunday, 11am-4pm: \$3.50 wells, \$3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. \$.95 oysters, \$4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, \$4.95 mahi mahi sliders.

Pacific Coast Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: \$5 gold margaritas, \$1 off draft, wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine bottles.

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Ali Baba's Cave: Every day, 4-6pm: Two-for-one drinks

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

SOUTH PARK

Alchemy: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.

Hamilton's Tavern and Café: Every day, 5-8pm; \$1 off local drafts.

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

SPRING VALLEY

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

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Monday, 4-7pm: 10% off for military. \$2 drafts. *Tuesday*, 4-7pm: Kids eat free with purchase of two entrées. Wednesday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off select wine bottles. Thursday, 4-7pm: Discounted drinks. \$20 three-course meal, Friday, 4-7pm; \$10 wine flights.

Bud's Louisiana Café: Tuesday-Friday, 1-2:30pm, 4:30-6pm: 1/2price wine and beer.

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

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Café Japengo: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, sake, \$4.50 wells. \$4 chicken spring rolls, duck potstickers, California rolls.

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Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexicali Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic, imports, \$2.75 margaritas, \$3 wells, microbrews, \$4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: \$1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.







Fairy Tale, with Knives

"I love it when the lamb turns around and eats the high priest."

f you get the chance, do see Moonlight Stage Productions' wonderful *Ring Round the Moon.*It's got a terrific cast, a handsome look, humor, brainteasers, and panache — and closes March 21.

Asked what he feared most, Truman Capote said, "Real toads in imaginary gardens." That describes Jean Anouilh's play. On the

surface *Ring* looks familiar enough. The three-acter combines romantic comedy with traditional elements of farce and fantasy: mismatched lovers, embarrassing situations, apt comeuppances. But beneath the shimmering surface, *Ring* morphs.

Hugo and Frederic are identical twins. But while Frederic has an astonishing innocence, Hugo's the opposite. Fearless, "always ready to shoot the rapids," he cannot fall in love. It's as if, though only ten minutes apart in clock time, Frederic's still a young teen, while older Hugo skipped his youth. He talks like a grim veteran of love's ways. Or is this another mask?

Frederic will announce his engagement to Diana Messerschmann. She's as radiant as her inheritance, but far too worldly for his baby brother, Hugo's convinced: they'd flunk an *eHarmony.com* pop quiz. Ergo, he must avert disaster.

Everyone else wears a social mask in Ring, so why

not Hugo? After all, Frederic says, "He doesn't like people to be unhappy. Particularly unhappy in love." Beneath all his jaded bluster, could Hugo have designs on Diana? Is that why he plans a

Pygmalion-like ruse to "save" his brother?

Hugo's aunt, Madame Desmortes, is hosting a ball at her 15th-century French chateau.

Hugo will throw in a ringer: Isabelle, a ballet dancer, dressed like royalty. He'll coach her behind the scenes — à la Cyrano — on how to become the ball's belle. She'll capture Frederic's eye, so the plan goes, and lure him away from his fiancée. Then at dawn, Isabelle goes her merry way, with a nice wad of cash — and the gown to boot.

"It's really like a fairy story," says Capulet, Mme. Desmortes's companion, "really it is, isn't it?"

Well, sort of. Heroes of fairy tales have Teflonstrength, gossamer auras. Anouilh's don't. They're actual people in a fairy-tale setting. They bumble and hurt, even the schemers. *Ring* has three strategists: Hugo, Mme. Desmortes, and old Messerschmann, Diana's millionaire father. Sparks ignite when their agendas collide.

At the Avo Playhouse, if you look past Mike Buckley's inviting winter garden set, a harvest



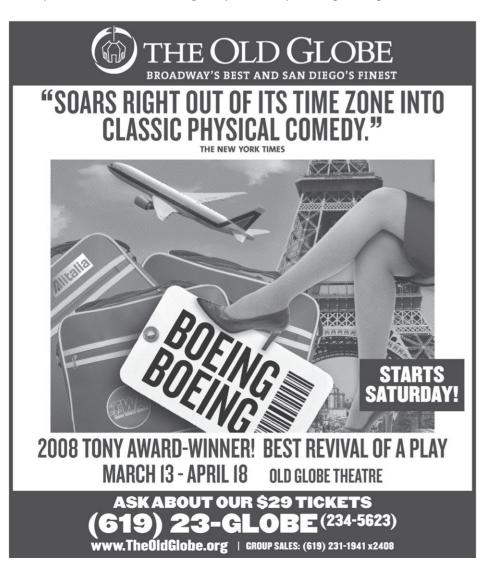
Ring Round the Moon's real toads in imaginary gardens

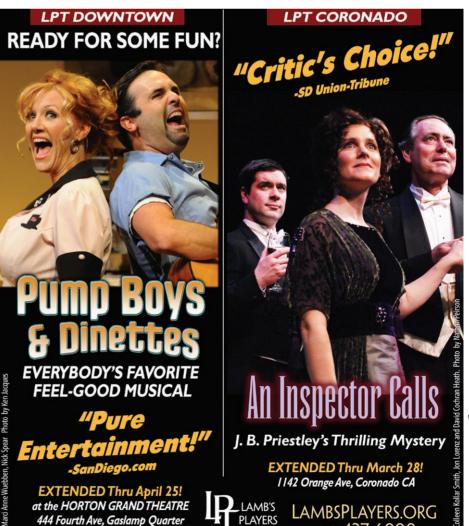
Ring Round the Moon by Jean Anouilh, translated by Christopher Fry Moonlight Stage Productions, Avo Playhouse, 303 Main Street, Vista

Directed by Jason Heil; cast: Howard Bickle, Mary Bogh, Danny Campbell, Jim Chovick, Jill Drexler, Don Evans, Francis Gercke, Annie Hinton, Hannah M. James, Jessica John, Ralph Johnson, Ryan Hunter Lee, Veronica Murphy, Frances Anita Rivera; scenic and lighting design, Mike Buckley; costumes, Roslyn Lehman, Renetta Lloyd; sound. Chris Luessmann

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moon above eggshell-colored furnishings and bright bouquets, and past the elegant, pre-WWI formal attire (even Ralph Johnson's officious servant Joshua is dressed to the nines), and beneath the characters' cultivated veneers, Anouilh peoples the stage with solitary beings, achingly alone and wandering through funhouse mazes in search of happiness.





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And if they don't find it, they fear, they'll end up like Madame Desmermortes — er, Desmortes, the name shortened for Moonlight's production so it can mean "of deaths." Every time Jill Drexler "trundles" onstage in a wheelchair, the Madame talks classy trash, acerbic asides as if penned by Oscar Wilde, as in "I love it when the lamb turns round and eats the high priest." Throughout, Drexler's a wry treat.

Even Messerschmann ("knife man": an impish-wise Jim Chovick) and daughter Diana (feisty Frances Anita Rivera) learn to favor the heart over superficial wants. The play, in fact, turns its world upsidedown: party-crasher Isabelle (ardent, earnest Mary Bogh) exposes the others as imposters.

Jason Heil should direct more. Christopher Fry's translation (1950) combines stately cadences with free-flowing wit, a fairy tale with actual hurt. Heil's directorial touches match Ring's tricky tones with precision.

Howard Bickle plays Hugo — and brother Frederic, the former as a semi-sinister Cary Grant, the latter as a lost teddy bear. Bickle's terrific as both (and how he switches from the one to the other is part of the show's fun: he exits stage left, then calmly appears stage right, having sprinted a 25-yard

dash behind the scenes without huffing or puffing).

Moonlight received a grant for Ring, which helps explain why talent runs so deep, including Annie Hinton as Isabelle's gabby mother, Danny Campbell as the curious lepidopterist Romainville, and Veronica Murphy as Desmortes's longtime companion, Capulet (another name change, from "Capulat" in the original, to Romeo's lady fair).

All performers do quality work. But an extraordinary (and extraordinarily funny) setpiece crowns the evening. Patrice and Lady India, who are having an affair, do a tango. Craig Noel Award winners Francis Gercke and Jessica John dance and fret. Their growing fears impel their steps. In Colleen Kollar Smith's hilarious choreography, they even dance when seated. ■

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 Abbey Road Band

The nationally touring Beatles tribute band performs Sundays at the Welk Resort Theatre WELK RESORT THEATRE 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO, 888-802-7469 7PM SUNDAYS THROUGH APRIL 18



Little Women: shy Beth, selfish Amy, vain Meg

Alive and Well

The Old Globe Theatre presents the world premiere of Kenny Finkle's romantic comedy about a down-on-her-luck journalist and a Civil War reenactor who search for the Lonesome Soldier, the oldest living veteran of the War Between the States. Jeremy Dobrish directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK, 619-234-5623. 2PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 25

An American Duet: Elliot. a Soldier's Fugue

Ion Theatre presents Quiara Alegria Hudes's drama about the legacy of war through three generations of a Puerto Rican family. Sylvia Enrique directed. Elliot runs in repertory with Back of the Throat.

ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILL-CREST. 619-600-5020. 4PM SATUR-DAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 10.

Back of the Throat

Ion Theatre stages Yussef El Guindi's tale of a Muslim-American man and a seemingly friendly visit by two government officials at first. Sara Beth Morgan directed. Back of the Throat runs in repertory with Elliot, a Solider's Fugue. ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILL-CREST, 619-600-5020, 8PM SATUR-DAYS, THROUGH APRIL 10.

Hansel and Gretel

Lyric Opera San Diego presents Engelbert Humperdinck's musical, based on the children's fairy tale. LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO, 2891 UNIVER-SITY AVE., SUITE 1, NORTH PARK, 619-239-8836 2:30PM SUNDAYS OPEN ENDED RUN.

I Love You Because

Grossmont College presents this "modern-day musical love story about a young, uptight greeting card writer and the flighty photographer who enters his life. GROSSMONT COLLEGE, 8800 GROSS-MONT COLLEGE DR., EL CAJON. 619-644-7000, 7:30PM THURSDAYS. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS THROUGH MARCH 20

Independence

PowPAC presents Lee Blessing's drama about a family in Independence, Iowa, divided against itself. Jav Mower directed. POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THEATER. 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS

2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 28

raises two initial questions: whodunit, and why has an inspector named Goole (pronounced "ghoul") come to the Birling's stately home? Arthur Birling just being responsible only to oneself and the masses be damned. What connection could the social elite have with the alleged suicide of a dirt-poor woman? The inspector — and just who IS this guy, a Sherlock Holmes of the conscience? — retraces the fam-For Lamb's Players, Mike Buckley's stylish Edwardian set rises from a dirt floor, where impeccably polished shoes leave footprints. Robert and Deborah Gilmour Smyth codirected this taut, trimmed (from three acts to 90 minutes) staging. The cast alalone. Sudden flashes of recognition, or entrapment, break through serene façades. These aren't melodramatic asides but looks reflecting a fear that things aren't what they seem - and never were.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVE., CORONADO, 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS. 8PM AND 4PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUN-DAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH

An Inspector Calls

I.B. Priestley's thought-provoker gave an impassioned speech about ily's tracks in search of the culprit. most tells the story with their eyes

Worth a trv.

John Leguizamo: Diary of a Madman

As part of its Page to Stage Program, the La Jolla Playhouse presents John Leguizamo's new autobiographical piece LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MARCH 14.

Little Women

Louisa May Alcott's March sisters - shy Beth, selfish Amy, vain Meg, and temperamental Jo (i.e., Alcott herself) — come to life at the North Coast Rep. Alcott originally published the novel in two parts (in 1868 and '69), and Jacqueline Goldfinger's stage adaptation concentrates on the first, in which the sisters go on a Pilgrim's Progress in their Concord, Mass.. home, vowing to overcome a flaw of character. Along with the popular story of four very different women, the book depicts daily living 150 years ago, during the Civil War. Kirsten Brandt has smartly cast and directed this "play with music," which includes familiar period songs done as live background. Marty Burnett's excellent set moves indoors and outdoors (on a turntable) and has such sharp detail it could be Alcott's famous home, "Orchard House." Mary Larson's period costumes define each sister with precision. And the cast, individually and as an ensemble, is uniformly solid, Caroline Kinsolving's Jo and Linda Libby's Marmee, the mother, being foremost among equals: Kinsolving for Jo's emotional range (like a kite without a tail, both soaring and tumbling) and Libby for Marmee's grounded strength.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA REACH 858-481-1055 8PM THURSDAY 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MARCH 14.

mother killer

It's likely that when he wrote this bitter anti-tragedy, Euripides was heading into exile in Macedonia. That might explain why he fractures one of Greek theater's classic tales into a "god-cursed" maelstrom of brutality. Like Shakespeare's Troilus, Orestes demythologizes with an avenger's rage. Orestes murdered his mother and now must pay — or in a cynical take on the original, will he make the world pay instead? Although the acting ranges from quite good (Fred Harlow, a prissy Menelaus) to in-between (John Polak in and out of focus as Orestes) to nonexistent, Theatre Inc's production plows unafraid into Oreste's hallu-

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cinatory mix of satire, low comedy, and tragedy-toppling (the chorus, for example, is five platinumblond young women who wear tap shoes and sing Leigh Scarritt's eerie songs). Director Douglas Lay also performs: he turns a Phrygian slave into an Asian stereotype but hits the mark as a deus ex machina'd Apollo, a game-show host come to set things straight — another place where Euripides doesn't deconstruct a myth; he destroys it, doing his best to make his origi nal audience hear fingernails on a

Worth a try.

THEATRE, INC., 899 C ST., EAST VIL-LAGE. 619-216-3016. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 21.

National Comedy Theatre

The National Comedy Theatre presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences." NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 IN-DIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM AND 9:45PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM AND 9:45PM SATURDAYS OPEN-ENDED RUN

Night of the Laughing Dead...We're Dying to Cast You!

Mystery Café Dinner Theatre celebrates its 20th season with Victoria Velasco and James Pascarella's interactive comedy. An eccentric director is doing a live broadcast of his full-length horror film, and the audience is encouraged to audition. Velasco directed. MYSTERY CAFÉ, 505 KALMIA ST., BANKER'S HILL, 619-544-1664, 7:30PM

The Pirates of Penzance

FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-

The Welk Resort presents the Gilbert and Sullivan classic about the Pirate King and a young lad who wants to break free. Ray Limon directed and choreographed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR ESCONDIDO 888-802-7469, 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATUR-DAYS, 1:45PM SUNDAYS, 1:45PM

Pump Boys and Dinettes

This spunky musical functions just like its subject. It's set at a filling station/diner on Highway 57, between Smyrna and Frog Level, North Carolina While tourists make pit stops to replenish themselves for the road ahead, the musical encourages its audience to make the theater a rest area, where the world slows down, the "pump rock" music can be raucous or soothing, and - except for the owner of the Winnebago on the blocks awaiting overdo repairs everyone's a forgiving soul. Lamb's Players director Deborah Gilmour Smyth has coaxed just the right spirit from her cast of six, each doing a standout number: among them Leonard Patton's "Mona," Jim Mooney's "Serve Yourself" ("I may be a retread but I ain't no spare"), Marci Anne Wuebben's "Be Good or Be Gone," and Season Duffy's "Best Man (I Never Had)." Led by Nick Spear and backed by Oliver Shirley's steady bass, the band's as adept at country as at rock. They perform on Mike Buckley's set, a combination of realistic details and, as lit by Buckley, a mite larger than life glow. 619-437-0600. (Due to popular demand, Lamb's has extended the run of this show.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN, 7:30PM THURS-DAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 28.

Ring Round the Moon

Moonlight Stage Productions presents Jean Anouilh's comedy about twin brothers, one trying to save his brother from entering a loveless marriage. Jason Heil directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN ST., VISTA, 760-724-2110 7:30PM THURSDAYS 7:30PM FRIDAYS 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 21.

The Secret Garden

Patio Playhouse stages the popular musical version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's novel, celebrating its 100th anniversary. Geoffrey Cox directed. PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVE., ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MARCH 14.

self (the remix)

At first it looks as if you walked into a club instead of Mo'olelo's latest offering, DI Double D hosts a dance, punctuated by a slashing disco beat. He eliminates dancers until only people of Iranian and Guatemalan roots can remain. A man in a red short-sleeved shirt, Levis, and black Converse All-Stars continues. And for 80 minutes, much of which he dances, Robert Farid Karimi — "spoken-word artist" and national slam-poetry champion — recalls his youth as a "mixed race" person. Wherever he turned he hit walls: going to Guatemala City at age eight and being labeled a "gringo"; the Iran hostage crisis of 1979, which made him a "front to unite against" at school. Even his parents took sides. Karimi's going back becomes a quest, literally to find his voice. He explores threads of styles, songs, and dances; he tries them on, snips here, stretches there, saves parts, reiects others, and learns not to "follow everybody's moves." Throughout he's an engaging narrator and, with some exceptions, DJ Double D's "soundscape" is as agile as Karimi. The exceptions: at times the music drowns out Karimi's voice. It shouldn't, because he has a lot to say, 619-342-7395.

Worth a trv.

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE, 7:30PM THURS DAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SAT-URDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 21

A Streetcar Named Desire

Palomar Performing Arts stages Tennessee Williams's drama about life and love in 1940s New Orleans. Pat Larmer directed. PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MIS-SION RD SAN MARCOS 8PM FRIDAYS 8PM SATURDAYS 2PM SUNDAYS 4PM TUESDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 21.

The Tempest

What a smart idea: the North Coast Rep joined with MiraCosta College to stage Shakespeare's late comedy. Not only do equity actors work with students, NCRT's small theater doesn't have the resources for a full production of the Bard. Mira-Costa does, as shown in scene one, where sound designer Chris Luessman's booming thunder makes one reach for an umbrella. Although the results are mixed, the benefits suggest the collaboration should become an annual tradition! Take away the mystical island stuff, and The Tempest is a revenger's dream come true. The storm plops all of Prospero's enemies onto his island. If he wanted, he could murder at his leisure. Instead, he opts for the "rarer action": virtue. He will harm no one. Given the degree of his pain, it's an extraordinary choice. Although he went up on a few opening night lines, Jonathan Mc-Murtry hit the core of Prospero's conflicts. Ryan Kidd (Ferdinand), Amimee Burdette (Miranda), Christopher M. Williams (an agile Ariel), and Jason Maddy (Trinculo), John Herzog (Stephano) turned in useful efforts under David Ellenstein's capable direction. Dreadlocked, hunched down on all fours in subservience, both

iban I've ever seen. Worth a try.

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Little Wonder

The movie achieves a different sort of dullness from that of the novel.

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

ell, you wouldn't expect Tim Burton to do a remake of *Pollyanna*, would you? Or *Little Women* or *Anne of Green Gables* or anything that might push back

against the enveloping voguish "darkness," anything that might create some creative tension. His new version of *Alice in Wonderland*, a 3-D

moving-picture book, gives him license, free rein, greased rails, to stage a congenial freak show in a hermetic netherworld.

The customary merger of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and its sequel, Through the Looking Glass, has the innovation of a marriageable age-of-consent heroine, diving down the rabbit hole to escape a surprise engagement party and an odious snooty suitor. This innovation serves the dual purpose of heading off all the tired old sophisticated drolleries about the Reverend Dodgson's fondness for little girls and, secondly, of feeding the bottomless contemporary appetite for feminist fan-

tasies of empowerment. (The Australian newcomer Mia Wasikowska evolves from a pasty spaced-out flower child to an armored and sword-wielding Saint Joan, Jabberwock-slayer.) There

> is also, in Burton's version, an expanded role for the Mad Hatter, to give the obligatory Johnny Depp something more to do than to slip into his

clown makeup — whitewashed face, dark-circled eyes, tufty red-orange hair, front-tooth gap — and his come-andgo Scottish accent. And, too, there's a menagerie of *Lost World* and *Mysterious Island* monsters more Conan Doyle or Jules Verne than Lewis Carroll.

In due time, in fact in short order, the movie achieves a different sort of dullness from that of the forced and haphazard novel, a dullness of satiation. Just as Alice has been taught to pinch herself to return from a dream, you can try pinching yourself to reverse your slippage into a CGI stupor, and at any such pinch, snapping to attention, you can appreciate the amount of



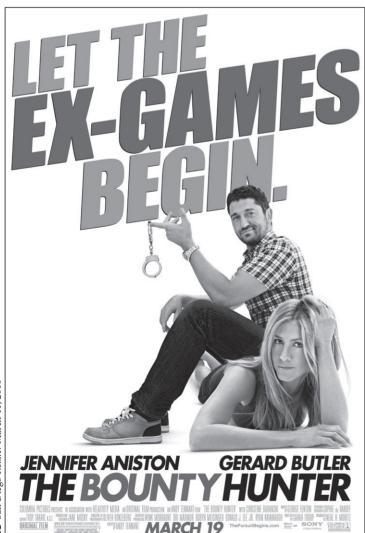
Alice in Wonderland

labor that went into it, the thorough planning, the attention to detail. You can appreciate, for instance, the seesawing scale of the heroine, drinking a magic potion to shrink and eating a counteracting piece of cake to grow; and you can appreciate the twinkling-of-an-eye transformations of the Cheshire Cat, one second vivid enough for you to see every individual hair on

its body and the next second a wisp of smoke; and you can appreciate Helena Bonham Carter's funhouse-mirror Queen of Hearts, with her heart-shaped oversized head and heart-shaped dab of lipstick, or Anne Hathaway's superrefined White Queen, fragile as fine china, a hair-trigger gag reflex, her hands held at shoulder height as if to avoid all contact while drying her nails.

And then very soon satiated again, under the glut of computer-manufactured topography, flora, and fauna, you can drift back into stuporville.

Red Riding, not just one movie, is three separate but connected movies set in 1974, 1980, and 1983, with three separate and unconnected directors (Julian Jarrold, James Marsh, Anand Tucker, in order), and three separate



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protagonists (a mop-haired cub reporter, a cold-case special investigator, and a portly attorney, played in turn by Andrew Garfield, Paddy Considine, and Mark Addy), all three movies exhibited for the next week at the Ken Cinema on a rotating schedule with separate admissions. Each concerns itself with serial sex crimes in Yorkshire, the first and third concerned with the same series of crimes against schoolgirls and the second concerned more with crimes against prostitutes. As the minutes and the miseries mount up, you might come to feel that the middle part of the triptych could beneficially have been skipped and that the boldness of the conception is perhaps only two-thirds as bold as it looked at the outset. (It would not have looked at all bold if the movies were exhibited here as they were exhibited at home in Britain: on television.) The three share in common, however, unintelligible local accents, colorless color, staggering body counts, a thoroughly sordid vision of police corruption and brutality (ranging from thuggish roughing-up to Medieval torture), and a pervasive sense of unchecked malignance, or "evil" as the poster has it, which is as unrealistic in its opposite way as the righteous justice dispensed by comic-book superheroes. In light of all that, or rather in shadow of all that, it's a bit bizarre to recall that the director of the third part went straight on to direct this year's Leap Year with Amy Adams. The mood apparently passed.

Unlike A Prophet last Friday at the Hillcrest, Ajami arrives this Friday at the La Jolla Village as no longer a contender for the foreign-film Oscar, already a loser. (A gambler, that is to say, and a loser, joining the more opportunistic Prophet in the crying room.) That, though, oughtn't to dim its attractions as much as its overcast lackluster color ought. Set in the roiling melting pot of Jaffa, the writing and directing collaboration of Jewish and Palestinian Israelis, Yaron Shani and Scandar Copti, is a push-and-pull of contradictions: a balanced and even-handed treatment of tremulous sensationalized subject matter (a mafia-like blood feud, drug traffic, forbidden love, illegal immigration, hate crime, etc.), and rounded humanized humans, played by natural nonprofessionals, in an artificial, fragmented, nonlinear, self-consciously "clever" narrative. Following it isn't difficult. Sticking with it might be.

So — speaking of the Oscars another barrier gets knocked down by the Academy, the first female director to be the Best Director, a cause for intensification of the annual ritual of the Hollywood self-backpat. I'd be more moved to get my own hand in

on the drumming if it hadn't been the director hitherto of Blue Steel, Point Break, et al., if, say, it had instead been the director of Sweetie, The Portrait of a Lady, et al. When I contemplated Bright Star in the past year, one of my thoughts was, only Jane Campion could have made that movie. (One Oscar nomination: Costume Design.) When I contemplated The Hurt Locker on the other hand, my comparable thought might have been, it could just as well be Antoine Fuqua, Paul Greengrass, Edward Zwick, Joel Schumacher, Tony Scott, Ridley Scott, Michael Mann, any old man whatever. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Ajami — Reviewed this issue. With Shahir Kabaha, Ibrahim Frege, Eran Naim, and Fouad Habash: written and directed by Yaron Shani and Scandar Copti. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/12)

Alice in Wonderland — Reviewed this issue. With Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, and Anne Hathaway: directed by Tim Burton. ★ (CARMEL MOLINTAIN 14: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BONITA 14: POWAY 10: RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN

Avatar — Ambitious merger of live action and computer animation, with at least one groundbreaking 3-D effect: English subtitles for the language spoken on the celestial body of Pandora inserted on a plane in the middle distance between a foreground figure and an upstage figure, as if the foreground one could look down and read the subtitle himself. This effect is silly, is pretentious, is pointless, and nonetheless is fun. Much the same could be said of the movie as a whole. Silly, pretentious, pointless, and fun is surely less than writer and director James Cameron had in mind for his first feature film since Titanic twelve years before, a two hour and forty-five minute "visionary" science-fiction epic that dishes up an allegory on globalism, a warm-over of the old science-versus-military debate, a dose of Noble Savage romanticism, a Capt. Smith and Pocahontas culture-clash romance, an ecological message, and a treefelling that insistently recalls the toppling of the World Trade Center. There appears little doubt that Cameron drew upon all his mental powers, yet happily those powers prove too feeble, too reliant on convention and stereotype, or if you wish to make it sound better, on tradition and archetype, to ruin the fun. The powers themselves, with their rumble of self-importance and their straining for significance, are part and parcel of the kitschy fun. Sam Worthington, Sigourney Weaver, Stephen Lang, Giovanni Ribisi, Michelle Rodriguez. 2009.

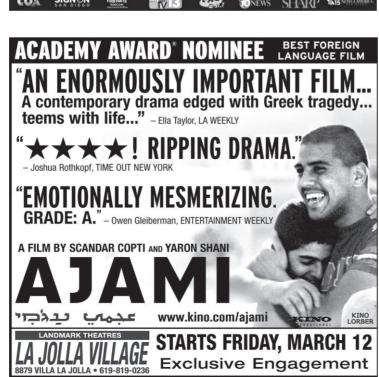
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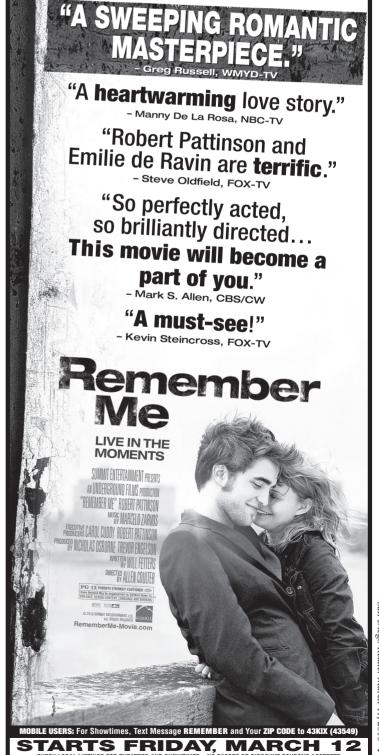
The Blind Side — Soft warm cozy sports story from the maker of *The Rookie*, John Lee Hancock, about a headstrong well-todo white Memphis housewife who takes under her wing and under her roof a homeless black gentle giant, an irresistible force meeting an immovable object. Sandra Bullock stays obstinately on the surface of her role, and Quinton Aaron is touchingly minimalist as Michael Oher, a future firstround NFL draft pick. Very late in the game a couple of aspersions are cast on the motives of Oher's adoptive parents, aspersions which, if shown to be even fractionally valid, might have made a more interesting movie. With Tim McGraw, Jae Head, Lily Collins, Kathy Bates, and assorted college

football coaches as themselves, Nick Saban, Phil Fulmer, Lou Holtz, et al. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HORTON PLAZA 14; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Brooklyn's Finest — Crime drama treats what would be an historically bad week for the NYPD as simply the average run. Amid a series of racially charged shooting incidents, three diverse policemen (the brink-of-retirement beat cop, the stressed-out undercover cop, the off-therails rogue cop) pursue their individual paths on what we come to suspect will be a collision course but we find out instead is a mere geographical convergence to three separate simultaneous shootings on the same city block. Antoine Fuqua's return to the precinct of Training Day, opposite coast, holds the attention about as pleasurably as a thumbscrew (if you can imagine it), with Ethan Hawke now graduated from rookie to the rank of Bad Lieutenant, trying desperately to finance a real-estate deal with confiscated drug money while behaving as if he is at the same time trying to kick





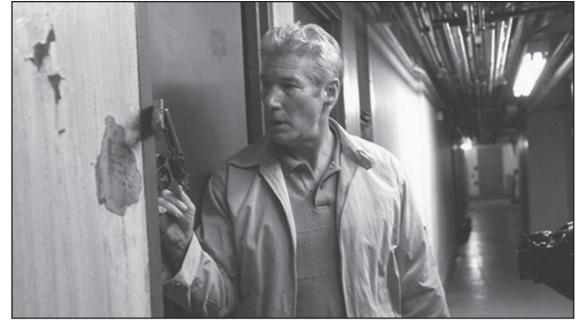


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heroin or else to win a scholarship to the Actors Studio. His purpose, his function, seems to be to make the other cast members (Richard Gere, Don Cheadle, Wesley Snipes, Will Patton, Brian O'Byrne) look good in comparison, and from that angle he succeeds spectacularly, 2010.

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Cop Out — By-the-book buddy comedy about black and white NYPD partners whose apparently unrelated cases involving Mexican drug runners and a stolen baseball card conveniently dovetail. The sneering and snarling bad guys are played murderously straight, but they're still funnier than the smirky white (Bruce Willis, on automatic pilot) and buffoonish black (Tracy Morgan, almost incomprehensible at a bellow, and indeed he spends a lot of his time bellowing). This is director Kevin Smith's first time out as a hired gun, strapped with



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somebody else's script (Robb and Mark Cullen's), a script sufficiently pottymouthed by most standards but perhaps not by Smith's. After the likes of Clerks II

and Zack and Miri Make a Porno, no one but the clinically delusional could feel disappointed in him. Seann William Scott, Ana de la Reguera, Kevin Pollak, Adam Brody.

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The Crazies — Breck Eisner's remake of a lesser-known George Romero horror show from 1973, a therefore more defensible remake than those of the Dead series, for which we can hope that Romero (credited as executive producer) received decent compensation. The no-nonsense line of action to do with a contagion of homicidal lunacy in rural Iowa, caused and exacerbated by military misconduct (if it matters), is mostly routine, but the scene in the car wash, with the assailants obscured by shampoo suds and rotating brushes, rises slightly above. Timothy Olyphant, though he's got the voice for it, does not look likely by this route to become the next Clint Eastwood, yet he gives a creditable effort as the town sheriff, together with the plain-named Joe Anderson as his good-ole-boy deputy. And while it may seem a little strange to regard as a Scream Queen someone who has worked with Woody Allen, Robert Benton Marc Forster, Lisa Cholodenko, among others, Radha Mitchell appears hell-bent on getting us used to the idea, 2010.

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Crazy Heart — Jeff Bridges is pretty much the whole show, and a generous show it is. His Bad Blake, given name to be held back for the gravestone, is an over-the-hill and down-on-his-luck C&W singer still living the life of a C&W song, four marriages behind him, long lonely drives and cheap motels and cheaper women in front of him, a chain smoker and a hard-at-it alcoholic (preferred poison, fictitious McClure's bourbon) on a free fall to the unseen bottom and, on impact, the uncertain bounceback to redemption. As one of his lyrics neatly sums it up: "I used to be somebody, now I'm somebody else." The actor's singing voice amounts to a dull blade that has a hard time cutting through the expert arrangements by T Bone Burnett, who with the late Stephen Bruton co-wrote the original songs in the crying-in-your-beer genre. But then too, the actor's speaking voice, a low rumble through a mouthful of marbles, has a hard enough time cutting through

thin air, as if he could use a hit of oxygen before and after each utterance. To outward appearances, he's approximately one-third Kris Kristofferson (the constinated voice and the wheezy wince to produce it) and two-thirds Waylon Jennings (the greasy stringy hair, the bedraggled beard, the shades, the leather vest, the paunch), in no part original but in every part authentic. With Maggie Gyllenhaal, Colin Farrell, and Robert Duvall; directed by Scott Cooper.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Dear John — Wartime romance beginning in the spring of 2001 (you know what's coming) and stretching up to the present, staggeringly basic and banal in its specifics, turning on a senseless withholding of information for the sole purpose of contrived misunderstanding and revealed nobility. It issues from a novel by Nicholas Sparks, always a harbinger of goopy absurdity, and the chief function of director Lasse Hallstrom, at one time a halfway serious filmmaker, is to pour sunlight, moonlight, and firelight over it like syrup. The buggy-eyed Amanda Seyfried manages to convey maybe a month's worth of maturation over the decade-long storyline, but Channing Tatum makes a tiptop military type, a strong, silent type, guarded, humble, a tad pent-up, a tad petulant, several tads chivalrous. He merits some sort of medal for his recitation of the "I am a coin" letter to his dying numismatist dad. With Richard Jenkins and Henry Thomas, 2010.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

An Education — A precocious English schoolgirl of 1961 (a cellist, a Francophile, a devotee of the Pre-Raphaelites, a sneaky smoker for sophistication), on track for Oxford, gets rerouted by a shady older man who shows her the finer things of life: a Ravel concert, a Christie's auction, nightclubs, Paris. The foreseeable end is a bit of a slog, but the film in the early stages is very good on the pretensions of intelligent youth, and very good on the heady intoxication of growing up fast. Peter Sarsgaard's British accent is hit-and-miss; and the prim schoolmarm of Olivia Williams, a beauty disguised in eyeglasses and pulled-back hair, is strictly stock; and the comic portraits of the heroine's hidebound dad, a same-aged fumbling suitor, and a blond bimbo (Alfred Molina, Matthew Beard, Rosamund Pike, in order) are sharp but narrow. Keeping things fully alive throughout, however, is Carey Mulligan in the lead,

showing off, among her other talents, the freshest smile since Eleanor Powell: plenty of teeth with a demure downturn at the corners of the mouth. And Sally Hawkins, back to reality from the giddy heights of Happy-Go-Lucky, has a tiny but vital part to play. With Cara Seymour, Dominic Cooper, Emma Thompson; directed by Lone Scher-

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST CIN-

From Paris with Love — John Travolta, totally unrestrained, as a self-admiring U.S. superspy with the demeanor of a Hell's Angel ("Tell me that wasn't some impressive shit!"), shooting up the City of Light in a grainy sallow digital image. Jonathan Rhys Meyers affects a credible American accent as his timid embassy liaison, perhaps the only credible thing in the movie. Directed by Pierre Morel. 2010.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Ghost Writer — A literary hack (Ewan McGregor) — "You name it, he ghosts it" - lands the plum assignment of, for a cool quarter of a million, polishing up the memoirs of a Tony Blair-ish former British Prime Minister (Pierce Brosnan), stepping into the shoes of the previous silent collaborator who has unaccountably left his car on the ferry and washed up on shore: accident? suicide? And is it only a coincidence that the ex-P.M. is just now coming under fire for alleged human-rights violations in the War on Terror? The adaptation of a Robert Harris political potboiler really doesn't amount to much: standard portions of knee-jerk paranoia and mechanical plotting, to say nothing of the so-what final revelation that feels as concocted as it feels anticlimactic. But director Roman Polanski proves himself a masterful judge of the material, pacing himself prudently, walking a razor's edge between anxiety and mirth, allowing the plot to unfold without rush, getting to know the cast of characters as palpable human beings -Olivia Williams a standout as the politician's astringent wife - and keeping the bedrock of political piety pretty well buried. When at last he elects to turn up the heat the brilliant device of following a preprogrammed computer route in the dead man's car to a destination unknown, the prickly interview that awaits at that destination ("A less equable man than I," rasps a pedantic Tom Wilkinson, "might begin to find your questions impertinent"), and the black sedan with tinted windows lurking outside afterwards - the effect is delectable. A sustained tingle. It may not hold all the way to the end, but it comes close. Kim Cattrall, Timothy Hutton, James Belushi, Eli Wallach. 2010.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4: HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Green Zone — Matt Damon on the hunt for WMDs in Iraq, with Greg Kinnear and Brendan Gleeson, directed by Paul Green-

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The Hurt Locker — Fictitious countdown of the final six weeks in the twelvemonth tour of an army bomb squad in Baghdad. The living and working conditions in a color-free wasteland appear perfectly credible, and the quasi-sciencefictional details of the job — the spaceman protective suits, the remote-control bombsniffing robot, the tangle of colored wires, the hide-and-seek triggers — are highly enlightening. And the defusing of bombs



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The Crazies — It may seem a little strange to regard as a Scream Queen someone who has worked with Woody Allen.

the constant prospect of their blowing up in our faces - carries a guaranteed tension, as witness such forerunners as Robert Aldrich's Ten Seconds to Hell or Michael Powell's and Emeric Pressburger's The Small Back Room. The ambush in middesert, outside the squad's normal sphere of operations, is if anything even tenser: more unpredictable, more open to possibilities. Kathryn Bigelow, one of the rare female action directors, dead-set on matching any man in muscle, favors here the combatfootage filmmaking style of jostles and jars to the camera, punchy zooms, whiplashing pans, and a chronic shaky hand, not necessarily restricted to scenes of combat. This is trendy at best, a tired cliché at worst. (The amplified heartbeat and the slo-mo explosion ought to be put to bed for a rest period of not less than a generation.) She takes a lot of time on the action scenes, or more broadly the tension scenes, and not much time in between, so that the three principals — Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie, Brian Geraghty, each of them looking the part — are thin on character, static in development, no more than generic as opposed to individual soldiers. With Guy Pearce, Ralph Fiennes, David Morse. 2009. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnas-

sus — A Terry Gilliam exercise in excess, as dense, as heavy, as torpifying as a Christmas fruitcake. (Or as Brazil, The Adventures of Baron Munchausen, The Brothers Grimm.) The muffled narrative, revolving around an immortal travelling showman, his magicmirror portal to the realm of imagination. and his deal with the Devil, gets overpowered by the relentless production: the desolate stark smoky post-apocalyptic real world and the digitalized escape-scapes, a bit of Oz, a bit of Wonderland, a bit of Middle-Earth, a bit of Maxfield Parrish crossed with Salvador Dali. Just to make the weird weirder, all of it's apt to be shot in bulbous wide angles. Released nearly two years after his death in mid-shoot, this constitutes Heath Ledger's final screen appearance, a supporting role (given deceitful top billing) resourcefully completed by a tag team of Johnny Depp, Jude Law, and Colin Farrell, each of whom, uniformly dressed and groomed, appears more engaged in the role. In the last analysis it deposits a spot of tarnish, a smudge of dullness, on the Ledger

legend. Christopher Plummer, Andrew Garfield, Lily Cole, Tom Waits. 2009.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

It's Complicated — Romantic-comic triangle composed of a fifty-something divorcee, her remarried but re-interested ex-husband, and her too-good-to-be-true divorced architect: "Your age is one of my favorite things about you." The grown children have no problems of their own, and the level of affluence - not to forget level of gourmet cuisine - removes all other problems, so that a hypothetical air prevails. In truth, it's complicated enough already. (The chorus of confidantes drops out of sight when we need them most.) Meryl Streep brings to her role her usual fine detail and wide dynamics, and Alec Baldwin brings an amusing girth. With Steve Martin, John Krasinski, and Lake Bell; written and directed by Nancy Meyers. 2009.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Last Station — Light sport made of a great figure, Tolstoy in his "eccentric" later years of anti-materialism, nonresistance, celibacy, vegetarianism, or, in short, Tolstoyanism. Under the starry eye of the author's new secretary, a battle of wills, including a battle over the literal will, boils up between his leading disciple and his longtime wife, the latter not fully behind the concept of giving away their private property: "You all think he's Christ, don't vou?" It remains for the most part a spectacle of disinterested amusement, although something deeper develops around the deathbed. Expertly, if theatrically, acted by Christopher Plummer and Helen Mirren, and archive footage of the real personages during the closing credits affirms the studiousness of the project. With James McAvov, Paul Giamatti, Anne-Marie Duff, and Kerry Condon; written and directed by Michael Hoffman. 2009.

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The Lovely Bones — Fourteen-year-old rape and murder victim, marooned in "the in-between," a/k/a "the blue horizon" dividing life and afterlife, continues to watch over her family, friends, and unapprehended killer, a quintessential creep who looks to be guiltily, self-incriminatingly, in disguise: Stanley Tucci with a blond combover hairpiece, paste-on matching mustache, aviator glasses, and cotton-stuffed

cheeks. Some of the depictions of the closeness of the two realms are reasonably subtle and well done: the cold gray dreamscape occupied by the fresh murder victim who doesn't yet realize she's dead and doesn't understand why she can't connect with the people she sees; or the flickering reflection of an unflickering candle flame by which the girl makes her presence known to her grieving father. But too much of the Other Side, in particular the climactic communion of all the victims of the serial killer, is spoiled by the music-video vulgarity of the CGI. With Saoirse Ronan, Mark Wahlberg, Rachel Weisz, and Susan Sarandon; directed by Peter Jackson. 2009.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

North Face — Retro mountain film, set evocatively in the place and time of the bergfilme heyday, Germany in the Thirties: two uncommitted soldiers in Hitler's army, but committed mountaineers, join the pre-Olympics push to conquer "the last problem of the Alps," the north face of the Eiger, alias "the Wall of Death." Though the factbased events don't escape the sameness of mountain-climbing movies, they are smoothly laid out in palm-dampening detail, and torturously stretched to an operatic agony. With Benno Fürmann, Florian Lukas, Johanna Wokalek, and Ulrich Tukur; directed by Philipp Stölzl. 2009.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Our Family Wedding — Ethnic comedy with Forest Whitaker, Lance Gross, America Ferrera, and Carlos Mencia; directed by Rick Famuyiwa.

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Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief — It would be hard to conceive a more painful introduction, even more. Chris Columbus, who directed the first couple of Harry Potter entries, is looking literally for another lightning bolt — Zeus's stolen one — in the quest of a dyslexic present-day teenager, the unknowing bastard spawn of Poseidon, teamed up ad hoc with a same-aged demigoddess and semigoat ("The politically correct term is satyr"), to retrieve his mother from Hades (located beneath the Hollywood sign), solve the mystery of the missing bolt, and avert

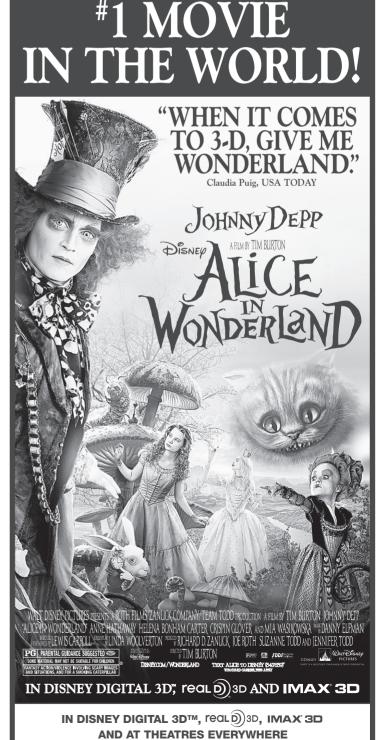
an apocalypse. Under these circumstances, the language is appallingly banal even for a movie populated with teenagers and targeted to their juniors: "Check this out," as an example, gets spoken no fewer than three times during the visit to Medusa's lair and twice more in its immediate sequel. The computer-generated Fury, Minotaur, Hydra, etc., interject only technology, no magic. Logan Lerman, Brandon T. Jackson, Alexandra Daddario, Catherine Keener, Joe Pantoliano, Pierce Brosnan, Uma Thurman, Steve Coogan, Rosario Dawson. 2010.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire — A bit of well-meaning manipulation, unevenly photographed, alternately oversaturated and washed-out and glossy and grainy, centered around a Harlem African-American illiterate obese ter, now pregnant again, expelled from school, abused and battered at home by her welfare mother, an incestuous rape victim of her absentee father, and oh, HIV-positive. We don't find out all of that at once. It piles up. Some interesting effects are gotten from the heroine's first-person voice-over, interwoven at competitive volume with the dialogue, such that it plays as interior monologue rather than expository narration. The fantasy scenes almost attain a similar musing quality, triggered as they are by the heroine's urgent desire to escape, but the actual content of these fantasies - a red-carpet Hollywood premiere, a mirror reflection of a slender beautiful blonde in place of a fat black, a subtitled black-andwhite takeoff on a telecast of De Sica's Two Women, etc. — exhibit a consistent inanity which works to rob sympathy from either the film's heroine or its director, Lee Daniels. One or the other. You choose. With Gabourey Sidibe, Mo'Nique, Paula Patton, and Mariah Carey. 2009.

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CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00; Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15 8:00: The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri -Sat (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 10:10 Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:25; Brooklyn's Finest (R) Fri.-Sat (11:05, 1:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:45, 7:35; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30; **An Education** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (3:00) 10:20 Sun. (3:00p.m.); **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sat (12:15, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50; The Hurt Locker (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:40) 4:30, 7:15, 10:05 Sun. (10:50, 1:40) 4:30, 7:15; Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The **Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:45) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45 Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:20, 7:05; Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:20, 7:55; Remember Me (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40; She's out of My **League** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:50) 4:35, 7:10, 9:40 Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:35, 7:10; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:35) 4:25, 7:20, 10:15 Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:25, 7:20; **Thomas &** Friends: Hero of the Rails (Not Rated) Fri. Sat. (10:30a.m.) Sun.; Tooth Fairy (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:45)

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

nont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722) Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Alice in Wonderland

(PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 12:15, 2:15, 3:00) 5:00 5:45, 7:45, 8:30, 10:30, 11:15 Sun (11:30, 12:15 2:15, 3:00) 5:00, 5:45, 7:45, 8:30, 10:30; **Avata** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:15) 7:00, 10:05; **The Blind Side** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:05, 7:40, 10:20; Brooklyn's Finest (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:25; **Cop Out** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:35) 4:10, 7:05, 9:35; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun (11:15, 1:55) 4:40, 7:25, 9:55; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:50, 7:35, 10:15; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:25) 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; Our Family Wedding (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:50, 10:00; Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The **Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30); **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:25, 7:20, 9:50; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:30) 6:30, 9:30; Thomas & Friends: Hero of the Rails (Not Rated) Fri. Sat. (10:30a.m.) Sun.

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15 701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709) Brooklyn's Finest (R) Fri. (12:05, 1:00, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:05, 9:35, 10:40 Sat. (11:00, 12:05, 1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:05, 9:35, 10:40 Sun. (1:40, 2:40) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:05 9:35; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50 Sun. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:15) 6:10; **My Name Is Khan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45) 8:50 Sun. 8:50p.m.; Percy Jackson and the Olympians: **The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 9:55 Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 9:55; Remember Me (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:05) 4:55, 7:40, 10:30 Sun. (2:05) 4:55, 7:40, 10:20; Severe Clear (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:30, 3:35) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 Sun. (3:35) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; She's out of My League (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 12:00, 1:25, 2:25, 3:45) 4:50, 6:05, 7:15, 8:25, 9:40, 10:45 Sun. (2:25, 3:45) 4:50, 6:05, 7:15 8:25, 9:40; Shutter Island (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 1:05, 3:15) 4:05, 6:15, 7:05, 9:15, 10:05 Sun

Man (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00. 10:15 Sun. (3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Up in the Air (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45 Sun. (2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; Valentine's Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 10:20; **The Young Victo-ria** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10 Sun. (3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (1:40, 2:25, 4:20, 5:05) 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (1:40, 2:25) 4:20, 5:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:25; Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; Avatar (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 6:30, 9:50; The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 4:15) 7:15, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:15, 7:15, 10:10; **Cop Out** (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:25) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:25, 7:20, 9:55; **The Crazies** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:40) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:30, 10:05; From Paris with Love (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:55) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 4:55, 7:50, 10:20; Green Zone (R) Fri. (1:05, 1:35, 4:05, 4:35) 7:10, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15 Sat -Sun (1:05, 1:35) 4:05, 4:35, 7:10, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15; **It's Compli cated** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:50) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:50) 4:50, 7:35, 10:15; **The Lovely Bones** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:10) 7:05, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:10, 7:05, 10:00; Our Family Wedding (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:35) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:35, 7:25, 9:50; Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:30) 7:20, 10:10 Sat.-Sun (1:20) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

KENSINGTON

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Red Riding: 1974** (NR) Fri. (5:00) 7:30, 10:00; Sat. (2:30) 7:30, Sun. (2:30), Mon. (5:00) 7:30, 10:00; Thu. (5:00); Red Riding: 1980 (NR) Sat. 5:00, 10:00, Sun. 5:00, Tue. (5:00) 7:30, 10:00; Thu. 7:30; **Red Riding: 1983** (NR) Sun 7:30, 10:00, Wed. (5:00) 7:30, 10:00, Thu. 10:00

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386) Alice in Wonderland (PG); Avatar (PG-13); Brooklyn's Finest (R); Cop Out (R); The Crazies (R); Crazy Heart (R); Green Zone (R); Remember Me (PG-13); She's out of My League $(R); \mbox{Shutter Island} \ (R); \mbox{Up in the Air}$ (R); Valentine's Day (PG-13)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:50, Sat. & Sun. (10:30) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **Ajami** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00, Sat. & Sun. (10:40) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; **The Last Station** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:20, 10:10, Sat. & Sun. (10:50) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; **North Face** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 7:30, Sat. & Sun. (1:50) 7:30; A Single Man (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (4:40) 10:15, Sat. & Sun. (11:00) 4:40,

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:15) 12:50, 3:30, 6:15, 8:50, 11:25 Sun. (10:15) 12:50, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15: Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:05) 12:00, 1:50, 2:40, 4:35, 5:20, 7:20, 8:00, 9:55, 10:40 Sun. (11:10) 12:00, 1:50, 2:40, 4:35, 5:15, 7:15, 7:50, 9:50, 10:25; **Avatar** 3D (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 3:40, 7:10, 10:45 Sun. (11:05) 2:30, 6:05, 9:30; Brooklyn's Finest (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:55) 12:55, 2:05, 3:55, 5:10, 7:05, 8:10, 10:10, 11:10 Sun. (10:55) 12:45, 2:05, 3:45, 5:10, 6:45, 8:10, 9:45; Cop Out (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:40, 3:15, 5:45, 8:20, 10:55 Sun. (11:00) 1:35, 4:05, 6:50, 9:20; The Crazies (R)

Fri.-Sat. (10:05) 12:30, 3:00, 5:35, 8:15, 10:50 Sun 12:05, 2:35, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; Dear John (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30) 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:35 Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. 12:15, 3:05, 5:50, 8:35, 11:15 Fri. (10:50) 1:40, 4:25, 7:30, 10:30 Sat. 1:40, 4:25, 7:30, 10:30 Sat. (10:50) 12:15, 3:05, 5:50, 8:35, 11:15 Sun. (10:50) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sun. 12:15, 3:05, 5:50, 8:35; Our Family Wedding (PG-13) Fri. Sun. (10:10) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning **Thief** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:10) 2:00, 4:50, 7:35 Sun (10:20) 1:05, 3:50, 6:35; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:40) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50 Sun. (10:40) 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40; She's out of My League (R) Fri -Sat (10:30) 1:15, 3:50. 6:25, 9:00, 11:30 Sun. (11:15) 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35; Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:25p.m. Sun. 9:25p.m.; Shutter Island (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:20) 12:35, 1:35, 3:45, 4:45, 6:55, 7:55, 10:15 Sun. (10:05) 12:35, 1:10, 3:40, 4:10, 6:55, 7:25, 10:00; **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:35) 1:25, 4:30, 7:25, 10:20 Sun. (10:35) 1:25, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15: The Wolfman (R) Fri. Sat. 11:00p.m. Sun. 10:30p.m.

Mission Valley 7 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Green Zone (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 8:00; Thu.: (10:00, 11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 8:00; Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:30; **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 3:30), 7:00, 10:30; Sun. & Mon.: (12:00. 3:30), 7:00; Tue.: (12:00, 3:30);

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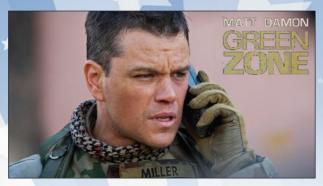
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UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) The Ghost Writer (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:55, Sat. & Sun. (10:30) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:55; The Yellow Handkerchief (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:05; Sat. & Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:05; A Prophet (Un Prophete) (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:15) 8:30; Sat. & Sun. (10:40) 2:00, 5:15, 8:30; Crazy Heart (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 9:45, Sat. & Sun. (10:50) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; **An Education** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (4:30) 10:15; Sat. & Sun. (11:00) 4:30, 10:15: The Last Station (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 7:20; Sat. & Sun. (1:40) 7:20

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Amazon: An IMAX Film Experience (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00p.m.; Dolphins (Giant Screen Format) (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sat 11:00 1:00 3:00 5:00 7:00 Sup 11:00 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **The Greatest Places** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (11:00, 11:40, 1:40, 2:20, 4:25, 5:05) 7:15, 7:55, 10:00, 10:40 Sat -Sun (11:00, 11:40, 1:40, 2:20) 4:25, 5:05, 7:15, 7:55, 10:00, 10:40; Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (11:20, 2:00, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20 Sat. Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:45, 7:35, 10:20; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 2:45) 6:55, 10:30; Brooklyn's Finest (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:35) 7:00, 10:35; Cop Out (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:55) 6:40, 9:30; **The Crazies** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 5:10) 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:10, 7:40, 10:15; Green Zone (R) Fri. (11:10. 11:45, 2:05, 2:40, 4:55) 7:05, 8:00, 10:10, 10:45 Sat -Sun (11:10, 11:45, 2:05, 2:40) 4:55, 7:05, 8:00, 10:10, 10:45; Our Family Wedding (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:25, 9:55 Sat. Sun (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:25, 9:55; Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning **Thief** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 6:35, 9:35; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 7:20, 10:05; She's out of My League (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:25; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:20) 6:45, 10:05; Valentine's Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 6:50; The Wolfman (R) Fri. (4:20) 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 4:20, 9:45

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Alice in Wonderland (PG); She's out of My League (R): Shutter Island (R): When in Rome (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Green Zone (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Sun: (11:00, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45; Mon.-Thu.: 4:45, 7:45; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu.: 5:15, 7:45; **She's Out of My League** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu.: 5:00, 7:30; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; Mon -Thu : (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.: (11:0, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Thu.: 4:15, 7:00; Brooklyn's Finest (R) Fri. & Sat.: (1:00, 4:00), 7:15, 10:15; Sun.: (1:00, 4:00), 7:15; Mon.-Thu.: (4:00), 7:15; Cop Out (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu.: (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **The Crazies** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun : (11:15, 1:30, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30; Mon Thu.: (4:00), 6:15, 8:30; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:45), 7:15, 10:15; Sun: (12:15, 3:45), 7:15; Mon -Thu : (3:45), 7:15; Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri.-Sun.: (11:15), 4:30; Mon.-Thu.: 4:30 pm; **The Wolfman** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (2:00), 7:15, 10:00; Sun.: (2:00), 7:15; Mon.-Wed.: 7:15 pm; **Thomas & Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) Sat.: (10:00 am); Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386) Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, $11:30)\ 12:30,\ 1:15,\ 2:15,\ 3:15,\ 4:00,\ 5:00,\ 6:00,$ 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 9:30, 10:30; Brooklyn's Finest (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 3:10, 6:35, 9:35; Cop Out (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Green Zone (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:15; Our Family Wedding (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 2:25, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55: Remember Me (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **She's out of My** League (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00,

10:45 Sun. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Shutter Island (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55) 3:00, 6:15, 9:20 Sun. 12:45, 4:05, 7:15, 10:20; Valentine's Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:40, 7:35,

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386) Alice in Wonderland (PG); Avatar (PG-13); Brooklyn's Finest (R); Cop Out (R); The Crazies (R): Dear John (PG-13): Green Zone (R); Our Family Wedding (PG-13); Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG): Remember Me (PG-13): She's out of My League (R); Shutter Island (R); Valentine's Day (PG-13); The Wolfman (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16

1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Ronita Road (888-262-4386) Alice in Wonderland (PG); Avatar (PG-13); Brooklyn's Finest (R); Cop Out (R); The Crazies (R); Dear John (PG-13); Green Zone (R); Our Family Wedding (PG-13); Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG); Remember Me (PG-13); She's out of My League (R); Shutter Island (R); Tooth Fairy (PG); Valentine's Day (PG-13)

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Green Zone (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:25) 7:10, 10:10; Remember Me (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 2:15, $5{:}00) \ 7{:}50, 10{:}35; \mbox{She's out of My League} \ (R)$ Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Green Zone (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu.: 4:30, 7:30; **She's Out of My** League (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu.: (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Alice in** Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Thu.: 4:15, 7:00; Cop Out (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu.: (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; Shutter Island (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15, 10:15; Sun.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15; Mon.-Thu.: (4:00), 7:15; Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The **Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri.-Sun.: (11:15), 4:45; Mon.-Thu.: 4:45 pm; **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (2:00), 7:45, 10:30; Sun.: (2:00), 7:45; Mon.-Thu.: 7:45 pm; **Thomas & Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) Sat.: (10:00 am); Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Green Zone (R) Fri & Sat: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30: Remember Me (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.:

(12:00, 2:45), 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:30, 8:15; Wed: (10:00, 12:00, 2:45), 5:30, 8:15; Thu: (12:00, 2:45), 5:30, 8:15; She's Out of My League (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30; Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00. 12:30. 1:45. 3:00), 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00. 12:30. 1:45. 3:00), 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri & Sat : (1:00, 4:00), 7:15, 10:15; Sun -Thu : (1:00, 4:00), 7:15; **Cop Out** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:45), 7:15, 10:15; Sun. Thu.: (12:15, 3:45), 7:15; Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:45; Avatar (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 3:30), 7:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:45, 3:30), 7:00; Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie (G) Sat. & Sun.:

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information

Vista Village Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri -Sun (11:00. 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 12:40, 2:40, 3:20, 5:20) 6:05, 8:00, 8:40, 10:40, 11:15 Sun. (12:00, 12:40, 2:40, 3:20, 5:20) 6:05, 8:00, 8:40; Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 1:10, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50) 6:30, 7:30, 9:10, 10:10; Avatar 3D (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:35) 7:05, 10:25 Sun. (12:00, 3:35) 7:05; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:25, 4:25) 7:25, 10:20; Cop Out (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10; The Crazies (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50, 5:25) 7:55, 10:15; **Green** Zone (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 11:35, 1:40, 2:20, 4.25, 5.05) 7.10, 7.50, 9.55, 10.35 Sun (10.50, 11:35, 1:40, 2:20, 4:25, 5:05) 7:10, 7:50, 9:55; Our Family Wedding (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:35, 9:55; Remember Me (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; She's out of My League (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25, 5:00) 7:45, 10:20; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:15, 10:15

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Call theater for program information.

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



Green Zone (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (12:00, 2:45) 5:15, 8:00: Remember Me (PG-13) Fri & Sat : (10:00, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. Thu.: (10:00, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; She's Out of My League (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:30; Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:45, 3:00), 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:45, 3:00), 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; **Brooklyn's** Finest (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:00), 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 2:00), 5:00, 7:45; Shutter Island (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30; Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri.-Thu.: (10:15, 4:00); **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (1:15), 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (1:15), 7:15; Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



The Ghost Writer (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 7:45; **A Prophet (Un prophete)** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 1:00), 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 1:00), 4:15, 7:30; The Last **Station** (R) Fri.-Thu.: (10:30), 4:30; **Crazy** Heart (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun -Thu : (10:15, 12:45, 3:15). 5:45, 8:15; The Hurt Locker (R) Fri. & Sat.: (1:15), 7:00, 10:15; Sun.-Tue.: (1:15), 7:00; Wed. & Thu.: (1:15 pm)

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469) Crazy Heart (R) Fri. 6:35, 9:00 Sat.-Sun. (4:00)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00. 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; Green Zone (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:00, 4:00) 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (10:15, 1:00, 4:00) 7:15; Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 4:15; Remember Me (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sat. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45; Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); Valentine's Day (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (1:15) 7:30

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)



Green Zone (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:15; Our Family Wedding (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15; Remember Me (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:15, 8:00; Wed.: (10:00, 11:30, 2:15), 5:15, 8:00; Thu.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:15, 8:00; She's Out of My League (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **Alice in** Wonderland (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:30), 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (12:00, 2:30), 5:00, 7:30; Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital **3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 12:30, 1:45, 3:00), 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 12:30, 1:45, 3:00), 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; Brooklyn's Finest (R) Fri. & Sat.: (1:00, 4:00), 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (1:00, 4:00), 7:15; **Cop Out** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **The** Crazies (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15. 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30; Shutter Island (R) Fri. & Sat.: (1:15), 4:30, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (1:15), 4:30, 7:45; Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The **Lightning Thief** (PG); Fri.-Thu.: (11:15), 4:45; **Valentine's Day** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (2:00), 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (2:00), 7:30; Avatar (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 3:30), 7:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:45, 3:30), 7:00; **Thomas &** Friends: Hero of the Rails (G) Sat.: (10:00 am): Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Call theater for program information.

Calendar

A Prophet — A sort of Prisoner's Progress, a brutal and brutally long account of a young Muslim naif who enters a French penitentiary on unspecified charges, gets recruited by the Corsicans as a double agent to knock off a fellow Arab, and from there climbs up the criminal ladder as a man without an ethnicity. The Corsican and Muslim factions make a welcome change from their stereotyped American counterparts — the Hispanics, the blacks, the white supremacists — and there's a good deal of informative and interesting material on the French penal system (e.g., twelve-hour day passes to do mischief on the outside), and yet there's no great narrative skill in getting it across, only a good deal of murky approaches, unclear connections, loose ends, At times a pitch of intensity is reached, but that seems to be an effect more of the hvperventilating music of Alexandre Desplat than of any control of the throttle by director Jacques Audiard (Read My Lips, The Beat That My Heart Skipped, tepid thrillers). The performances by mostly unknowns, chiefly Tahar Rahim and chiefly excepting the characterful character actor Niels Arestrup, are nicely contained, in the French style, dedicated to team goals instead of individual glory; and the gritty, frigid, moldygreen image fits in with the overall intent of giving the moviegoer the lowdown if not quite giving him a movie, a diversion. The carrot at the end of the 150-minute stick is a haunting rendition of "Mack the Knife" by the inimitable Jimmie Dale Gilmore. 2009. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 3/12; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Red Riding — Reviewed this issue. With Andrew Garfield, Paddy Considine, and Mark Addy; directed by Julian Jarrold, James Marsh, and Anand Tucker. ★ (KEN. 3/12 THROUGH 18)

Remember Me — Story of young love,

starring Robert Pattinson, Emilie de Ravin, Chris Cooper, and Pierce Brosnan, directed by Allen Coulter.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/12)

Severe Clear — Kristian Fraga's frontline documentary on Operation Iraqi Freedom, shot by Lt. Mike Scotti on a digital minicam. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 3/12)

She's out of My League — Relationship comedy with Jay Baruchel and Alice Eve, directed by Jim Field Smith.

(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 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN

SQUARE 14; FROM 3/12)

Sherlock Holmes — Horrors! A Sherlock Holmes for the 21st Century, a man of action, a martial artist, more of a 19th-century James Bond or alternatively an urban Wild Wild West-erner, with a pretty-boy Dr. Watson (Jude Law) and a megalomania-cal archenemy (Mark Strong) who foretells "a journey that will twist the very fabric of nature," not to mention the re-colonization of America. The worst of it, worse than the hero's unseemly number of brushes with death or his embarrassing gullibility to feminine wiles, worse even than the blanketing



An Education — Carey Mulligan shows off, among her other talents, the freshest smile since Eleanor Powell.

darkness and the teeth-rattling sound and music imposed by director Guy Ritchie, is the insouciance of Robert Downey, Jr. (never mind his bad accent) in the title role. In a rare bow to discretion, he at least lays off the cocaine. Rachel McAdams, Eddie Marsan. 2009.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Shutter Island — "Disturbing" would be one word, maybe the best word, for Martin Scorsese's adaptation of the Fifties-period Dennis Lehane detective novel. Nothing, let's be clear, in the list of ingredients — the Alcatrazzy asylum for the criminally insane. the locked-room mystery of a vanished female inmate, the dreamland visitations from the detective's dead wife, his guilty flashbacks to WWII, his allegations of Nazilike medical experiments funded by HUAC. the approaching hurricane — is particularly disturbing. Although all of it is likely to cause difficulty in swallowing, the lockedroom part of it is actually appetizing. What's disturbing, by and by, is to see a director of Scorsese's stature (not physical stature of course) stooping to the unscrupulous bait-and-switch tactics that have become a vogue, if not a full-blown genre, ever since The Sixth Sense. The thickening Kafka-esque atmosphere, as befits a rat in a maze, alerts us that we're not going to get the type of locked-room solution we expect from a detective like Dr. Gideon Fell. But it is only our instilled deference to Scorsese that would prevent us from anticipating, at the heart of the maze, the cheesy cheat which makes nonsense of everything we've come through. Or if not nonsense, at best irrelevance and at worst malpractice. The upshot is a terrible waste of energy, and indeed a great deal of energy unmistakably went into it, primarily that trademark overdirection that serves always as a sort of methodology of self-hype: the flash pans, the vertiginous overhead shots, the pumpkin-head closeups, the portentous tracking shots, the ponderous slo-mo, the full range of eye-grabbing gimmicks by which Scorsese sells, sells, sells his stuff. We like to see a director taking command, but when the material is piffle it can have the effect of travesty - rather like an orchestral transcription of "Itsy-Bitsy Spider" in the style

of Beethoven, With Leonardo DiCaprio,

Mark Ruffalo, Ben Kingsley, Max von Sydow, Michelle Williams, Emily Mortimer, Patricia Clarkson, Ted Levine, John Carroll Lynch. 2010.

★ (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 20; OTAY
RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA
BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE
DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

A Single Man — Adaptation of the Christopher Isherwood novel detailing the planned last day of a homosexual English professor (an exquisitely tortured Colin Firth) grieving his dead lover, anally-compulsively tying up loose ends, saying his guarded goodbyes, practicing the proper posture to shoot himself in bed, laving out his burial attire with the helpful note, "Tie in a Windsor knot." Fashion "guru" Tom Ford, in his directing debut, sees to it that the dumps are très chic, almost to be envied and emulated. He demonstrates convincingly a photographic eye to go along with a curatorial taste in the early-Sixties period, although the total ambience resembles that of a retro pictorial in Harper's Bazaar rather than an accurate depiction of a gloomy Brit in sunny So-Cal during the Kennedy Era. And he controls the color saturation of his imagery as if through an IV, maintaining gray drained faded tones for the present tense, pedantically contrasted with florid flushed flashbacks; and any passing sensory sensation in the faded present, any flicker of life, any tremor of reanimation, any stir of passion, will bring a sudden surge of saturation. It's a definite idea, even if a transparent one. With Julianne Moore, Nicholas Hoult, and Matthew Goode, 2009.

★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Up in the Air — A comedown from Jason Reitman's auspicious first two features, *Thank You for Smoking* and *Juno*, narrowly centered as it is on a narrowly self-centered hero, a travelling corporate downsizer, a hired hatchet man, now a potential dinosaur whose way of life is threatened — by long-distance terminations via the innovation of video conferencing — before he can reach his lone life's goal of becoming just

the seventh man in history, and the youngest ever, to log ten million air miles and to reap the benefits that come with that milestone. The smirky smugness of a backsliding George Clooney, back at least as far as Danny Ocean if not all the way to Dr. Ross on ER, makes him an unlikely candidate to be handing out pink slips, unless as a grotesque expressionistic subjective projection of the pink-slip recipients. The recipients themselves, while widely varied in type, many of them having been downsized in real life, are for the most part penned up in bum's-rush montages. And the movie overall seems to share rather too much of the protagonist's glibness and frigidity. Waiting for a crack to appear in his facade is a sufficiently conventional plot hook, and patching up the crack afterwards is an insufficiently unconventional ending. Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, Jason Bateman, Melanie Lynskey, Danny McBride.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

Valentine's Day — Jessica Alba, Kathy Bates, Jessica Biel, Bradley Cooper, Eric Dane, Patrick Dempsey, Hector Elizondo, Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Topher Grace, Anne Hathaway, Ashton Kutcher, Queen Latifah, Taylor Lautner, George Lopez, Shirley MacLaine, Emma Roberts, Julia Roberts, Taylor Swift. —There. That's about all that need be said, and the ads already said it. In grudging addition, it might be considerate to say, by way of warning, that out of the multicultural, multigenerational, multidemographical alphabetical all-stars, Jennifer Garner and Ashton Kutcher command the most attention. And it might be charitable to say that only Topher Grace and Anne Hathaway demand any more. It might, too, be appropriately pointless to point out the unbilled cameo of Joe Mantegna. Apart from the celebrity merry-goround, no other focus of interest will be found within the movie. (Without, there might be some slight interest in contractual and scheduling matters.) In Katherine Fugate's screenplay, the navigation of the human heart, morning to night on the Fourteenth of February in Los Angeles, is as a leaf afloat on a puddle: superficial on top of shallow, But then, director Garry Marshall

has never been one to venture so deep on any subject as to bother about rolling up his pants cuffs. 2010.

● (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14: RIVER VILLAGE 6)

When in Rome — Frightfully unfunny romantic-comic fantasy revolving around a junior curator at the Guggenheim, a single girl in Rome for her younger sister's wedding, who does as the Romans do not: pilfering five coins from the Fontana d'Amore and in magical consequence drawing their last owners to her like a magnet. If nothing else, with creamy-dreamy cinematography by John Bailey, this serves as a test of whether or not the chiselled and clenched Kristen Bell (Forgetting Sarah Marshall, Couples Retreat, etc.) can carry a movie by herself, albeit only a balsa-light one. Reckless would it be, off the results, to repeat the experiment taking away the helping hand of the casually confident Josh Duhamel or adding a bobby pin of extra weight. With Angelica Huston, Danny DeVito, Jon Heder, Will Arnett, Dax Shepard, Alexis Dziena, and Don Johnson; directed by Mark Steven Johnson, 2010.

● (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

The Wolfman — Under the drillmasterly direction of Ioe Johnston, the remake emerges as your basic tale of Oedipal lycanthropy, an Oedipus simplex if you will (the ungovernable son, for good measure, has been playing Hamlet on the London stage), so basic that it takes place in the 19th Century, unearths an archetypal gypsy fortune teller (a gaunt and gaudy Geraldine Chaplin), and fashions its werewolf makeup in the classic style of Lon Chaney, Jr.'s. The human drama, however Freudian, proves to be refreshingly unpretentious and earnest, as well as stoutly acted by Benicio Del Toro, Anthony Hopkins, Emily Blunt, and Hugo Weaving, though it is never quite so dramatic as the Caspar David Friedrich smoky skies, a variegation of nacreous grays. The marauding wolfmen (plural, yes) on the other hand, completely modern in their dispensing of gore, are quick as Bugs Bunny, rapid as the Road Runner, fleet as Speedy Gonzales, which only makes sense when you stop to consider that they are after all primarily computer cartoons, and they seem not in the least to be subject to the erosions of age. One might ask, on that point, why the crisis, the curse, has only just come to a head, why the villagers have not until now had to reach for their rifles and pitchforks. The Oedipal pater over the course of his lifetime has seen many and many a full moon, 2010.

 \bigstar (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; MIS SION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Yellow Handkerchief — Road movie by Udayan Prasad, with William Hurt, Maria Bello, and Kristen Stewart. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/12)

The Young Victoria — And the young Albert. (Psst, wanna see the Queen in her teddies?) The story of the first occupant of the spanking new Buckingham Palace is a story of protofeminist liberation — "Even a palace can be a prison" — and a testament to the capacity of British thespians, specifically Emily Blunt, Rupert Friend, Paul Bettany, Miranda Richardson, Mark Strong, Harriet Walter, Jim Broadbent, among others, to play any dry and droning history lesson as if it were Shakespeare. The rather bland love story ultimately nudges out the pungent family relations, and the only goose bumps come courtesy of Handel and high volume. Directed by Jean-Marc Vallée.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

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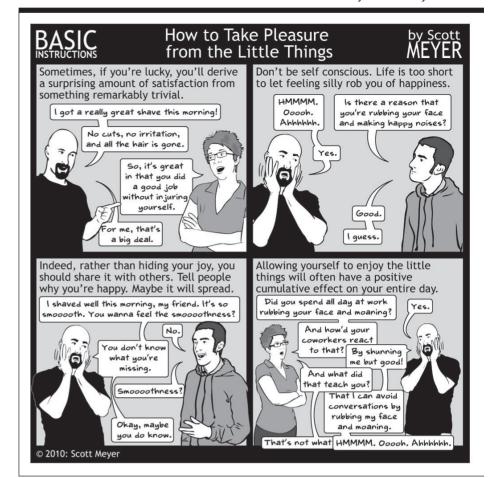
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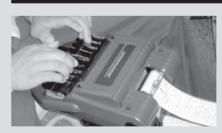
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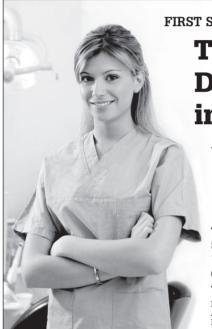
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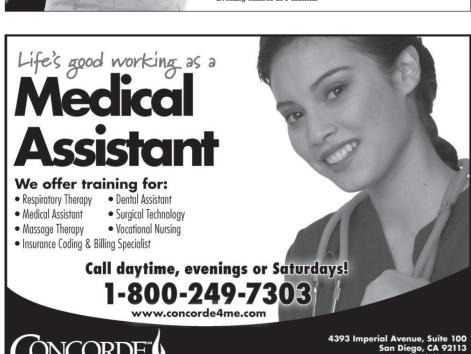
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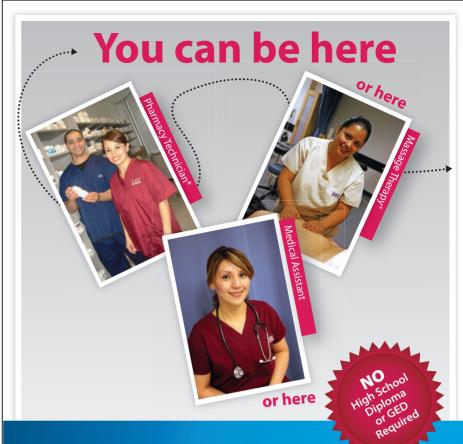
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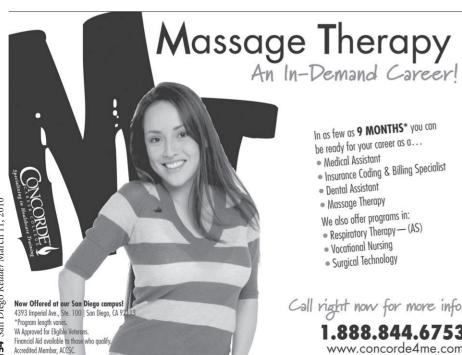
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Across

- 1. De ____ (by law)
- 5. Madison Ave. worker
- 10. Angled type: Abbr.
- 14. "What are you, some kind of _____?"
- 15. Prefix with -tron
- 16. "Step right up!"
- 17. Nickname for the world's foremost authority on Dutch cheese?

- 19. Owner's holding
- 20. Apple instant-messaging program
- 21. Poker player's wear
- 23. Doze (off)
- 24. Titled woman who is more than a bit off her rocker?
- 30. Neighborhood in New York City that hosts an annual film festival
- 32. Torment
- 33. "That's ____ haven't heard!"
- 34. Metallica drummer Lars
- 38. ____ crossroads
- 39. What annoyed people shout at the Moon when it eclipses the Sun?
- 42. Hip in the '60s
- 45. Start a new hand
- 46. Rx writers
- 50. Bellowing
- 52. Drummer's reaction to a joke
- 54. Cargo that doesn't get tossed over the side of ship very easily?
- 58. 1970s Chinese premier
- 59. Barton of the Red Cross
- 60. It's 7,300 feet high in Nev.
- 62. Invented things?
- 65. Compensate ... or a three-word direction for 17-, 24-, 39- and 54-Across
- 68. Field unit
- 69. Second-string squad
- 70. Ship of Greek myth
- 71. Complaint
- 72. A bit, colloquially
- 73. Sue of "Lolita"

Down

- 1. Crowd, as a concert hall
- 2. Mythical symbol of purity

- 3. Novelist whose fourth wife was "Top Chef" host Padma Lakshmi
- 4. James of jazz
- 5. Horiz.
- 6. Easter egg coloring
- 7. Caesar's 1406
- 8. French director Resnais9. Note on a Chinese menu
- 10. How some men dress
- 11. Kickoff aid
- 12. Something to grind
- 13. Co. name ender
- 18. Raison d'___
- 22. Gerald Ford's birthplace 25. Sharp
- 26. Bona fide
- 27. 1988 Meg Ryan thriller
- 28. Colony resident
- 29. "It's All About Me" singer
- 31. Cartoonist Keane
- 35. GPS suggestion
- 36. Building supports
- 37. Salsa singer Cruz
- 40. "The Fog of War" director Morris
- 41. Rx writers
- 42. Kind of scale: Abbr.
- 43. Tulsa sch. "founded in the fires of evangelism" in 1963
- 44. Comedian DeLuise
- 47. Candy bar whose name is an exclamation
- 48. Was able to attend
- 49. Decides not to quit
- 51. Kindergarten song starter
- 53. "De-lish!"
- 55. Doorframe parts
- 56. Muse of poetry
- 57. Greedy one
- 61. Blue hue
- 62. "Chocolate" dog 63. "Rocks"
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- 64. Afore
- 66. Consume
- 67. Org. for 46-Across and 41-Down

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

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Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos, 9. Newport is a city, not a town. Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 9.

Gray skies are...bringing flowers.

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 9. HiThis one's for Jimmy!

Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 9. If I don't do it, who will?

Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 9. Happy birthday Bella and Emma! Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 9. I love meatballs. Eric Cash, Escondido, 9.

Nobody can bust a move like my Eavan.

Leslie Chase, Campo, 9.

Orange blooms in Anza Borrego

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 9.Every time I find the "Meaning of life" it changes.

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 9. No 8% cut, CVESD! William Cushing, Rancho

Bernardo, 9. Hank Mobley was the coolest cat on sax. Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 9. Carol

and Marie-have a fun trip!

Harry Engel, La Jolla, 9. Go
Badaers!

Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 9. / love New York Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside.

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 9. *I am at peace with the world.* **Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 9.** *Bring on the sun!*

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 9.

They distract us with chaff. "Our borders must be tight."

Jim Odell, Vista, 9. I don't envy people challenged to suffer this Greater Depression.

P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 9. We love you Conrad.

John Pertle, Santee, 9. God is righteous in forgiving sinners: Christ bore their sins.

Jerry Riccio, Rancho

Bernardo, 9. Looking forward to some green beer! Happy St. Paddy's day. Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 9.

Molly's new bright teeth smile!

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 9.

Daylight savings = a trip to Vegas!

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 9.

Prayer confers upon God's creatures the dignity of being causes.

Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 9. *Put on a happy face!*

■ Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 9.

Reader t-shirt distribution punishes

excellence.

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 9. Drafting legislation is Congress' job, not yours, Barack.

Woody Anderson, Carmel
Valley, 8. Little Miss Kris, welcome
to Cardiff by the Sea!

Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 8. / missed you so much baby!
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 8.

"Omar's coming"

Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 8.

We need a Howard Beale "Mad as hell" character today!

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 8.

March comes in like a lion...

Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 8. /
bet this is easier if I had a computer.

Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 8. 1 Richard Hutchings, Santee, 8. Wipe off the clouds and cheer up

George Jackson, Oceanside, 8. Maybe it would help if he explained Obamacare to us.

Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 8.
Welcome Kenneys! Hi Kiera! Hi Bodo!
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park,
8. Re-elect no incumbent politicians.
Ron Meyer, Santee, 8. We sure
do love are Frank!

Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 8. Beautiful old people are "works of art"

Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 8. 8 days and a wake up.
Michael Panther, Point Loma,
8. I put my pants on eight legs at a

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 8. The

ides of March are almost upon us!

Don Romero, La Mesa, 8. You
make me very happy sweet Mei
Lina!!

Duane Tremaine, East Village, 8. And pine in vain the sacred seven.

Maria Coda, Oceanside, 7. *Hi Al!*

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 7. Good luck in NY Matthew!! Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 7. Hard one!

Ron Hootman, Santee, 7.

Hoot 101 "I love you Birdie and I'll be true..."

Willie McGee, San Diego, 7.
Watch Padres this year! Go Padres!
Carly Stone, San Diego, 7. We
are running out of water, please

Ken A., Ocean Beach, 6. No

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

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Message

Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley,

6. Almost a little tough today

John L. Drehner, North

Park, 6. Vicious circle: a wedding rina.

Chad Griffith, Poway, 6. I'm thankful I'm not one of the 12 percent! Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 6.

Happy birthday Sunny! My OLDer sister

Ray Schwartz, N. Clairmont.

6. David is a genius!

David Tomasin, San Diego, 6. Happy Face?

Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 6.

Ready for football! Jennifer Vuksinich, El Caion. 6. Is it spring vet?

Wayne Lund, Poway, 5, Ah. but gray skies make a very green

San Diego. our Grandkids...

Robin Serfass, Leucadia, 5. / love living in Leucadia, 33 years

and counting. Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 4.

New game! Cool!

Dean and Bob Bekken, San

Diego. 4. Listen to Alan Watt

Joe Musser, Encinitas, 4. Mau ke aloha no Hawaii!

Ron Pollack, Encinitas, 4. For

Jon Christianson, El Cajon, 3. God Bless the King family.

Amber Rogowicz, Mission Hills. 3. This made me "Put on a happy face" lol

Joan Wapner, Encinitas, 3.

How about smaller t-shirts?

Michelle Hoang, La Jolla, 2.

When your legs burn, run with your heart.

Janet Ferko, Rancho Peñasquitos, 1. Kauai, here we comel

Mike Kerouac, San Diego, 1. Kimberly #1

Gwyneth Newbold, Mission Beach, 1. Happy 30th birthday

Devon. May you live long and prospert

Sarah Powell, Ocean Beach, 1.

Christ did not die for my sins. Get a new message.

Gene Schneider, Spring Valley, 1. A new shirt for spring

would be great! Vladimir Christian idoun,

San Diego, 1. Drained brain cells! Need to borrow your power adapter pronto!

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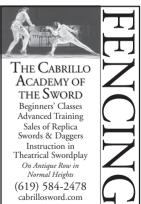


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1) Submit one completed puzzle of any difficulty level (Easy, Medium. Hard or Evil) to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online at sandiegore ader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the

puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

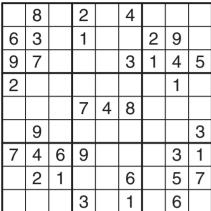
3) The puzzle-contest ranking shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year

4) 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:

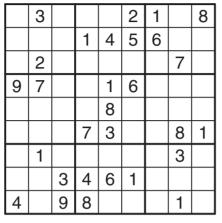
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- 5) 10 Reader T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!
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- 7) Late entries will not be considered.
- 8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
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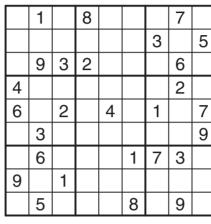
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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

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EASY:

Don Bowman, Santee, 9. ...is trunk was full of bandaids

John Pertle, Santee, 9. We are all sinners. Christ provides eternal redemption. Believe D. Stiewig, Santee, 9. Fins on

Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 8.

Rich congrats on beating me at the Oscars! Yummy Phils

Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 8, Spring has spring enjoy its beauty and vibrance

Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 7. Happy B-day Mady! From Victoria

Josie Ranches, San Diego, 3.

Spring is here Kathy Bucher, Valley Center.

2. 3rd generation Southern California Native

Chuyen Cao, San Diego, 1. Beat the GMAT

Peter Mound, Santee, 1. I might be crazy but I'm not stupid

Noah Sarrott, San Diego, 1. Retnuh 126

MEDIUM:

Dave Small, San Carlos, 9. Happy St Patty's day!

Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 8. Say! Who would've thought I'd know vou this way

Linda Bible, El Cajon, 8. Happy anniversary sweetheart

Henry Chung, San Diego, 8. Daylights savings time is coming, more light, yay!

Willam Stiewig, Vallejo, 8. My

Dr. Dave Spera, Point Loma, 7. Mike you are the best

Elliott Estrine, Poway, 5. Go Tritons and Aztecs WRR

Emily Posedel, San Diego, 3. Jodi Picoult Rocks! Ed Rull, San Diego , 3.

Happy 13th birthday Edward! Steve Schorr, Encinitas, 3. Good Luck LT

Mitchell Hamilton, Golden Hills. 1. Barbara puss o krom mitch

Edwin Salvador, Spring Valley, 1. BH, Did you really try to

Ryan Sharrott, Rancho Bernardo, 1. Noah is the runescape

Todd Wilkins, San Diego, 1. Live and let live

HARD:

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 9. Hi Juan I love vou

Esther Hays, La Mesa, 9. The ultimate wedding planner mom :-) Douglas Mevers, La Mesa, 9. While inside the gates greedy

bankers eat all in sight Skully, San Diego, 9. Monkey-

boy we missed you!! Kitten, Oldman Steve, Goldmember, and friends!!!

Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 6. On my b-day just be nice no presents needed

Saad Ghulam, Escondido, 5. I love San Diego

Lark Herrick, Alpine, 4. Flash Forward starts March 18th

Wavne Ameele, Peñasquitos, 3. Reader sudoku puzzles are fun

Jeoffry Ross , Chula Vista, 3. Llove you Kitten

Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 2. SDVAMC sudoku expert

Marcia Metzger, San Diego, 2. Fame and glory

P.W. Robinson, San Diego, 2. Von: Ready to start new life adventure after first cleanina

Kelly Sakoi, San Diego, 2. Yeah! Baseball is here

Marjie Souza, Ocean Beach, 2. It's a great day

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 1. New game great fun Joan Boland, Bay Park, 1.

Happy Birthday to me Hans Butikofer, Mission Beach, 1. Evil next week!

George Elam, Vista, 1. Happy Birthday Dearcy and Dominio Carlos Maldonaldo, El Cajon,

1. Michelle Obama is just another...

Tom Norris, Santee, 1. Sometimes the dragon wins. sometimes evil prevails

Julie Simons, City Heights, 1. Great visit C and Pete and Ba Gail Strow, San Diego, 1. #1 is on the way!

Joi Taylor, Mission Valley, 1. We love baby Michaela!

David Tomasin, San Diego, 1. Ok next week evil

EVIL:

fleas - maggots!

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 9. Lay down with dogs - Republicans, wake up with

Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 9. Silencio! Naomi Watts gives Rita a tour through Diane's hell

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 9. Save untold billions — End birthright citizenship like most developed

countries Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 9. Forthright: to tell three lies before every honest statement

Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 9. No skill this week

Roger Doughman, San Diego, 9. Strength will rise as we wait upon the lord

Butch Hays, La Mesa, 9. Ready for some warmer riding weather :-) Belmont Hope, Vista, 9. No messages:

Raymond Land, Escondido, 9. God be with the Chelsev King family Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 9. Hi Mom! Hi Dad! Hi Grace! Hi

Kiera! Hi Bodo! Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 9. Sudoku sure is addictive

Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 9. Does Mary Bently still play domi-

noes? Please call! Michael Panther, Point Loma.

9. We don't have Neosporin. We don't even have mayonnaise

David Schwartz, Clairemont, 9. Hard earned silver, US men's and women's ice hocky teams

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 9. The rain was nice, but enough already

Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 9. Save water- fix leaks

John Strauch, Point Loma, 9. Walked Trias St. Climbed Piedras Grandes and Moon Benchmark

Duane D. Tremaine, E. Village, 9. The strong gods pine for my abode Susan Williams, North Park, 9.

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 9. No more olympics- have to watch the democrats implode

Thanks for all the puzzles

Mark Xitco, San Diego, 9. Keep it comina!

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

indicates T-shirt winner.

Robert Bradley, Spring Valley,

8. You put my comment on Jeans and dropped my name

Larry Clark, Clairemont, 8. Different colors, curly, straight, hair's

always parted in the middle Paula Davis, Spring Valley,

8. Peace to the world

Michelle Dutra, Serra Mesa, 8. Good luck metro dance!

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 8. We

want more calla lillies for mom

Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 8. All the best to the International

Women's Day

Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 8. Still waiting on my tshirt dude Karen Maegley, Sorrento

Mesa, 8. Wendy first t-ball game is tomorrowl

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 8. Re-elect no incumbent politicians!

Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 7.

Relieve

Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 7. Set vour clock ahead

Sean Hammer, SDSU, 7.

Vitamins to be illegal thanks to McCain/SR 3002

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 7. Hard one too

Stuart Lester, Santee, 7, Carol got new jeans. Maybe I can get into them Tess C. Sutton, San Diego, 7.

Flo Abena Rancho Peñasouitos

6. Will America's Cup return to Newport??

Love you...

Jorge Castro, Alpine, 6. Got to

Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights,

6. Achis! Will I get a shirt? Who knows...

Charles Rion, Allied Gardens

6. 1 more day Stan Alexander, Ocean Beach,

5. I miss da puppy Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 5. Well, gee whiz, Gomer. That wasn't so

hadi

Greg Boss, San Diego, 4. Leave our health care alone!

Ted Jerm, Roseville, 4. I'm Ted and I'm a sudokuholic...duh

P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 4. Rollin' along

That should be "exercise the brain"

Reina

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Where is my tshirt

out Mee Shim Fine Art

Juanito Girardo, Mira Mesa, 3. Marco Gamez, Ocean

Beach, 1. Don't worry Mochashka, Thing will work out... Alright airl?

Saad Kassah Mission Hills 1 Plav poker all night

Mike Mannis, Lakeside, 1. / got your back Dave

Suhail Mattia, Spring Valley, 1. John 3/16

Josh Powell, Ocean Beach,

1. Mary Bently, please call Bruce!

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Bridgett Gist, Escondido, 3.

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Chris Reader, Chula Vista, 3.

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Joan Hubert, Clairmont, 2.

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

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Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos,

1. Grindcore and death metal - areat music.

Colleen Adams, San Diego,

1. Some things you never forget.

Dottye Allen, San Diego, 1.

Wow! Shorthand! Was learning and

using it in the 50's!

Joe Arbusto, San Diego, 1.

Greek word "demokratia" literally means "people rule"...

Joline Asher, Rancho Peñasquitos, 1. '65 HS Grad.

Loved shorthand!

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 1. *Great fun!*

Judy Best, University Heights, San Diego, 1. I was so happy to find a puzzle I can solve. I learned shorthand in 1960.

Beverly Caldwell, Kearny Mesa, 1. It's been a while. Lucy Campanale, La Mesa, 1. It was fun

Roxana Cavvalho, San Diego,

1. Save the world.

Everett Conrad, San Diego,
1. Hello Warren and Kathy!

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, San Diego, 1. Thank you for bringing back the old style reader puzzles.

Sandy Cordova, Ramona, 1. R.I.P. RFTC

Margery Crosbie, San Diego, 1. Memories are made of this.

Vince Cuseo, San Marcos, 1. "An armed society is a polite society." - Thomas Jefferson

Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 1. Lessons by Lupe in the 60's. Thanks. Claudia Del Casino, Carlsbad, 1. Living in CA is a dream come true. Mike Deliman, Santee, 1. Love is grand. Divorce is a hundred

grand.

Jeannette Deutsch, San

Diego, 1. I graduated high school in 1942 and still remember my shorthand.

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, San Diego, 1. Bring it on! Liduvina Figueroa, Kearny

Mesa, 1. I enjoyed very much doing this puzzle. I need to keep my brian working.

Debbie Garcia, Santee, 1. *I like lamp.*

Vivian Geaslin, San Diego, 1.
Brainstorms express yourself.
Gertrude Glick, Rancho

Bernardo, San Diego, 1. *I was the recipient of the Model Secretary Award.*

L. Hemingway, Santee, 1. *Very Enjoyable!*

Richard Hutchings, Santee, 1.
Thanks Don Rubin

Kennevs, Kiera, Bodo!

Norman Kenny, Carlsbad, 1. California sunshine (sometimes)! Hi

Virginia Leary, Santee, 1. *Thank you for remembering Gregg Shorthand*

Shorthand
Elbee Lee, Mission Valley,
San Diego, 1. The world is as you

see it. **Rachel Lucero, San Diego, 1.**Shorthand made easy.

Pattie Mallin, Vista, 1. This is the 1st time I was able to put my knowledge of shorthand to use.

Carrie Marks, Hillcrest, San Diego, 1. Never give up.

Midge Martin, Carlsbad, 1.

Don't withhold the truth and the freedom it brings.

Helen McKenna, Bay Park, San Diego, 1. I hardly ever mis New Jersey.

Diane McMahon, El Cajon, 1.

I use Reader coupons every week!

Mickey McQuade, San

Diego, 1. Finally! A use for this lost art!

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 1. Very fun!

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 1.The revolution is coming! Smoke

'em if you got 'em!

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Barbara Moore, Lake Linden

1. Once you learn shorthand you never forget it.

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, San Diego, 1. We'll make it - God will-

ing and the creek don't rise! Louise Newland, San Diego, 1.

Fun puzzle! Jim O'Dell. Vista. 1. My word!

Thanks for the interesting new puzzle. Laura Ogie, Carmel Valley,

1. Foou rock the Krsken on April

Terri Okerlund, San Diego, 1. More pleasel

Toby C. Oppel, Poway, 1. Thanks Mom for making me take shorthand. Wendey Parker, San Diego, 1.

Tim Parrot, Carlsbad, 1. Go hana a salami. I'm a lasagna hog.

Interstina contest

Donn Parsley, Normal Heights, 1. Just logical deduction by a 61 year old.

Debbie Powell, San Diego, 1.

Still remember.

Jadah Queen, San Diego, 1. Maria Patricia Salcedo, San Praise Jesus for such a blessed life! Diego, 1. I love doing shorthand

S.D. RZA, Normal Heights, 1, / puzzle cuz I am a graduate of saved Latin What did you ever do? Greaa shorthand Jeannette Ramos, Carlsbad, 1.

🖛 Ai Sawada, San Diego, 1. / //

Lillian Schimpf, Santee, 1. Great Ideal Great Puzzlel

Debbie Schultz, El Caion, 1.

love new nuzzles - do morel Teddy Stiewig, Santee, 1.

It's a family affair

Thelma Strickland-Hicks Del

Mar, 1. Hey Steve, Here's hoping Dustin makes it to 200 mark.

John Strauch, San Diego, 1. Beat Alzheimers at Adventures in Bridge.

Cathleen Surratt, Escondido, 1.

It's amazina what I can remember from 30 years ago.

Tess C. Sutton, Rancho Peñasquitos, 1. Good luck to me. Julie Tripp, Escondido, 1. Get well Shirley!

Barbara Villarin, Pacific Beach, 1. I am sooooo surprised I still

remember the shorthand. Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach,

1. Read this shorthand: T Shrt Pls!

Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 1. Thanks Mother!

Andrew Williams, North Park,

San Diego, 1. And with you there to help me I probably will.

Ann Winder, Hillcrest, San

Diego, 1. Thanks for the new puzzle. Love the challenge.

Ric Witt, Clairemont, San Diego, 1. Thanks to Mrs. Wilson of Osbourn High School.

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Spanish. It's not the same, but similar.

Conway Redding, La Mesa, 1.

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 1.

Grab your hat and hold onto your

Melissa Roberts, Lakeside.

1. Danny Meaney, I love you mil-

lions and billions and trillions

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assault on my cortex?

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7es. My apartment was robbed. Yes. My apartment was robbed.
Somebody came in through the balcony and stole my iPods and my gold necklace. Nobody was home it was at night. I left the balcony door open and I completely forgot about it. I came home and went into my room and everything was out of place. I walked in and checked for where I put my stuff - my Social Security [information] and stuff. It was all over my bed. I go to my bathroom, my gold necklace is gone. The iPods that I was charging were gone. But they didn't take anything that was worth anything, anyway. I could tell it was some body that either lived in my apartment building or somebody young.



Jacob R. Vyan Field Representative Spring Valley

Yes. It was in North Park. I had my car broken into there when I was a teenager. They didn't actually steal my car; they broke into my car and stole everything out of it - my CDs and everything. But they didn't take my car, which was pretty dumb because you didn't need a kev to if you popped the clutch it would start! Then, a little while later, I got jumped and they stole my wallet. It was right by that park on El Cajon Boulevard, by the Wendy's...I don't know what it's called. It was, like, six guys. They came up behind me, knocked me down on the ground and grabbed my wallet, and then I got hit in the face a bunch of times. I was young - 1 was 16. It was pretty traumatic. I never got anything back. The police



Roy Grant Pedicab Driver

Baja

Yes. Here in San Diego and across the border. One time they took the wallet, and one time I just handed them cash. One guy had a knife, and the other one had a gun. The Tijuana guy didn't get caught, and the guy over here didn't get caught either. I got robbed here in the Gaslamp just last Halloween. I picked the guy up and gave him a ride. He was supposed to pay me, and he wouldn't pay me. Instead, he got out and took the rest of the money I had. He got about \$100 from me



Heather Winfield

Encinitas

Stay-At-Home Mom

es! Everything in my house got Y taken from me; every single thing, including my fan. It was really hot — it was like a heat wave. I was really upset about that fan, I remember. It was at night. I can't remember why, but I had to go to the hospital for some reason, and when I came back I'd been robbed. They broke in through a window in the apartment. We moved shortly after that. I wonder who did it because they had to have seen us leave. This was in Long Beach; it wasn't in San Diego.



 $D_{ominique}\,V_{aldivia}$

La Mesa

Student

No, but my brother has. It was, like, a year ago. He was at the mall — Parkway Plaza, I think - and he was walking home at night. All he had on him was an iPod and money. The guy was, like, "Give me whatever you have!" My brother said, "Listen. man, you don't want to do this. It's not a big deal; I'll give you what I have. Just please don't hurt me. I love my family and I love my life too much for this to happen." He gave him what he had, and the guy just ran away. He was just so thank ful that he didn't get harmed.



Greg Gallagher

Poway

Defense Research Analyst

7eah. It was in Key West. They Y took my wallet while I was in a phone booth making a phone call. They held me at gunpoint while I was on the phone and took my wallet from me. I was on the Navy base at the time, so I contacted the base police. It was pretty wild. It was a long time ago. I think they were military, since it was on the military base. The weapon they had looked like a military .45.

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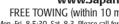
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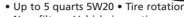
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Can't Possibly Be True

A Toronto restaurant, Mildred's Temple

Kitchen, announced that its Valentine's Day promotion this year would not just be a romantic dinner but would also include an invitation for couples to have sex in the restrooms. Toronto Public Health officials appeared unconcerned as long as there was no sex in food-preparation areas and as long as the restrooms were clean. "Bodily fluids" were not a concern, said one unruffled health official, because that's what restrooms are for.

 Women's rights activists in Uganda finally got the attention of the Western press in December, when London's The Independent verified the plight of Jennipher Alupot, who periodically for seven years had been forced to breastfeed her husband's hunting dogs as she was nursing the couple's own children. Farmer Nathan Awoloi of Pallisa explained that his dogs needed to eat, and since he was forced to send Jennipher's family two milk cows in order to win her hand, he felt his demands were reasonable.

Inexplicable

 Buffalo, N.Y., television meteorologist Mike Cejka was arrested in December after a brief police

chase and charged with trespassing after he was spotted at 4 a.m. tinkering with the covering of a motorcycle in a stranger's yard. Cejka told police he was on his way to work at the station and had merely stopped to admire the motorcycle he had remembered seeing in that vard over the summer. He was wearing a dress shirt and shoes and leather chaps topped by a pair of sweat shorts.

The Continuing Crisis

In February, the Board of Trustees of Saugatuck Township, Mich., scheduled a May referendum asking voters for an increase in the property tax in order to cover unanticipated new expenses. The budget overrun was due to the mounting costs of defending lawsuits by people and companies complaining that the township's property taxes are too high. University of Montreal School of Social Work professor Simon Louis Lajeunesse, intending to research the effects of pornography on men's relationships with women and needing a control group for comparison, advertised in the local community for up to 20 nonusers of pornography, but he was forced to radically alter his research model when no one signed up. Concluded Lajeunesse, in December: "Guys who do not watch pornography do not exist.'

Least Competent Criminals

- Poorly Conceived: (1) Travis Copeland, 19, bolting from a courtroom in Waukegan, Ill., in January, ran down a hallway and then lowered his shoulder and thrust himself at a window, intending to crash through it to freedom. Courthouse windows are bulletproof, and Copeland merely bounced off, staggered away and fell to the floor in pain. (2) Chamil Guadarrama, 30, was arrested in Springfield, Mass., in February after a store security guard spotted him with 75 bottles of lotion stuffed down his pant legs (which were tied off at the ankles), making him look like a nearly immobile Michelin Man. Said a cop: "[We] could not fit Mr. Guadarrama into the cruiser because...he could not bend over."

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Sunday school enrollment: about 1000

Annual budget: n/a Weekly giving: n/a Singles program: yes Dress: casual to semiformal

Staff size: about 60

Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. (note: Sunday morning's services will not observe Daylight Savings Time shift)

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"Amen!" shouted the people.

Before the sermon, Bentley offered a prayer addressing the untimely deaths of Poway's Chelsea King and

Maranatha Chapel **Rancho Bernardo** **1/2

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Escondido's Amber Dubois. "Heavenly Father, we come before You, and first of all, we thank You for hearing our prayers — for exposing darkness." (Here, Bentley referred to an arrest in the King case.) "For the tragic loss of both

these girls — for their parents and families — there are no words. Our feelings run the gamut from sympathy and compassion to anger and rage. But, Father, we just pray for comfort.... It's kind of like an emotional earthquake, and

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exposed in a way that would cause people to cry out for mercy, and for help, and for love, and for Your presence and justice.'

Wickedness and anger came up again during the sermon, which considered 2 Peter 5-7: "Make every effort to add to your faith goodness...knowledge...self-control...perseverance... godliness...brotherly kindness...and love."

"Being born again is not really the end," Bentley explained, "it's the beginning. Where there is life, there must be growth, and spiritual growth doesn't happen automatically. We cooperate with the Holy Spirit...to become like Jesus." He cited Philippians 2:15: "Work out your salvation in fear and trembling." "Once you're saved, you work out your salvation. God has His part, and we have our part — to add these things."

Bentley confessed to struggling to compress

and control his own feelings of anger, only to be called out by God. "The Lord said, 'Did I make you in My own image and after My own likeness? Have you ever noticed in the Bible that I get angry?... Where your anger leaves off, Mine is only beginning.... I don't want to change the fact that you have feelings; I want to direct those feelings in My way and with My Spirit, for My will and My glory." Bentley addressed the people. "How many of you agree that there are things going on in the world to be absolutely furious about, things that need to be cleansed, that need justice?" Then he noted that Christ's second coming will bring judgment and even divine wrath.

And yet: we are supposed to add self-control to faith. Bentley asked the people to read aloud from Proverbs: "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his



spirit than he who takes a city." And more than self-control: love, the kind of love called agape in the Bible. "Agape love means loving in spite of the differences we have.... It means, in fact, loving and being willing to lay down your life for your enemies. A tall order. Only God can do this, but these are the things that Peter is exhorting us to

add to our faith"

At communion, he asked non-Christians to "let the tray pass. It's wise to count the cost of being a disciple. What is the cost? You give up control of everything in your life. You are no longer the center of your world."

What happens when we die?

Bentley cited John's Gospel: "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that through Him, the world might be saved." He also said that, "We go before the Lord, and we believe that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life — the unique way to an eternal relationship with Him."

— Matthew Lickona

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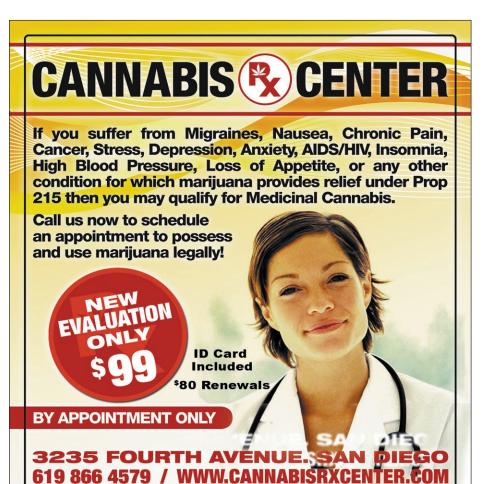


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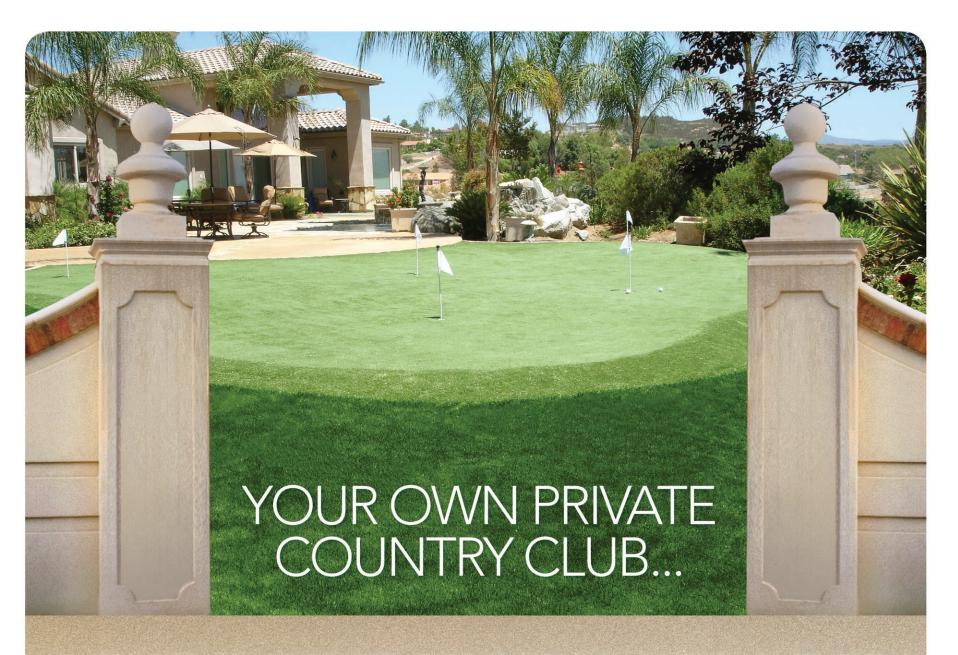
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