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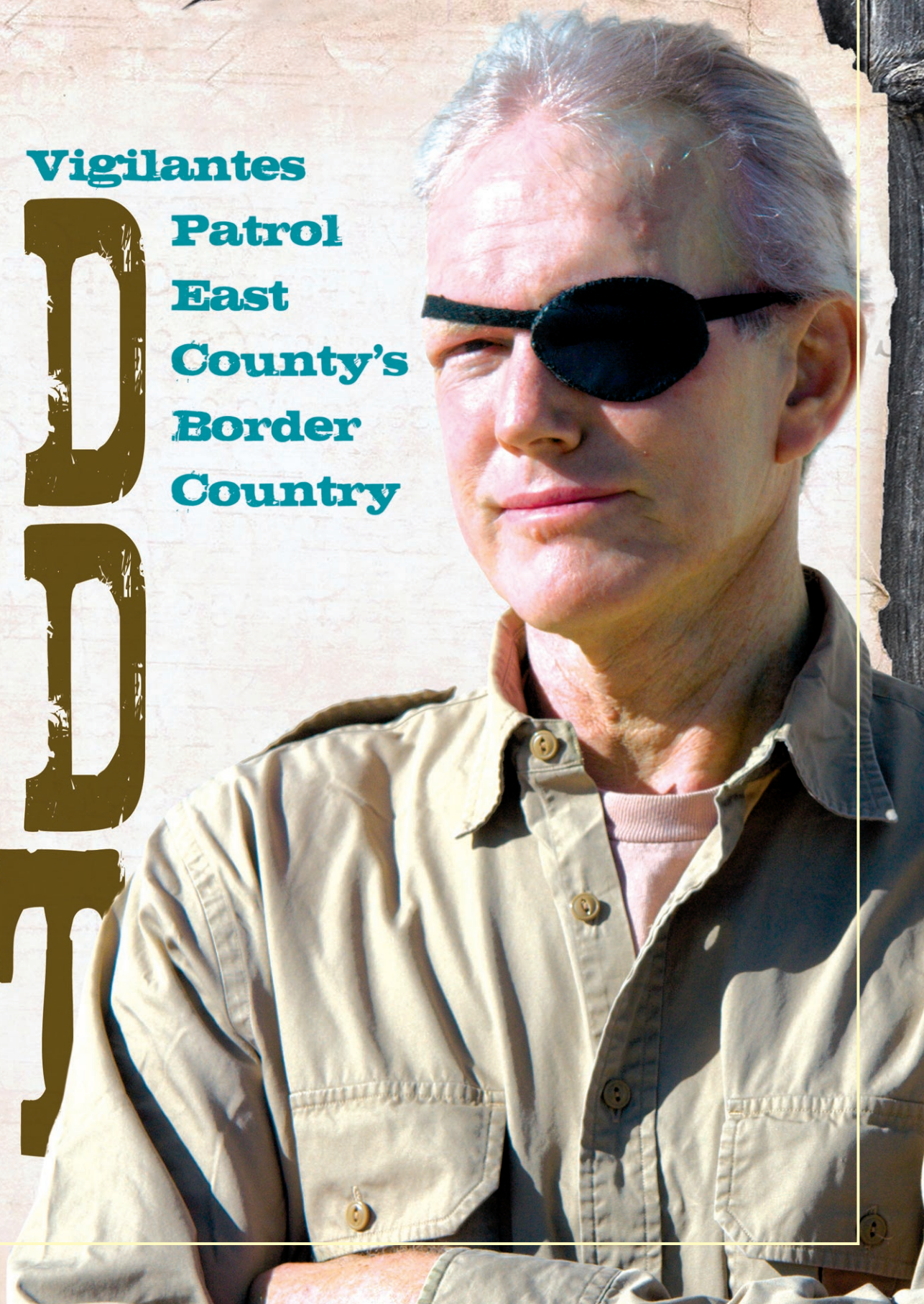
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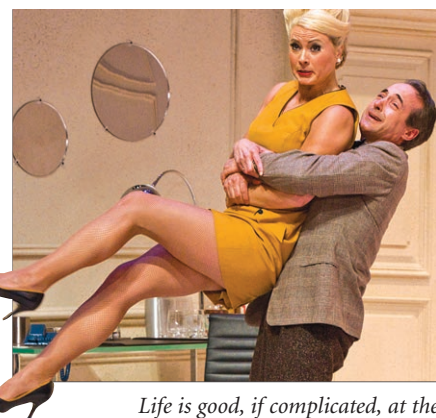
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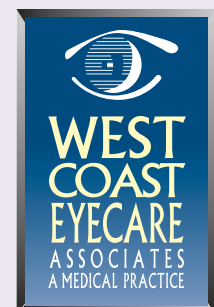
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UNDER THE RADAR

Revenge of the Tiki gods Three county tax liens have been lodged against



Kevin Faulconer

Katherine Stuart, wife of GOP San Diego city councilman **Kevin Faulconer**, who is currently running for reelection and said to be eager to succeed Mayor **Jerry Sanders** when his term runs out in two years. In addition to Stuart, the liens, totaling \$18,120, also name **Jerry Dressel** and Spa Tiki, a limited partnership that Stuart formerly had an interest in.

Until it abruptly closed last fall, Spa Tiki was a high-end beauty business offering manicures and massages on the ground floor of One Harbor Drive, a high-rise condo and retail complex opposite the City-subsidized San Diego Convention Center. According to an April 2008 financial disclosure filed by Faulconer, Stuart sold her share of Spa Tiki for between \$1000 and \$10,000 on December 31, 2007. Dressel was the buyer.

At that time, Stuart's portion of the business's gross income was said to be between \$10,000 and \$100,000. In an interview last week, **Leo Sullivan**, Stuart's attorney, said she had received the tax bills — covering 2005, 2006, and 2009 — just two weeks ago in a registered letter sent by the county. "She was always a limited partner and wasn't aware of the bills until last Saturday," he said. "It struck me as odd. It's been over two years since Katherine had any interest in the business." He added that he was monitoring the situation and would attempt to have the county remove Stuart's name from the bills. "I think the assessor will make the correction."

Back in February 2006, City Ethics Commission chief **Stacey Fulhorst** cautioned Faulconer that Stuart's investments in Spa Tiki and another downtown business posed a potential conflict of interest for him. "Your spouse's ownership of Restaurant Events and Spa Tiki constitutes economic interests for you that must be considered when these business entities are directly or indirectly involved in municipal decisions," Fulhorst wrote. That March the *Union-Tribune* reported that Faulconer was amending his previous financial disclosures to resolve conflicts between his prior filings and information provided by Stuart regarding her business income.

Stuart, 42, was a sales representative for the now-defunct Planet Hollywood restaurant in Horton Plaza before she started Restaurant Events, which markets Gaslamp Quarter eateries to convention planners. Clients have included the On Broadway Event Center, Dick's Last Resort, and the Cohn Restaurant Group. Faulconer's most recent financial disclosure statement, dated this March 9, puts a value on Restaurant Events

at between \$100,000 and \$1 million, with gross income in 2008 of over \$100,000. Cohn Restaurant Group contributed at least \$10,000 of that, the filing says.

Dressel, a past president of the San Diego State University Alumni Association, has been involved in other local businesses, including Zero Downtime, an internet service provider. Court records show that Spa Tiki's landlord, One Harbor LLC, filed an eviction suit against the partnership on August 26 of last year, claiming \$23,798 in back rent. The property was vacated on October 13, according to the documents. Shortly after the eviction case was filed, Spa Tiki sued One Harbor and its property manager, alleging that Spa Tiki had been overcharged \$200,000 in certain fees related to parking. Dressel confirmed that the partnership dropped that matter in January.

Naming rights, anyone? Big cutbacks in state funding have left UCSD students fuming and campus administrators slashing staff, but the same financial constraints apparently don't apply to the university's medical center. Approval of a planned "East Campus bed tower" to house 245 patients was on this week's UC regents' agenda. Costing a cool \$663,800,000, the project, which also includes capacity for 11 new operating rooms and renovations of the existing Thornton Hospital, would be financed by a complicated combination of loans, bonds, leases, reserves, and \$131 million in "gift funds." The regents authorized planning for the complex two years ago over the objections of those opposed to the university's desire to expand its facilities in University City at the expense of its Hillcrest hospital complex. Construction would start in March 2012 with completion by November 2015.

In another action scheduled for yesterday, the regents were set to discuss a "waiver of policy requiring housing on campus and housing allowance" for UCSD chancellor **Marye Anne Fox**. In 2004, the university shut down the official chancellor's residence, planning to demolish the historic building and build anew on its La Jolla Farms site. But protests by preservationists and the Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee, which opposed disturbing a Native American gravesite on the property, stalled the project. Efforts to come up with nearly \$8 million in donations to fund the house also proved problematic.

— Matt Potter

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Marye Anne Fox

Don't Short Shorts

By Don Bauder

Short sellers are getting short shrift at a time they should be getting tall praise. They borrow a stock, sell it, and hope to

replace the borrowed shares later at a lower price. They make money when a stock goes down, thus frequently incurring the wrath of executives and investors who only want stocks to go up.

But in most cases, shorts are doing what they are supposed to do: discovering stocks that are overpriced, often because of fraud. A classic example is in the news now: in 2008, Wall Street's Lehman Brothers collapsed in bankruptcy. The chief executive heaped blame on short sellers. Now, a new study has shown that Lehman had blatantly manipulated its books — just as one short seller had pointed out at the time it was happening.

Short sellers must have

courage. They may identify a doggy stock, but if the longs (those betting the stock will go up) keep buying, the shorts



Barry Minkow: Ex-con turned pastor and short seller

lose. Also, the shorts are often sued by corporations whose hanky-panky is exposed.

Some San Diegans have been involved in some of the highest-profile short-selling donnybrooks. Carlsbad's Donn Vickrey has a Ph.D. in accounting, is a former professor at the University of San Diego, and is cofounder and editor in chief of a Scottsdale, Arizona-based research company, Gradient Analytics, that often uncovers overpriced stocks. Gradient found itself in court over two of its



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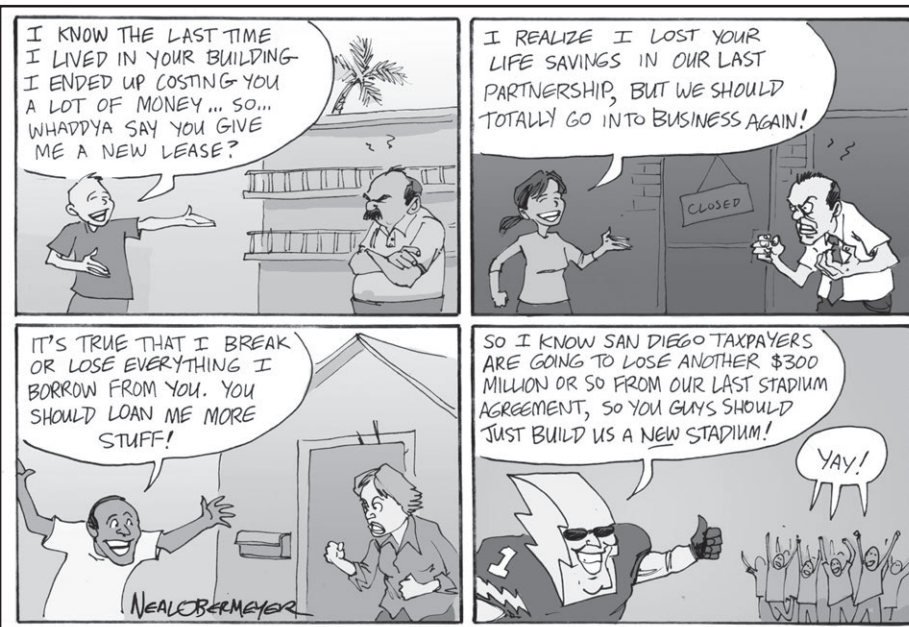
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What's Up with the Big Cortez Hole?

By David Batterson

For the past six years, a huge construction hole in the lower Cortez neighborhood has remained a collection of rusty

rebar, weeds and dirt, and wooden shoring. Located midblock between Ash and Beech, the L-shaped property is flanked on Fourth and Fifth avenues by temporary covered walkways, painted green and decorated with graffiti and movie posters.

Construction began on the project, a 74-unit condo development called the Atmosphere, with excavation for a three-level parking garage. But the project ran into problems. According to Centre City Development Corporation documents, "The owner(s) tried for several years to recommence construction but were unsuccessful, and the building permits expired." The developer's website described the Atmosphere as "a sophisticated, spacious, creative urban living experience, perfectly positioned in the Heart of

Downtown." Obviously, it wasn't so perfectly positioned after all.

In December 2009, Jeff W. Graham, vice president for redevelopment at Centre City Development Corporation, said in an email, "The former Atmosphere site was foreclosed upon by the lender, an entity of Dunham & Associates." A local affordable-housing developer, Wakeland Housing & Development Corporation, was interested in buying the property.

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Weeds grow around exposed reinforcing bar at abandoned site.



Neighborhood businesses say unsightly site scares away clients.

on March 10, at a development corporation board meeting, "The board voted 3-0 to recommend the Redevelopment Agency approve the site acquisition and [exclusive negotiation agreement] with Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation." Graham expects the City's Redevelopment

Agency to consider the matter at its April 12 meeting.

The Centre City Development Corporation reports that the property's purchase price is \$4.95 million. The nonprofit Wakeland Housing, located downtown on Columbia Street, builds affordable-housing projects with resident-education programs for low-income families. "Our programs offer health and wellness education, financial education, recreation and social activities," the Wakeland website says. "With its for-profit and non-profit partners, Wakeland has developed, acquired and rehabilitated over 5,000 units of affordable housing."

Last June, development corporation staff estimated that "between 90 and 115 affordable housing units in one or two buildings with ground floor retail" could be built on the Fourth Avenue site. Barry Getzel, director of project development at Wakeland, says that 90 to 110 units are currently planned.

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Pup Love

Injured Sea Lion Pup Rescued on Beach

Mission Beach — A sea lion lay in apparent agony on the sand in Mission Beach near Ormond Court on

been smashed around in the rocks. Can't be sure."

By Carolyn Grace Matteo
Tuesday, March 16

We All Fight the Wall
Sierra Club Opposes New Border Walls

Hillcrest — U.S./Mexico border problems and their effect on the Tijuana Estuary was the focus of the March 19 Sierra Club's meeting in Hillcrest.

"Our committee has been fighting the border wall for

a long time," said Jean Costa, international committee representative. "The Sierra Club supports HR4321 because it prohibits construction of more border walls and the breaking of environmental and community protection laws."

Dr. Mike McCoy said, "The [construction of a] border fence between the U.S. and Mexico called Operation Gatekeeper began in 1994. There were no permits. They just built it. The big problem with these fences is that the animals that migrate north — jaguar, deer, reptiles and other mammals —



Baby sea lion's trip to SeaWorld delayed

March 13. Joggers, surfers, and beachgoers passed within a few feet of the pup, and each time, more frightened, it retreated with a struggle toward the water.

"It's been there since 6:15 this morning. We called for help three hours ago," said a tourist from Minnesota. A two-inch cut on the pup's nose was apparent. On its back were deep wounds.

"I just gave SeaWorld a lot of money yesterday, and you can tell them that I'm very disappointed with their response time," said a visitor from Arizona.

"Don't let it go into the water," said Janette, a local resident who directed passersby away from the pup. "SeaWorld won't rescue it if it goes back into the water." When the pup dashed toward the water, an onlooker stood in front of it.

At about 9:20 a.m., two individuals from SeaWorld arrived with nets. They scooped the little guy up and had him in their vehicle in no time.

"Our veterinarians will give him a physical, rehabilitate him, and then we'll set him free," said SeaWorld representative Jody. "It looks like he may have



Sierra Club members open eyes to politics of fear

separate gene pools on both sides. You decrease the biological capability of that organism to survive; this especially impacts bighorn sheep."

McCoy considers the border wall a tribute to the politics of fear. "Injustice, economic disparity, and the inability to distribute wealth and opportunity equitably are at the



The 22-foot-deep hole will be filled.

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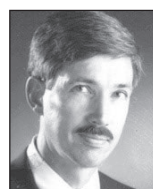
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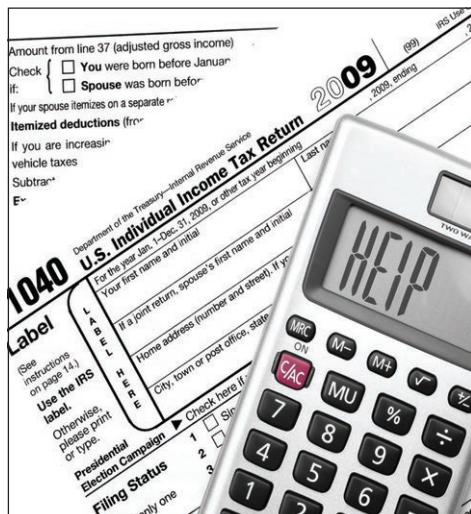
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dient and a hedge fund, saying they had conspired to bring down the stock. In March 2006, the CBS TV program *60 Minutes* took Biovail's side. The Securities and Exchange Commission investigated both Biovail and Gradient and dropped the Gradient probe. In 2008, the securities agency charged that Biovail "repeatedly overstated earnings and hid losses" and "actively misled investors." Last year, a judge dismissed Biovail's suit against Gradient and a hedge fund.

Vickrey also smelled mice in the basement of *Overstock.com*, an online retailer. It sued too, charging that Gradient and a hedge fund worked together to knock down the stock. Patrick Byrne, Overstock's chief exec-

utive, made it into a holy war. At every opportunity, he lashed out at short sellers, their Wall Street associates, regulators, and journalists who got information from the short sellers. He also sued a group of the largest Wall Street firms for "naked shorting," or shorting without initially borrowing or locating shares. That case is still pending.

On December 8 of last year, Byrne boasted in a note to shareholders, "The good guys won." Although still denying Overstock's charges, the hedge fund paid Overstock \$5 million. Gradient reached a supposedly confidential agreement with Overstock. But Byrne, in his statement, alluded to "any money Gradient paid which I cannot disclose." Hmm. Gradient said it would improve internal policies.

Overstock was founded

in 1997 and launched its first website in 1999. It has never had a profitable year. Its cumulative deficit is a whopping \$268 million. It fired its accounting firm in November. It has delayed coming out with its 2009 annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission. But Overstock claims that 2009 will prove to have been its first profitable year, although it was reporting losses under the now-dismissed accountant. The new report is to come out April 1.

Summed up Larry Witt, an analyst for research firm Morningstar, in a report a year ago, "We are...troubled by Patrick Byrne's obsession with battling analysts, reporters, and hedge funds that may be shorting his company's stock."

In the message to shareholders declaring his purported victory, Byrne once

again dragged in Herb Greenberg, a resident of North County. Greenberg was a columnist for the *Wall Street Journal* and a commentator for CNBC. Throughout the Overstock imbroglio, Byrne denigrated Greenberg for supposedly taking negative

very much alive and well and enjoying life and business in San Diego. He [Byrne] is full of his typical, senseless, factless lack of intellectual honesty." Byrne is "trying to divert attention away from the ongoing problems at his business by attacking anybody who

tion on overpriced stocks and shorting them. Some government operations, such as the U.S. Attorney's office in San Diego, relied on Elgindy's word to nail stock market wrongdoers. On one 20/20 program, Barbara Walters sang his praises effu-

He splits his time between preaching the gospel and chasing crooks.

information about his company's stock from Gradient. What's wrong with that? Journalists regularly interview analysts who are touting a stock. Why not talk to one that is short? In his exultant message, Byrne stated, "Herb Greenberg and others of the journalists I have named have crawled under rocks." Greenberg had left his media positions to start a research firm, GreenbergMeritz Research & Analytics.

Says Greenberg, who doesn't short stocks, "I haven't crawled under any rock. I broke a contract with CNBC and quit a job at Dow Jones because I decided to start a business with a friend. I am

dares to criticize his company."

Byrne tries to blur the line between legal and illegal short sellers, says Greenberg. And that brings us to another San Diegan, flamboyant, volatile Amr (Anthony) Elgindy of Encinitas, once known as "the Internet's most theatrical short-seller," according to Wikipedia, but now in prison until November 2013. He clearly used illegal methods to short stocks. At the start of his career, Elgindy worked with one of San Diego's most notorious stock manipulators, Melvin Lloyd Richards, who went to the slammer at least three times. Then Elgindy proclaimed that he had reformed. He began providing informa-

sively. But Elgindy crossed the line between legal and illegal shorting. He got information illicitly. The federal government charged that he had misappropriated confidential corporate information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, employing retired FBI agents, who also got nailed.

San Diego's best-known short seller is Barry Minkow, who achieved notoriety in the 1980s when he was in his teens; he inflated the stock of his carpet-cleaning company by 90 percent, using every ruse in the book. In 1987 he was sentenced to 25 years in prison. He got religion there, was sprung after 7 years, and became senior pastor for Community Bible Church in Mira Mesa, as well as a fraud expert who is quoted frequently in national media and puts on seminars for government agencies. He splits his time between preaching the gospel and chasing crooks through Fraud Discovery Institute. He and a journalist have set up a second outfit, iBusiness Reporting. For several years, the

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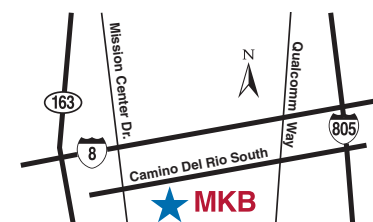
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Fraud Discovery Institute has helped fund itself by shorting the stocks of companies whose ledger-deman it uncovers. The new operation will do the same. Minkow regularly works with government agencies.

The institute has had to wiggle out of legal tussles, as short sellers often must. In September 2007, the *Reader* publicized Minkow's 500-page, footnoted report on Usana Health Sciences, a multilevel marketing organization. Among many things, Minkow learned that two of the company's key officials, Denis Waitley and Ladd McNamara, both of San Diego County, did not have the credentials they claimed to have. Both resigned. Minkow had shorted the stock and had fully revealed his position. Usana sued. A federal judge decided most of the counts in Minkow's favor. Later, Usana and the institute made a confidential settlement of remaining issues.

In 2008, Minkow's institute revealed that the president of Herbalife, another multilevel marketing operation, did not have the MBA degree he claimed to have. He admit-

ted his deception and resigned. The stock plunged immediately, and Minkow made \$50,000 on his short position. But after Herbalife sued, Minkow retracted statements by the institute about the company's products and business plan. He cannot discuss either case. Now, another company he attacked, Medifast, is suing. Minkow has reacted by stepping up his attacks.

Right now, he is shorting stocks of some of the companies he is exposing, such as InterOil and Pre-Paid Legal. But he didn't short shares of the big builder Lennar, whose stock plunged after the institute's exposé of alleged accounting tricks. "I didn't want to distract from the seriousness of the charges," he says. Lennar, too, has sued. All told, "Counting expenses, we do a little better than break even shorting," says Minkow. ■

Big Cortez hole

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As for the hole in the ground, which is 22 feet deep in places, "Flores Lund Consultants was retained to review the in-place temporary shoring system," states a report for the development corporation's March 10 meeting. "While the shoring was found to be in

better condition than expected, significant deterioration of several soldier beams and lagging boards was detected." The report adds that "pedestrian traffic control [the walkways] is also in disrepair and requires improvement if the site were to remain excavated." As new construction may not begin "for a period of up to three or more years," Lund recommended that the site "be backfilled and capped with asphalt."

Consequently, the hole will be filled. "The Agency is requiring," Graham says, "and the seller has agreed, to fill and compact the excavated site with certified clean fill material, to CCDC's satisfaction, and obtaining executed tie-back agreements from all five adjacent property owners prior to escrow closing for the site's acquisition by the Agency." The consultant estimated that the work will require about 22,000 cubic yards of fill material.

Adjacent property owners can be affected when tie-backs securing wooden shoring are removed. Spencer S. Busby owns the law offices south of the site on Fifth Avenue. "When they did the initial construction and left the hole unattended," he says in an email, "the adjacent owner caused visible cracks to form on the

inside of our building, so we already have some property damage from that.

"We would obviously want the owner to clean up the area," Busby adds, "because I do believe it has detrimentally affected our business and attracts homeless and potentially more crime (cars broken into at night). One client actually told me he drove by and thought we were closed and went to another attorney."

Last April, Busby contacted the City's Neighborhood Code Compliance, complaining about the condition of the walkway. Paul A. Elias, a building inspector with the division, reported back in a May 13 letter to Busby that the "property owner/management hired a professional work crew." The crew cleaned up trash, locked the chain-link fence, and painted over graffiti, Elias reported.

More recently, people have been observed entering the site through a loose panel in the plywood fence outside Busby's offices. In December, two trespassers were seen on the property picking up cans and bottles for recycling. Although the panel was secured, a new entry point has been created. The construction hole and the vertical and horizontal rebar on

the site could cause injury if someone slipped and fell.

"The property owner could at least share partial liability for any injuries or crime perpetrated by anyone facilitated in entering the property," says Busby.

In the development corporation's community plan for Cortez, a park and plaza — named St. Joseph's park — occupy the entire block that's across Fourth Avenue from the construction hole. Other than an old apartment-hotel, the block is now used as a parking lot.

Just north of the proposed park is the historic St. Joseph's Cathedral. On the northeast corner of Fourth and Beech, the Gary and Mary West Senior Wellness Center is nearing completion.

Although converting the parking lot to a park would mean fewer places for cars, the development corporation has a new parking lot in the works — on the filled-in, paved-over site of the huge construction hole. Says Graham, "It may take a year or two for federal and/or state funding sources to be appropriated for new construction of affordable units. Staff will secure parking revenue/cost estimates from parking operators and return to the CCDC board for direction." ■

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root of the wall."

By Carolyn Grace Matteo
Sunday, March 21

Real Plugger

Gunman Fires Shots, Leads Cops on Car Chase

Escondido — On March 19 at about 6 p.m., an auto-theft suspect led Escondido police officers on a chase in which gunfire struck four police cars and the car of a passerby.

As a patrol officer attempted to question the driver in the 500 block of Rose Street, the driver fled and fired multiple rounds at police cars and a sheriff's helicopter that pursued him on southbound Bear Valley Parkway.

At Bear Valley Parkway and Craigmore Avenue, the suspect fired at a K-9 vehicle, damaging the front bumper and front tire. One bullet entered the windshield and went through an officer's shirt, nearly grazing the officer. The suspect's bullets missed an officer who was deploying spike strips and struck a citizen's car.

The suspect then entered a parking lot in the Westfield North County mall, where he was taken

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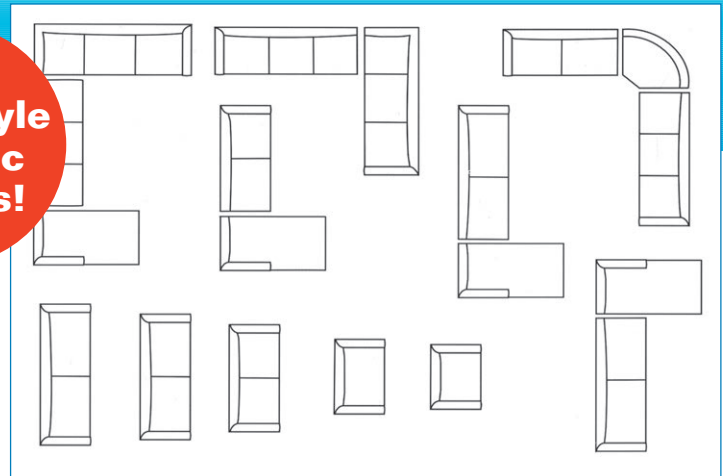


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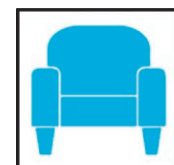
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into custody without incident. No officers were injured or fired their weapons.

By Craig Vansant
Sunday, March 21

Wigged Out

Police Catch Disguised Criminals in the Act
Fallbrook — Fallbrook sheriff's deputies have reason to believe they interrupted a robbery attempt on the morning of March 19. They responded to a radio call of a suspicious white female wearing a wig near the Fallbrook Towne Center strip mall.

The 46-year-old woman was hiding her face while sitting in a truck between a 40-year-old man and a 26-year-old woman. A plainclothes detective arrived first to watch what they were doing from the shopping center; four more deputies responded, and they made contact with the suspects.

"The wig looked somewhat like Marilyn Monroe's hair," said Sergeant Amy Brown of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. She added that it didn't match the paint-stained Dickies pants the woman was wearing or the baseball hat she wore over it.

The three people were unable to give a plausible explanation as to what they were doing when questioned. They told police they were in Fallbrook to clean a home. The wigged woman had a quantity of cocaine in her pants pocket, and the younger woman had a bottle of Vicodin that was not her own. Each wore two sets of pants, a strategy often used by thieves to change their appearance after committing a crime, according to the sheriff's department press release.

A shotgun was lying on the floorboard of the truck along with gloves and ski

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Toyota makes unplanned stop at Oceanside Albertsons

masks. The suspects did not admit to any type of plan, but it appeared they were going to rob one of the stores in the shopping center.

By Karina Hernandez
Sunday, March 21

Key Evidence

Burglars Drop Car Keys in Getaway, Caught
La Mesa — At approximately 1:40 a.m. on March 13, La Mesa police responded to an audible alarm at an Enterprise Car Rental on the 8400 block of Center Street. Police arrived to discover that the perpetrators had already fled the scene.

A set of keys was found at the location that did not belong to the business. Upon investigation, the keys were matched up with a vehicle that was parked near the site of the burglary. Police were able to link the keys and vehicle with potential suspects. That afternoon at around 12:30 p.m., two suspects were arrested during a traffic stop in connection with the robbery. La Mesa detectives identified the two suspects as brothers Jeffrey and Justin Gwin.

By Nathaniel Uy
Thursday, March 18

Runaway Toyota?

Car Rams Into Fire Hydrant, Grocery Store
Oceanside — On March 14 at around 3 p.m., a Toyota Avalon hit a fire hydrant in the parking lot of the

Albertsons grocery store at the intersection of Maron Road and Cannon. The fire hydrant was knocked off its base, sending a plume of water into the air. After hitting the fire hydrant, the car veered across the parking lot and rammed the front of the Albertsons store.

The plume of water could be seen from SR-78, a highway north of Albertsons, according to an eyewitness.

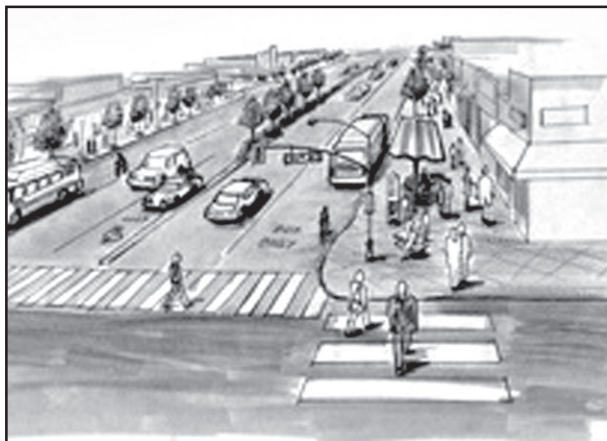
Emergency services that responded to the incident included City of Oceanside police, a fire truck, and water department personnel. None of the immediate responders would comment on the accident.

By Linda McKnight
Tuesday, March 16

Hunted

Beating Victim Escapes to Coffee Shop
Downtown — "Somebody please call 911!" shouted a middle-aged woman with blood running down her face as she burst into the Starbucks at 511 F Street on March 15 at 8:10 a.m.

I was in the upstairs loft when the woman came in crying and bleeding. After she calmed down, she told us that a man she knew who recently got out of jail was hitting her repeatedly until some of her neighbors came to see about the commotion. The interruption allowed her time to run down the street



University Avenue in North Park to become pedestrian- or bus-friendly?

to the nearby Starbucks, where we called authorities.

As we waited for police to arrive, we noticed a tall African-American man about 6'4" and 260 pounds across the street; he looked as though he was searching for someone. Soon he walked to just outside the Starbucks and looked into the shop through the glass.

Five police officers arrived in three squad cars. Witnesses identified the tall man standing right in front of Starbucks as the possible suspect. Police immediately arrested him with no struggle and took him into custody.

By Charles Alan Washington Jr.
Thursday, March 18

Applause and Concern

Lane Changes for University Avenue?

North Park — If you were in North Park in 2002, you might have gone to the University Avenue Mobility Plan meeting to find out how city planners, their consultants, and some community members thought University Avenue between Florida Street and I-805 could be "reconfigured" to make it more walkable.

The plan presented was to re-stripe University Avenue so that there would be a single lane in each direction for cars and one for buses. To make that work, all parking spaces eliminated from University Avenue would be located to "side streets,"

and some traffic lights and bus stops would be relocated.

Many people who attended the meeting applauded the plan; others had grave concerns. Neither side's opinion mattered because the plan went nowhere...until now.

The University Avenue Mobility Plan will be presented again at a meeting on March 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the North Park Rec. Center (4044 Idaho Street).

By Don Leichtling
Thursday, March 18

Suspects Street-Cornered

Deputy's Questioning Leads to Arrests

Fallbrook — A Fallbrook sheriff's deputy who encountered two people on a street corner discovered stolen items and burglary tools on March 16.

Deputy Andrew Brumfield stopped to question Vanessa Paredez, 27, as she stood outside of a parked car with Ivan Trujillo, 20, on the corner of Kalmia Street and North Main Avenue. Brumfield recognized Paredez from her prior contacts with the law and knew she was on parole with a fourth waiver.

"Paredez admitted to being in possession of marijuana," said lieutenant Phil Brust of the Fallbrook sheriff's substation. Brumfield also found her in possession of a stolen credit card. Trujillo had a stolen GPS device, which Brumfield recognized from a

robbery report he'd taken earlier. Trujillo also allegedly had tools commonly used to commit burglaries.

Trujillo and Paredez were subsequently booked into the Vista Detention Facility. Both suspects have bails set at \$20,000.

By Karina Hernandez
Thursday, March 18

Super Recruiters

No Answers for Superintendent Committee

San Diego — San Diego Unified School District's quest to find what will be their fifth superintendent in five years pressed on at the second meeting of the Superintendent Search Advisory Committee on March 18.

At the beginning of the meeting, Chief District Relations Officer Bernie Rhinerson went over the committee's responsibility to review and approve a job description, compose a discussion guide for the five town hall meetings, establish criteria to rate and review applications, and select the top seven candidates.

Shortly after he reviewed the "four key committee tasks," committee members began to voice concerns over the process. "I am incredibly frustrated," said committee member Norm Ryan. "I came here to do a job."

"Are we doing recruitment, or are we just doing advertising? Do you know the difference?" asked committee member John Stump of the process.

By the time the hour was up, little progress had been made. The committee did agree that meetings would be held every Thursday for three hours.

By Dorian Hargrove
Saturday, March 20

Southern Exposure

Man Wanders Away in Hospital Gown

Encinitas — At around 2:00 p.m. on March 14, a man

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in a hospital gown was stopped by sheriff's deputies at the corner of Santa Fe Drive and San Elijo Avenue. Two deputies talked with the man, all the while ensuring that his exposed backside faced away from passing traffic.

The deputies were alerted to his whereabouts after he had walked into a store across the street from Scripps Memorial Hospital, about four blocks east of San Elijo Avenue. The sheriff's department contacted the hospital and was told that the man had been seen by medical personnel and subsequently discharged.

Eventually, the man was placed in the back of a patrol car. A deputy on the scene said, "We're just trying to get him home safely."

By Ken Harrison
Wednesday, March 17

New Direction for Old Town

City Votes to Adopt Environmental Plan

National City — National City residents crammed into council chambers on Tuesday, March 16, for a meeting of the city council. An additional 40 residents sat in a lobby to watch the meeting on a large flat-screen TV. A majority of those in attendance wore turquoise tees with "Environmental Health Coalition" written in large yellow letters on the front. They were there

to support the certification of the final environmental impact report and adopt the Westside Specific Plan.

More commonly referred to as Old Town, the west side of National City has in recent decades become a "dumping ground for polluting industry and warehouses," according to the Environmental Health Coalition.

During the council meeting, staff outlined the initiative to improve the quality of life for Old Town residents by rezoning the area, restricting industrial business and high-rise buildings, and restoring it back to a residential neighborhood.

The majority of speakers, many speaking Spanish, urged the council to adopt the specific plan. Some gave details of their children's respiratory illnesses from breathing in asbestos particles and paint fumes.

Councilmembers unanimously agreed to adopt the Westside Specific Plan and accept the final environmental impact report. Applause from the crowd filled council chambers.

By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, March 17

Pray for Parking

School's Neighbors

Voice Parking Concerns

North Park — Driving through North Park near the intersection of 32nd Street and Redwood, a neighborhood resident slows his sedan down. "This is where the park-

ing problems start. This is all parking for St. Augustine High School," he says while pointing at full-size pickups and newer model sedans along the right side of the road. "It's like this for blocks."

Several neighbors of the private Catholic high school say parking problems have compounded in recent months. They say that by 7 a.m. cars are lined up bumper to bumper throughout the neighborhood. By 3 p.m. the students speed down residential side streets, leaving behind fast-food wrappers and Starbucks coffee cups where their vehicles were once parked.

Continuing down the street, my escort stops to talk to two neighbors who live a few blocks south of the school gates. He mentions the word parking, and one of the neighbors launches into a tirade. "I can't even park in front of my own house," says the scruffy man whose shirt had stains from drywall mud. "I'm retired and I work on my house. Most days I have to carry heavy materials a few blocks because they are blocking my driveway or parking in front of my house."

The men say they have called councilmember Todd Gloria's office and complained to school administrators, but nothing has been done to rectify the parking overload in the neighborhood.

On March 25, St. Augustine High School will host a neighborhood meeting to discuss parking and the next phase of the Saint Augustine expansion project.

By Dorian Hargrove
Monday, March 15

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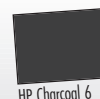
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Yellow Fellow

Nobody is that yellow. I liked the article on City Heights ("Changes in City Heights," March 18), but the yellow tone to the Asian section of the portrait on the front sucks. Come on.

Starr
Spring Valley

Back To Front

Love the cover image of the two girls...wait a minute...oops, sorry. I was looking at the ad on the back cover. Never mind.

Dan Adams
via email

Pooless And Quiet

While it's great to read an article which reflects the turnaround that much of City Heights has experienced since intense rebuilding and revitalization began a decade or so ago, I was taken aback by the parts which state that residents regularly have to avoid dog poop on sidewalks and that the library is noisy and overcrowded ("Changes in City Heights," Cover Story, March 18). She must have spent her time in a different section of City Heights than where I've lived for 11 years (and there are several), as I can't recall any encounters with said poo during my walks. As for the library, I use the beautiful two-story City Heights/Weingart Branch on the corner of Fairmount Avenue and Wightman Street, which certainly gets lots of use but remains quiet and orderly inside.

I don't doubt that she encountered what she did, but it's noteworthy that there are many neighborhoods

within this neighborhood.
Dan Reznick
via email

Cross Words

(1) Crappy cover "art." Put American Apparel ad on cover, bury cover "art" in backyard.

(2) Good job bringing in all the pot ads. Soon you'll be flooded with rehab ads too. Win-win. Know any good coke-crystal-heroin dealers too?

(3) Not getting the sweet smell of inspiration from Reader anymore. I'm whiffing the stale smell of desperation. That desperation is exemplified by hanging on to Barbara, I mean "Barbarella." Ooh, what an edgy name! What a dufus hipster. Hot? Kramer. Not? "Barbarella."

(4) With all the advertisements crowded around the articles, when I see all the pages I've turned it makes me feel like I've read a lot.

(5) The crossword puzzle was much more fun to do when you printed all the correctly completed and submitted entries. Does it really cost that much to put one more sheet of paper into the binder? Does it really?

Good luck!

Critter
via email

Missed The Mark On Marco

I was disheartened to read Don Bauder's recent article about Marco Li Mandri ("Too Much Conflict, Too Much Interest," "City Lights," March 4). I generally respect Don's writing and research, but this time I think he has missed the mark. I have known Marco for 15 years and worked with him as a Little Italy board member, property owner, and business owner.

When I bought a Little Italy office building at a foreclosure sale in 1992, the neighborhood was dismal. The homeless lived in abandoned buildings and camped in parking lots. An 18-unit apartment building across the street had been illegally converted to 40 single rooms, and multiple drug users shared each room; Little Italy's street gutters were loaded with trash. At that time, the

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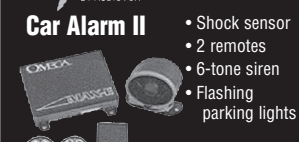
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The News You Won't Find Anywhere Else

Local Pastor Seeks Divorce Ban

Skyline Wesleyan's pastor Jim Garlow seeks to mobilize evangelical Christian community behind Prop 8.5; measure would protect marriage by outlawing divorce

"It's time to finish the good work we've started."

March 17, 2010: An ominous quiet has settled over America's marital battlefield, as both supporters and opponents of so-called "marriage equality" pause to await a ruling from federal judge Vaughn R. Walker on *Perry v. Schwarzenegger*, the suit that challenges the constitutionality of Proposition 8, California's voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage. But while pro-gay activists have turned their attention to the U.S. military's infamous "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy regarding homosexual servicemembers, pro-Prop 8 La Mesa pastor Dr. Jim Garlow is using the time to address what he regards as an even greater threat to traditional marriage: divorce.

"Of course, I'm opposed to gay marriage on principle," explains Garlow, who played a crucial role in rallying support for Prop 8 within the Christian community. "God established marriage between one male and one female at the very beginning, and human civilization is built on the foundation of heterosexual marriage. But seriously: even if gay marriage gets legalized, how many such marriages are we actually talking about? Not nearly as many as the no-fault divorces that routinely shred the fabric of the traditional family, I promise you that."

The State of California has not collected data on divorces since 1990, when it was ranked

19th in the nation, with 4.3 divorces per 1000 couples, slightly above the national average of 4.1. But commenter "glalltoad," writing in the Russian Brides Forum at *Fiance.com*, offered more recent data. According to "glalltoad," California's first-marriage divorce rate is 60.8 percent, well over the national average of 53.7 percent. Further, "glalltoad" notes that the state's second-marriage divorce rate is 80.8 percent, higher than the already high national average of 75.1 percent. And a 2005 report issued by the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University said that only 63 percent of American children grow up with both biological parents — the lowest figure in the Western world.

It is numbers like these that have spurred Garlow on to his new endeavor. According to the "Why Marriage Matters" page on Yes on 8's website (www.protectmarriage.com),

"Traditional marriage is the foundation of society, and has served our state well for centuries. California's constitutional marriage amendment exists to strengthen society, encourage monogamous and loving mar-



riages, and to provide the optimal environment to ensure the well-being of children." Further, *protectmarriagesd.com*'s "Ten Declarations for Protecting Biblical Marriage" goes on to state that "boys and girls need and deserve to have a daddy and a mommy who love each other and are committed to each other in marriage. ... The divorce rate is an abomination to God, a curse on the world and the nation, and is an anathema to us....

"There's a reason people used to have to go to Reno for their divorces, you know," adds Garlow. "It was tawdry and shameful, the kind of thing that required you to go to the kind of state that also offered legalized prostitution. But these days, you see ads for

quick and easy divorces on the sides of trucks parked in Mission Valley. Jesus was absolutely clear on the subject in Mark's Gospel: 'Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against

her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.... what God has joined together, let man not separate.' That's why I'm reinvigorating the Pastor's Rapid Response Team to rally behind Proposition 8.5, which would reverse the disastrous decision to allow no-fault divorce in California. It's not just about God's will. It's about the State's legitimate interest in protecting its own foundations."

According to the Salt + Light Council website, "The Pastor's Rapid Response Team was formed during the San Diego Billy Graham Crusade of 2003 as a way of uniting pastors to move quickly on issues of vital importance and in times of urgent need.... With a network of churches across California, the PRRT was actively involved in the successful battle to protect marriage in California."

Speaking from beyond the grave, former *Simpsons* cast member Maude Flanders expressed her support for the measure, crying, "Won't somebody think of the children?"



Pastor Garlow: No-fault divorces bigger threat than gay marriage

Pink Partisans Pursue Positive PR

New "Gays and Lesbians for Public Broadcasting" seeks to expand KPBS's "vital role in the LGBT community."

"Hey, Maureen Cavanaugh, have I got a story for you..."

CORNER BATHROOM STALL IN THE MEN'S ROOM AT URBAN MO'S BAR & GRILL, HILLCREST: The website for KPBS, San Diego's public broadcasting station, recently added a page under its "Give" button soliciting donations via the group Gays and Lesbians for Public Broadcasting (GLPB). According to the site, GLPB recognizes that "nowhere else on radio or television in San Diego can you find a more comprehensive and unbiased presentation of LGBT individuals, issues, and concerns," and so "works to strengthen awareness within KPBS of the issues that are important to the LGBT community and identify potential new programming opportunities." (Emphasis added.)

Such opportunities would naturally include the sort of programming supported by GLPB, including "timely coverage of cultural and historical events and issues that affect the LGBT community," "radio

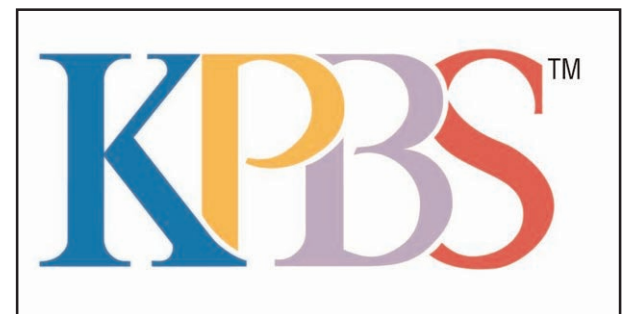
underwriting credits enter the realm of possibility. And at the \$10,000 Diamond Level, donors can simply tell KPBS reporters what they're supposed to say.

"We are delighted to begin what will hopefully be a long and fabulous relationship with our gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered neighbors in the LGBT community," said



KPBS's John Decker uses word "fabulous"

as a s p e c t s of a given community's activities it's wisest to highlight. This new partnership will go a long way toward taking the guesswork out of our reporting and will allow for the kind of 'user-generated' interactivity that has become the hallmark of emerging media



news reports important to the LGBT community," and "educational television shows for children and families."

And KPBS can learn just exactly what sort of cultural coverage, news reporting, and educational programming it should be looking into over cocktails and canapés with donors willing to shell out \$2500+ to join the Producers Club Gold Level. For \$5000+, donors can join the Platinum Level, at which point program

in the digital age."

Decker said that the GLPB had already pulled in a number of sizable contributions and promised to be "a smashing success, unlike our recently shuttered 'Truckers and Minutemen for Public Broadcasting' project. We thought they'd be a natural audience, given all the time they spend sitting near their car radios. But based on our response, I'm not even sure some of those guys listen to *All Things Considered*."

BACK WHEN *in the Reader*

Thirty Years Ago

I worked at a liquor store. We always had drifters and drunks that would hang out there. Well, I got to know one drunk named George. I dialed the pay phone when George was standing by it and he answered. I said, "Hello, George, this is God calling. Are you going to be good? Are you going to lay off the sauce?" When I described what he was wearing, he believed me. He came into the liquor store afterward, bought two quarts of Muscatel, and said, "I just talked to God."

— OFF THE CUFF: "HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED AN APRIL FOOL'S JOKE?" *Lin Jakary, March 27, 1980*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

It is true, of course that [Mia] Farrow has been coached to imitate Woody Allen's speech patterns (or what comes to the same thing, Diane Keaton's) to a creepy degree. But at the same time she has not been given that greedy monopoly on the wise wit and the witty wisdom that would mark her, as it always did Allen, a Superior Being. Anything but.

— MOVIE REVIEW: "FOR ONE WEEK ONLY," *Duncan Shepherd, March 28, 1985*

Twenty Years Ago

I must confess that although I was married, had two sons, acquired advanced degrees, and enjoyed an exciting career, I often defined myself in terms of my breasts. Whenever I saw Marilyn Monroe on the screen, I thought, *Well, she's got nothing on me.*

Three and a half years ago I came home from a swim, entered my bathroom sideways, and saw in the mirror that my skin sagged. I lifted my right arm. Immediately I saw the outline of a lump no larger than a pea.

— "SING AS YOU GO UNDER," *Eleanor Widmer, March 29, 1990*

Fifteen Years Ago

It's been 11 years since the Padres were number 1 at anything, but new owner John Moores tops the list of professional baseball team owners who contributed money to federal candidates or a national party com-

mittee. Quips James A. Barnes in the *National Journal*, "Club owners, who have pleaded collective near-poverty in their current labor dispute with the players, were

much more willing to reach into their pockets for gifts to the pols."

— CITY LIGHTS: "STRIKE THREE," *Thomas K. Arnold, March 23, 1995*

Ten Years Ago

Last year for my birthday, I got a babysitter and took myself to the Belissima Day Spa in Escondido for an hour massage. This year, I got a babysitter and took myself to my obstetrician's office for my 12-week visit. I am pregnant with my fifth child.

Before Christmas, we had a family

portrait taken. As I stared at the photo, I saw, in the way the children were arranged, a space on the floor between Johnny and Angela. *Room for another baby* came into my head like someone whispering over my shoulder.

— KID STUFF: "JACK GOT A MUCH BIGGER PRESENT THAN HE THOUGHT," *Anne Albright, March 23, 2000*

Five Years Ago

When U2 plays the Sports Arena on March 28, the venue will have a new name: the iPayOne Center — a discount real estate brokerage in Carlsbad that has agreed to pay \$2.5 million for a five-year name-rights license, with the City getting 10 percent. After that, if iPayOne still wants its name there, it will cost \$500,000 a year, again with 10 percent going to the City.

Councilmembers Jim Madaffer and Tony Young voted against the name change. Michael Zuchet, a councilman who voted for the name change, said, "Tony Young actually changed his vote. He said it was a mistake; he pushed the wrong button. He filed his change of vote with the city clerk the next day. Jim Madaffer voted for the deal in 2002 but against it in 2005, which doesn't make any sense, and I let him know it."

— BLURT, *Michael Hemmingson, March 24, 2005*

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP BY MATTHEW ALICE

Matt:

I've been laid off from two jobs, and I'm pretty tired of it all. Since I have so much time on my hands, I was sitting around thinking about where I could work that wouldn't lay me off. It seems that today the only people who have any money are banks. I'd probably have to start off as a teller, which means I probably would get laid off again, just because they have the power to do it, not because they can't afford to pay me. But if I owned my own bank, then I couldn't get laid off. Problem is, I don't know how to start my own bank. Is it even possible to do that? Where do banks come from? They seem to be everywhere, but I don't know how they start. Do you? Could I start my own? I don't have much money, but Obama probably would give me some since everybody else got some. It's either own my own bank or become an Avon lady if I don't want to be laid off again.

— Jobless Again, via email



package to the Department of Financial Institutions, wait for their okay, then start selling stock in the People's Bank of the People. Unfortunately,

that application package has to convince the banking commission that (a) you and your fellow board members have the business and banking savvy to make the business plan work; (b) your new bank will serve some unmet need in the financial marketplace; and (c) you have the ability to raise anywhere from 5 or 6 to maybe \$10 million to capitalize the Bank of the People.

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checker? Does your business plan involve competing head-to-head with Wells Fargo? When you open your wallet, do moths fly out, just like in the cartoons? Sorry. I really don't mean to stifle a man's ambition. If you look at the law, it's really not so hard to submit an ap, and it only takes a few months to get a thumbs up. But you'd better have your financial ducks in a row, and they'd better be wealthy and influential ducks.

Hello, Matthew:

I've always wondered about license plates with those little symbols on them. The stars and hands and hearts and stuff. Say somebody with a heart symbol on his plate is going 60 in a 30-mile zone. How do the cops call in that plate number to get information on the registered owner. Like, "1-8-5 little heart thingy..."?

— UR Fan, via email

Think big, that's the way, Jobless. No sense peddling blusher and lip goo when you can go straight to the source of all moolah. On the one hand, getting started on your First People's Bank of the People is easier than you might think. On the other hand, when you get down to hanging out your First People's Bank shingle, things stink, as usual. All roads lead back to Rome, and Rome was a pretty depressing place.

First step toward your career is to mosey down to your local federal government HQ with all the bad parking, head inside, grab a new-bank ap, and let 'er rip. Fill it out, send it in, and you're in the queue. There is an ap, available to anyone, to start your own bank. And thus ends the good news.

So, while you're filling out your address, cell number, that stuff, consider this question: \$500 is how much you spent on (a) your shoes or (b) your car. There's nothing in the law that says you need \$500 shoes to start a bank, but it wouldn't hurt if you hung out with that crowd — folks who own their own tuxedos and probably don't know how much a loaf of bread costs but do know the day rate for a chauffeur. After that, the paperwork isn't so bad.

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ThanQ, UR. But I always hate questions that make me call up some official place and have them sigh with complete exasperation then answer in words of one and two syllables, since anybody who would ask a question like that must be a simpleton. So, that's me. Idiot of the day down at the squad room. "Little heart thingy! Haw-haw-haw!"

So, we forget the humiliation. On to the facts. The custom-plate thingies (which donate money to various state charitable funds) are not at all part of a car's official plate. For legal purposes, pretend they're not there. So, if you go down to the DMV hankering for a personalized plate BITE (star) ME, and somebody else is already motoring around town with BITEME on his plates, you lose.

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fast break

By Anthony Gentile



Lincoln players count down the final seconds of their victory over Compton

Lincoln ousts Compton to advance to state finals

Posted March 21, 2010

With a berth in the Division II state finals on the line, Lincoln couldn't have started much worse against Compton. But the Hornets stormed out of the gates in the second half and never looked back, beating the Tarbabs 60-52 to advance to the state finals.

"We're all family, and you play your hearts out for your family," said Lincoln guard Norman Powell. "That's what we did — we bonded together as a family, put it all out on the floor, and came out with a win."

Accustomed to fast starts during their section and state playoff run, second-seed Lincoln (28-2) didn't do that against fifth-seed Compton (21-14). The Hornets shot only 17 percent (5-for-29) in a slow first half and trailed 28-22 at the break.

Instead of panicking or pointing the finger at each other in the locker room, Lincoln simply settled down. Lincoln head coach Jason Bryant said he asked his team to relax.

"There were some issues about how the ball felt — the ball was kind of new so it was slippery and it was kind of flat," said Lincoln head coach Jason Bryant. "I just had to make them understand that regardless of how the ball was or what the situation was that we still had to play."

After Compton scored on the opening possession of the third quarter, Lincoln picked up the pace to get back into the game. The Hornets' defensive pressure sparked a 16-4 run capped by a Nathan Maxey slam that gave them a four-point lead three minutes into the quarter.

"We played aggressive defense," Powell said, "and our offense took care of itself. That's how we gained the lead."

Said Compton head coach Tony Thomas. "They pressure you and pressure you until you crack."

Lincoln now has the chance to become the first Division II state champion from the San Diego section. The Hornets face Mountain View

Saint Francis (30-3) in the state finals on Friday at Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield.

Francis Parker falls to Price in regional finals

Posted March 21, 2010

Facing a squad that started three Division I college recruits in the Division IV regional finals, Francis Parker had its state-title hopes dashed. The Lancers kept up with talented Los Angeles Price for a half before falling 69-48 on Saturday at Ontario Colony High School.

In the first half, second-seed Francis Parker stuck with Price despite a size disadvantage. The Lancers played nearly mistake-free basketball while forcing seven Knights turnovers and trailed by five at the half.

After an even start to the third quarter, Price used their transition game to slowly pull away from the Lancers. Price's Montana State-bound point guard Casey Trujeque made a layup at the buzzer to give the Knights a 16-point advantage heading into the final quarter.

Francis Parker couldn't get any closer the rest of the way en route to a 21-point loss.



Lincoln guard Kevin Smith and Compton forward Anthony January both sky as Smith tries to put up a shot

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— EVE KELLY

Spring is here, and my own little chicks have been peeping at me for some real chicken-type chicks come Easter. And you know what? I could use the eggs.

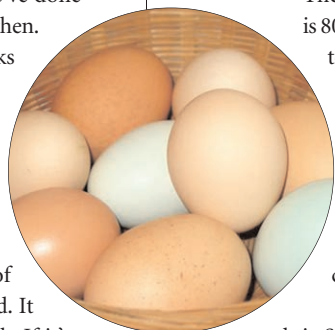
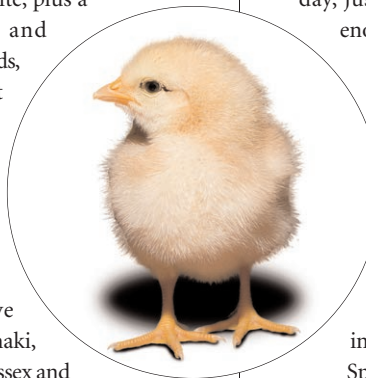
Jennifer at Country Feed Store in Vista (760-724-7310) rattled off her inventory: “Americana, Speckled Sussex, Gold or Silver Wyandottes, Rhode Island Red, New Hampshire Red, Black Beauty, Barred Rock, and Buff Orpington.” Colors range from yellow to black to red to white, plus a variety of speckles and stripes. Most of the birds, she said, would start laying eggs between six and eight months of age, and most of those eggs would be brown. But there were a few surprises.

“Americanas give blue, green, yellow, khaki, and pink eggs. The Sussex and Bard Rocks lay what’s called a tinted egg — too dark for white, not dark enough to be called brown.”

Country Feed Store prices its chicks by age. “For zero to six weeks, it’s \$5. After that the prices increase \$5 per six weeks. Most of the chicks we have right now are in the \$5 range, except for the Black Beauties, which are \$10 because they’re past six weeks old. The best time to get the chick is at five or six weeks because it’s still just \$5, and we’ve done all the feeding and care up until then. We usually don’t have any chicks past twelve weeks — they sell out.”

About that feeding and care: “We keep our chicks in a brooder house for three, maybe four weeks, then bring them outside into raised pens for a couple of weeks before they go to ground. It depends on the weather, though. If it’s warm, we might rush them through a little faster.”

Warmth is key. “If you’re starting with day-old chicks, you want to keep them at 95 degrees for the first week. After that you can lower the temperature about five degrees for each week of age. Month-old chicks could be kept at 75 degrees. You can monitor the temperature with a thermometer in their setup. The best thing is to have a container under a heat lamp, with the food and water near the edge of the heated area. The box should be big enough for the chicks to go under the heat if they’re cold and out from the heat if they’re too warm. You can watch them to see if you’ve got it right. They should be cruising around. If they’re huddled under the light,



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the setup is too cold. If they’re out from under the light all the time, it’s too warm. And when we move them out to the raised pens, we keep the lights on them at night and for part of the day, just to make sure they stay warm enough.”

Jennifer recommends medicated feed for the first six weeks (\$9.99 for a 25 lb. bag). “That’s a good amount for about six chicks. The medication helps prevent diseases when they’re young. Getting sick could kill them, or it could stunt their growth and interfere with egg production later in life.”

Speaking of disease, Jennifer mentions that the chicks “do carry germs because they walk in their poop and peck at it. So, kids can play with them, but you don’t want to put the chickens up to your face or kiss them. And make sure there’s a lot of hand-washing afterwards.”

As I said, I’m in it for the eggs — maybe one a day per chicken when everything is groovy. But I didn’t want a rooster running about and waking the neighbors.

“The ratio of pullets to roosters is 80/20,” says Jennifer. “At three to four weeks, the chickens start to find their voices, and that’s when it becomes really clear. We’ll take roosters back on a donation basis, depending on room and availability. Just call and check.”

Matt at Ranch Feed & Supply in Spring Valley (619-669-4720) tells me that he has Rhode Island Red and Buff Orpington chicks for \$3.99 each.

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Other vendors in town include Dave’s Family Feed & Pet Supply in Lemon Grove (619-462-3434) and East County Feed & Supply in Santee (619-562-2208). Call to check availability and varieties.

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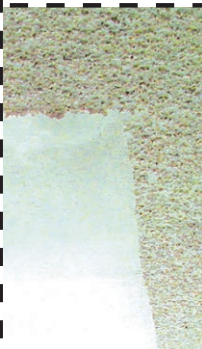


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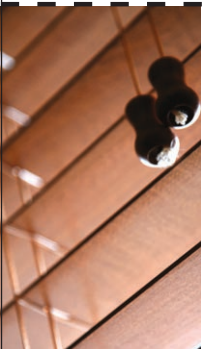


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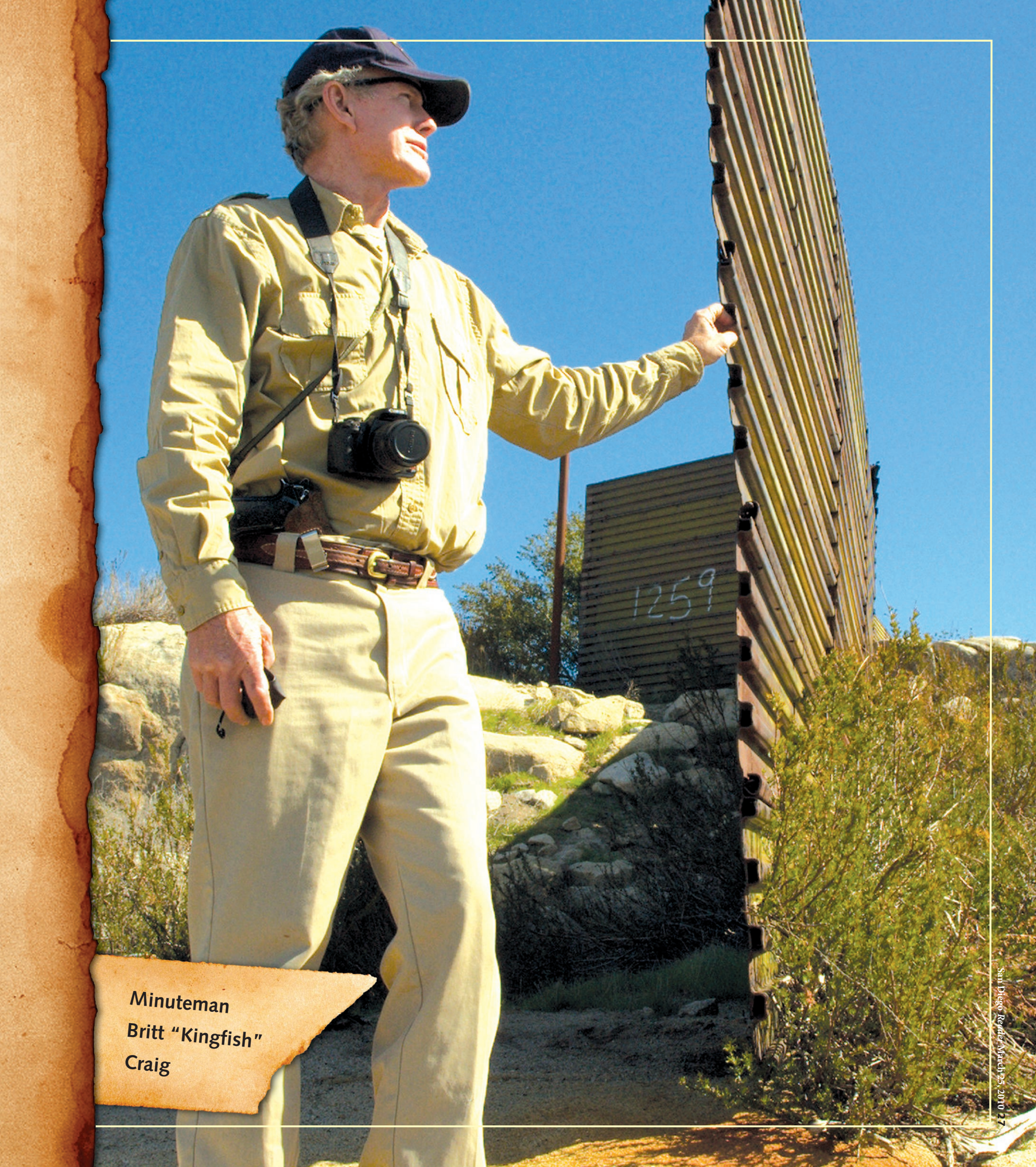
THE WILD WILD EAST

Vigilantes Patrol East County's Border Country

Brandon Stockwell, a film student at SDSU, climbs to the top of the border fence south of Campo and examines the rolling desert ridges of rural Mexico. The day is bright, the winter air clean and mild. Stockwell considers how the scenery will translate to film. Would black and white or color be more effective? And what about the soundtrack? Stockwell is exploring the prospect of producing a documentary on border policy as a school project.

A motorbike appears in a plume of dust on the American side, and the helmeted driver yells, "What's your citizenship?"

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Minuteman
Britt "Kingfish"
Craig

Before Stockwell can answer, a Border Patrol truck that's following behind skids to a stop, and the half-amused agent says, "Oh, never mind. You're definitely a gringo." The men vanish in a haze of dirt, and it occurs to Stockwell that he has just had his first encounter with a Minuteman.

The Campo Minutemen are a small group made up primarily of retired veterans who work in cooperation with the Border Patrol to prevent illegal

immigrants and drug runners from entering the United States. With the aid of night-vision binoculars, electronic sensors, and off-road vehicles, the Minutemen act as an extra set of eyes and ears. Most of them carry or at least own firearms. However, the Minutemen exercise a rule of noninterference with border crossers. Their function is to inform the agents of sightings and to let them take care of the rest.

The fence is made

from Vietnam-era corrugated-metal landing mat. It is easily overcome by a simple climb and a hop in a matter of seconds. Riddled with gaps and occasionally nonexistent, the fence is as porous as a cobweb, a veritable monument to futility.

The Minutemen camp sits near the fence a few miles down a dirt road off Highway 94. A handwritten sign reminds passersby to "WATCH BORDER" and "STOP illegal immigration." A generator

drones beneath an oak tree. Motion sensors leer from rusted fence posts. Several American flags,

appears desolate and run-down. Only four trailers remain, one of which is full of trash.

the rest of the Minutemen in a truck on a hilltop. To the other Minutemen he is "Kingfish,"

The local Border Patrol agents refer to him as "the Pirate" on account of the patch he wears over his left eye.

tattered and faded, flitter in the arid afternoon breeze. Once teeming with eager patriots answering a call to arms, the camp now

Stockwell gets in his silver sedan and follows the border road east. Rumor has it that a man lives out here somewhere, set away from

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“the Pirate” on account of the patch he wears over his left eye. But to Stockwell, the man assumes a mythic personage — he is an Obi-Wan Kenobi of sorts, a backcountry sage who roves the desert highlands alone, weathering cold nights and dubious circumstance.

The road is slick and steep. Stockwell’s car groans as it inches over a dusty hill. Chaparral, granite boulders, and the occasional roadside cactus dominate the expansive scenery. Border Patrol agents watch his progress, occasionally returning his timid wave, often stopping him to ask what brings him out here. They are alternately interrogative and congenial. Small talk is exchanged, but any questions make the

agents suspicious and aloof. If Kingfish is Obi-Wan, the Border Patrol agents are Imperial Stormtroopers. They are the ultimate authority in this no-man’s-land.

The new section of wall becomes visible, a towering, rusted monolith of vertical metal slats that extend at least 20 feet skyward and 6 underground. There is no climbing the new wall. Furthermore, the spaced slats allow the wall to be see-through while remaining impassable, a bitter slap to the jowls of potential crossers. But just a few hundred yards to the east, the new wall ends, giving way to a shoddy stretch of landing mat and old rebar.

A few miles out from the main camp, Stockwell spots him. Parked high up on a

vantage point beneath a power pylon, the truck occupies the best real estate around. Stockwell pulls over to the side of the road and makes his way through a maze of scrub brush and boulders, contemplating his intentions. What should he say? Will he be welcomed? Should he have brought some beer as a peace offering? Spare batteries as a thoughtful gift?

Stockwell crests the hill, and there he is, Kingfish, smiling and waving as if he’d been expecting Stockwell all along. A black dog bounds through the brush, smelling Stockwell’s hands. “Come on up,” Kingfish says. He stands tall in a plaid long-sleeved shirt and tan slacks, a nine-millimeter pistol tucked in the belt. A sticker in

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his camper window counsels, "If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you can read this in English, thank a soldier." Beneath a wool beanie, his good eye scrutinizes the guest with a mixture of warmth and curiosity. "What brings you out here?" Kingfish asks.

"Well," replies Stockwell, "I suppose I'm here to ask you the same."

Britt "Kingfish" Craig says he has long felt a deep-rooted sense of appreciation and respect for his country. As a young man, Craig went to Vietnam to defend the American way of life, the national dream forged and

handed down to him by his predecessors. Craig was wounded and given a medical discharge, but his sense of duty remained strong. While living in St. Augustine, Florida, in 2002, Craig ran for a seat in the state's House of Representatives on behalf of the Libertarian Party. He received 11 percent of the vote.

Encouraged by his success, Craig considered running again but found a more immediate means of defending the dream in April 2005 at a Minutemen gathering in Arizona. Over 600 vigilantes showed up for the meeting at the border south of Tombstone. In June, Craig and sev-

eral others relocated to Campo, where for months they contended with student demonstrators who accused them of being racists and over-the-hill eccentrics. As time went by, the fervor of both protestors and fellow Minutemen fizzled out.



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Now Craig is one of only a handful left in Campo. He sees his time on the border as a way of completing his term of service to the American people, cut short years ago by the loss of his eye.

"I believe in all my heart that we have the all-around better society here in the United States," says Craig. "The idea that somebody born in Mexico City can have the birthright of

someone born in Los Angeles or Anniston, Alabama, just isn't right. It isn't theirs. It's ours."

Craig recalls the day last summer when agent Robert Rosas was killed in the line of duty. Rosas had been parked about 50 yards from Craig's truck on the evening of July 23, 2009. They had exchanged small talk and joked about Craig's aggressive Chihuahua.

"Agent Rosas told me they were tracking

four people," Craig relates. "I walked back to my truck and, just out of the force of habit, scanned the border with my optical device. I saw two people standing just inside the wall. One pointed up at me. I instinctively shied away because I knew I was being silhouetted in the sunset. So I ducked down behind the truck and tried to reacquire them visually, but when I ducked, they ducked. I saw them for about a second and a half. I will always regret not sitting there for about five seconds and describing them to myself. That's how you remember, you know. 'Blue pants, red coat.' But I walked up to Rosas's truck and said, 'I think I may have seen a couple of your guys down there.' And Rosas said, 'That's okay. The scope truck's got them.' As he started away I jokingly asked him, 'You sure you don't want to take the attack Chihuahua with you?' And he said, 'Sure, throw it in the back of the truck. We're going to catch these guys. I'll come back and tell you about it.' And that's probably the last thing he said person-to-person to a human being. He drove off over the hill."

This was at 8:40

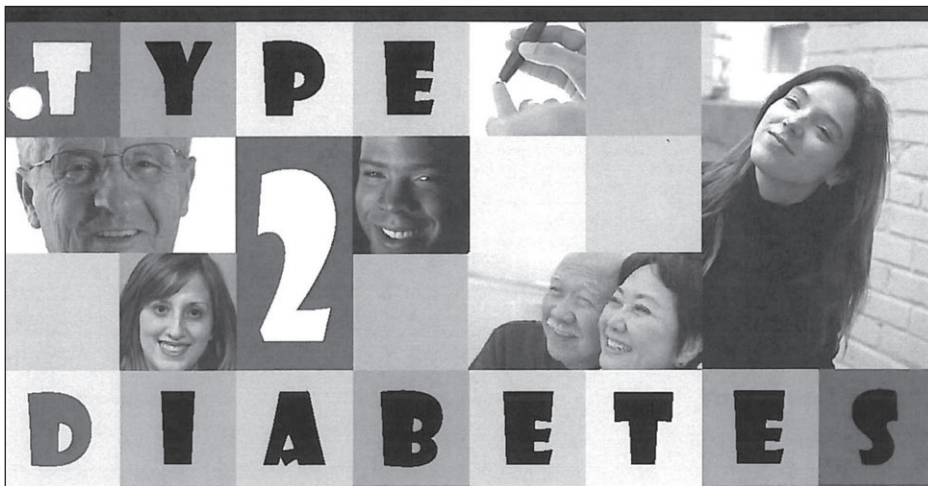
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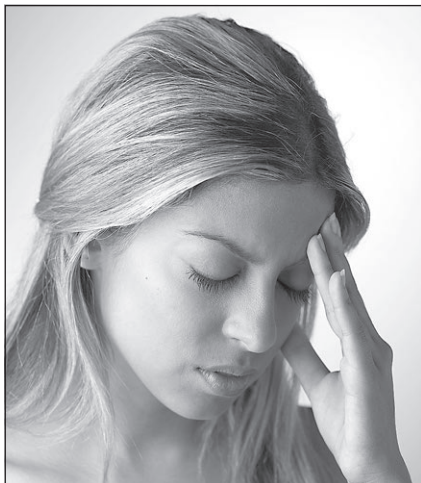
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p.m. Around 8:53, Craig heard four spaced gunshots followed by four fast shots. He made the call within two minutes.

"I told them, 'I'm not sure if it's on the American side or just over the border.' A truck got down there about five minutes later. And then, you've never seen so many vehicles and helicopters out here in your life.... It was quickly discovered that Rosas's gun was missing."

The police began a manhunt for the person who had Rosas's stolen pistol and soon found a suspect. The incident was the first on-duty slaying of a Border Patrol agent in ten years.

"[The police] came up with this fat, dreary guy with a big old beard

[Ernesto Parra Valenzuela, 36]," says Craig. "A gangster. He looked like the drunk from *The Andy Griffith Show*. He's holding a nine-millime-

turned over on the condition that he couldn't face capital punishment. The fact that he was 17 at the time of the killing gave him protection.

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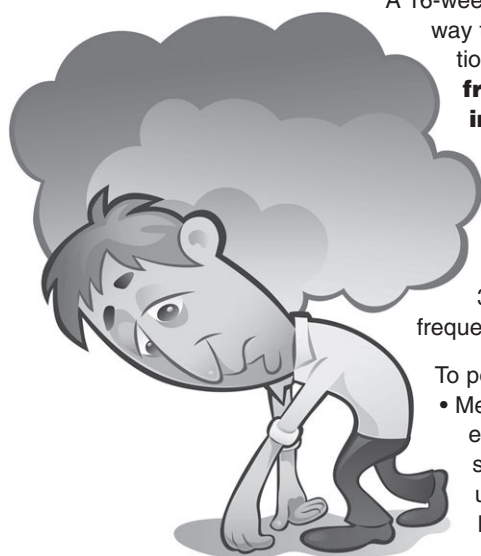
ter Beretta in this supposed police lineup; you know, because everyone goes to a police lineup holding a gun. Most agents carry a Beretta, but Rosas had a different pistol. So they tried [to pin him as a suspect], but that one didn't fly.

"Then they came up with this kid who the government of Mexico

They tried to say [the perpetrators] were trying to strong-arm rob agent Rosas. Now, [the perpetrators] didn't have a weapon. Agent Rosas was in uniform, so he wasn't going to have much money on him anyway. Being a Border Patrol agent, he was guaranteed to be less than 55 years old, in good shape, and armed.

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The kid claimed he was with some people, but he didn't know who they were. If you are planning to rob an armed Border Patrol agent, you're going to know the people with you. I know three or four of the true killers are still out there."

In November, Christian Daniel Castro Alvarez pleaded guilty to murdering Rosas during an attempted robbery. He is expected to face life in prison.

But the official story that Rosas was engaged in a typical foot pursuit at the time of the shooting doesn't ring true with Craig. "One of the revealing things about the Rosas killing that doesn't make sense is that he didn't close the door of his truck. Whenever an agent gets out to track somebody,

they always close and lock the door. He must have responded to something disturbing or critical real fast. He wasn't tracking anybody in the normal sense of the word."

Such activity is in accord with much of what Craig has observed in his four and a half years on the border.

"I've seen people who come to the border, stooge around, and I have photos of very similar-build people [as the ones spotted the day of the shooting] fooling around the border after the incident. I don't know what they're doing. Many people are out here doing things that don't make any

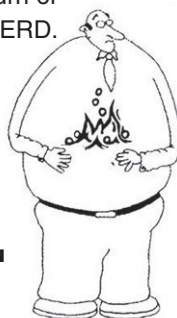
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economic sense. These people may very well have come over to hijack an agent just to show that they could. It makes no economic sense, but it makes great political sense. It would show that they could terrorize the U.S. police the same way they terrorize the Mexican police. Last week there were five people who crossed over and went directly to agent Rosas's memorial cross. They never did anything to make any money. They had a different motive. And I believe that motive is something political — minor-league guerilla incursions against the law."

A few years ago, Craig spotted a group of about 15 people dressed in black with red ban-

dannas. "Probably they weren't real Zapatistas, but they were wannabe Zapatistas. And they weren't making any money. They were entering the United States illegally in what amounts to revolutionary rebel uniforms. For practice? I don't know. For thrills? I don't know. But I believe there is a political motivation. And I think [the political motive] makes a lot more sense than the idea of trying to strong-arm rob an officer of the law. Maybe they are trying to get some sort of overreaction from the Border Patrol. The worst case of Border Patrol antagonism I've seen is when about 40 people from the Mennonite Church over there crossed the border

and had a wedding. Sometimes people throw feces at the Border Patrol from across the fence. It's not going to make you any money. It's not classic criminal activity. Throwing rocks at an armed man? Robbing an armed man? Dressing like revolutionaries and crossing the border? It makes no sense economically. It's a real assault on the border — trying to destabilize the border to the point where it doesn't exist.

"If they only wanted to rob agent Rosas, they didn't need to shoot him once in the neck and three times in the back of the head. It was an execution. The whole thing looked like a setup in order to kill somebody. The fact that five

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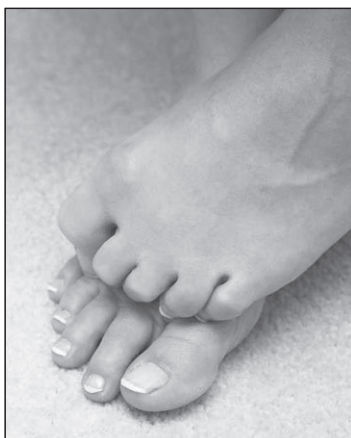
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people came across about ten days ago, went directly to the monument, and got chased off tells me something more is going on. It's provocation. It's been going on in one way or another ever since I got out here." This type of activity accounts for about half of the movement Craig observes on the border.

Craig bears no ill will toward the men and women who enter the country illegally. He

acknowledges that he would do the same were he in their situation.

"Anybody is going to try to better themselves. Anybody is going to try to feed their family. But that doesn't make it right."

Because illegal immigrants are often willing to work for a fraction of what U.S. citizens will work for, Craig contends, entire industries are hurt, putting Americans out of work. Furthermore, ille-

gal immigrants are subject to mistreatment ranging from being overworked and underpaid to not being paid at all.

"What's he going to do?" asks Craig. "Call the cops? Just as bad as you want to be is how you can treat him. And that has screwed up the deal for everybody in the country."

With a furrowed brow, he takes a long look at the expanse of land south of the fence.

To the untrained eye, both sides appear identical — sparsely populated, serene, picturesque. But Craig's singular vision perceives that subtle branding that separates north from south. Craig's American dream ends at that wall. It butts up against it and goes no further. The dream that some semblance of decency and goodwill should circulate among the common psyche, the dream that young men and women

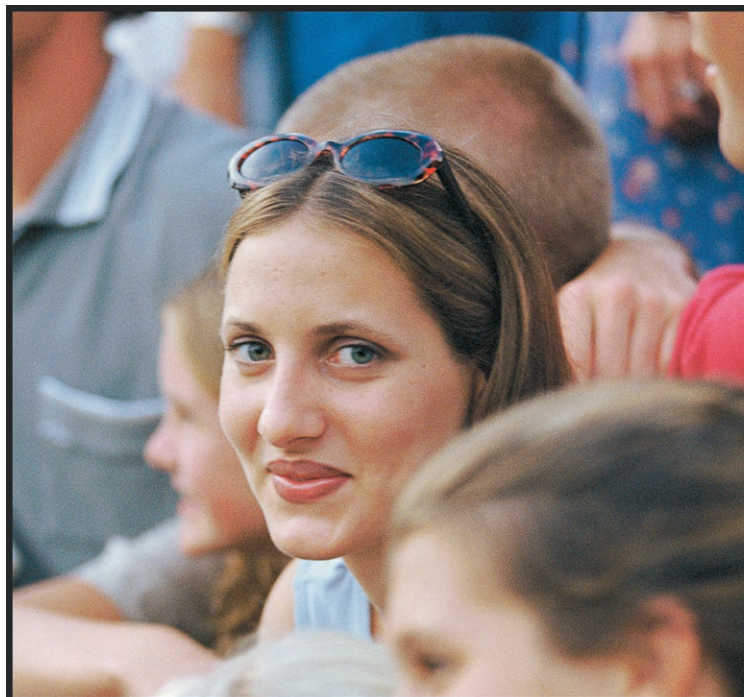
should be allowed to grow up in a safe society ruled by temperance and reason, the dream that hard work is rewarded with fair pay and everyone who exerts an effort gets what he needs to pursue his happiness — this dream belongs to us, Craig knows, provided we are willing to claim it as our own.

"I don't wish recession upon the American economy," he says finally, "but I've had a

wonderful time all my life, and I've seen a lot of drunks. Throwing them in some cold water is good for them. This may be the sobering moment America needs to come to its senses."

With the recession, Craig has observed a marked difference in the demographics of illegal border crossers. As recently as a year ago, it was common to see large groups being led by coyotes, professional

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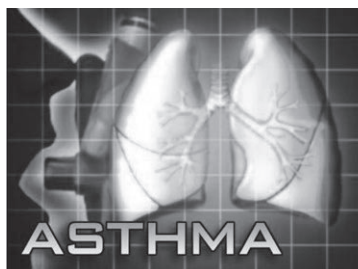
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guides. Illegal immigrants pay as much as \$4000 each for a coyote's services. Most crossers seek employment in the United States because they don't have much money in the first place. In fact, an April 2006 report from the Public Policy Institute of California, a nonpartisan research group, found that minimum wages in the United States are about ten times higher than in Mexico. Families in Mexico are often held as collateral until the coyote's fee is paid. As a result, illegal immigrants effectively become indentured servants to their guides.

"Every once in a while," Craig relates, "you'll hear stories about families getting snuffed because of that."

Now, as work becomes difficult to find and maintain even for native-born American citizens, the risk of crossing is too high. Craig sees few groups of potential workers crossing these days. Instead, he sees an increased number of mules, single crossers carrying large packs stuffed with drugs.

Craig relates an incident involving two Mexican men who wandered into the Minutemen camp one evening. They looked anxious but not afraid. They were given chairs, coats, and cans of soda as they waited for the Border Patrol to arrive. Eventually, they were taken away, and the Minutemen considered it a job well done. Later, the Border Patrol told the Minutemen that the men's shoulders had blistered red spots where their heavy packs had been.

"They were tired,

and they didn't want to walk back to where they came from," says Craig, "so they turned themselves in to get a meal and a shower, see if there

men whom Craig once watched remove a section with an oxyacetylene torch and drive their pickup across the border with 900 pounds of

Craig sees an increased number of mules, single crossers carrying large packs stuffed with drugs.

were any girls in the holding pens, and get a free bus ride back into Mexico."

In fact, the border fence was never intended to keep out foot traffic. Put up in the early '90s, the fence was meant to act as a vehicle barrier. But that didn't deter the

marijuana.

"Drugs are still selling pretty well, apparently," Craig says.

The sentiment is echoed by Mike Streenan, owner of the Potrero General Store, located ten miles west of Campo. "I haven't seen an illegal in probably

RESEARCH STUDIES

Does your child like to play video games?

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This study is being conducted under the direction of Dr. Greg Norman, PhD, Principal Investigator, Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, University of California, San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, Dept. 0811, La Jolla, CA 92093. Phone: 858-534-9333

This study is funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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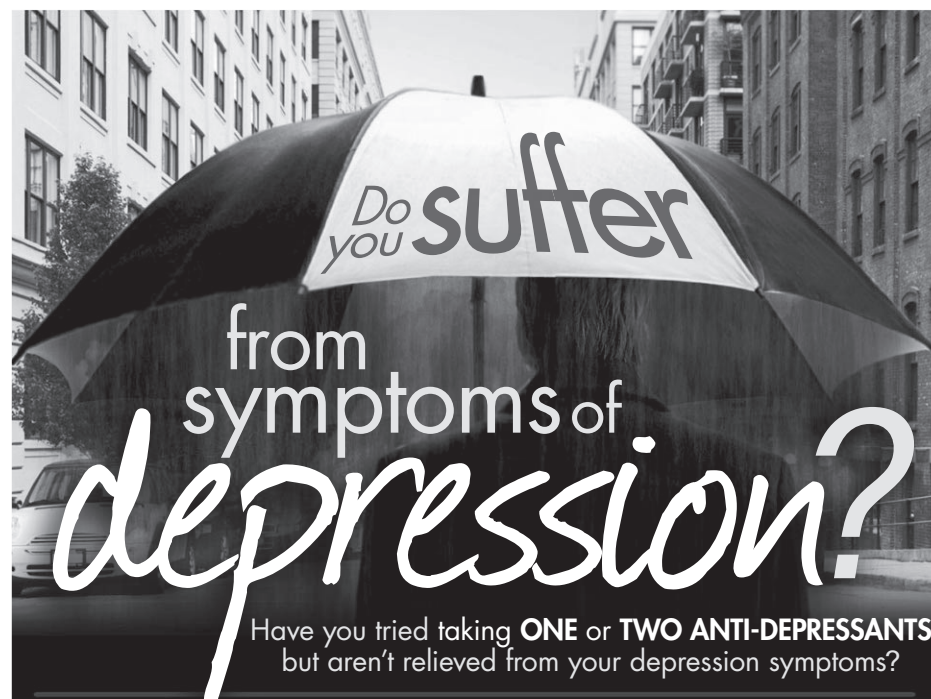
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three months," he says. "All you have anymore is the cartels moving the drugs."

Streenan moved to Potrero six years ago. In search of a simpler life, he found the actualization of his dream in what he calls "the greatest place on earth." Potrero circa 2004 was a haven of sorts, set apart from the bustle of the city, a place where nobody worried about things like crime, seat belts, or expired vehicle registrations. The town of roughly 900 inhabitants was quiet and self-contained. Everyone minded his own

business.

Then in the fall of 2008, the Department of Homeland Security granted the San Diego County Sheriff's Department \$5.5 million for the purposes of "reducing border-related crimes and helping secure our borders by a strong, visible, proactive presence in local communities impacted by the border." The result was that five new sheriffs began patrolling Potrero and, Streenan says, doing little more than harassing locals for petty violations.

"They have to get

money because this state is broke," he says. "The one cop we used to have didn't really write tickets because he dealt more with domestic disputes. Now the cops are constantly on the road pulling cars over all over the place."

Similarly, the Border Patrol has done its share to spoil the ambience of East County by causing delays, interrogating passersby who are obviously American citizens at a Highway 94 checkpoint east of Jamul. The arrangement has transformed Streenan's backcountry

paradise into what he describes as a "maximum-security prison."

"When they ask where I'm coming from, I tell them, 'I'm coming from heaven and going to hell,' because I'm going to the city," Streenan says with a grin. "They're only supposed to ask about citizenship. But they ask very irritating things like we're in prison now."

To exacerbate the situation, the prevalence of drug runners in the area has created a climate of mortal fear among locals. Rumors of corruption within the ranks of the Border Patrol have

made many locals hesitant to report suspicious activities, lest they attract the attention of the Mexican cartels.

"[The authorities] can get paid off and come through here and shoot me down," Streenan says. "I'm out here in the public. I don't want to get killed. So you just don't tell anybody anything. You don't want to get blown away. Tell the wrong person, and you're going to die."

Streenan says he started noticing fewer illegal immigrants in his store and using the pay phone out front about

eight months ago. "There's no reason for them to come anymore," he says. "There's no work, just the drugs. And that's dangerous."

He puts the burden of responsibility on lawmakers, saying it's the demand for Mexican drugs that allows the situation to exist. "They need to legalize it or do something to end this," he says. "It's not like they're all smoking weed down there in Mexico."

Many locals blame illegal immigrants for starting the 2007 Harris fire, which ignited just outside town and destroyed half the trailer

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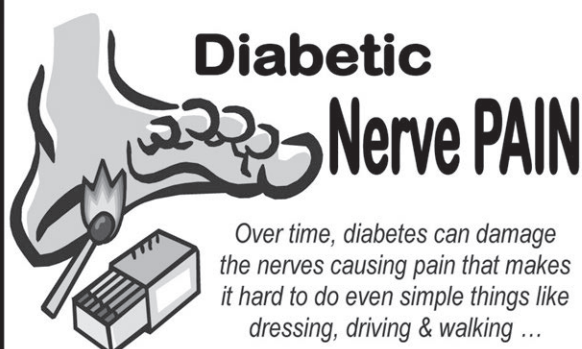
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park as well as several houses. The trailer park used to be full of tourists who would stay for a day or two before heading down to places like Mulegé or Loreto, in Baja California Sur. But tourists have been scared away from Mexico by the violence, Streenan laments, which means a gap in his annual income.

"Business is down probably about 42 percent a day," he says. "I mean, everything is just gone."

According to a report from the Public Policy Institute of California released in June 2008, California was home to approximately 2.8 million undocumented immigrants in 2006. While acknowledging that the figures can

only be estimated, the report states that a quarter of the nation's illegal immigrant population resides in California, making up 8 percent of the state's population. However, illegal immigration is on the decline in the state, increasing by roughly 50,000 per year at the time the report was written compared to 100,000 per year in the 1990s. About 1 in 11 workers in California is an illegal immigrant.

"Two-thirds of California adults think that illegal immigrants should be allowed to apply for work permits that would let them stay and work in the United States," says the report. Seventy-two percent of Californians believe that "most illegal immigrants who have lived and

worked in the United States for at least two years should be given a chance to keep their jobs and apply for legal status." Only 25 percent would like to see them deported.

Reflecting the observations of Craig and Streenan, the institute's April 2006 reports says, "When our economy is strong, illegal immigration increases. Inflows declined with the downturn of the U.S. economy in the early 2000s."

However, challenging the oft-cited argument that undocumented laborers lower the working wage for everybody in a given industry, the 2006 report finds that illegal immigrants "have little effect on the wages and employment of U.S.-

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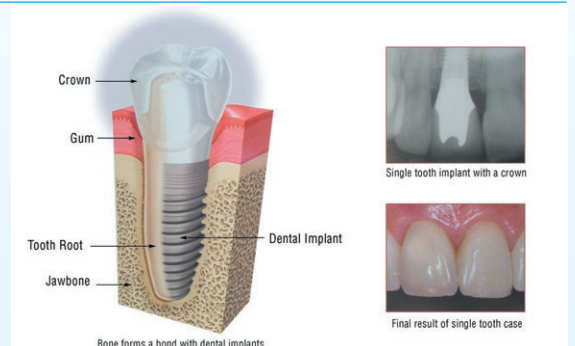
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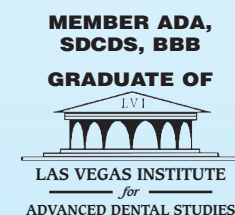
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born workers. Such effects are felt most by low-skilled U.S. workers," to the tune of about a 4 percent decrease in life-long earnings for men without a high school diploma.

Ironically, increasing border security, the report finds, increases the number of illegal immigrants residing in the United States. As the border becomes more difficult to cross, many cyclical crossers are staying in the United States for longer periods of time, if not permanently.

But illegal immigration is only part of the problem. According to some, the U.S. immigration system is flawed to the point of crippling the economy.

For the past 25 years, Steve Scaroni has run a

lettuce and leafy greens farming operation out of Heber, a town in the Imperial Valley. Ninety-nine percent of his 1000 or so employees are people born outside the United States. Nonimmigrants, Scaroni says, simply will not do farmwork.

"American nonimmigrants don't raise their children to be farmworkers. Farmworkers don't raise their children to be farmworkers."

Scaroni estimates that 60 percent of his employees are documented immigrants. Forty percent are nonimmigrant foreign workers. An H-2A visa allows foreign nationals to work in the United States for a predetermined length of time. Costly, time-consuming, and process-

intensive, according to Scaroni, the H-2A application procedure is "the process from hell." He tolerates it, however, because it is the only way he can staff his operation. "There are simply not enough legal workers in the country to do the work that needs to get done," he says.

Four years ago, fed up with the bureaucratic shuffle of H-2As, it was Scaroni who hopped the fence. He opened a sister farm in Guanajuato, Mexico, where his workforce costs a quarter of what it does in this country. After shipping and charges imposed by Mexico, his costs are on a par with his U.S. costs, but across the border he has no problem finding workers who are dependable, motivated, and

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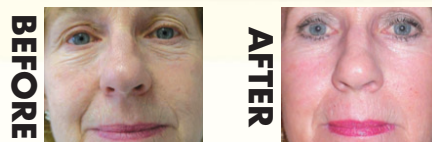
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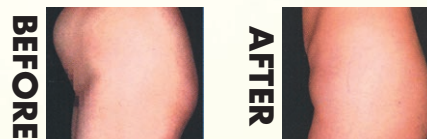


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legal. Scaroni is baffled by the absurdity of having to outsource his business to another country, calling the current U.S. policies "asinine."

"U.S.-consumed vegetables and farm products will be produced by [foreign laborers]," Scaroni says. "The question for the U.S. is, will they be [foreign laborers] working in the U.S. on U.S. farms or [foreign laborers] producing U.S.-consumed vegetables in Mexico and third-world countries."

Scaroni points the finger at policymakers who, he believes, fail to recognize the need for legal foreign labor in the United States.

"I'm as conservative as they come," Scaroni says, "but I blame a lot of

it on the Republican dinosaurs like Duncan Hunter who don't understand the reality of today's workforce, production agriculture, or the dysfunction of our immigration system."

Scaroni says he won't be pushing any further growth in his U.S. operation until foreign-worker policies improve.

"The only way we are going to keep agriculture, especially vegetable production, viable in the U.S. is to have a practical guest-worker program to bring [foreign laborers] in legally," Scaroni says. "We are not making new farmworkers in the U.S. People simply won't do it."

Money, Scaroni says, is not the issue. He could pay double the wage he offers in the United

States and still come up short-handed. "We're not going to get the crops harvested and the farms farmed without imported legal [foreign laborers]," Scaroni stresses. "We need to compete globally. People need to get realistic about what it is they want."

Back in the hills of Campo, beneath the crackling of high-tension power lines, the buzz of Border Patrol quads in the distance, Britt "Kingfish" Craig — the ultimate frontier, the last vanguard of the dream — nods to the setting sun in concurrence. "Give everybody a work permit, and let them leave when the permit expires," he says. "That's fine with me." ■

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Tijuana Bars, New Hours

Tijuana's municipal police force recently began cracking down on the hours that bars can stay open. By law they

should close at 2 a.m. and not open again until 10 a.m.

These hours were routinely ignored or circumvented. Clubs that were willing to pay could stay open longer. If I recall correctly, this "pay to stay open longer" policy was implemented by a previous administration. Some clubs just ignored the rules completely and advertised that they were open 24 hours.

On the day that the raids took place, I was on my way to work and passed through *la cahuila*. The police were massed in front of the Hong Kong Bar and had both ends of the street blocked. If I'm not mistaken, the Hong Kong Bar



often advertised in certain San Diego publications that they were open 24-7. A recent article in *La Frontera* said that many local business people favored the enforcement. They are entitled to their

opinion, but so are the women who work in the clubs. Since nobody bothered to ask them, I figured somebody should.

Here is how the hour enforcement



Author: John Edward Rangel
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Editor's note: This is the winner of February's \$100 third-place prize for our monthly neighborhood-essay contest.

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affects them. Since 2 a.m. to 10 a.m. is an eight-hour period, it's basically a work shift. The women who work the clubs are paid a *sueldo* (daily pay). In most clubs, it's about 80 pesos per shift. In order to qualify for their earnings they must check in with the *gerente* (manager), who jots down their name and time of arrival. After putting in an eight-hour shift, they "check out" and are paid their *sueldo*. They can also cash in their *fichas* at this time. The *ficha* is a percentage they receive from each beer that a customer buys from them. Most bars have a *ficha* scale.

Many women worked these hours, for various reasons. Some live in remote parts of the east side where bus routes (the cheapest form of transportation) stop around 11 p.m. and don't start up until 5 or 6 the next morning. By working through these hours, they eliminate the need to either rent a room from the club or pay for an expensive taxi ride. These women make much less than the dancers and sex-service workers, yet they still must possess a valid worker's ID. This is obtained from a medical clinic. The card must be renewed monthly, which is when the women are checked by the female doctors who work there. The *ficheras*, as they're known, pay the same amount for their card as do the dancers and sex-service workers. Other women work these hours because their husbands are employed on graveyard shifts and don't know what their wives do. Many of these women are *ficheras* because they don't have to strip or have sex. Then, most sad of all, there are those women who are addicted to drugs. I have noticed that meth is the pre-

ferred drug for many of these women. Like many drug addicts that I've known, they like to keep "vampire hours."

Those that can have shifted their hours to the earlier time slots, a

time when there are already other girls working the room. It means more ladies competing for fewer clients in fewer hours. At least one club manager I know of intends to take

advantage of this situation by requiring the women to make five *ficha* instead of three to raise their base pay. Talk about kicking a person when they're down!

What I can see hap-

pening is that as the women will become more desperate to pay their rent and feed their children, they will turn to other forms of making money...not all of them legal. My fellow

Tijuanense RG has posted that he thinks the situation will eventually go back to how it's always been. I know that many women working the clubs hope he's right. ■

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My hometown, Nevada City, has a diverse mix of inhabitants. The aging hippies, who still adorn themselves in Birkenstocks and loose-flowing clothing, are still around. These are the true activists who

attended Woodstock and anti-war protests during Vietnam and who were part of the back-to-the-land movement. These hard-core activists tolerate the younger generation of Greens with nose rings,

dreads, and babies swathed in soft cotton, hanging like little monkeys from their bodies.

I loved growing up in a beautiful, small town like Nevada City, but I also yearned for a place where

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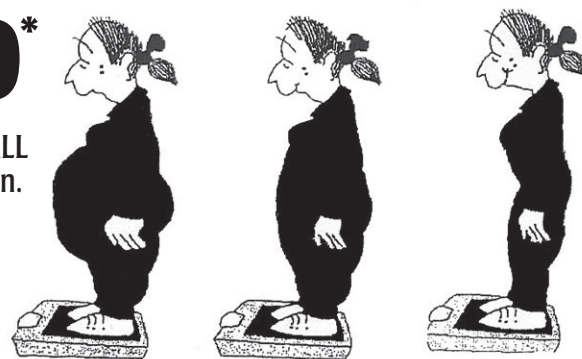
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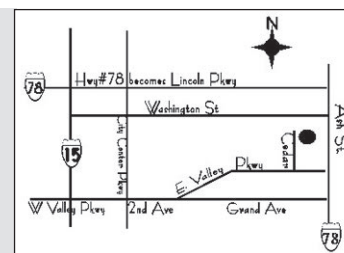
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no one knew my name, my family history, or my shoe size. I wanted the anonymity of a big city, with plenty of distance and more sunshine.

I'm done with Nevada City! I decided on my 16th birthday. *Done.* Two years later, after graduating from high school, I packed up my trusty Honda Civic and drove 85 mph toward San Diego.

"I've found us a great place," my boyfriend, also from Nevada City, had told me. He'd found a job in San Clemente a few months prior and had volunteered to secure us a place before my arrival.

My boyfriend was older. He was smart, funny, and very sweet, but the man had zero street smarts. His idea of finding a house was clicking on the first ad he saw on Craigslist and viewing it with the enthusiasm of a four-year-old seeing a new bicycle on Christmas morning.

Instead of living in the posh, serene community of San Clemente, he found us cheaper housing in what he called "The O'Side."

"It's dirty here," I commented on our first day in Oceanside. "There are condoms all over the roads and flower pots are filled with trash." It was not the sunny, happy San Diego that I had pictured.

"This place is great," he told me. "There's a Jiffy Lube across the parking lot and a Ralphs within walking distance." But it took only a few days before his vision cleared.

The location of our new apartment filled me with dread. In the small, gated complex, steps away from Interstate 5, I unpacked my things. The grey carpet felt dirty on my bare feet, and the broken blinds that covered our sliding door cut off the only source of light in the studio apartment.

The man who lived beside us ordered hookers like pizza, and that, coupled with his habitual drug abuse and middle-of-the-night electric guitar, made life hell.

The atmosphere of downtown Oceanside was no better. Gangs and the

military roamed the streets, and though I had craved something diametrically opposed from my hometown, this wasn't it. Gang shootings and packs of drunk, horny soldiers weren't all that homey.

The two of us would hide out in our apartment, watching cartoons late into the night, searching for any semblance of innocence that we could find. If we did venture out, it was always down to Ocean Beach, where the

streets flowed with bikini-clad girls riding beach cruisers.

Over the next year, I visited places all around San Diego. Though many of them were beautiful, they never felt like home. But it was in

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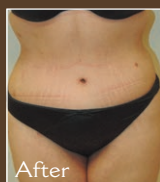
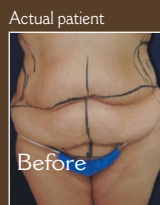
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the rock shaped like a moose, drive past the ridge, and then follow the wildflowers until you see my teepee." Back home, marijuana and hip-pies grow wild.

The tree-huggers of Nevada City take their hip-pieness to the extreme by living off of the land, building treehouses, and snubbing their noses at The Man. (In O.B., there are also people who are obsessed with recycling and who sleep under the night sky — but here, we call them homeless.)

"Silly liberals, paychecks are for workers!" is a bumper sticker seen on many of gun-toting Nevada County Republicans' SUVs. These deer-hunting folk tend to believe that homosexuality is a disease; they add a certain *je ne sais quois* to the mixing pot of Nevada City.

"Left is Right" stickers are usually plastered on Volvos, in stark contrast to the conservatives' jibes. It is

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At my house, my dad's sweat lodge was a constant and unwelcome lesson on anatomy. I learned from an early age the affect that gravity has on the aging human body.

During these sweats, my friends and I would climb up the ladder from the basement and gently lift up the trap door that led into the house. This gave an excellent vantage point for the designated scout to peer into the living room and see if the coast was clear.

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When I first got my driver's license, I drove a yel-

low Toyota pick-up. It was fairly distinctive, resembling a lemon that someone had drop-kicked, stepped on, and left in the dirt. Excited to be in the car all alone, I drove to the local grocery store. I decided to take a shortcut. But as I was driving against the designated arrows of the small parking lot, the keen eye of a fellow shopper followed my every move.

While in the store, my cell phone rang. "Do you know what arrows mean?" my dad sarcastically asked. "I heard you're driving horrible already. You have been driving for one day. One day, and already I'm getting calls." After that, city life had never sounded sweeter.

The woman who ran our apartment complex in O.B. looked pale and fragile. She was barely tall enough to ride a roller coaster. She took us on a walking tour around the parking lot, up and down the cement stairs

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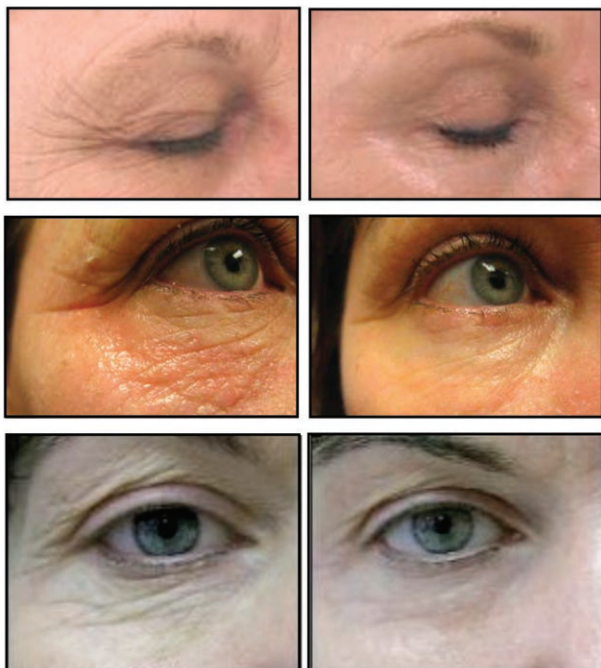
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that led to the upper-level apartments. Along the way she greeted tenants.

"Hey, Fred," she said. "How's your mother?" *What a nice lady*, I thought. The image of the frail, old woman was shattered when we entered the parking lot of our building and she cussed out a man parked illegally in the alley.

"Goddamn son of a bitch!" she shouted. "I told you not to park here! Get your ass out of that spot or I'll have you towed!"

The apartment was no utopia. Cracked, yellow stucco was peeling off the sides of the building, and I found a cockroach in one of my shoes. But outside our bedroom window hung a telephone wire that all the escaped parrots of the world decided to call home. I was often awakened by their squawking, preening, and chatting. If I listened long enough, one would often slip up and say hello. Although the birds were obnoxious, they were a much better alarm than the Oceanside crackheads that perpetually tried to unlatch my sliding glass door at 5:00 a.m.

My boyfriend and I only lasted two months in that apartment. Somewhere along the way, the romance had faded and we became best friends. Sitting on the hood of his car, we hugged and cried. I tearfully waved goodbye as he pulled out of our parking spot and headed home to Nevada City.

I fell in love with Selig by accident. He was a right-wing conservative who didn't believe in evolution. He represented everything I had been taught my whole life to despise.

"Well, he's a Republican," I explained to my mom right after meeting him. "And he's also Christian." Her gasp made me feel as if I was dating a terrorist.

"But I think I love him," I added softly.

I had known Selig for over a year because he had worked with my ex. Our first date consisted of me badgering him to take me on a motorcycle ride. When we rode home in the chilly night

and his gloved fingers shielded mine from the cold, I fell fast and hard. Me, the girl who up-chucked at the idea of marriage, was becoming keenly aware that there was something to the notion.

Being with someone

whose ideals differed so greatly from my own made me stronger. In explaining to Selig my beliefs on gay marriage, abortion, civil rights, and other hot topics, I took the values I had been raised with and I made

them my own. Selig proposed in December 2008, and I am now becoming a part of a family that voted for George W. not once, but twice.

Through our discussions we found a common

ground that suited us both. He was not intimidated by the fact that I am an opinionated liberal. Through our differences he has taught me to be more unprejudiced. A Republican teaching a Democrat to be more tolerant? My

mother would die.

On a spectrum of opposites, Selig and I look mild when compared to the extremes of our families. My parents have never been married, and until recently could not be in the same room

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together. Selig's parents have been happily married for 34 years and still give each other piggyback rides.

My mom had her first pedicure last year, doesn't believe in makeup, and takes nature walks to feel a closer connection with the trees and fairies. Selig's mom is an exuberant volunteer for Red Cross who looks too young to have three grown children and is a walking advertisement for J. Crew. My dad is a lawyer whose specialties include divorce and defending pot-heads. Selig's father is a corporate accountant.

My parents give thanks to Mother Earth, while Selig's pray to God. And while all four of them are kind, sweet people, we had our doubts about how they

would mesh.

I awoke the weekend of our wedding reception pondering what I would find when I went down stairs. My family had flown out from Nevada City, and we were all staying at the in-laws' house in Washington State. I heard laughter echoing from the kitchen and entered to find the conversation changing from the history of my hometown to the time my mother was arrested.

"You see," she began, setting the stage for her story, "it was at the beginning of the Iraq War, and we were gathering in the streets in a peaceful protest."

I stood, grasping the rail at the edge of kitchen, trying to decide if I should run back upstairs and hide

my head deep beneath the covers, or if I should brave the family fiasco.

The story continued, and in a partnership forged on shared protest experience, my parents collaborated in explaining how my mother sat in the street and refused to move, even when the police chief told them, "You've made your point, folks. Let's move it on out. We don't want to arrest you." I glanced to my right and saw the O-shaped mouths of my newly acquired in-laws.

"The best part," my dad added with a chuckle, "is that Utah was there!"

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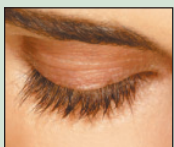
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rienced more powerful protests than the one that they'd attended on the streets of Nevada City.

"And Utah sits there," my dad said. "This old, bearded man, and he shouts at the police, 'Hey, what's a guy gotta do to get arrested around here?'"

My mom and dad erupted in a fit of laughter, and without making eye contact, I resigned myself to giggling. I had just recently come to the conclusion that my parents weren't just nuts — they were intriguing. The older that I get, the more that I realize that what embarrassed me most as a child is what makes me love them more as an adult.

I have realized that the

dynamics of my family and that of Nevada City have engraved in me a love of diversity. I love that my husband's family is so different from my own, and though it may lead to some awkward moments, it is always a spark for conversations.

I like living in a world where extremes encounter each other every day. I was raised to think freely and to be different. So being the progressive, free spirit of Selig's family isn't a bad thing to me — it's a challenge. And besides, I am nothing compared to my parents.

I may eventually outgrow Ocean Beach. The loud, dirty streets may not always comfort me, and the road less traveled may call

my name. But what I discovered in moving to San Diego is this: though the small town girl in me needs adventure and new beginnings, I look for pieces of Nevada City wherever I go.

The place where I have landed is a small community at the water's edge that nurtures hippies young and old. The sound of the river has been replaced by that of the ocean; the smiles and waves of those I grew up with have been traded for those of new friends, and some local homeless people. But when I'm sitting in traffic to get into Ocean Beach, with the wind blowing my hair and the putrid smell of the bay cleansing my nostrils, I know I am home. ■

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Park and Recreation Department was responsible for maintaining our district but did little to control the problems, which discouraged the revitalization of the area.

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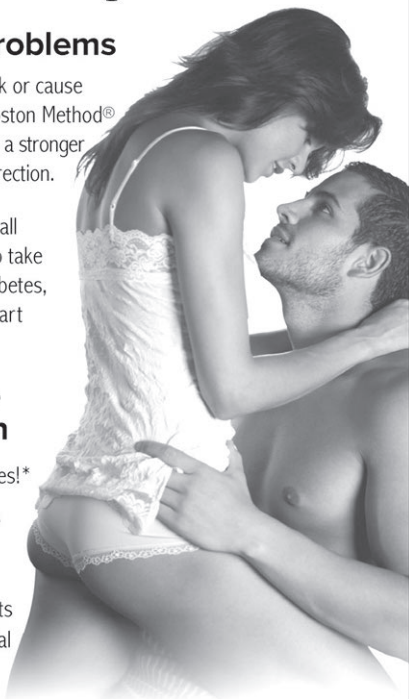
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In my opinion, Marco is the poster child for privatizing services and for getting twice the benefit for half the cost.

Brian Walsh

Aw, Shucks

I think this lady who is try-

ing to get the district to not charge for school fees is doing a great job ("School Fees Are Illegal," "City Lights," March 18). I don't think students should pay for special events, swimming classes, soccer teams, etc. I think this lady is pretty smart. I think she's doing the right thing, because the economy's really low right now. We're going to be charging our students for things the school should be providing for them. And I think you guys are doing a great job at the Reader.

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Budget Realities

Re "School Fees Are Illegal" ("City Lights," March 18).

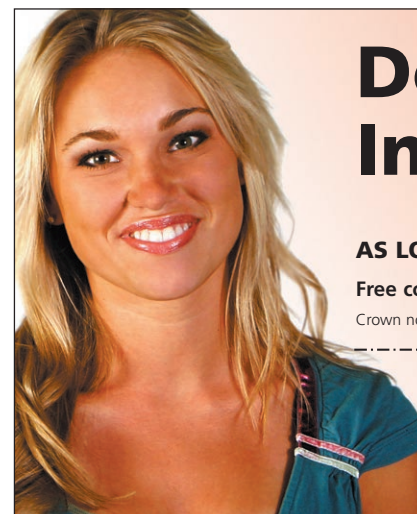
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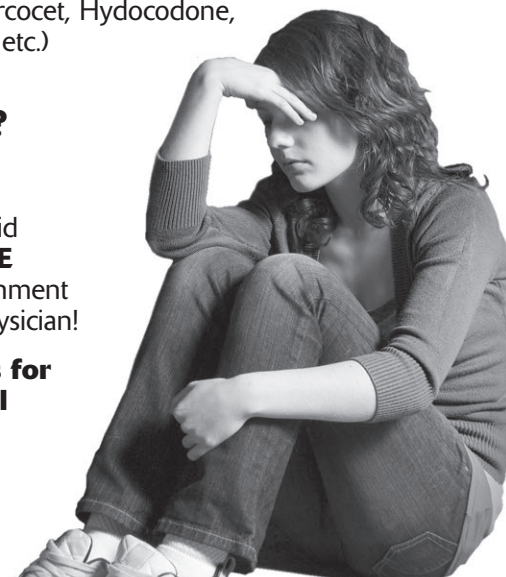
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I think Sally Smith should put her energy into something more positive, like raising money or writing grants for schools to offset the costs for these activities. She is finally forced to quit bullying the Serra families and teachers; now she is moving on to wreak havoc at other schools. Stay away, you are not welcome, Sally Smith!

Cori Meara
via email

Gregg, Indeed

The "Brainstorms" puzzle in the March 4 Reader was indeed

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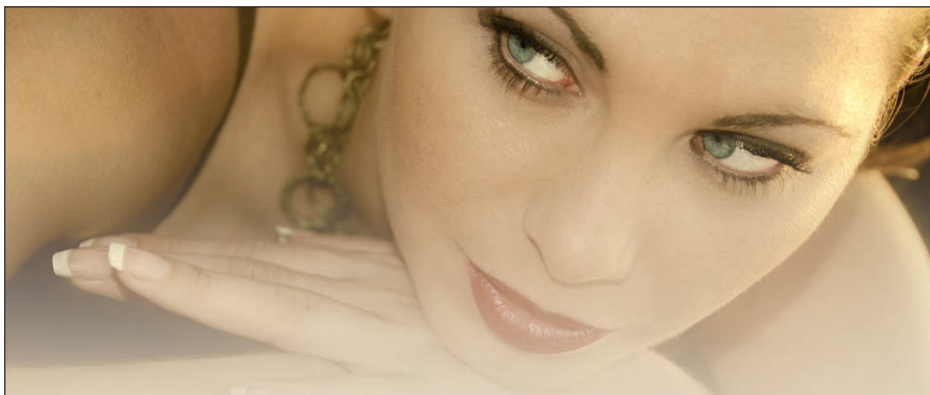
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Gregg shorthand (Letters, March 11). In 1966, I took a one-semester course in the Diamond Jubilee version of Gregg shorthand. Every character of the puzzle was immediately readable by that system, with no puzzling ability required.

Betsy Cory
 Chula Vista

Culture Crash

This so-called story was horrible (“Filipino Rules,” Cover Story, March 4)! It was more of a complaint letter than a story about the Filipino culture. Sure, the writer touched on certain scenarios and values that are typical of our Filipino culture, but most of the things mentioned aren’t just exclusive to Filipinos. The writer needs to learn how to think outside of the box and think about how other readers who are *not* familiar with our culture would interpret her writing. It would be great if someone would produce a *quality* article about our culture,

because this one just set us back so much. Horrible!

Mary Ann
 via email

Why Feature Flaws?

I think the article “Filipino Rules” (Cover Story, March 4) is harmful to the Filipino community and shouldn’t have been published in isolation. Although the stereotypes mentioned in the article are not “that bad,” I think other articles showing other aspects of the Filipino culture should also be presented periodically in the *Reader* to give the audience a better understanding of that culture.

Some people have commented that the author was just sharing her experiences, but why call it “Filipino Rules”? From that title, I (and I’m sure many others as well) interpreted that having strict Filipino parents was a problem. My strict Filipino parents are the main reason for my success today, so I think it’s unfair to give such a one-sided view. If it was just truly

about the author’s experiences, why not call it “Girl with Strict Parents” instead of calling attention to her ethnicity.

I understand that not all articles about a particular ethnicity will be positive. In fact, I strongly support articles regarding topics that are not pleasing to hear (pollution in the Philippines, human trafficking) if they are meant to help that community. However, are the flaws of strict Filipino parenting really a problem that needs to be addressed on the front page of the *Reader*? Also, if the point of the article was to show the flaws in strict Filipino parenting, was there a reason to include the other negative stereotypes (driving crazy, wannabe gangsters)? Because of this, I feel that the article was included simply to make fun of Filipinos and that other articles showing Filipinos in a positive light should be included.

Jordan
 via email

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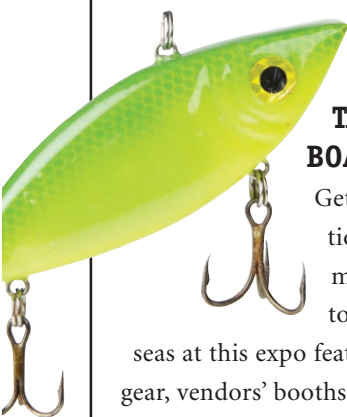
AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 25

PARLEZ VOUS...

Alliance Française de San Diego cultural center offers a French book fair and open house. Highlights include children's arts and crafts about French-speaking countries, a Tahitian dance workshop, and *chansons françaises*.

See **SPECIAL**, page 67.



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seas at this expo featuring fishing gear, vendors' booths, seminars, a trout pond, dock dogs, and more.

See **SPECIAL**, page 66.

Friday | 26

FIELD HOCKEY FUN

USA Field Hockey hosts the Women's World Cup qualifier at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. The USA team welcomes "traditional Pan American rivals Canada and Mexico, as well as Korea, Belgium, and France." The winning team will qualify for the 2010 Women's World Cup in Rosario, Argentina.

See **SPORTS**, page 71.

SIMPLICITY PARENTING

Family therapist and author Kim John Payne speaks about his book and "the extraordinary power of less to raise calmer, happier, and more secure kids." A book-signing follows the lecture.

See **LECTURES**, page 70.



Saturday | 27

SPEECH AND DEBATE

Diversionary Theatre stages Stephen Karam's "subversive comedy about sex, secrets, performance art, blogs, and blackmail — just a typical day when you're a teenager in Salem, Oregon." Directed by Jason Sutherland.

See **THEATER**, page 112.

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See **SPECIAL**, page 66.

Sunday | 28

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See **SPECIAL**, page 66.



IF YOU CAN READ THIS

Writer and philosopher Jack Bowen will discuss and sign his book, which examines "the philosophy of bumper stickers." What wisdom is couched behind slogans such as "Bottled Water Is For Suckers," "Don't Believe Everything You Think," and "The Revolution Will Be Tweeted"?

See **IN PERSON**, page 70.



SATURDAY, MARCH 27: SPEECH AND DEBATE

Monday | 29

"OVERHEARD" AND "FAMOUS IN SAN DIEGO"

Join cartoonist Jay Allen Sanford for the opening reception of his exhibit of *Overheard in San Diego* and *Famous Former Neighbors* comic strips — including the one and only strip ever rejected by this publication. Art installation and music by Bart Mendoza, Wendy Bailey, Cathryn Beeks, Collage Menage, and Happy Ron Hill.

See **GALLERIES**, page 74.

Tuesday | 30

LITTLE ITALY LEGENDS

The Little Italy Association hosts a celebration of singer/songwriter/actor Frankie Laine (né Francesco Paolo LoVecchio), the singer of "Rawhide," whose career spanned 75 years. Festivities include a plaque dedication and musical performances by Benny Hollman and Herb Jeffries.

See **SPECIAL**, page 67.



Wednesday | 31

COURAGE AND CONSEQUENCE

"To this day, I have no idea if my father was gay," writes Karl Rove. "And, frankly, I don't care. He was my father, with whom I had a wonderful relationship and whom I loved deeply." Rove, George W. Bush's senior advisor and deputy chief of staff, visits Warwick's Bookstore in La Jolla to sign his memoir.

See **IN PERSON**, page 69.

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Old men sing sad songs in the streets.

Medellín, Colombia

By Chad Deal

Medellín, enchanted city, home of the silicone buttcheek, where no one remembers the natural light of stars and the sun has barely been named, where the *paisas* wear their souls on their skin and old men sing sad songs in the streets selling guanabana juice by the cup, where notices in the park bathroom urge you to give transcendental meditation a chance and park attendants in decorative safari hats remind you “no shoes!” while rogue bastard geese ambush afternoon picnics and iguanas look on grinning, where laughter thunders and thunder laughs and everybody remembers your name, where no one ever has change for 50 mil, no more than 23 dollars, so you buy juice on the corner, an *arepa* down the street, *quesito* in the market, all part of a strange ritual shuffle necessary to divide the great bill, where buses leave a lump of black exhaust wherever they go and stop-

lights are more of a suggestion, where the metro cuts across the city like something from the future and heartbroken youths wander the nights street-singing Spanish songs of love, where raisin-faced women push carts of coffee and gum and the history of the world transpires every hour to a backdrop of horns honking, globular synthetic breasts on the boulevard, and the smell of cornmeal frying.

San Juan Islands, Washington

By Bryant Le

The weather in this Puget Sound archipelago is relatively pleasant because the islands are protected by mountain ranges



A dozen orcas leaped out of the frigid waters.

on the Olympic Peninsula: 250 days of sunshine a year and half the rain that Seattle receives some 60 miles away. In addition to temperate weather, the islands' scenery and seclusion make them

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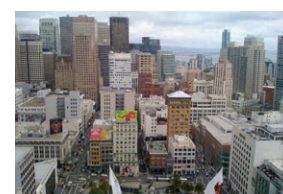
Other Adventures



mjl102: Cows grazing in Gimmelwald, Switzerland



ssandkb: Approaching the steps of El Castillo in the Mayan city of Tulum. Iguanas now guard the ruins of this ancient walled fortress on the beach.



Reader_reader: Overlooking Union Square, considering all the possibilities for a day in SF.



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Blooming penstemon along the PCT

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The six-mile stretch of trail profiled here (12 miles and 1700 feet of elevation gain and loss for the round trip) can be done in one long day or as an overnight backpacking excursion. Now or very soon is a great time to take this trip, since the copious rainfall of the past winter season is producing a bumper crop of fragrant blooms — both chaparral and seasonal wildflowers.

To get to the trailhead from Warner Springs, drive north (toward Aguanga and Temecula) on Highway 79 for about 1.5 miles to the thinly paved Lost Valley Road (aka Indian Flats Road) on the right. Continue up the winding Lost Valley Road for 4.6 miles until you reach a gated, abandoned dirt road on the right, a lateral trail linking to the PCT. Park in the limited space provided, and don’t forget to display your National Forest Adventure Pass on your car. Naturally, you are going to need food and water, and it’s a very good idea to have a map or GPS and basic navigational skills.

Walk up the abandoned road 0.5 mile to the place where the true PCT joins from the right. Continue uphill on the same old roadbed a mile farther to the point where newer and narrower PCT tread diverges right. Make the right turn (by staying left you would descend to a seasonal spring).

downs, along the east side of the ridge containing a 5412-foot peak. These slopes are tinted pink with the blossoms of manzanita and blue and white with blooming ceanothus. A dozen exotic fragrances scent the air. Recent wildfires have singed this area, so only some of the Coulter pines, live oaks, and black oaks scattered about the area are surviving.

At a point east of peak 5412, you’ll see below and to the east a

The view improves with every step now. You wind up through picturesque granitic outcrops with nice views of Lake Henshaw and the grasslands surrounding it. You lose that view as you pass north of a 5212-foot peak and contour around the head of a ravine.

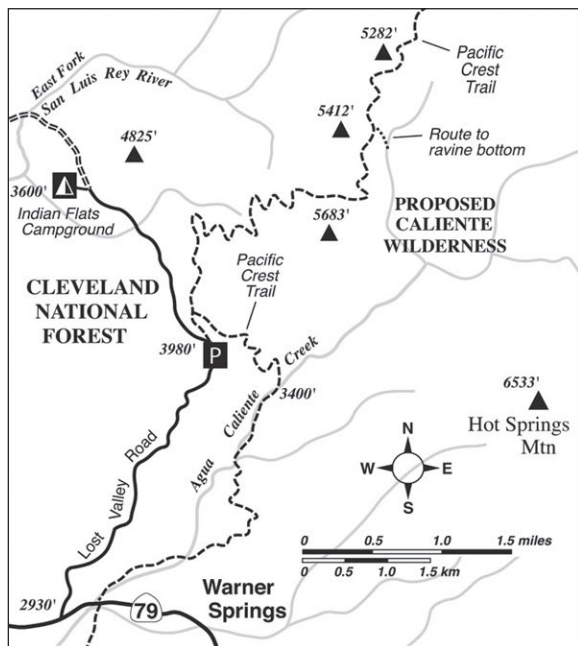
The PCT continues to climb moderately and winds around another ravine, this just south of a knob also topping out at 5212 feet. It then descends slightly to cross a saddle and resumes climbing on the south side of a hill. From this hill there’s a wonderful vista into Agua Caliente Creek and across to the north slope of Hot Springs Mountain, the 6533-foot summit of which happens to be San Diego County’s high point. From nearly every vantage point but this, Hot Springs Mountain looks like an inconspicuous bump on a ridge, but from here it looks decidedly massive.

Next, the trail bends north and contours, with small ups and

grassy flat, dotted with the remains of Coulter pines and black oaks, along an upper tributary of Agua Caliente Creek. This is a perfect place for a midday picnic, and even better for an overnight stay. Leave the trail at any point where feasible and descend cross-country about 0.2 mile, losing 150 feet, to the seasonal creek. Water trickles through here until about June after a normal wet season. This relatively wet year, the supply should last longer.

You’ve gone six miles, so far, and this is a good place to turn around and retrace your steps on the return.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.



OUTDOORS

Yuccas of two varieties are in bloom in San Diego County from now through May. Year after year, the Mojave yucca *Yucca schidigera* sends up a blunt flower stalk of white, waxy blossoms from the same base — a rosette of dagger-like leaves. The shimmering white exclamation point that unfolds above “Our Lord’s Candle” *Yucca whipplei*, on the other hand, is a prelude to the plant’s imminent death. Mojave yucca is widely distributed along San Diego County’s coastal strip and throughout the higher elevations of the Anza-Borrego Desert. Our Lord’s Candle prefers the scrubby coastal foothills and the drier slopes of the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna mountains. The two yuccas coexist with each other in a few areas like Torrey Pines State Reserve and Anza-Borrego’s Culp Valley area.

The Sticky-Sweet Odor of citrus blossoms is wafting on the spring breezes this year, as it has in

every year since the 1870s, when the county’s first commercially planted orange and lemon groves began to produce fruit. From early plantings in areas like National City and Lemon Grove, citrus groves spread east and north as urbanization encroached. Today, a car or bicycle trip through Rancho Santa Fe, Pauma Valley, and the outskirts of Escondido, Vista, and Fallbrook induces a pleasant reminiscence of San Diego County’s agricultural past.

Notable High Tides this month include a +5.4-foot tide at 7:47am on Saturday, March 27; a +5.4-foot tide at 8:36am on Sunday, March 28; and a +5.5-foot tide at 9:06pm also on Sunday, March 28. The lowest tides are -0.8 feet on two occasions: 1:35pm on Friday, March 26, and 2:12pm on Saturday, March 27. These tides are neither very high nor very low, which is consistent with a yearly pattern, driven by the seasonal paths of the sun and moon, that minimizes tidal extremes near the spring and fall equinoxes and maximizes the

tidal extremes near the summer and winter equinoxes.

The Full Moon on Monday, March 29, is set to rise dramatically over the East County horizon only a few minutes after the time of sunset, weather permitting. Subsequent full moonrises, late April through August, may be quite obscured by the usual evening low clouds near the coast — so enjoy the show now. Some folk names for March full moons include “crow moon,” “moon of winds,” “plow moon,” “sap moon,” and “seed moon.”

“Common Plants, Snakes, and Geology” Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderately paced 4.5-mile hike and discusses reptiles, geology, and plants along trails. Bring water, wear hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Saturday, March 27, 8am; free. Daley Ranch - Cougar Pass trailhead, North Broadway and Cougar Pass Road. (ESCONDIDO)

“Moonlight on Mallard” Naturalist Lee Dezan leads evening hike

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a draw for vacationers.

Each of the islands has a different look and personality. San Juan Island has the largest town, Friday Harbor, located at the ferry landing. Surrounded by forest, the town provides an excellent base for hiking, biking, swimming, fishing, kayaking, boating, bird-watching, beach-combing, and scuba diving.

Cycling seems to be one of the most popular activities. Bicyclists can be found along unpopulated roads that embrace the coastline and wind through rolling hills dotted with century-old pastures and farmhouses. Another popular sport is whale-watching. As my wife and I were hiking, we were stopped in our tracks by the sight of a dozen orcas leaping out of the frigid waters.

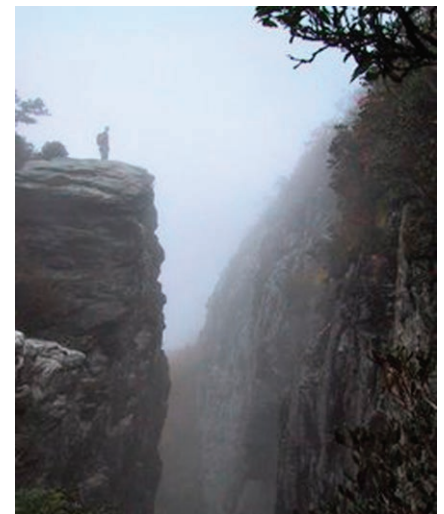
Perhaps the best sport in the San Juan Islands is fishing for trout in lakes atop beautiful Pacific Northwest Mountain. Around noon, we stopped by a stone observation tower that offers a 360-degree panoramic view. On a clear day, you can see Vancouver to the north, Bellingham to the east, Victoria to the west, and the Olympic Range to the south.

Pisgah National Forest, North Carolina

By William Holman

A few minutes’ drive from our campsite in the expansive Pisgah National Forest gets us a hot cup of coffee at the Huddle House diner while we wait for the sun to warm Looking Glass Rock.

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Linville Gorge, “Grand Canyon of the East”

An hour southwest of Asheville, Looking Glass gets its name from the way sunlight reflects off its giant granite dome. Standing at the base, the rock seems to disappear not far above us — an illusion, we discover as we climb, created by the curve rising over 800 vertical feet. Finally reaching the top, we’re treated to a sweeping view of the changing North Carolina foliage and the distant town where supper awaits.

We venture up the winding, picturesque Blue Ridge Parkway to Asheville for Mexican delights at El Chapala. Afterward, another hour of eastward travel finds us in Linville Gorge, the “Grand Canyon of the East,” at the campsite for Table Rock. Like the rest of Pisgah National, camping is free and the sites clean and natural; bear-proof steel trash bins are the sole proof of man’s presence.

to include three ponds and possibly Stanley Peak (depending upon group). Heavy overcast cancels. Hike will be 3-3.5 miles, last about three hours. Warm layered clothing, treaded footwear recommended. Bring a flashlight. Not suitable for children. Call 760-505-8326 for last-minute scheduling if weather is cloudy. Saturday, March 27, 6pm; free. Daley Ranch - La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Catch the Buzz Trail guide-led nature walk focuses on efficient plant/animal/insect relationships so important this time of year. Learn geology, history. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 27, 9:30am; Sunday, March 28, 9:30am; Wednesday, March 31, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Coastal Dune Habitat Restoration Project Volunteers invited to care for endangered dune and wetland areas at Dog Beach. Activities include invasive plant removal, native plant rescue, trail maintenance, litter removal. Tools, supplies provided. Dress in clothes that can get dirty, wear close-toed shoes. Meet in grassy area near Dog Beach. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, March 27, 9am; free. Dog Beach Ocean Beach, West Point Loma Boulevard and Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

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

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

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

Full Moon Star Party View planet Saturn; Auriga, Gemini, Canis clusters; and Orion Nebula sharing night sky with a (nearly) full moon. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 27, 6pm; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

Help Restore the Preserve Help San Diego Audubon Society with weeding, trail maintenance, removal of trash and invasive plants. Work gloves, tools, water, snacks provided. Required reservations: 760-295-1548. Saturday, March 27, 9am; free. Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, 2437 Hutchison Street. (VISTA)

Help Save the River! San Diego River Park Foundation hosts trash and debris cleanup on San Diego

River. The goal: a trash-free river within one year. Over 1,000,000 pounds of garbage have been removed during past eight years. Tools, supplies provided. Park in police department parking lot; meet across street at west end of YMCA parking lot. RSVP: 619-297-7380. Saturday, March 27, 9am; free. San Diego Police Department Western Division, 5215 Gaines Street. (MISSION VALLEY)

Nature Tour of Salt Ponds See birds, learn about salt production during guided walking tour of salt ponds in San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge led by San Diego Audubon Society. Walk at 8:30am has birding emphasis, longer route, faster pace; later walk includes birds and general nature, shorter route, slower pace (9am). 858-273-7800. Sunday, March 28, 8:30am; free. 8 and up. Salt Works Trailhead, 1470 Bay Boulevard. (CHULA VISTA)

Spend Arbor Day Outdoors Join Friends of Balboa Park and San Diego Parks and Recreation to plant 20 coastal live oaks, following brief ceremony. 619-232-2282. Thursday, March 25, 10am; free. Golden Hill Recreation Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive. (GOLDEN HILL)

Sycamores and a Waterfall Naturalist Linda King leads moderately paced loop walk to Carson's Crossing, waterfall, and Sycamore Crossing. 858-484-3219. Sunday,

March 28, 8am; free. Del Mar Mesa trailhead, 7107 Park Village Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Tidepooling for All at False Point Learn about ocean critters when Birch Aquarium at Scripps hosts tidepooling led by aquarium naturalist. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Sunday, March 28, 1:30pm; \$12. 2 and up. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

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Vernal Splendor in Mission Trails Walk with a naturalist through budding sycamores and catkin-adorned oaks. See abundant wildflowers along trail, learn early uses of native plants and current park ecosystem. 619-668-3281. Saturday, March 27, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

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Rhyme & Verse The Death of Santa Claus —Charles Harper Webb

He's had chest pains for weeks,
but doctors don't make house
calls to the North Pole,

he's let his Blue Cross lapse,
blood tests make him faint,
hospital gowns always flap

open, waiting rooms upset
his stomach, and it's only
indigestion anyway, he thinks,

until, feeding the reindeer,
he feels as if a monster fist
has grabbed his heart and won't
stop squeezing. He can't
breathe, and the beautiful white
world he loves goes black,

and he drops on his jelly belly
in the snow and Mrs. Claus
tears out of the toy factory

wailing, and the elves wring
their little hands, and Rudolph's
nose blinks like a sad ambulance

light, and in a tract house
in Houston, Texas, I'm 8,
telling my mom that stupid

kids at school say Santa's a big
fake, and she sits with me
on our purple-flowered couch,

and takes my hand, tears
in her throat, the terrible
news rising in her eyes.



The poet Charles Harper Webb is a professor of English at California State University, Long Beach, where he directs the MFA program in Creative Writing. For many years Webb was also a psychotherapist in private practice. "The Death of Santa Claus" is from Webb's Shadow Ball: New and Selected Poems, published in 2009 by the University of Pittsburgh Press, and is reprinted with permission. The author's photograph is by Karen Schneider.

26, 4pm; Saturday, March 27, 9am;
Sunday, March 28, 10am; free-\$7.
Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino
del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Ask an Artist" Ceramic artist Karen Bouse and musical composer Dave Michaels "will inform, entertain, enlighten" during "end-of-quarter social" hosted by Life at Mira Costa senior learning group in room 1068. 760-721-8124. Friday, March 26, 1pm; free. Mira-Costa College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Geo-Caching Easter Egg Treasure Hunt" Day begins with refresher GPS navigation course (9am). During Easter egg treasure hunt on 163-acre property, see early spring bloom, look for six geo-caches using a GPS receiver. Prizes awarded. Hot dog roast, campfire follow (around 5pm). Fee includes use of park facilities for day. 619-766-4480. Saturday, March 27, 9am; \$8. Sacred Rocks

Reserve and RV Park, 1331 Shasta Way. (BOULEVARD)

"On the Verge" Thursday Night Thing features premiere of newly commissioned works by artists Lærke Laut, Ruben Ochoa, Lael Corbin, Mara De Luca, who will be on hand for informal talks in the galleries about their works. Live music by Bobby Birdman and Yacht. Aerodynamic-inspired art-making experiences for guests. 858-454-3541. Thursday, March 25, 7pm; free-\$10. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

"Rough-Hewn" Artists' reception for exhibition of paintings by Anna Zappoli and Phil Petrie. Show closes Wednesday, May 12. 619-298-0464. Saturday, March 27, 5pm. The Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Advanced Rosary Making Learn wire wrapping skills to create jewelry as well as rosaries during class taught by Debra Hocking. Bring one or two needle-nose pliers, round-nose pliers, cutters. Fee includes materials. 619-280-8408. Monday, March 29, 6pm; \$45. 13 and up. Vintage Religion, 3821 32nd Street. (NORTH PARK)

Art, Culture, Tradition Taka Sumi-e Society's annual art exhibition in Casa del Prado room 101 promises demonstrations of *sumi-e*, the art of Japanese brush painting. Original works on display; fashion show of wearable art; tea ceremony demonstrations; Japanese music and dance performances. 619-224-9012. Saturday, March 27, 11am; Sunday, March 28, 11am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Book Sale Used book sale with half-off prices. 619-463-9819. Saturday, March 27, 10am; free.

Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. (LEMON GROVE)

Build a Sustainable Grow Box Learn principles of applying hydroponics as sustainable agriculture and landscape method during workshop. Participants will set up, assemble, plant a sustainable garden with vegetables to take home. Fee includes all materials. Registration: 760-977-8892. Saturday, March 27, 9am; \$60. San Marcos High School, 1615 West San Marcos Boulevard. (SAN MARCOS)

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

Enjoy Rolando The 14th Rolando Street Fair promises over 100 vendors of arts, crafts, food, activities for children and adults, music by San Diego School of Rock (10:30), the New Primordials (noon), Steph Johnson Band (1:30), Len Rainey and the Midnight Players (3pm), Lee Coulter (4:30pm). 619-236-4014. Sunday, March 28, 10am; free. Rolando Street Fair, Rolando Boulevard at El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

Fred Hall's Fishing Tackle and Boat Show Show promises boats, all manner of fishing gear, vendors' booths, seminars, wakeboard competition, trout pond, dock dogs, more. 805-389-3339. Thursday, March 25, 1pm; Friday, March 26, 1pm; Saturday, March 27, 10am; Sunday, March 28, 10am; free-\$12. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Gray Whale Season Returns! Outings hosted by Birch Aquarium at Scripps and San Diego Harbor Excursion boast Scripps naturalists on hand to share information about gray whales, the ecology, and history of San Diego Bay and Scripps Institution of Oceanogra-

phy. 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; Fridays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Saturdays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Sundays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Mondays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; 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)

House of Lebanon Lawn program with folk dances performed in regional native costumes. A local Lebanese artist performs traditional song, music, and poetry depicting Lebanese heritage and culture at International Cottages. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Sunday, March 28, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference California State University Northridge sponsors 25th annual conference, with over 140 exhibitors offering products, services related to helping those with physical and mental disabilities. Admittance to exhibits is free, though registration is required. Workshops, sessions not free. 818-677-2578. Thursday, March 25, 9:30am; Friday, March 26, 9:30am; Saturday, March 27, 9am. Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place. (DOWNTOWN)

International Wedding Festival San Diego Bridal Show promising "row after row of San Diego's finest providers...to assist you with your wedding needs." Two fashion shows; live entertainment, honeymoon giveaway. 209-966-3890. Sunday, March 28, 11am; \$12-\$15. San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

KnitNight Gather with fellow fiber artists for social knitting, crochet, spinning. 760-806-6744.



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Tuesdays, 7pm; free. 18 and up. Clever Knits, 214 South Indiana Avenue. (VISTA)

Little Italy Legends Little Italy Association hosts program in celebration of accomplishments of Frankie Laine (né Francesco Paolo LoVecchio), the American singer/ songwriter/actor whose career spanned 75 years (think "Rawhide"). Plaque dedication, musical performances by Benny Hollman and Herb Jeffries. 619-233-3898. Tuesday, March 30, 10am; free. Little Italy. (LITTLE ITALY)

May the Best Hand Win World Series of Poker circuit hits the area. Championship play on March 29 and 30. Details: 760-751-3184. Thursday, March 25, noon; Friday, March 26, noon; Saturday, March 27, noon; Sunday, March 28, 10am; Monday, March 29, noon; Tuesday, March 30, noon. Harrah's Rincón, 777 Harrah's Rincón Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

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)

Mt. Carmel Winter Guard Tournament Enjoy performances by over 40 units from all over San Diego County. 858-679-4875. Sunday, March 28, 10am; \$8. Mt. Carmel High School, 9550 Carmel Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Parlez Vous... French book fair and open house; find out what the cultural center has to offer. Arts and crafts about French-speaking countries for kids (11am-3pm); Tahitian dance workshop; "Chanson française et francophone" (5:30-6:30pm). European Book Company presents selection of French books for children and adults (11am-7pm). 858-550-0144. Thursday, March 25, 11am; free. Alliance Française de San Diego, 6640 Lusk Boulevard, Suite 104. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

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)

San Diego Science Festival — Expo Day Enjoy over 150 hands-on science activities, stage performances for people of all ages, interest levels. See DNA and perform DNA extraction techniques, gain a look at science of baseball, put forensic skills to test to solve "a birthday cake mystery by analyzing saliva samples of the suspects," more. Galapagos Mountain Boys will perform scientific-inspired folk songs about the Big Bang, star formation, cosmology, anthropology. 619-237-9901. Saturday, March 27, 9am; free. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Slam Dunk Firing Spend day with artist Rae Barney, learning about "the Westernized Japanese art of raku," the "dynamic ceramic firing process producing spectacular finishes." Participants need to bring two or three pieces to fire. 760-622-9169. Saturday, March 27, 10am; \$125. 13 and up. Fire and Mud Studios, 740 Metcalf Street #29. (ESCONDIDO)

The Easter Lilies Are in Bloom Again Three hundred fragrant Easter lilies on display among permanent collection. 619-239-0512 or 619-235-1100. Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; Mondays, 10am; Tuesdays, 10am; Wednesdays, 10am; through

Wednesday, April 21; free. Botanical Building, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

What Is Epicureanism? Get the scoop on this system of philosophy based upon teachings of Epicurus when P&R Discussion Group meets. 619-370-1027. Thursday, March 25, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

American Roots and Rhythms With "special guest" (aka prerecorded tape!), the California Quartet presents Michael Daugherty's "Elvis Everywhere" and "John's Book of Alleged Dances" by John Adams, as well as Steve Reich's "Different Trains." Program includes Barber's "Adagio for Strings" in "original quartet version" and Matthew Tommasini's Appalachian-influenced violin duet "Fiddle States." 760-753-7376. Sunday, March 28, 2pm; free.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

“Gershwin to Copland — All Americans” Guest conductor Miguel Harth-Bedoya leads San Diego Symphony in concert including Gershwin’s “Cuban Overture,” “An American in Paris,” and “Porgy and Bess: Symphonic Picture,” as well as Copland’s “Quiet City” and “Three Dance Episodes” from *On the Town* by Leonard Bernstein. 619-235-0804. Friday, March 26, 8pm; Saturday, March 27, 8pm; Sunday, March 28, 2pm; \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Symphonic Masterpieces Poway Community Symphony Orchestra plays selections by Wagner, Copland, Grieg, Schubert. 858-673-9702. Sunday, March 28, 2pm; free. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Durufé’s “Requiem” The Saint Thérèse Choir performs this piece, which uses “Latin chant as the core foundation of the composition.” Offering. 858-481-3232. Sunday, March 28, 3pm. Saint Thérèse of Carmel, 4355 Del Mar Trails Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Faculty Recital Pianist Tatiana Roitman-Mann performs with guest artist Natalya Shkoda. Listen for music by Mozart, Brahms, Dvořák, Bizet, Rachmaninov in French Parlor, Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. Tuesday, March 30, 7:30pm; \$5-\$10. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Lenten Choral Concert The 150-voice Chancel Choir and Masterwork Chorale, soloists, orchestra, and organ will perform Haydn’s “Seven Last Words” and Lauridsen’s “Ubi Caritas.” 619-297-4366. Sunday, March 28, 7pm; free. First United Methodist Church of

San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Opening Celebration Concerts Events showcase “tremendous acoustics” of new concert hall (in building 2400) with performance of Mozart’s masterwork, “Requiem.” Singers, instrumentalists “will demonstrate the outstanding acoustics through this major work, unplugged.” Saturday’s event includes preconcert reception, dedication; courtyard receptions follow each performance. 760-795-6815. Saturday, March 27, 6:30pm; Sunday, March 28, 2pm; free-\$10. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Organ Concert Recital by Wayne Seppala. 619-702-8138. Sunday, March 28, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Renaissance Music Pacific Camerata vocal ensemble plans an a cappella Lenten program including “Requiem for Four Voices” by Tomás Luis de Victoria, seasonal works by Thomas Tallis, pieces by Jean Mouton, Jacquet of Mantua. 619-527-4457. Saturday, March 27, 7:30pm; \$10-\$15. St. Brigid’s Catholic Church, 4735 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

San Francisco Chamber Orchestra Ensemble is joined by Israeli mandolin virtuoso Avi Avital for concert hosted by Fallbrook Music Society. Program boasts Corelli’s “Concerto Grosso in F major,” the “Violin Concerto in A minor” (arranged for mandolin) by J.S. Bach, Beethoven’s “Andante con variazioni for Mandolin and String Orchestra in D major No. 2,” and “Last Round” by Golijov. 760-451-8644. Sunday, March 28, 3pm; \$10-\$38. Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts, 2400 South Stagecoach Drive. (FALLBROOK)

Spotlight Series La Jolla Clarinetist David Shifrin and Daedalus Quartet perform Weber’s “Clarinet Quintet in B flat” for Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series. Program includes the “String Quartet in F No. 1” by Beethoven and Mozart’s

“Clarinet Quintet in A.” 619-239-0100. Friday, March 26, 8pm; Saturday, March 27, 8pm; \$48. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Spotlight Series Continues Clarinetist David Shifrin and Daedalus Quartet perform Weber’s “Clarinet Quintet in B flat” for Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series. Program includes the “String Quartet in F No. 1” by Beethoven and Mozart’s “Clarinet Quintet in A.” 619-239-0100. Sunday, March 28, 5:30pm; \$60. Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Spring Concert Series Tenor Aleksandr Agamirzov and pianist Irina Bessonova perform classical and popular music for voice and piano, as well as piano music by Frédéric Chopin. Listen for selections by Schubert, Brodsky, Böhm, Tchaikovsky, many others. 619-236-5810. Sunday, March 28, 2:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Symphony Exposed! San Diego Symphony and conductor Miguel Harth-Bedoya joined by host Nuvi Mehta for complete performance of George Gershwin’s “American in Paris.” 619-235-0804. Thursday, March 25, 7:30pm; \$20. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

DANCE

“David Patrone \$10,000 Swing Dance Spectacular” David Patrone Productions hosts swing dance competition finals. Contestant registration: 4-4:45pm; swing dance lessons with Jim and Margie (5-5:45pm), live music for swing dancing (6-9pm). 619-517-2719. Sunday, March 28, 5pm; free. 21 and up. Viejas Casino Dream-Catcher Show Room, 5000 Wil-lows Road. (ALPINE)

Dance 4 Haiti Benefit hosted by Contagious Flow Dance Company promises “back-to-back master classes.” Participants may learn

hip-hop to locking to breaking in 12 classes led by prominent choreographers. Pay \$15 per class or \$50 for day pass. 619-299-2110. Saturday, March 27, 2pm. Culture Shock Dance Studio, 2110 Hancock Street. (OLD TOWN)

Firehouse Swing Dance Firehouse swing school hosts “Pre-Balboa Rendezvous” swing dance party with guest DJs. Introduction to Lindy (9pm). All ages. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, March 31, 8pm; \$8. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman’s Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER’S HILL)

Fusion XI Hip-hop dance competition “invites talented dancers of all ages and ethnicities...to celebrate music through various dance styles and cultural exhibitions.” 714-504-6436. Sunday, March 28, 6pm; \$18-\$23. Rimac Arena, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Gravity-Defying Gina Angelique, founding artistic director of Eveoke Dance Theatre (1994-2007), leads two-hour master class focusing on Eveoke technique as a way of approaching body’s center both emotionally and intellectually. For intermediate and advanced modern dancers. Registration: 619-238-1153. Sunday, March 28, 2pm; \$20-\$25. Eveoke Dance Theatre, 2811 University Ave., Suite A. (NORTH PARK)

Milonga Nocturna Night of romantic Argentine tango music for dancing played by Sabah. 858-565-9575. Saturday, March 27, 9pm; \$10. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Salsipuedes! Bachatamante Dance Company hosts evening of Latin dancing, including bachata, salsa, cha-cha. 858-565-9575. Sunday, March 28, 5pm; \$12. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Tunes by Ranting Banshee Caller is JoAnn Koppany during San Diego Folk Heritage contra dance. Bring food or beverage to share for optional potluck supper (6:30pm). Beginners’ dance workshop: 7:30pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday,

March 27, 6:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

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

FILM

Border Film Week Begins Trans-Border Institute at USD presents documentary films based on border between U.S. and Mexico. Series begins with *The Devil’s Breath*. Commentary by producer Laura Castaneda. 619-260-4090. Monday, March 29, 6pm; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

7 Soles Trans-Border Institute at USD presents documentary films based on border between U.S. and Mexico. Commentary by director Pedro Ultras. 619-260-4090. Tuesday, March 30, 6pm; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Food, Inc. Learn about “dangers of a food system controlled by powerful corporations” in this film by Robert Kenner, Eric Schlosser (*Fast Food Nation*), Michael Pollan (*The Omnivore’s Dilemma*). Screens for Film Forum series. 619-236-5821. Monday, March 29, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

2501 Migrants: A Journey Trans-Border Institute at USD presents documentary film series based on border between U.S. and Mexico. Commentary by producer Yolanda Cruz. 619-260-4090. Wednesday, March 31, 6pm; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Dive-In Theater See *Tommy Boy* (1995) during cinema social combining “eclectic film choices,” food, drink, light conversation at hotel’s poolside lounge and theater lo-

cated outdoors. Early arrival suggested. Reservations: 619-226-6100. Wednesday, March 31, 8pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Mainstreaming Preservation Dan Soderberg’s new documentary, *Four Decades of Preservation in San Diego County*, chronicles Save Our Heritage Organisation’s history from 1969 through 2009. Release party and premiere begins with reception, includes copy of the DVD. 619-297-9327 or 619-297-7511. Monday, March 29, 6pm; \$15-\$20. Old Town Theatre, 4040 Twiggs Street. (OLD TOWN)

Surf on the Silver Screen See Greg Browning’s *Drive-Thru New Zealand* and *Drive-Thru Australia Part 2*, enjoy burgers, \$3 beers. 619-226-6100. Tuesday, March 30, 7pm; free. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

The Boys Behind Bars! Saps at Sea Tent of Laurel and Hardy fans gather for screenings of *The Hoosegow* (1929), *Pardon Us* (1931), comic short, cartoon. Donation: \$6. 619-417-9032. Saturday, March 27, 6:30pm. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3902 Kenwood Drive. (SPRING VALLEY)

FOOD & DRINK

“Specialty Italian Dishes” Italian cooking series continues with chance to taste, learn to make chicken piccata, eggplant Parmesan, saltimbocca. 858-449-0222. Tuesday, March 30, 6:30pm; \$45. RB Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way, Suite H. (ESCONDIDO)

Delicious, Wholesome Tofu! Lang Dang and friend will teach how to make tasty, nutritious tofu dishes and a vegan dessert. Taste food samples. 858-705-3987. Saturday, March 27, 2pm; free. 4S Ranch Library, 10433 Reserve Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)



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FOR KIDS

“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 26, 6:30pm; \$12-\$15. 3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

A Midsummer Night’s Dream Students of Theatre School at North Coast Repertory Theatre present William Shakespeare’s comedy revolving “around the adventures of four young lovers, a group of amateur actors, and their interactions with the fairies who inhabit a moonlit forest.” 858-481-1055. Thursday, March 25, 5pm; Friday, March 26, 12:30pm and 5pm; Saturday, March 27, 5pm; Sunday, March 28, 2pm and 5pm; \$9-\$12. North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987-D Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

A Midsummer Night’s Dream William Shakespeare’s romantic comedy illustrating how “the course of true love never did run true” presented by San Diego Junior Theatre La Jolla. 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 7pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, March 28, \$11-\$14. 8 and up. Firehouse YMCA Community Center, 7877 Herschel Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Benito Bunny’s Great Easter Egg Hunt Benito Bunny needs help finding Easter eggs stolen by Freddy the Fox when Gaston’s Puppets take stage. 619-544-9203. Thursday, March 25, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, March 26, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, March 27, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, March 28, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Wednesday, March 31, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

La Reine Soleil Wear your pajamas, bring a pillow, blanket, and favorite stuffed animals when Cine-Club gathers for children’s screening of Philippe Leclerc’s 2007 film. Donation. 858-550-0144. Friday, March 26, 6pm. Alliance Française de San Diego, 6640 Lusk Boulevard, Suite 104. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

The Importance of Being Earnest Oscar Wilde’s comic play set in England during late Victorian era presented by Classic Youth Theatre. 760-632-9447. Friday, March 26, 6pm; Saturday, March 27, 6pm; Sunday, March 28, 2pm;

free-\$15. Innovative Body Science, 6350 Yarrow Drive. (CARLSBAD)

IN PERSON

Dinosaurs of the Lost Continent Scott D. Sampson, research curator at Utah Museum of Natural History, explores some of the latest ideas and controversies reviewed in his recent book, *Dinosaur Odyssey: Fossil Threads in the Web of Life*. What factors may have led to the great extinction of dinosaurs at close of Mesozoic Era? 619-255-0203. Tuesday, March 30, 6:30pm; \$10-\$12. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Mandolin Magic” Mandolin concert by U. Srinivas and U. Ramesh for third annual Indian Music and Dance Festival. 858-442-1586. Saturday, March 27, 7pm; \$30.

David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Courage and Consequence Karl Rove — George W. Bush’s senior White House advisor and deputy chief of staff — signs his new memoir. Only copies of book purchased from Warwick’s may be signed; one ticket for signing line distributed with each book purchased. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, March 31, 6pm; free. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Every Day in Tuscany Author Frances Mayes returns to discuss, sign her sequel to *Under the Tuscan Sun* and *Bella Tuscany*. Book offers “reflections on the timeless beauty and vivid pleasures of Italian life.” 858-454-0347. Thursday, March 25, 7:30pm; free. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Flying Pans Chefs/authors Bernard Guillas and Ron Oliver

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

discuss, sign books. 760-633-4747. Saturday, March 27, noon; free. Henry's Market - Encinitas, 1327 Encinitas Boulevard. (ENCINITAS)

If You Can Read This Writer, philosopher Jack Bowen discusses, signs his new book examining *The Philosophy of Bumper Stickers*. What wisdom is couched behind these slogans? 858-454-0347. Monday, March 29, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Neon Angel Cherie Currie, former lead singer for the Runaways (an all-girl band in 1970s), signs her new *Memoir of a Runaway*. With purchase of *Neon Angel* from Warwick's, receive one ticket for signing line. 858-454-0347. Saturday, March 27, 4pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Carnatic Music Concert Ensemble headed by Chitravina Sashikiran (*chitravina* and *kon-nakol*), with performers on flute, violin, *mridangam*, and *ghatam*. Part of third annual Indian Music and Dance Festival. 858-442-1586. Friday, March 26, 7pm; \$25. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Create Vivid Landscapes Author Midge Raymond leads writing workshop, during which she'll "explain how to use verbal images and sensory details to create a vivid landscape for readers." Also divulged: how to map out journeys, going beyond mere description,

more. Fee includes hour-long workshop, writing materials, signed copy of Raymond's *Forgetting English*, book discussion and signing. Registration: 858-454-0347. Tuesday, March 30, 7pm; \$25. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Fantasy Author Tracy Hickman signs *Dragonlance: Secret of the Dragon*. 858-268-4747. Saturday, March 27, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Indian Music and Dance Festival commences with sitar concert by sitar virtuoso Kartik Seshadri, accompanied by Arup Chattopadhyay on tabla. 858-442-1586. Thursday, March 25, 7pm; \$25. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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

LECTURES

"Dreams, Diversions, and Discoveries" Sonya Quintanilla, curator of Asian art, presents "A Preview of the Japanese Woodblock Print Projects," shares look at highlights of the project, stories behind the discoveries, for Asian Arts Council. 619-543-9810. Thursday, March 25, 10:30am; free-\$10. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Ethics, Divine Commandments Alan Mandelberg addresses Atheist Coalition of San Diego regarding

ethics that are not based upon divine commandments. 619-342-7388. Tuesday, March 30, 6:30pm; free. North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Family Tree DNA and You" A representative from Family Tree DNA, described as "most widely used of the DNA companies in the U.S. offering genealogical DNA testing," speaks for spring seminar hosted by North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Among topics: "Haplogroups: Deep Ancestry and Migration Patterns," "Medical Testing and the Future of Personal DNA Testing," "Without a Surname to Follow, What Do You Do?" 760-599-9958. Saturday, March 27, 9am; \$25-\$30. Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

"Living and Learning in More Than One Language" Judith Lessow-Hurley divulges "What Parents Should Know" about rewards and challenges for children being raised in a bilingual environment. 858-456-2807 x306. Wednesday, March 31, 5:30pm; free. San Diego French-American School, 6550 Soledad Mountain Road. (LA JOLLA)

"Nurturing the Prophetic Imagination" The 15th annual Writer's Symposium by the Sea brings variety of poets, environmentalists, theologians, political scientists to explore global social problems. Enjoy "A Conversation with Kathleen Norris" on March 24; she is poet/essayist/author of *Acedia and Me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer's Life*. March 25 promises "A Conversation with Michael Eric Dyson," the George-

town University sociologist/theologian/author.

Environmentalism, author Bill McKibben on hand for conversation on March 26. McKibben is author of *Deep Economy*, *The End of Nature*, *Hope: Human & Wild*, *The Age of Missing Information*. Symposium concludes with "A Panel Presentation with Bill McKibben and Emmanuel Katongole" on March 27 in Ellipse Chapel. Katongole is author, codirector of Center of Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School, a Roman Catholic priest from Uganda, offering "a redeeming concept of how to live in a world marked by AIDS, civil war, genocide and other destructive conflicts." Except where noted, events take place in Crill Performance Hall in Cooper Music Center. 619-849-2297. Thursday, March 25, 7pm; Friday, March 26, 7pm; Saturday, March 27, 10:30am; \$10-\$15. Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

"Perspectives on the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement" Center on Pacific Economies at UCSD presents lecture featuring Sung-Hoon Kim of Korea. Kim will delve into trade strategy with center's dean, Peter Cowhey. Kim is an expert in agricultural and resource economics. Reception follows. 858-822-6756. Tuesday, March 30, 4:30pm; free. UCSD Faculty Club, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Rational Thought at UCSD" Jonathan Whitmore, head of UCSD student group with "countering superstitions and religious thought by promoting scientific and rational thought" as its motto, speaks for San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry. 619-421-5844. Sunday, March 28, 7pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Shakespeare's Wit and Wisdom Hear of "Shakespeare's wisdom and its relevance for today" when Tom Leech, author of *Say It Like Shakespeare: The Bard's Timeless Tips for Successful Communication*, presents "insights to succeed" for San Diego Shakespeare Society. 619-229-8387. Saturday, March 27, 12:45pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Shamans, Art, and Creativity Archaeologist and USD professor Alana Cordy-Collins chronicles "relationship between this ancient form of communication with the supernatural or spiritual realm, the inspirations and creation of art, and the activation of certain human brain chemicals." 619-435-7242. Friday, March 26, 6:30pm; \$10. Coronado Museum of History and Art, 1100 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

"Texting While Driving: Growing Concerns" "San Diego Now" program focuses on "what is being done locally to draw attention to the dangers of texting while driving." Case studies presented. 619-232-6203 x129. Thursday, March 25, 6pm; free. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Gospel of Luke: Lessons for the Recession" Pastor Jack Lindquist focuses "on wisdom in times of economic instability" for USD Center for Christian Spirituality, in Serra Hall room 215. 619-260-4784. Thursday, March 25, 7pm; \$7-\$15. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Up for Discussion: Lael Corbin" "Cerca Series" artist Corbin was asked to select a single reference material that has strongly influenced his work in some way. Based on *Einstein's Dreams* by Alan Lightman, Corbin leads discussion about his chosen material, its relationship to his work on view. Attendees encouraged to read book in advance, participate in conversation. 858-454-3541. Saturday, March 27, 4pm. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

'Tis Wildflower Season Celebrate spring, learn about many different plant communities when Margaret Fillius chronicles "Wildflowers at the San Elijo Lagoon" for San Elijo Life presentation in room 201. Fillius is author of *Native Plants — Torrey Pines State Reserve and Nearby San Diego County Locations*. 760-757-2121 x7782. Friday, March 26, 1pm; free. 18 and up. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Simplicity Parenting Family therapist/author Kim John Payne brings "awareness of the challenges of our times to provide practical tools to help us understand our children and enjoy our lives together." *Simplicity Parenting* sign-

ing follows. Fee: \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. 619-280-8016. Friday, March 26, 7pm; 18 and up. Waldorf School of San Diego, 3547 Altadena Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Build Good Soil! Get the skinny from master gardener/composter Diane Hollister on planting in beds and containers. Learn where to situate your garden, ideas for planting beds and container gardening, creating good soil. Reservations: 800-262-4167 x4. Saturday, March 27, 2pm; free. El Corazon compost facility, 3210 Oceanside Boulevard. (OCEANSIDE)

Vaccination Protocols Safer Pet Vaccination seminar with speakers W. Jean Dodds, DVM, and Ronald D. Schultz. Dodds will discuss avoiding, treating adverse vaccine reactions, blood tests for wellness, more. Learn "What Every Pet Owner Should Know About Vaccines and Vaccination Programs" when Schultz speaks. Proceeds benefit Rabies Challenge Fund. Registration: 858-755-8820. Sunday, March 28, 8am; \$110. Hilton Del Mar, 15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Focus on Floriculture René van Rems demonstrates "ornamental plant history and style from the Victorian era, the Kennedy years, and today," focusing "on floriculture from California and how some nonnative plants made it to our shore." Reservations: 619-234-9153 x101. Saturday, March 27, 10:30am; free-\$20. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Hillside Gardening Landscape designer Connie Beck shows "how to make the most of gardening on a slope," focusing on erosion control, plant choices, terracing, retaining walls. Required registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Tuesday, March 30, 6:30pm; \$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

For Aspiring Authors Book editor Laurie Gibson presents "Book Publishing 1-2-3: From the Writer's Fingers to the Reader's Hands." Expect "helpful hints and tips," follow behind-the-scenes journey of a manuscript as it becomes a printed book, discuss children's literature market, "quick creativity exercises," more. 858-635-1233. Sunday, March 28, noon; \$10. 20 and up. Café Liberta, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

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Science of Running a Marathon Exercise physiologist Dr. Jason Karp discusses "factors that influence marathon performance and how best to prepare for a marathon with advice on the most important workouts and tapering." 619-546-8386. Thursday, March 25, 6pm; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Seldom Seen: Nun's Shield What was role of nuns in colonial Mexico? What kind of art did they inspire? Find out when Amy Galpin, project curator for American art, takes museum's nun's shield out of the vaults for discussion, for one night only. 619-232-7931. Thursday, March 25, 7pm; \$5. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Who Was Moses? Learn about "who he was, who he wasn't, and what his story offers" during class entitled "Exploring Exodus, the Book of Names." 619-464-1519. Wednesday, March 31, 6:30pm; free. United Church of Christ of La Mesa, 5940 Kelton Avenue. (LA MESA)

SPORTS

2010 Crew Classic The 37th annual San Diego Crew Classic promises competition by over 3400 rowers from across U.S. Racing begins near SeaWorld, heads north along Mission Bay for 2000 meters finishing at Crown Points Shores. Jessop Whittier Cup final set for 9am; Copley Cup final begins at 9:15am on Sunday. Free viewing is possible from vantage points around bay. Parking: \$10. 619-225-0300. Saturday, March 27, 7:30am; Sunday, March 28, 7:20am; \$7. Crown Point, 3700 Crown Point Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Clash at Clairemont Event presented by PacSun and Mission Valley YMCA promises demonstrations by nearly 30 professional skateboarders and BMX bike riders including Tony Hawk, Andy MacDonald, Bucky Lasek, Pierre Luc Gagnon, Simon Tabron. Tickets include food, demos, games, entertainment, more. 619-279-9254. Saturday, March 27, 10am; \$10. Krause Family Bike and Skate Park, 3401 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Field Hockey Fun USA Field Hockey hosts AtaHolding Women's World Cup Qualifier. The USA team welcomes "traditional Pan American rivals Canada and Mexico, as well as Korea, Belgium, and France." Three games each day. Tournament winner qualifies for 2010 Women's World Cup in Ar-

gentina. 719-866-4339. Friday, March 26, 10am; Saturday, March 27, 10am; Sunday, March 28, 10am; Monday, March 29, 10am; Tuesday, March 30, 10am; Wednesday, March 31, 10am; \$5-\$10. U.S. Olympic Training Center, 2800 Olympic Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

Fiesta Del Mar Arabian Horse Show Qualifying show for Region 1 and 7, presented by Tierra del Norte Arabian Horse Association. 619-993-4169. Wednesday, March 31, 8am; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Giddyup! Spring Classic Quarter Horse Show. 714-444-2918. Thursday, March 25, 8am; Friday, March 26, 8am; Saturday, March 27, 8am; Sunday, March 28, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Mt. Helix and Beyond Join Knickerbikers for 30-mile jaunt up Mt. Helix, then out to El Cajon, over to Singing Hills, through Rancho San Diego, Casa de Oro, back to start. Bring money for lunch at Sunrise Deli. 619-240-6659 or 619-741-7169. Saturday, March 27, 9am; free. Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Café, 6792 University Avenue. (LA MESA)

Paws in the Park Annual dog walk benefiting Escondido Humane Society. Bring your canine pal to walk either 1.5-mile or 2.5-mile routes. Enjoy Paw Vendor Expo, entertainment, food, games, contests including "K-9's Got Talent" show, canine wet T-shirt con-

test. Registration at 8am; walk at 9am. Donation. 760-888-2235. Sunday, March 28, 8am. Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Riding and Socializing Urban Bike and Social Club event begins at Adams Avenue Bicycles, with bicyclists touring through Balboa Park, maybe downtown for a loop, then back up to start for food at the Linkery (bring money). Expect a "plain-clothes social ride." 619-885-8188. Tuesday, March 30, 5:30pm; 21 and up. Adams Avenue Bicycles, 2606 Adams Ave San Diego. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

San Marcos Blast Pedal this 70-mile bicycle adventure with Bicycle Touring Society riders. Bring money for lunch. 619-426-8192. Sunday, March 28, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center "The 13th Juried Art Show," with art selected by Larry Baza, continues through Saturday, April 24. Also on view: self por-

traits by children from local schools.

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

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

Centro Cultural Tijuana Center includes Museo de las Californias, cultural and artistic exhibits. "Buda Guanyin: Treasures of Compas-

sion" continues through December. Currently screening in the CE-CUT Omnimax: *Vamos a la Luna* and *India, El Reino del Tigre*. 011-52-664-687-9650. Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum "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)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum "The Way We Learned: Education in the South Bay" illustrates his-

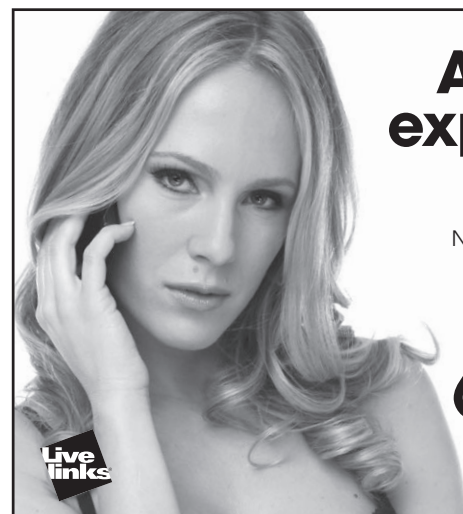
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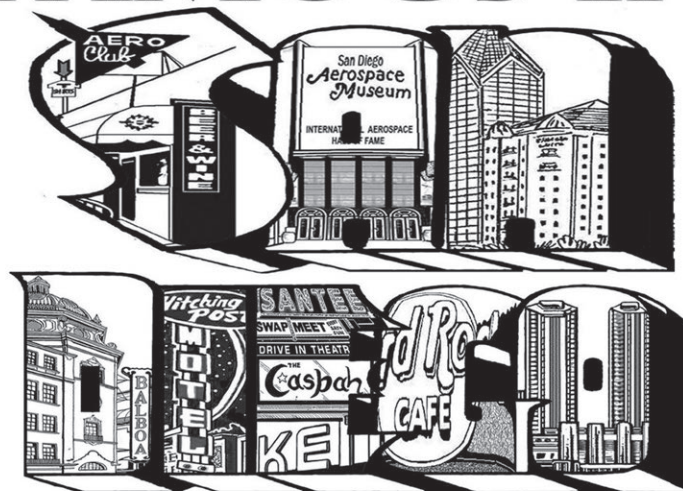
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tory of buildings, campuses, and people attending school through photographs, artifacts, school annuals, student memorabilia.

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

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

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

Embarcadero Urban Trees 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)

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

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

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

J.A. Cooley Museum An eclectic collection of items — includ-

ing displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, "some classics and a concept car." 4233 Park Blvd., 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11am, 1pm) and Sundays (noon, 2pm). 6200 Flying Leo Carrillo Lane, 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum Housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. Witherby Street and Hancock St., 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

New Children's Museum "Animal Art" explores the powerful relationship between humans and animals. How do you communicate and interact with animals? What do you do each day to help save the environment? If you were an animal, what would you be?

Artist of month is sculptor and performance artist Jason Hackenwerth, whose *Agartha* references "the mythical land thought to re-

side inside the Earth's core." Using thousands of balloons and technique developed after years of working as a children's entertainer, Hackenwerth creates balloon animals as works of art.

"AEH Regional Cameras" continues in Teen Studio through Monday, March 29. Artists Shane Anderson, James Enos, Nate Hudson invite teens to experience one of the earliest forms of photography through their reinvention of the camera obscura. Trio has updated this old technology by making it mobile so visitors may easily change the view projected inside. The cameras are assembled from recycled military storage containers to be wheeled through the space. Visitors may sketch the projected image. 200 West Island Ave., 619-233-8792. (DOWNTOWN)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove "Messages from the World: The Story of the Lemon Grove Post Office" follows evolution of local post office from horse and buggy days through modern times. Through June. Also on view: a recreation of the Sonka Brother's General Store, "The Children's Room," "The Parents' Room," "The Sewing Room," offering installations evoking life in the parsonage from 1900-1940. 3185 Olive St., 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

San Diego Air and Space Museum "The Science of... Aliens" is described as "largest and most in-depth exhibition to examine the possibility of life on other worlds." Exhibition is divided into zones entitled: "Alien Fiction," "Alien Science," "Alien Worlds," and "Alien Communication." Through Monday, January 3, 2011.

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

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

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hammering expense of producing catalogues — are thinking and acting on a smaller scale, featuring works from their own holdings or hosting exhibitions of easier-to-manage media such as drawings or prints. The Metropolitan is currently running a show of Bronzino drawings and another of a recently reattributed painting by Velázquez surrounded by Velázquez pictures from the museum's permanent collection, and its spring blockbuster will be over 200 works by Picasso, all from its own holdings. Closer to home, several venues in Southern California, including two in San Diego, have been exhibiting Rembrandt etchings, most from private California collections.

The Museum of Photographic Art seems to be on its own temporary diet. The two exhibitions I saw in late January will be up for a year, both showcasing things from MoPA's permanent collection, and while one claims to be didactic, they're virtually interchangeable: *In Light* offers 14 images; the didactic *Seeing Beauty*, 47. The explanatory matter swaddled around them asserts thematic purpose, but to this viewer, thematic intent is beside the point. The pictures are occasions to inform and pleasure ourselves. I thought of Baudelaire's formula for looking at art: first you feel pleasure, then you ask yourself why, which leads to enlightenment, recognition, meaning. So what if these images were shown with nothing to tell us how to look at them? How much instruction do we

really need? Even occasional museumgoers are pretty sophisticated viewers of photography. It's the art we feel to be most completely our own, probably because we all practice it with instinctive expertise in framing and composing. Photographic image-making is our second nature.

Photography is an ongoing slide show of change, so even MoPA's samplers catch the eye, so saturated are they with time, place, things, and manners. Photography still possesses its primitive shameless power of witness. Its evidence: images cleanse our conjectures of irrelevancies and misrepresentations. (Photos can just as bluntly fake evidence, craft misrepresentations.) Edward Burtynsky has recorded how the rust industries haven't disappeared; they've just migrated (like airline reservation services) to faraway places most of us will never see. His most grotesquely majestic pictures are huge images of ship-breaking yards on mud banks in Bangladesh, where laborers cut up decommissioned freighters into corroded steel slabs and housings that look like stuff from Richard Serra's drawing board. Rust, as we know, never sleeps. In Burtynsky's pictures, the sunlight washing down rusty hulls and bridges and rudders bleeds down, in shimmering mercurial oranges and sundown reds, onto the half-naked bodies of workers, gilded by muddy sweat, who in MoPA's picture are shouldering a long, thick cable that looks like the ship's intestine. In single file, slogging across the picture's horizontal field, chopped-up monuments of commercial civilization behind them, the workers look like indentured porters in service to a powerful colonizer. It's also a vision of modernity as the endless, feckless work of destroying what we've made.



Robert and Shana ParkeHarrison's *Undergrowth* (2006)

In Light and Seeing Beauty

Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park

Through Sunday, January 23, 2011. For additional information, call 619-238-7559 or visit mopa.org.

For visual whiplash, turn from Burtynsky's hellish exterior to one of the tony, asphyxiating New York interiors that Tina Barney has been making since the 1970s. The 1998 image is endearingly perverse, and a little pitiful. A girl who seems 11 or so, angelically lighted, walks down a plush hallway lined with ornately framed paintings. She's in training to become a certain kind of female adult. Dressed in a shimmering jade dress and wearing lipstick, she's

raising her baby-fat-plump arms to adjust her velvet headband, though it also looks as if she's trying to contain a miserable headache. (A caption would read: "This party is driving me crazy!") It's a portrait of a twisted kind of high-society beatitude.

The Burtynsky and Barney are, each in its way, archival. Robert and Shana ParkeHarrison's image *Undergrowth* marks how far the medium has come since Baudelaire, 150



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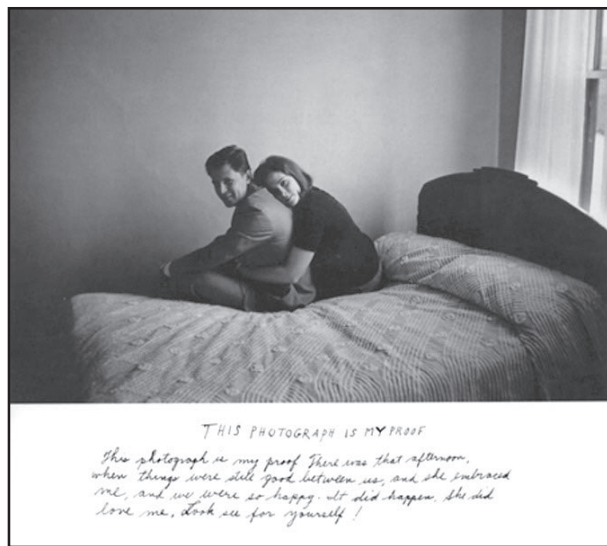
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years ago, dismissed photography as art because it's enslaved to nature. Photography obviously can remodel nature, make a second nature, mediated sometimes by hazy moralizing. The ParkeHarrisons digitally manipulate images to craft visions of the ruptured or perverted relations between the human order and nature. In *Undergrowth*, a man sits on a chair, head and torso smeared (like one of Francis Bacon's Popes), his sharply focused hand decked with blood that tracks back in drips across a door next to the man, the door itself gripped by vines growing behind, prising it apart. The blood splatters rhyme with the red-budded vines. It's an image of Tennyson's nature, "red, in tooth and claw," applied to the vegetative world. If you've seen an untended wooden garage wrestled to the ground by ivy, you know what I mean. Nature will reclaim us all, and



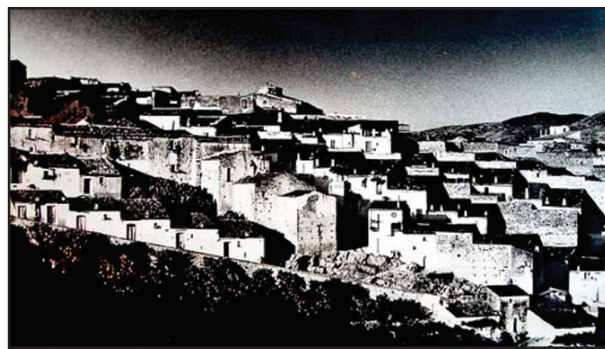
Duane Michals: "She embraced me, and we were so happy."

everything sooner or later reverts to jungle, forest, or desert.

Because it is, among other things, a report — even if it's a report on the state of the artist's imagination — photography manipulates irony of every kind, from tender-sweet to vicious. Duane Michals is one of our most subversively playful image-makers, and his own vexed version of romantic irony turns on the truth-discrepancy between image and

the narrative he composes for it. Item: "This photograph's my proof. There was that afternoon, when things were still good between us, and she embraced me, and we were so happy. It had happened, she did love me. See for yourself." The photo these words explain (a photo-as-proof) shows a couple fully dressed on a bed; she's clinging to him in desperate bliss, he's all smiles, they're just peachy, staring contentedly into the camera, blind to the outcome the caption tells us they're destined for. Photos can be little furnaces of ambiguity and jeopardy. When a verbal report accompanies an image, falsification or oblique half-truths spawn between them. The Michals image tweaks our trust, assumptions, and (a little unpleasantly, thank goodness) reminds us that photography, even apparently archival images like the Barney and Burtynsky, are always kin to fiction.

The other exhibition, *Seeing Beauty*, has a smashing picture by the Italian photographer Mario Giacomelli. Better known in Europe than here, Giacomelli (1925–2000) brought to still photography the slashing immediacy of black-and-white photography that postwar neorealist filmmakers like Rossellini and De Sica brought to cinema. His 1958 image of a village in Puglia fills the frame with an astounding vocabulary of textures: even human figures seem hacked from the mineral varieties surrounding them. The pileup of whitewashed houses and cobbled streets possesses the ancient fastness



Mario Giacomelli captured ancient fastness

that everyone who visits Southern Italy feels but can't explain. (The fastness holds only until an earthquake hits.) Washlines, tiles, mottled plaster, tipsy houses, crooked cobblestones, chimney pots, somebody entering a house or climbing a steep street — all ascend from the photo's massive base to a more friable and fragile apex topped off by a foreboding rank of clouds. It's a landscape as meditative object: as you look at it, it changes on you.

There are other strong images — Dorothea Lange's Dust Bowl pictures, Walker Evans's portrait of a withered sharecropper, nudes by Edward Weston and Bill Brandt, and shrouded daguerreotype delicacies. But the museum made a mistake in doing anything more than titling the exhibition *Seeing Beauty*. We can take it from there. We're not mopes. We don't need the writing on the wall: "IS BEAUTY ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL?" "WHO DEFINES BEAUTY?" I spend enough time in museums to have overheard smart ruminations on these questions by obviously infrequent museumgoers. I'm no anti-information commissar — a few words about Puglia's history and culture would help with Giacomelli's picture — but we don't need to be lectured on questions our own intelligence automatically generates, thank you very much. ■

GALLERIES

"Configurations" Opening reception for exhibition of work by Amanda Mueller and Skye Walker. See show — "about the relative disposition or arrangement of the parts or elements of nature, the human form, shapes, and colors" — through Saturday, April 17. 858-792-9685. Saturday, March 27, 6pm; free. Project X:

Art, 320 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Now We Can't Forget" Reception for exhibition combining sculpture, artists' books, installation, painting by Judith and James Christensen. In show, duo asks, "Where do we store our memories?" Artists' lecture follows reception in G-102 (7pm). Closes Thursday, April 22. 619-388-2829. Thursday, March 25, 4:30pm; free. Mesa College Art Gallery, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (MESA COLLEGE)

"Overheard" and "Famous in San Diego" Join Jay Allen Sanford for the opening reception of his exhibit of *Overheard in San Diego* and *Famous Former Neighbors* comic strips. See the one and only strip ever rejected by the *Reader*. Live art installation and live music by Bart Mendoza, Wendy Bailey, and Cathryn Beeks. Beeks will perform "Overheard in San Diego" theme song. The winner of the Famous Former Neighbors song contest will be announced and will also perform. 619-299-7372. Monday, March 29, 8pm; free. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"Self-Explosion" Exhibition by 19-year-old artist Taylor Marie Prendergast opens with reception. Closes Sunday, April 11. 858-551-2053. Friday, March 26, 6pm; free. Galeria JAN, 1250 Prospect Street Suite 21. (LA JOLLA)

Solo Exhibit Opening reception for artist Ricardo Rendón, whose work will be on view through April. RSVP: 619-546-4226. Thursday, March 25, 6:30pm. Melero Boutique and Gallery, 750 West Fir Street #106. (LITTLE ITALY)

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum Spring exhibitions include Seth Augustine's "Chimerica Dreality," described as "a visually dramatic installation reflective" of the artist's experiences in China. Installations urge viewers to consider perceptions of both countries by highlighting issues of public health, government power and control, illegal immigration, tourism, blurring of public and private spheres.

"Material Matters" showcases work by 23 members of Allied Craftsmen. Each artist demonstrates innovative techniques, designs incorporating wood, clay, wire, fabric, metal, gold, silver, other materials.

Wire, twine, thread, ribbon are manipulated in Anne Mudge's exhibition, "Chance & Circumstance." The forms "remind us of

the beauty and complexity found in nature while simultaneously referencing the potential of the human mind to produce equally compelling and intricate structures." All three close Sunday, July 4. 340 North Escondido Blvd., 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown On Friday, March 26, the museum opens four new exhibitions — "Ruben Ochoa," "Lærke Laut," "Cerca Series: Lael Corbin," and "Cerca Series: Mara De Luca." Each artist contributes new commissions made specifically for this show. Ochoa creates "sculptural installations that radically intervene into the existing built environment, and applies common construction materials to sculptural ends," as well as photography, public interventions, sculptures. Laut has developed "an immersive installation" featuring two works presented as a diptych: *Floating Female* and *The Accident*.

Corbin's piece turns Strauss Gallery "into a makeshift airplane hanger"; visitors find workbenches topped with partially constructed objects and the skeleton and shell of an experimental aircraft. De Luca's long-term project *Stations* (2006-2007) will be on view for first time, together with a site-specific altarpiece triptych. All close on Sunday, June 20. 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.

"In Light: Selections from the Permanent Collection" may be seen through Sunday, January 23. 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)

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)

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

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Cafe 2121 began as a quiet little breakfast/lunch place a few blocks west of Cafe 21 at 2121 Adams. The neighborhood adopted it warmly, so owners Leyla and Alex Javado moved to a more copasetic, slightly larger spot and changed the name to Cafe 21. They redecorated and in February started serving full dinners. The neighborhood noticed and said, “Why, Miss 21, without your extra ‘21’ you’re beautiful!” It was immediately a near-ideal “little neighborhood restaurant.” But who would imagine that the food at such a spot would be based on the cuisine of — Azerbaijan?

That’s why I decided to try it. I love the cuisines of its neighbor nations. (Pomegranate is the local showplace for fascinating Georgian food; our only local Armenian restaurant isn’t much of a showplace, but as a teenager that was the first cuisine that bedazzled me.) And now — our first Azeri restaurant!

You’re probably expecting the usual little dissertation on the geography, history, and gastro-anthropology of that country, right? Truth is, all I know about Azerbaijan is that it’s one of the deep-south Balkan states that used to be an SSR and so absorbed some Russian influences while retaining a strong separate culture, including food with flavors that have more kinship with Persia and the Middle East as with the Slavic countries to the north. (According to co-owner Alex, “Azerbaijan” means “the land of fire.” It’s covered with pools of oil rising from underground, which can be set aflame.) “Azeri are famous for their hospitality,” Alex said. “The moment a guest comes to the door, out comes all the food! We have tried to keep that sense alive in our restaurant.”

Eating at Cafe 21 will tell you the rest of the culinary story — Azeri food adapted for healthy California eating, filtered through Leyla’s creative sensibilities, with loads of fresh fruits, nuts, cheeses, herbs, and lots of labor-intensive “stuffed” dishes.

Leyla, petite and pretty, and husband Alex are both from Baku, their country’s capital. Her fa-



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Broodingly handsome Alex Javado presides over the front of the house.

ther (recently deceased) is a beloved writer in their homeland; her mother is Ukrainian, adding another flavor to the mix. Alex is tall, dark, and broodingly handsome, but with a 500-watt smile (eye-candy alert to *Jane Eyre* fans and Goth girls!). He presides over the front of the house, while Leyla expedites the kitchen and creates the dishes. This isn’t some amateur mom ’n’ pop outfit struggling with the requirements of running a restaurant — though the place was slamming on my visit, the kitchen and service were right on their toes.

Alex moved here first; he came to San Diego to study for a degree in hospitality. In Baku, he managed a commercial bakery. He and Leyla were already engaged, and two years after his arrival, he sent for her. Leyla’s culinary career began with making baklava at home for a Persian restaurant downtown on Cedar Street. Soon, they needed a legal commercial kitchen for the pastries, and

they rented a kitchen at 2121 Adams (where Farmhouse is now), which gradually evolved into a breakfast/lunch restaurant. As it succeeded, they moved to their current location.

The restaurant is small (maybe 40 seats, plus bar stools and outdoor plaza), cozy, and attractive. Some of the joy is marred by the high noise level that comes

of uncarpeted floors, uncushioned seats, et al. (and those seats eventually cause butt-fatigue over a long meal). Through a glass window behind the bar you can watch the cooks at work. (I was driven to distraction by the uncanny resemblance of the guy in the tall toque to a boy genius I dated when we were 15.) The kitchen staff look like pros, not cheap temps. The menu is changeable, with successful specials sliding into the regular arrays, according to the reactions of the diners. Unfortunately, two interesting lamb dishes listed on the website menu (including an Azeri lamb pilaf and

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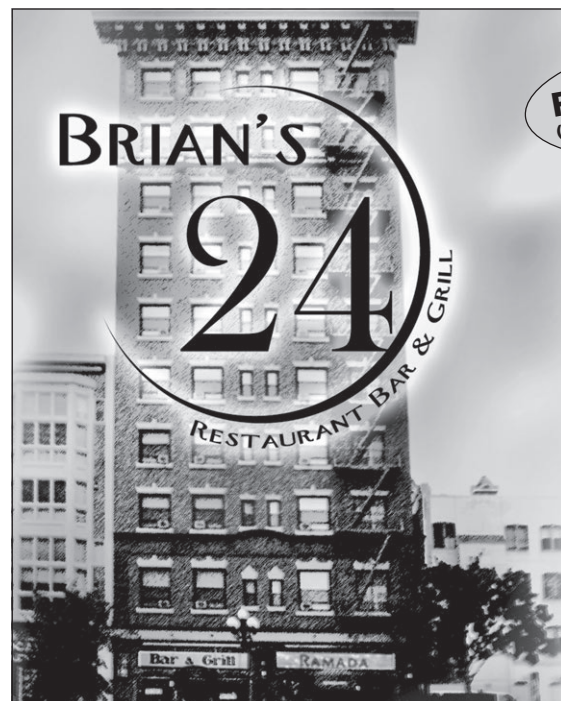
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a garbanzo “cassoulet”) are currently MIA. “We don’t want to have everything Azerbaijani,” said Alex. “Our food is from all over the world. When I go out to eat, I like to taste more variety.”

“I’m surprised how varied the crowd is,” said Sam, noticing amid the rich ethnic mix a pair of middle-aged Oaxacan men waiting for a table. “Who’d imagine how many diners would want to try Azeri cuisine?”

The house-baked bread (with butter) consists



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of small, firm, round rolls that my tablemate John aptly compared to miniature bialy. Show restraint on bread consumption. The appetizers are huge, meant for sharing — or as alternative main courses for singles or couples. One quarter of one portion of the Apricot Cristo Crêpes would easily make a meal for a reasonable appetite. Thin, delicate crêpes are wrapped around hunks of turkey and melted mozzarella, subtly sweetened with apricot preserves, and touched with a thin raspberry-pomegranate sauce. It sounds potentially cloying but isn't: The fruit acts like a chutney in Indian cuisine, a spark of bright sweetness. The turkey tasted better than turkey, but none of us could name the magic seasonings — not because they were exotic, but because they were subtle — the result of a marinade that includes paprika, garlic, and olive oil (also used with the chicken that stuffs the pasta for a main course).

A quartet of smoked salmon

blini had soft pancake-like bases (Ukrainian rather than Russian-style), topped with lox (of standard quality), crème fraîche, and a microgreen array including tiny flower petals. The surprise was a shot of hot — a hidden jolt of red pepper flakes cooked into the blini dough. “They can’t mean for one person to eat this whole appetizer!” said Rebecca, John’s petite wife. (Well, I know who that person would be, but then I’d call it dinner.)

The “signature” strawberry salad is Leyla’s improvisation on California’s ubiquitous raspberry-vinaigrette salads, with strawberries as her original touch. It offers organic spring greens, mild, creamy goat cheese, plump roasted pistachios, plus sliced strawbs doused in a sweet-tart strawberry vinaigrette with streaks of scarlet raspberry syrup decorating the plate. Normally I’m not fond of sweet salad dressings, nor of large commercial strawberries (particularly underripe exports from South America), but this was such a blast of vivacity and freshness, it was like switching from B&W to color. (Another

house-special salad we didn’t get to try is a baked grape salad with grilled almonds, goat cheese, and spring mix. A plateful passing by to another table looked like a Renaissance still-life painting brought to life and calling out, “Eat me.”)

Our group was tempted by the light, clever toppings of the “Azeri hand-tossed pizzas” as appetizers, until we heard Alex warning our neighbors that they were really casual main courses and would kill their appetites for entrées.

Sam had brought an interesting Italian red for the entrée course (corkage just \$10), but we wanted a white for appetizers. The wine list is modest and affordable (mainly under \$30), nothing major on it. I chose a Writer’s Block Rousanne white from Lassen County, with a front-label portrait of young Shakespeare bearing quill pen and an amusing back-label outburst of ridiculous prose: “I was pleasure-whoring in Elephant Alley one night when we accidentally bumped up. She was incandescence with teeth like halogen headlights and platinum-blond hair that nearly

crackled with product...” (It gets even funnier; e.g., the scuzzy motel room with “leftover chicken Vindaloo and a CD of some klezmer-metal hybrid.”) Too bad the wine isn’t as good as the unblocked writing. If you’ve got a cellarful of good wines and fall in love with the food here, BYO may be the way to go.

I usually beat the crowds by eating midweek, but scheduling snarls required a Friday-night visit. The restaurant was slamming. The whole staff was coping remarkably well with service, but by 7:30, some popular entrées, like the Rustic Duck Stew, had run out. We substituted the handsome Azeri Pasta we’d seen snaking its way through the house to another table. This consists of four dumplings (like Russian *pelmenyi*) stuffed with coarsely chopped chicken (both white and dark), both topped and mixed with a swirl of caramelized onions, each pastry sitting next to a matching pool of basil-strewn crème fraîche on the rectangular serving plate. The pasta proved rather thick and chewy (that’s authentic, like it or not). The chicken (marinated before cooking, like the turkey in the

crêpes) was flavorful.

Seeing Salmon in Puff Pastry on the menu gave me a giggle of recognition. It is a version of Coulbiac, one of the labor-intensive haute cuisine dishes created by the fabled French chefs who went off to Russia to work for the Czars — dishes that were then re-adapted by Parisian chefs when White Russian émigrés (the Kardashians of their day) became a human fad in France in the late 19th Century. Cafe 21’s version has a thin, crisp puff pastry and includes spinach and a goat-cheese mousse in the stuffing, with a mushroom cream sauce for moisture over an elaborate basmati rice pilaf. All would be well, but the salmon is too dry, nearly tasteless — probably farm-raised product, lacking the muscular flavor and underlying fat of wild catch. “What a pity,” said Rebecca. “You can get much better wild salmon at Costco for about the same price.”

The pilaf is not simply rice but almost Persian-style, studded with golden raisins, green lentils, nuts, and bits of spinach. (I have to admit I didn’t discover all that at the restaurant,

but in the leftovers, so some of it may be trout-stuffing spillovers.) Moistening the rice is a light, velvety mushroom cream sauce. I suddenly realized that newfangled upscale California restaurants rarely do cream sauces anymore. And a good cream sauce is a joy forever. How could something so scrumptious go so far out of style? Julia Child ate butter and cream to the very end, well into her 90s, but I guess we have to blame the food police, who declared war on fat in the ’80s — opening the way to agribusiness’s sea of sweet, empty carbs (e.g., high-fructose corn syrup). Now we don’t eat fat — we *are* fat.

Two of the evening specials were must-tries. In stuffed rainbow trout, the filling protects the delicate meat and keeps it tender, while the skin is blasted on high heat until dark and shatteringly crisp. The stuffing: minced spinach, walnuts, dill, meaty black mushrooms. Perfect. On the side are small potatoes and, looking like chopped Yukon golds, chunks of baked underripe pears. Like the salmon, it comes atop pilaf with mushroom cream sauce.



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Stuffed Savoy Cabbage is the ultimate in comfort food, like something cooked by a grandmother who really loves her grandchildren. This must be a contribution of Leyla's Ukrainian family; the Azeri, Alex told me, prefer to stuff summer vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, summer squash, etc.), like the Persians. This rendition is much gentler than my Russian grandmother's (which had regular cabbage stuffed with rice and cheap ground beef in a heavy canned tomato sauce studded with cloves and raisins). Instead, it has meltingly soft Savoy cabbage surrounding a very gentle meat loaf of veal and rice, moistened with a sauce of cooked fresh tomatoes. A side of mashed potato melts into the sauce. First bite seemed bland. Third bite, surrender.

Did we want dessert? Not really — until we saw one of many plates going by showcasing great white trembling half-domes bedecked with strawberry slices. "Is that dessert Azeri?" Sam asked Alex as he passed our table. "Sure," Alex answered. "My wife's from Azerbaijan; she created it, so it's Azeri." Light, creamy-textured,

and indulgent — but much less fattening than it seemed — it consisted of whipped egg white meringue (see, no fat and almost no calories!), whipped mascarpone (to hold it all together), and coconut, garnished by berries, with barely enough sugar to sweeten it. The espressos weren't great (no *crema*) but decent. Leyla rarely makes baklava anymore. "It doesn't make good business sense for us," said Alex. "As soon as she makes them, I eat them all."

The exploration has just begun. "I want to come back here right away to taste the rest of the menu," said Sam. And at these prices, it's easy to do so. A singleton can fill up (on an appetizer or pizza) for \$12 or less. A larger group can do two courses for about \$25 (plus beverages). The food is fresh, seasonal, vivacious, unconventional. Welcome to affordable Azerbaijan!

Foodie Gossip, Mainly Good: Well, I've adapted to the Modern Age at last and now have a blog on the *Reader* website with the freshest food gossip I can reap on the streets, whenever I think

of posting. (Mainly, I think, births and deaths of restaurants, plus the occasional new venture that doesn't fit easily into the review format.) Do not expect me to Tweet, too. I'd rather sing for my supper. In any case: the Jai issue has worked itself out. Jai will be open only when there's a show at the next-door theater (next time will be June). The rest of the time (such as right now) it will go into hibernation. Better part-time than no time, right? And, shockingly, popular Trattoria Acqua was on the verge of closing when it lost its lease last week, but the landlord reneged at the last minute, so it's back for at least another year.

Up in UTC at the corner of Executive and Executive, catty-corner from Executive (pray, find that address!), Venice bit the dust. This was a decent Italian restaurant in a corporate park that was totally dark after 5:00 p.m., when all the live executives went home — leaving nobody to eat dinner there. And La Jolla Rancherita has also gone down, taking with it their fine treatment of local lobsters but otherwise standard Baja-Mex cuisine. ■

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Goodbye, Trailer of Joy

I.B.'s loss could be North Island's gain.

Here's one for the military. Looks like IB's loss could be North Island's gain. My favorite BBQ trailer is heading thataway, for Navy eyes only. And that's one giant pity for the rest of mankind. Actually, I thought of Black Jack BBQ as my secret, a smoke-filled trailer of joy, where I could get my pork-rib fix for a song, forever. But the other day I was heading west along Palm at 13th — Friday night, prime time — and *whack!* The little black-and-flames trailer: Gone.

I mean, my experience there was brief but unforgettable. I was onboard the 933, rumbling along Palm Avenue, when I noticed two food vans for the first time, one white, the other black. The white one was a Mexican-seafood van. But it was the black trailer with red flames licking up its sides that got my attention.

Bus driver let me off right outside. I cut across the grass median and an AutoZone parking lot. This is around 8:00. Cold. I spot a black 44-gallon drum smoking away in front of the trailer. All right! That meaty, burned-sugar smell! "Black Jack's BBQ," says the sign. And on their menu board, "Mo' Betta Dogs & Sausage, \$3.99." Yes! 'Cause the last thing Carla shouted as I walked out the door was "Hot dogs! Bring me back hot dogs!" Ever since I brought her dogs from Lucha Libre, she's had a passion for them.

There are a few of us dudes standing around, waiting while this guy in a blue apron — his name's Librado — stokes the 44-gallon drum smoker. Daniel, who's in front of me, grew up in Louisiana, and he says the sauce here definitely measures up.

"We make it every day," says the cook, Lorenzo. He's come out to load the cookers with slabs of ribs. "It's got a Mexican attitude. A bit spicier, a little sweeter. There are two

ways to make BBQ sauce: with ketchup or mustard. I put both in, plus 21 other ingredients."

Now Librado appears with a plate. "Sam-ples," he says. Wow. We all grab chunks of sandwich with pulled pork and lots of sauce on it. Ooh, yes. It's rich, sweet, but still tangy.

"Definitely a different style here," says Keith. He's from North Carolina. Back there, they have a vinegar base to the sauce.

They have no seats and tables, just a three-foot-by-six-inch fold-up counter, enough for three of us, max, to chow down at, shoulder to shoulder. The menu's pretty simple. Main deal is BBQ sandwiches, stuffed with items like hot links, chicken, BBQ beef, St. Louis ribs, pulled pork, or rib tips, all \$5 for a sandwich, \$9 for a plate. Sides are \$2.50 and include the usual: BBQ baked beans, coleslaw, corn on the cob, and potato salad. (Large orders cost \$4.75.) "Mo' Betta Dogs and Sausage" choices (\$3.99) include pork with BBQ sauce, sliced beef and BBQ sauce, and Italian sausage with onions and peppers. A regular jumbo hot dog runs \$2.50, and they also have "BBQ sticks," a shish kebab kinda thing for \$2.75, with chicken or pork, plus BBQ sauce or teriyaki sauce.

Natch, I hem and haw till this guy Bob and his lady Laura come up. "First-timer?" says Bob. "Ya gotta try the rib-tip sandwich. It's awesome." He's getting two of them and two hot-link sandwiches as well. "I've lived in IB 50 years," he says. "I remember when Coronado Avenue was a dirt road." He says these guys are kind of back to the future. "I always look for them because their sauce is sweet and smoky, the meat's tender, and they have good personalities."

So I make my order. A hot-link sausage for Carla and a rib-tip sandwich for me. Five

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They have no seats or tables, just a three-foot-by-six-inch counter.

bucks each. Plus a Mist soda for me (\$1). When it comes, I jaw into that thing like there is no tomorrow. Damn, it's good. Rich, sweet, garlicky, tender pork. The bones are still on, but the meat falls off. I must go through a small tree's-worth of napkins. By the time I've wolfed it down, I'm thinking, *I could do that again.* So I ask for a pulled-pork sandwich. "All right!" says Librado. "Three items. That means you get one free. Which would you like?"

Wow. Guess if I'm having two, Carla had better as well. I order another hot-link sandwich for her. 'Course, I attack the pulled pork as soon as it comes. Can't resist it while it's fresh-hot. And, man, it's da bomb. Lorenzo says the pulled pork is their most popular

sandwich, by far. "We do 50 pounds of the stuff every day."

Sigh. I so liked that scene there. Us strangers, hunched over the tiny counter, feeding our faces in the danged cold parking lot, courtesy of AutoZone. My favorite kinda eatery.

But that was then. Now, you're probably going to have to join the Navy to get at these awesome taste explosions, once they move on-base. So, what the heck, I call Lorenzo's boss, Ray, and get a ray of hope. Don't worry, he says, he's setting up a permanent shop in Imperial Beach. Soon. Should be opening in the next few weeks. A spot near the beach. *Whew.* No guarantees, but, as they say: stay tuned. Watch for smoke signals. ■

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“Up there” is Sonoma — just now, Pete is “down here” in San Marcos, visiting his son Chris, proprietor (and sole employee) of Christopher Cameron Vineyards. These days, Chris is work-

ing out of Frank Bon’s Twin Oaks Valley Winery; before that, he found a home at Witch Creek in Carlsbad. “I worked there,” he recalls, “and bartered four tons of fruit to use their equip-

ment.” The fruit was from the family vineyard — Sonoma was suffering a bit of a glut, and Chris was breaking into the SoCal wine business, so the shift southward worked out nicely. “I just prefer to live down here,” explains Chris.

“I love surfing, going down to Baja.” (While he was at it, he found a healthy outlet for the family’s fruit in the San Diego and Orange County amateur-winemaking communities. “I started selling about 20 tons, with people buying about 1000 pounds each.”)

Chris got his start in wine when — well, it depends on who you ask. Pete recalls taking his son to Bistro Ralph in Healdsburg while the lad was figuring out what he wanted to do with his life. “I ordered a bottle of Mazzocco Zinfandel, and it was just an awfully good bottle of wine. Chris said, ‘Anything that can taste this good, I want to have something to do with it.’”

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Winemakers Chris and Pete Van Alyea: “You get in the cellar and you go crazy.”

Chris’s story of choice is a tad less glamorous. Back from a stint teaching English in South America, he landed a job with super-distributor Southern Wine & Spirits and eventually met “one of the kids from the Fetzer family” up in Ukiah. “He said, ‘I made this wine — I just did this and this and this and this.’ And it was pretty good.” Armed with a book and a bunch of his family’s Chardonnay grapes, Chris took a crack at winemaking in ’99 and wound up with a carboy full of brown, murky liquid — just like Bill Pullman with his Chateau Montelena Chardonnay in *Bottle Shock*. And, like Pullman, he eventually learned that the browning was temporary — a vinous

growing pain. “It turned out pretty good.” Good enough to take a shot at going pro in 2002.

(He’s come a long way since that first carboy. Today, he manages to make big, fruity wines — over 15 percent alcohol — that are not obviously, tongue-numbingly so. Response has been good: his wines have found their way into most of the local bottle shops, including the WineSellar, Wine Bank, and onto wine lists at restaurants such as Mister A’s.)

Still, he was cautious enough at the outset to bring in a consultant. Says Chris, “His main thing was to add a little bit of the new vintage to the older vintage.” Father and son let the consultant walk



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when the man started asking \$10,000 a year to give advice on 300 cases' worth of production, but they held on to the idea. "All the wines I've bottled since '02 have had a touch of new vintage wine in them. The big thing that's lost in barrel-aging is that youthful fruit" — and a dollop of brand-new wine helps to restore it. "By law, you're allowed to add 15 percent new vintage; I've added up to 8 percent."

A blending bent, it seems, runs in the family. And Chris was just getting started. "During the '05 vintage, I started experimenting with different yeasts on a Merlot. I put it in four different bins with four different yeasts and sanitized the punch-down rod between each bin. When fermentation finished, I had Sonoma wine-makers who couldn't tell they were from the same grapes. One was all leather, no fruit. Another was all cherries. Now I do all my fermentations in at least two separate bins with different yeasts; instead of just cooking with salt, why not cook with oregano, too?"

From blending yeasts, it was a short step to blending barrels. "I started thinking, *Why not use different oaks, just to bring more*

complexity to the table?" In 2009, he scored a bunch of Lake County Malbec for \$1000 a ton. (Because it's not from his father's vineyard, Chris will sell it under his Costa Azul label.) After fermentation, he spread the wine out over a dozen barrels. "World Cooperage up in Napa has found a way to extract different characteristics with convection toasting, as opposed to traditional fire toasting," explains Chris. "They can do high vanilla, high mocha — it's spot-on."

A couple of examples: the wine from the high-vanilla barrel, besides smelling of vanilla, finishes with an intense burst of strawberry jam. To me, it tastes more like Pinot Noir than the easily recognizable Malbec that comes out of the neutral barrel. A tight-grained American oak barrel gives more spice. And so on down the line, each barrel yielding an ingredient for the final blend. "That's the best part of the job — you get in the cellar and you go crazy."

That's the Malbec. There's also Chardonnay, Petite Sirah, Cabernet, Merlot — and a late-harvest Zinfandel that he's looking to blend with some late-harvest Petite Sirah. "And

I have a barrel of Merlot and Petite Sirah that I co-fermented. I'm calling it Merah. It's kind of fun to try different stuff." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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Allied Gardens

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Rd., Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. All the staples: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef



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Fred's Old Fashioned Burgers 2754 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-1264. You get a bang for your burger buck, from the junior burger to quarter-pounders and half-pounders to Fred's three-quarter-pound "monster burger." Even the BLT sandwich comes loaded with six slabs of bacon. Inexpensive.

Baja

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

Cien Años Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Tijuana, 664-634-3039. Mexican haute cuisine, with complex sauces based on Mexican ingredients including tropical fruits, nuts, and chili peppers. Treats: mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile-meat mini tacos, posole with crabmeat. Moderate.

Happy Face Restaurant In Plaza Viva Tijuana (near Yellow Cab parking area), Tijuana. Breakfast (all day) includes *chilaquiles* with chips doused in cheese, a thin steak, frijoles, rice, chips, salsa, coffee, and a house salad. Inexpensive.

Manzanilla Boulevard Teniente Azueta #139, Ensenada, 646-175-7073. Sophisticated "nuevo" Mexican cuisine at this Euro-style bistro features seasonal menus with fresh-caught seafood, locally grown vegetables, and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill. A spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is a constant. Moderate.

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67, Rosarito, 661-612-1430. In a restaurant full of caged birds (and a patio with free birds a-wing), enjoy sublime mesquite-grilled aged steaks, quail with garlic sauce, or venison — especially the savory *machaca de venado* (meat strips with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Mostly moderate; cash only.

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, Tijuana, 664-685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated carne asada, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado. Inexpensive.

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel (south end of Blvd. Benito Juárez), Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. Somewhat expensive for the area.

Banker's Hill

Hexagone 495 Laurel St., Banker's Hill, 619-236-0467. This urban spin-off of Rancho Bernardo's French Market Grille offers provincial "bourgeois cuisine" (snails, frog legs, bouillabaisse) nearly identical to that of the mother ship — including the inconsistent nightly quality. Moderate to expensive.

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. All-day breakfasts and sandwiches, and at dinner, while there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Bay Park

Bay Park Fish Company 4121 Ashton St., Bay Park, 619-276-3474. Go big (surf 'n' turf can cost you thirty-plus) or small: a filling seafood stew or

the panko-crusted halibut tacos go for \$10. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive.

Borrego Springs

Olde Homestead Fudge Co. 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The chocolate walnut fudge is delicious, but the masterpiece when in season is the Date Shake — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Inexpensive.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. The most authentic dishes come from the Specialties section of the menu, including a good pork in green chile sauce, enchiladas, and *chilaquiles*. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Cardiff

Beach House 2530 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321. Branch of a beachy mini-chain. Great ocean-front view, but stay with the simplest foods — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs. Weekend brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive.

Carlsbad

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex, but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Inexpensive.

Vivace 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. First-class ingredients enliven skillfully executed Italian haute cuisine — think Medici princes, not *mamma mia*. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive.

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Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co. 12840 Carmel Country Rd., Carmel Valley, 858-481-7883. Several San Diego locations. House-made brewskis and American-style pizzas, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings. Also pub grub and vaguely Italian food. Inexpensive.

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza 12925 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-259-6600. Additional locations in La Jolla, La Mesa, Mission Valley, University City, and Downtown. The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Inexpensive.

Spices Thai Café 3810 Valley Centre Dr., Carmel Valley, 858-259-0889. Additional locations in Mira Mesa and Rancho Bernardo. Not only elegant, but the food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Inexpensive to moderate.

Chollas View

Asia Café 4710 Market St., Chollas View, 619-527-1917. Rare Laotian restaurant's dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Inexpensive.

Chula Vista

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. Famous for Grandma's buckwheat pancakes, banana-pecan pancakes, and rolled pancakes. Other good bets: deluxe burger with french fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Inexpensive.

Miguel's Cocina 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Additional locations in Coronado and Point Loma. Soups are built on fine stocks,

salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are luscious. Great for kids. Moderate.

Zorba's Greek Buffet 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. Families are here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in flaky pastry), dolmas (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Inexpensive.

City Heights

Asmara Eritrean Restaurant 4155 University Ave., City Heights, 619-677-3999. Similar to Ethiopian food, with a long, interesting menu, including a fine three-meat combo platter, luscious veggies. Seasoned to your specifications: "hot" means "hot!" Cash only. Inexpensive.

Canada Steak Burgers 3604 University Ave., City Heights, 619-283-4345. Run by a Greek-American family for 30 years, their hamburgers and especially their steak burgers are nicely seasoned and a great value. Interesting Greek choices include gyros souvlaki (skewered lamb), chicken kebabs. Inexpensive.

College Area

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Rd., College Area, 619-265-0218. A full range of European-Jewish specialties including deli meats and smoked fish, house-baked breads and pastries, huge sandwiches and dinner entrées (including a lively Rumanian skirt steak and an ethnic sampler platter). Moderate.

The Living Room Café and Bistro 5900 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-286-8434. Additional locations in Old Town, Point Loma, La Jolla, and National City. This Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with good breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet. Inexpensive.

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-287-3536. The tempura special roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is filled with whitefish and garnishes. The Johnny roll shows octopus at its most tender. Inexpensive to moderate.

Coronado

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Ave., Coronado, 619-522-0612. House-baked breads and croissants and crunchy imaginative sandwiches like the Brie Fantasy (Brie, chicken, roasted peppers). Bino's Austrian wife makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive.

Burger Lounge 922 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-6835. Additional locations in Kensington and La Jolla. Their Tallgrass beef is juicy, tastes sweeter, and comes only from grass-fed cattle. Inexpensive, if you avoid extras like fries and onion rings.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-522-0217. They call themselves "Memphis style" and indeed cook their meats and tender chicken in a hickory-fueled smoker. Consistency problem — some days you taste smoke, other days not a whiff. Local delivery available. Moderate.

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0454. Classic fine Italian cooking with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a summertime special of white king salmon. Expensive.

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-522-0449. Mootime Creamery owner David Spatafore decided to set up a cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white tablecloth, dangling-Chianti-bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out on great pizza and calzone. Inexpensive.

Del Mar

Il Fornaio 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Also 1333 First St., Coronado, 619-437-4911. Regional Italian dishes range from *filatino con bisteccina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy Dijon and salad) to a mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*. Great breads, of course. Moderate.

Shimbashi Izakaya Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-523-0479. Izakaya-style restaurant and sake bar with ocean-view dining serving fusion sashimi, tempura, shitake seafood sandwich, sushi rolls, grilled yakitori, and desserts.

Downtown

Anthony's Fish Grotto 1360 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-5103. Additional locations in La Mesa and Chula Vista. 18 fish to choose from, available seasonally, most prepared simply. Moderate.

Anthony's Fishette 1360 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-5103. Fast fish, mainly fried, but the clam chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. Inexpensive.

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 G St., Downtown, 619-696-7220. You sit under poplar trees in a brick patio — and except for the wind, it's blissfully silent. With light fare like quiche, salads, and *panini*, it's the nearest thing to a French country café downtown. Inexpensive.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar 807 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-4300. The real Buster surfed the world — Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket. Here there's a surfer-pub dish from each of those waters, not one of them authentic. Bay view. Prices cover the waterfront.

Le Cake Château 1152 Seventh Ave., Downtown, 619-325-0977. This true French pâtisserie offers golden croissants, gorgeous pastries, and terrific lunches including *croque monsieur* (grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich covered with a Mornay sauce) and crepes with seasonal fruit and sweet cream cheese. Inexpensive.

Cheese Shop 427 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-2303. Also 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Not much retail cheese anymore. They still have all-cheese sandwiches but now specialize in overstuffed spit-roasted meat sandwiches like lamb and roast beef. Inexpensive.

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-9236. Enjoy grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, rice dishes, and appetizers like leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). Moderate.

City Pizzeria 675 B St., Downtown, 619-531-0955. Definitely West Coast pizza, with specialties like the Ranch Chicken pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. Inexpensive.

Croce's 802 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-4355. Live music comes free with dinner. Seasonal, creative menu, but simple dishes are best here, like the shrimp carbonara fettuccine in white garlic cream sauce. Fun people-watching from window tables. Expensive.

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Jsix 616 J St., Downtown, 619-531-8744. The chef's charcuterie — sausage, cured beef, and smoked ham — is impossible to pass up. Waitstaff talks up the seafood, but the beef dishes are better — rib eye and Angus short ribs, especially. Grazing meals moderate to expensive, full dinners very expensive.

Maryjane's Coffee Shop Hard Rock Hotel, 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-764-6950. Back to the '50s with frozen peas and instant-tasting mash. The meaty meat loaf may improve on Mom's, but the chicken pot pie is barely better than Morton's. Moderate.

Ocean Room and Lounge 630 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-501-6550. Pleasant dishes include mussels *marinière*, Cajun seafood pasta, seafood pan roast, and Fanny Bay oysters on the half-shell. Or try the oyster shooters. Expensive (but less than average for the neighborhood).

Operacaffe 835 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-6538. True Tuscan cuisine, not austere but simple and sensual, priced for a song — with salads to sing about, unique Florentine home dishes, and sublime seasonal specials. This one's for us, not conventioners. Low-moderate.

Organic to Go 1143 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-236-0086. Lunch for most is a lunge at the salad bar, but they make a cheddar albacore tuna melt, a toasted meat loaf sandwich, and a vegan Thai-style veggie wrap. Other interesting dishes include mango-chutney-curry chicken salad sandwich. Inexpensive.

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-595-7959. The glory days have passed, but starters (mozzarella campagnola, fritto misto) still shine, and pastas can be excellent. Osso buco with marrow is best entrée. Try the lemon torte, leave the cannoli. Expensive on up.

Roy's Marriott Hotel, 333 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-239-7697. Also 8670 Genesee Ave., La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our outpost of top Hawaiian chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain, serving Pacific Rim fusion and sushi on a daily changing, seafood-oriented menu. End with the signature chocolate soufflé. Very expensive.

Royal India 329 Market St., Downtown, 619-269-9999. Standard North Indian Sikh menu. The lunch buffet costs a bit more than rock bottom, but is a decent deal if you care about flavor — none of the dishes have that sludgy sameness that mars cheaper buffets. Moderate to expensive.

Sadaf 828 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-0008. Also 613 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-551-0643. Good Persian food, better at the more adult-oriented L.J. branch. Fry skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Suite & Tender Hotel Sè, 1047 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-515-3003. Celeb chef Christopher Lee officially presides — phoning it in from Manhattan. Cocktails are more creative than the corporate, Vegas-created "pick hits" menu. Fine raw bar and surf 'n' turf combos won't rock your world. Expensive.

Tabule 535 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-0048. Offshoot of popular Tijuana restaurant offers eclectic, Mexican-based global fusion including fine steaks, duck, seafood, in unexpected preparations — with glimpses of the owner's native Persia and Southeast Asia. Long menu is made for play, no boredom. Low-moderate to expensive.

Toscana Café and Wine Bar 238 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-5788. This clubby bistro/coffee/wine place offers reasonable breakfasts with organic coffees, lunch specials, and elegant happy-hour specials on bites,

wines, upscale beers. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vela 1 Park Boulevard (at Harbor Drive), Downtown, 619-564-3333. "Farm to fork" local-grown dinners include surprise international luxury ingredients, and first week of the month offers a bargain prix fixe exploring a national cuisine. Vibrant starters and lush desserts could make a great grazing meal with a view. Expensive, but not very.

The Westgate Room Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Ave., Downtown, 619-238-1818. New, less-formal dining room brings air and modernity to a formerly stuffy venue. Skip the old menu classics; French chef Fabrice Hardel uses modern techniques to create thrilling, fresh seafood dishes with pleasure-value well beyond their price. Upper-moderate to very expensive.

East Village

La Casita 1247 C St., East Village, 619-531-0044. Some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Most delicious is watching Anglo city-hallers trying to love the house-made menudo (tripe soup). Inexpensive.

J. Wok 744 Market St., East Village, 619-231-1088. Brave attempt to fuse Asian and American foods. Eat on the sidewalk or inside under *The Tiger* (a great mural by local artist Mark Richmond). Try the "Modern Mix" side of the menu — with, say Korean BBQ getting the Philly treatment — or the "Traditional" side, with standards like pad thai. Open daily, lunch till late. Inexpensive.

Lotus Thai 906 Market St., East Village, 619-595-0115. Also 3761 Sixth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. The chefs are from northwest Thailand, and

something in their cooking hints of their region — a zestiness, a love of strong citrus and herbs — evokes the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Low-moderate.

Neighborhood 777 G St., East Village, 619-446-0002. This mainly male-patronized, rackety gastro-pub's menu centers on fine half-pound burgers, plus steak tartare, sweet potato fries with bleu cheese curls, creative deviled eggs, mac 'n' cheese, and big, interesting salads. Inexpensive to very low-moderate.

Pokéz Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E St., East Village, 619-702-7160. Hipster atmosphere and mainly Mexican vegetarian fare (with some carnivore dishes like steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Inexpensive.

Zanzibar Café 707 G St., East Village, 619-230-0125. Also 976 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-4762. Casual food until 11 pm or later. The three-egg breakfast scramble is great. So are the avocado fontina cheese omelet and eggs Benedict with non-Canadian bacon, and the indulgent blueberry buttermilk pancakes. Inexpensive.

El Cajon

Ali Baba Restaurant 421 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-442-3622. Chaldean specialties served until midnight, in a "sheik's oasis" atmosphere, offering airy house-baked bread, kebabs, lamb shanks, yummy "potato pie," and a "Feast for Three" that will feed five. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hacienda Casa Blanca 700 N. Johnson Ave., El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Old California-style family-friendly Mexican atmosphere and food, including lively *camarones al tequila* and *enchiladas suizas* in tangy green sauce.

Brunch and all-day buffet Sundays. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Hammurabi Family Restaurant 401 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-401-3200. This Chaldean eatery in Iraqi-rich El Cajon offers exotica like stuffed honeycombs and intestines, along with comforting kebabs, marinated lamb shank, crushed wheat pie stuffed with beef, and baklava. Inexpensive to expensive.

Jasmine Bistro 315 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, 619-588-8228. By day, the fare centers on fresh Chinese dim sum (finger food) offered by cart and by menu. At night, multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a pan-Asian panoply. Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées).

Encinitas

Bubby's Gelato 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. Sandwiches include intriguing Mediterranean combinations. Gelati are twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs and feature bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Inexpensive.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First St., Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. Huge menu highlighted by Vietnamese house specialties and seafood also includes a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes. Moderate.

Potato Shack Café 120 W. I St., Encinitas, 760-436-1282. You'll find generosity here, of the North County-hang-loose-surfer kind. You can split a plate for no charge, get bottomless coffees, endless fries (French or "American cottage fries"), "manhole-cover size" pancakes (weighing as much as their name implies), good pork chop breakfasts, great lunch burgers, and huge trees to sit under.

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Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. The focus is vegan and vegetarian, but they've added fish and a garlicky chicken pizza. Most popular item: falafel burger (made of garbanzo beans) on a bun with melted cheese. Inexpensive.

Swami's Café 1163 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. There are standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black-bean burrito, but the emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Inexpensive.

Escondido

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-489-6420. Omelets are light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, potato casseroles, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. Inexpensive.

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Hot Smoked New Zealand Salmon Roasted tomato couscous, shaved fennel, arugula

Mediterranean Salad Station Roasted peppers, eggplant, squash, portobello mushrooms, heirloom tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, farmer's greens, romaine and grilled focaccia

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Breakfast Items Applewood smoked bacon, chicken-apple sausage, grilled Canadian bacon, scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes

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Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Dr., Escondido, 760-746-1444. The margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food is a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. A pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. Inexpensive to moderate.

Golden Hill

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. Also 2121 El Cajon Blvd., North Park, 619-294-9417. Real New York pizza, with just-right sauce and crusts thin enough to fold in a V and eat on the run. Better yet: get a whole pie to enjoy at leisure. Neighborhood delivery available. Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Aladdin's Mediterranean Restaurant 1220 Cleveland Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. Also 5420 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-573-0000. Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shaw-erma*, etc.). Hillcrest branch offers more authentic Lebanese flavors. Inexpensive to moderate.

Café on Park 3831 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. The place looks trendy, but don't expect PC food. Plates overflow with hearty American fodder. Breakfast especially popular, with huge elaborate scrambles and the prize plate of '49er miners who struck gold: the

Hangtown Fry, marinated oysters in scrambled eggs. Moderate.

Crest Café 425 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2910. "Hearty Home-made Comfort Food" is both the boast and the cuisine, including Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, steamed veggie basket, and 11 types of burger (including salmon). Open early to midnight, daily. Inexpensive.

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Quick service until 2:30am from a huge menu of vaguely Szechuan-Mandarin fare. Consider fried pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage, curry-tinged Singapore-style rice noodles, shrimp with lobster sauce, scallion ginger chicken. Inexpensive.

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. Kazumi's simple but imaginative rolls are distinctively seasoned to flatter the particular fish's flavor. For families, the Ultimate Boat is a huge, encyclopedic platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-5560. Witty staffers treat you like dinner guests. Start with chicken or shrimp *b'stila* in cinnamon-dusted phyllo. Lamb Tagine with honey, nuts, and fruit and Chicken Tagine with olives and lemon are standouts. Moderate.

Ortega's Bistro 141 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the Baja Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling. Fun margarita variations. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive).

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. Menu highlights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime-grade bone-in rib eye, plus good

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

AHI POKE

BY TIM JOHNSON

Executive Chef, Zenbu Sushi Bar and Restaurant

A lot of chefs don't cook at home, but the nights I am home, I do actually like to cook. I have a wife and two girls, so we do simple things. We love to just grill, to go out and get the barbecue going. We bring our friends over with kids the same age as ours and get a bunch of people together for seafood. I love fish, obviously, but sometimes I like to get away and have a steak.

My kids really like steak, too, and I'm trying to get them more into fish. Grilled vegetables are

great, and pastas are something I can always throw together for them. I'm half Japanese — my mother is Japanese — so I grew up with a lot of Asian food. The girls like *duck soba*, which are Japanese fried noodles. They come to visit me at the sushi bar, too. I do a dish at Zenbu — a miso-glazed lamb chop — which is one of their favorites. I put it on a bit of fried yam, which is like a french fry for them.

I've grown up with rice my whole life. I spent a lot of time in Japan as a

kid and went back and forth between Japan and the States. Before I started school, I was in Japan a great deal, just hanging out with the grandparents. My grandmother was a great cook. You know everyone has a grandmother story of just hanging out in the kitchen. We did a lot of that. One of my favorite meals is a traditional Japanese breakfast of steamed rice and grilled fish, a little egg dish, and miso soup. It's very standard, very traditional, very simple. But that's



"I have always stayed attached to Japanese culture."

kind of me, kind of simple. I think at one time I probably had rice for every meal. Plain steamed white rice is probably one of my favorite things to eat anything with, whether it's tuna sashimi or meat or chicken. Often when I grab a bite for myself, it's a bowl of rice with tuna sashimi with a

sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Moderate to very expensive.

Whole Foods Market 711 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. Also 8825 Villa La Jolla Dr., La Jolla, 858-642-6700. Gourmet organic grocery

eat-in/take-out selections offer healthy plates like Emerald Mushrooms salad and couscous studded with almonds,

raisins, scrambled egg, and veggies. Inexpensive to moderate.



Free Asian fusion entrée

Buy any lunch or dinner entrée and two beverages, receive a second entrée of equal or lesser value free. Some restrictions.

Khan's Cave
Kearny Mesa:
9350 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Ste. F
858-279-9799
Expires 4-15-10 • 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 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Italian entrée

With purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. One coupon per table. Dine-in only. Max value \$10. Lunch specials not included. Not valid with any other offer or on holidays.

Da Nino's
Bay Park: 410 Ashton St.
619-275-0321 • 619-275-4395
Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Sizzler entrée

Up to \$10.99. Purchase one adult entrée with two beverages and receive one adult entrée of equal or lesser value free.

Sizzler
San Diego: 2855 Midway Dr.
619-224-3347
Escondido: 355 N. Escondido Blvd.
760-741-2568
Oceanside: 3805 Plaza Dr.
760-630-1551
Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off breakfast or lunch

Purchase one entrée and two beverages at regular price and receive a second entrée of equal or lesser value at 50% off. Some restrictions.

Honey's Café
San Diego: 7947 Balboa Ave.
858-565-4244
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Free entrée

With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and 2 beverages. One coupon per table. Dine-in only. Max value \$10. Not valid with any other offer. Not valid on holidays. Lunch specials not included.

DiMille's Italian Restaurant
Kensington: 3492 Adams Ave.
619-283-3153
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50% off entrée

Buy one entrée at regular price and get a second entrée of equal or lesser value for half off.

Skewers
Mira Mesa: 9254 Scranton Rd., Ste. 106
858-658-0109
Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Thai lunch or dinner

With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Up to a \$10 value. Not valid on holidays. One per table.

Jade Thai Cuisine
Mission Gorge: 10330 Friars Rd.
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Free special sushi roll

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Convoy Sushi & Fish Market
Kearny Mesa: 7905 Engineer Rd.
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\$1 off Indian buffet

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Sher Punjab Indian Cuisine
Mira Mesa: 9254 Scranton Rd.
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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 4-15-10 • 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 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

What the Chef Eats

little wasabi and soy sauce. There’s not too much complexity to that.

I have always stayed attached to Japanese culture. Being familiar with Japanese food and having Japanese friends, I started working in a Japanese restaurant as a server. I was offered the opportunity to learn sushi so I tried it out and got into it. I kept going along from there because I really enjoyed it. It’s been close to 20 years now in the

sushi business. It’s been great.

INGREDIENTS

Serves 4

POKE SAUCE:

1/3 cup soy sauce

1/2 tsp. sesame oil

1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes

1/4 tsp. ground black pepper

1 tsp. brown sugar

SALAD:

3/4 lbs. of fresh ahi (yellowfin tuna), cut into 1/4" cubes

1/4 cup white onions (thinly sliced and rinsed)

1/4 cup chuka seaweed salad (can be purchased at most supermarkets with a sushi section)

1/4 cup dried wakame seaweed (can be purchased at Whole Foods or Asian specialty shops)

1 tbsp. green onions (thinly sliced)

1 tbsp. white sesame seeds

HOW TO DO IT

To make the poke sauce, combine all ingredients in a small bowl (soy sauce through brown sugar),

whisk together, and set aside. In a large bowl, add the remaining ingredients (ahi through sesame seeds).

Drizzle the poke sauce over the salad. With a large spoon, gently mix ingredients (with a scooping motion in figure-eights — do not stir) from the bottom of the bowl to the top. Let ahi poke marinate in refrigerator for 15–20 minutes before serving.

To get other recipes from local chefs, go to [sdreader.com](#).

“Special Sauce” Dungeness crab from the live tank. Inexpensive to moderate.

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. Try the Korean BBQ marinated short ribs or thick marbled slices of sirloin, which come with a bevy of small accompaniment dishes. Adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhoe*). Moderate.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Local Chinese come here for Shanghai seafood dishes or clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Open to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate.

Spice House Café 9035 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1028. Greek-American cuisine, mainly. We don’t know if it’s the Ortega chiles or Jack cheese or tangy tomato sauce, but some guys find relief with the Hang-over Omelet. Other choices: Portuguese sausage with three eggs and the Italian sausage frittata. Inexpensive.

La Jolla

Adobe el Restaurante 9700 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-550-1000. California-Mediterranean creative seasonal dishes with local produce and something for every taste. Moderately expensive.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill 1271 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-0077. Bond-trader atmosphere, prole prices. Best bang for the buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Inexpensive.

Cliff Hanger Café 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Dr., La Jolla, 858-452-9858. Spectacular ocean view. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell pep-

pers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there are generous half-pound hamburgers. Inexpensive.

La Jolla Rancherita 7404 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-5877. When local spiny lobsters are in season (typically from late October to about February), here’s one place that does them right. The juicy critters come with two melted-butter dips, tart coleslaw, and comforting mashed potatoes. Moderate.

Marrakesh 634 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-454-2500. A dramatic Moroccan restaurant with tented ceilings and low-banquette “sheik” seating offers five-course prix fixe dinners with superb lentil soup, salad, chicken-filled phyllo pie, entrée, and orange-flower perfumed almond baklava. Best entrées: lamb with honey (when available), chicken with olives, duck. Moderate.

Roppongi 875 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-5252. Gorgeous interior, large, heated street patio, Euro-Asian fusion menu with tapas and sushi as well as entrées. The treats of any size add up to expensive.

The Shores Restaurant 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. The hotel restaurant with close-up sea views serves “Neighborhood American Cuisine” with a fun wine list. Moderate to high, with weekend inexpensive happy-hours bites 4 to 6pm

Sky Room La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-3744. After renovation in 2007, Sky Room is now modern, sleek, and quietly chic, with a simplified menu of California cuisine and slightly lower (still steep) prices. The romantic, panoramic view remains, of course. Expensive.

La Taverna 927 Silverado St., La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Italian home-style, including chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale’s house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage. If the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say “yes.” Moderate.

Imperial Beach

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. The fish ‘n’ chips dish is generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo is a good value. Inexpensive.

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Serious gastronomy, low price.

Weekend breakfasts tend to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Creative dinner fare varies nightly. Inexpensive to moderate.

Julian

Jeremy’s on the Hill 4354 Highway 78, Julian, 760-765-1587. What a surprise — out here, an ambitious, sophisticated, but well-priced, chef-owned,

California-fusion eatery, with dishes like brie and mango quesadilla, mushroom burgers, and bison steaks. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kearny Mesa

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by Yankee flying aces, offering classic American fare and mighty cocktails. Moderate.

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. Pass by Nijiya’s steam trays and heat lamps and go straight to the coolers, where you’ll find delicious Japanese chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like a sweet-bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive.

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Vietnamese “people’s food” emphasizing noodle soups, but there are more elegant house specialties, including the



Free Italian entrée

With the purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Up to a \$9.95 value. Excludes pizza and calzones. Not valid on Fridays. Dine-in only with this coupon. Some restrictions.

Ottavio’s Cucina Italiana
El Cajon: 101 Jamacha Rd.
619-444-9522

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50% off any entrée

With purchase of another entrée of equal or greater value and two drinks. Valid only at La Mesa location. Dine-in only.

Pedro’s Mexican Cocina
La Mesa: 6155 Lake Murray Blvd.
619-668-1090

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free frozen yogurt

Buy any yogurt for \$2.50 or more and get a free yogurt valued up to \$2.50. Some restrictions.

YoYo’s Frozen Yogurt
El Cajon: 2650 Jamacha Rd.
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Italian dinner for two \$16⁹⁵

Or lunch. Dine-in. Monday-Thursday. Includes salad and choice of six pasta entrées. Some restrictions.

Little Roma Cucina Italiana
La Mesa: 5575 Baltimore Dr.
619-461-7000

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Free Thai entrée

With purchase of an entrée and two drinks. Dine-in only. Excludes lunch special. One per table. Maximum discount of \$8. Some restrictions.

Thai Time II & III
Midway: 3545 Midway Dr.
619-224-3245
Clairemont: 4310 Genesee Ave.
#111 • 858-278-4949

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Mexican entrée

With purchase of a second entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Maximum value \$7. Some restrictions.

El Indio
Mission Hills: 3695 India St.
619-299-0333

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free sushi roll

With purchase of a sushi roll of equal or greater value and two beverages. Maximum value \$12.95. Dine-in only. Not valid during Happy Hour. Some restrictions.

Nami Sushi Bar & Fusion Japanese
Hillcrest: 501 University Ave.
619-297-7888

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



\$5 off Mexican cuisine

Any check over \$25. Some restrictions.

Casa Machado
College Area: 6390 El Cajon Blvd.
619-287-6858
Montgomery Field:
3750 John J. Montgomery Dr.
858-292-4716

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free breakfast, lunch or dinner

With purchase of equal or greater value and two drinks. Excludes manager & window specials. Some restrictions. Max \$7 value.

ChickeNest
La Mesa: 7200 Parkway Dr.
619-589-0088

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free entrée

with purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value & 2 beverages. Not valid with reservations. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per party. Only good at Lemon Grove location. Dine-in only.

Boll Weevil
Lemon Grove: 6966 Federal Blvd.
619-589-6966

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Italian entrée

With purchase of an entrée and two beverages. One per table. Max value \$13.95. Not valid on Friday or Saturday or for lunch specials. Some restrictions.

Taste of Italy
Rancho San Diego:
2512 Jamacha Rd. • 619-660-6300

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free smoked BBQ sandwich

With the purchase of a sandwich of equal or greater value and two large beverages. Some restrictions.

Geno’s BBQ
El Cajon: 291 West Main St.
619-444-3667

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Calendar

RESTAURANTS

Truluck's The Aventine, 8990 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-453-2583. Florida-based surf 'n' turf chain offers irony-free retro '50s décor and dinners featuring crustaceans (including seasonal stone crabs), other seafood, and natural meats — all carelessly cooked, but the meals are piled high with starches. Towering sweet desserts, fun wines. Moderate to very expensive.

La Mesa

Himalayan Cuisine 7918 El Cajon Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-2503. Nepalese-Indian-Tibetan food, ranging from high-country exotica to steam-table buffet clichés — but subtly different from standard Punjabi renditions. Worth the detour: Tibetan momos (steamed dumplings) resembling fine dim sum, stuffed with beautifully seasoned lean lamb or gentle greens. Also: Nepalese samosas. Inexpensive.

Jitters Coffee 8201 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-460-4800. This small corner café is a local morning favorite. Flyin' Hawaiian waffle has macadamias, chocolate, banana syrup, whipped cream, but "plain" standards like the breakfast burrito are plain good. Lunches offer homemade soups, sandwiches, and salads. Inexpensive.

Lemon Grove

Charley's Famous Hamburgers 8213 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. An old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café. The palm

and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebabs. Inexpensive.

Leucadia

La Especial Norte 604 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. It's famed for superb soups — the Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the eggplant soup includes airy little croutons of puffed *relleno* batter. Inexpensive.

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 N. Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. Standard but generous breakfast and lunch fare in an old-time atmosphere has kept the place humming since the 1950s. Specials named after local characters. Inexpensive.

Lincoln Park

Magnolias 342 Euclid Ave., Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. Soul food from Louisiana: the fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Low-moderate.

Linda Vista

Bull's Smokin' BBQ 1127 W. Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-276-2855. Genuine BBQ, tender meats, and poultry dry-rubbed with spices, smoked over mesquite-applewood chips, lightly sauced. (Order at the counter.) Masterpiece dish: dark, spicy, file gumbo, served with a spectacularly moist

jalapeño-spiked corn muffin. Patio seating. Moderate.

Little Italy

Pappalecco 1602 State St., Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Copy of a café in Pisa that three brothers created there, and now here. Meals are mostly salad-charcuterie-cheese combos. One delicious combo: the Rustico, varied Italian cold cuts with pungent goat cheese and bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India St., Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. Succulent veal is expertly grilled, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are zesty. Moderate.

Logan Heights

La Fachada 20 25th St., Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. Open until 3am (and 24 hours on weekends), this restaurant serves both Mexican and Anglo food. Good Western omelet breakfast, great Mexican seafood soups, and fun outdoor eating evenings until 11 pm. Inexpensive.

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Ave., Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. The specialty is fruits — in drinks, salads, and combos like *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber dusted with cayenne). Also meat sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs. Inexpensive.

Mira Mesa

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-

5522. Friday or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families coming for the all-you-can-eat buffet of Punjabi and Gujarati specialties, including aloo curry, *chhole* (garbanzo beans), *bengan bartha* (eggplant), and sensational Asian-mango desserts. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

The Mission Café and Coffee House 3795 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Eco-conscious breakfasts and lunches. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Gathering Bar and Grill 902 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Familiar comfort fare, like the Southwest burger (avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa) or the Monte Cristo sandwich. Owner does magic card tricks around 6pm some evenings. Inexpensive.

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299-0333. The deep-fried taquitos are their top-selling item. But try Burrito Indio, a wheat tortilla stuffed with marinated zucchini, corn, beans, onions, cheese, and tomato, and the potato burrito, another good vegetarian choice. Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017. Hot French dip is great and burgers are gen-

erous. Better yet, breakfast around the clock. Inexpensive to moderate.

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-298-1866. Also Escondido, Pacific Beach, Fashion Valley, Chula Vista. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with Angus top sirloins. Inexpensive to moderate.

National City

The Barbecue Pit 920 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-2244. Rustic timber, knotty pine, animal heads on the walls, and meats cooked true Southern BBQ style, over oak. Inexpensive.

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Ave., National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Many are very good — marinated baby octopuses, mussels topped with melted cheese, roast beef au jus. Plus groaning salad bars, adequate sushi. Inexpensive.

North Park

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-295-0156. Now, as in the '30s, chicken pie comes with chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert. Inexpensive.

Sea Rocket Bistro 3382 30th St., North Park, 619-255-7049. It's easy being green with a menu of sustainable, mainly local seafood and produce. Sea urchin bisque and grilled fresh sardines are top picks, along with plump, seared Baja scallops, and any dish with Carlsbad mussels. Noisy room. Moderate.

Urban Solace 3823 30th St., North Park, 619-295-6464. American comfort food with a faint Southern accent, in-

cluding, sweet potato fries, a big burger made of Brandt Natural Beef "cooked your way" (and rare is reasonably safe). Great "bluegrass brunches" with live music. Moderate.

Zensei Sushi 3396 30th St., North Park, 619-546-6171. The sushi is well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The party rolls (like Stuffed Tomato or Honeymooners) may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Moderate.

Ocean Beach

Roots 4976 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-9000. Tiny vegan-organic eatery offers crunchy wraps like the Thai Peanut and the Arti (artichoke hearts, feta cheese). Interesting sandwiches include portobello mushroom with tomato and provolone on ciabatta or the Avo (avocado, onion, and tomato). Inexpensive to moderate.

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. Lunchtime specials give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo like chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice. Other specials include *yaki soba*, *champon* noodle soup, and the chicken bowl. Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Azafran 1001 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-435-0005. Cuban cuisine. Try the house-baked breads, the tender roast pork with garlicky *mojo* sauce, or the traditional Cuban pressed sandwich oozing ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles. Inexpensive.

Hill Street Cafe & Gallery 524 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in O'side, including Cajun chicken for lunch and breakfasts of



50% off Greek entrée

With purchase of one entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Some restrictions.

Taste of Athens
El Cajon: 1784 Main St.
619-447-0886

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free frozen yogurt

Buy one frozen yogurt for \$3.50 or more and get a free yogurt valued up to \$3.50. Limit one coupon per party. Not valid with any other offers.

Self-serve. Over 60 toppings and 12 premium flavors.
Penguin Yogurt Factory
Santee: 9621 Mission Gorge Rd.
619-562-1879

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Mexican entrée

With purchase of one entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Max discount \$7.95. Valid Monday-Thursday. One coupon per customer. Some restrictions.

Hacienda Casa Blanca
El Cajon: 700 N. Johnson
619-442-9827

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free taco

With purchase of \$5 or more. Not to be combined with any special offers or coupons. Extras not included. Limit one coupon per customer.

Sombrero Mexican Food
Visit www.sombreromex.com to find a location near you!

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Japanese entrée

With purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value. One per party/table. Cannot be combined with any other offers.

Sushi Fun
Santee: 8790 Cuyamaca St., Ste. K
619-562-5151

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free steak, chicken or gyro wrap

With purchase of wrap and two drinks.

Spinners Fresh Mediterranean
El Cajon: 2654 Jamacha Rd.
Ste. 101 • www.ilovespinners.com

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



10% off catering

Not valid with any other offer or discount.

Rally's Burgers
El Cajon: 1216 E. Main St.
877-758-9837

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Free frozen yogurt

Purchase 8 oz. or more frozen yogurt and receive 8 oz. free. Not valid with any other offer. Some restrictions.

16 premium flavors. Over 60 toppings.

Crave Yogurt
San Carlos: 8680 Navajo Rd.
619-337-7888

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free torta or quesadilla

With purchase of entrée and two drinks. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per customer.

La Torta Café Mexican Deli
La Mesa: 8356 Allison Ave.
619-741-6230

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free American entrée

With purchase of regular-priced entrée of equal or greater value and two drinks. Valid Mon.-Thurs. Max value \$10. Not valid with specials. Dine-in only.

Ranch House Restaurant
Santee: 11510 Woodside Ave.
619-448-2087

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



\$11⁹⁹ large one-topping

(Original thin crust only.) Additional fee for thick crust. Not valid with other offers, promos or discounts. Dine-in, carry-out or delivery. \$20 minimum purchase for free delivery. Limited delivery area and hours. Some restrictions.

Round Table Pizza
La Mesa: 8032 La Mesa Blvd.
619-462-8800

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Mexican entrée

With purchase of another entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. One coupon per table. Present coupon before ordering. Some restrictions.

Casa Nueva
Santee: 10757 Woodside Ave.
619-258-5557

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

tofu/spinach scramble and *pan perdu* (to us peasants that’s French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Inexpensive.

Old Town



Yucatan Festival
March 18-31
Call for reservations.

El Agave Tequileria
2304 San Diego Ave.Old Town
(619) 220-0692
elagave.com

Berta’s Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs St., Old Town, 619-295-2343. The culinary pick hits of all the Americas including superb Chilean empanadas and *pastel de choclo* corn pudding, Peru’s herbal *seco de cordero* meat stew, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal*. Moderate.

Pacific Beach

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. Classic French dishes — pâté, ratatouille, calf’s liver — in a homey atmosphere. Start off with escargots or mussels and hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Fine dessert pastries and cheese plate. Moderate to expensive.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. Classy Chinese all-you-can-eatarama offers great surf ‘n’ turf possibilities, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or crab and roast

duck. Or choose mayonnaise mussels or caramel-y Japanese charcoal-grilled eel (*unagi*) on rice. Inexpensive.

Kono’s 704 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. Chow down on a patio on the pier at this inside-outside café, the prototypical California surfer hangout. Tourists and locals alike flock here for generous breakfasts and burgers. Inexpensive.

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Dr., Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Right on the boardwalk with sea view, the prime rib, surf ‘n’ turf, and tournedos are fine. To beat the big prices, try the beach burger or seared ahi Caesar salad. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; diners moderate to expensive.

Zanzibar Café 976 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-4762. Also 707 G St., Downtown, 619-230-0125. Casual food until 11pm or later. The three-egg breakfast scramble is great. So are the avocado fontina cheese omelet and eggs Benedict with non-Canadian bacon, and the indulgent blueberry buttermilk pancakes. Inexpensive.

Point Loma

Roseville 1125 Rosecrans St., Point Loma, 619-450-6800. Chef Amy DiBiase invokes French classics but with twists and local produce, e.g., asparagus subbing for frisée in a bistro salad with pancetta and egg or flawless duck confit that’s France’s answer to Peking duck. Expensive.

Tender Greens 2400 Historic Decatur Rd., Point Loma, 619-226-6254. This “healthy food” chain features great soups, desserts, and local, organic produce served cafeteria style with or without mesquite-grilled natural beef, free-range chicken, or local tuna in salads or ciabatta sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Ramona

Kountry Kitchen Ramona 826 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-3200. They still open at 5am for the farmers. Try the Italian Sausage breakfast, a sausage with a rich, sharp flavor, with eggs and hash browns. Or the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausage or bacon. Inexpensive.

Rancho Bernardo

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Pl., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. Authentic Hong Kong cuisine, beautiful setting. Daytime dim sum includes irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to “gold cup” dishes. Try the sea bass with pine nuts. Moderate, with some expensive specialties.

Rancho Santa Fe

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. The daily changing menu sports first-rate modern French/Euro cuisine by chef Martin Woesle. The menu’s often most exciting on weeknights, when chefs have time to stretch, but more luxurious dishes appear on weekends. New “bistro menu” of casual French cuisine and weeknight three-course prix fixe offer some affordable choices. Other-wise expensive.

Santee

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-596-9686.

You can’t beat their omelets, all 19 of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, cheddar, or American) to the Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). Inexpensive.

Scripps Ranch

Chez Nous Gourmet Deli-Café 9821 Carroll Canyon Rd., Scripps Ranch, 858-566-4766. Their roast beef with ginger-garlic and Dijon sandwich, their spicy chicken melt, or the leg of lamb they roast each day to make a juicy lamb sandwich — all original. Inexpensive.

Solana Beach

Nobu Gourmet Japanese Restaurant 315 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The friendly sushi bar of our local, not-famous Nobu offers fine classic sushi and sashimi, or settle into a booth for a standard Japanese dinner. Try monk-fish liver pâté and *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup. Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive.

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. Handsome bistro where chef-owner Jeffrey Strauss schmoozes with guests and dishes up hearty, heavy, often salty French-California comfort fare and fine-quality grilled meats with local veggies. Superb, pricey wine list. Very expensive.

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Dr., Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. The sushi is ultra-fresh, and the friendly chefs make their compositions look beautiful. Also Japanese dinners, special *kaiseki* meals, and a *teppan* room. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive.

Sorrento Valley

The Grill 10920 Roselle St., Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. The Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials like the luscious Philly cheese steak. Inexpensive.

South Park

Vagabond 2310 30th St., South Park, 619-255-1035. Eclectic bistro fare, French-based but with ever-changing global menu. Don’t miss the *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. Noisy when full. Moderate.

Southcrest

Elaine’s Coffee Shoppe 1212 S. 43rd St., Southcrest, 619-264-6525. A bright, ’70s-style breakfast-all-day spot where long-time owner Su Cha Yang also caters to vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Try the ham, bacon, mushroom “hunter” omelet, or fill up on the pork chop plate. Inexpensive.

University City

Café Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, University City, 858-450-3355. Chic scene where men with Bentleys and glam gals nibble above-average sushi and Asian fusion, especially on jam-packed Thursday nights. Best bet: graze on appetizers and creative party rolls. No reservations for sushi bar, so come early. Very expensive.

University Heights

Brians’ American Eatery 1451 Washington St., University Heights, 619-296-8268. Open all night on weekends, and late night is a scene. But for many, breakfast is the thing: Charbroiled top sirloin with eggs and potatoes is a Saturday morning treat. Inexpensive.

Muzita Abyssinian Bistro 4651 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-546-7900. Hospitable intro to veg-rich Ethiopian/Eritrean cuisine, served family-style, to eat using healthy whole-grain spongy pancakes to pick up savory morsels. Try Ethiopian beers or crisp honey wine. No wheelchair access to interior. Moderate.

Valencia Park

Huffman’s Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Ave., Valencia Park, 619-264-3115. Longstanding soul food restaurant, serving until 1am weekends. Try gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, and rice, or Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Inexpensive.

Valley Center

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant 29000 Lilac Rd., Valley Center, 760-749-8041. Also 201 Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-480-5565. Carnitas are outstanding for moist smokiness, and fresh-tomatillo salsa verde is exciting. Inexpensive to low-moderate, with three-course seafood dinners high-moderate.



50% off Chinese entrée

Buy one entrée at regular price, get a second of equal or lesser value at 50% off. Not valid on party trays, lunch menu, dinner combinations or family dinner. Some restrictions.

Panda Chef
Chula Vista: 2260 Otay Lakes Rd. #104 • 619-421-7777

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free pasta dish

Buy one pasta dish and two drinks, get one pasta dish free. Dine-in and take-out only. Excludes other offers.

Big Red Pizza
Carlsbad: 7740 El Camino Real Ste. F • 760-635-9000

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Indian cuisine entrée

With purchase of one entrée and two beverages. Some restrictions.

Star of India Restaurant
Carmel Valley: 3860 Valley Centre Dr. 858-792-1111
Downtown/Gaslamp: 423 Fir St. 619-234-8000

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free entrée

With purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Dine-in only. Not valid with any other offer.

Fresh ground burgers, specialty pizzas, steaks, seafood and pastas.

The Bullpen Bar & Grill
Encinitas: 149 S. El Camino Real 760-635-9020

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free order of four deep-fried spring rolls

With any purchase of \$20 or more. Dine-in only. Can't be combined with any other offer.

Pho Nam Long
Santee: 9828 N. Magnolia Ave. 619-448-8888

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off pasta, pizza, or entrée

With purchase of one of equal or greater value and two beverages. Some restrictions.

D'Lish
Chula Vista: 386 East "H" St. 619-585-1371

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



\$15 off upscale Mexican cuisine

With minimum purchase of \$40 in the dining room area. One per table. Some restrictions.

Romesco
Bonita: 4346 Bonita Rd. 619-475-8627

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Two Sunday champagne brunches \$20⁹⁵

Includes champagne, mimosas, coffee or orange juice. Some restrictions.

Murrieta’s Fine Mexican Food
Bonita: 5170 Bonita Rd. 619-479-8024

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Asian-Pacific entrée

Buy one regular entrée, get the second of equal or lesser value at 50% off. With purchase of two drinks. Excludes lunch specials, salads, wraps and sushi. Some restrictions.

Ono’s Cafe
Bonita: 4154 Bonita Rd. 619-470-ONOS

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



\$10 off dinner

Buy 2 entrées and 2 beverages, get \$10 off. One coupon per customer. Not valid on holidays or with any other offers.

Café La Maze Steakhouse
National City: 1441 Highland Ave. 619-474-3222

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Mexican entrée

When you purchase one of equal or greater value. Monday thru Wednesday only. One coupon per table. Some restrictions.

Jalisco Café
Bonita: 4026 Bonita Rd. 619-267-7855

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free pizza

When you purchase one pizza. Dine-in only. One coupon per table. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions.

The Brewhouse at Eastlake
Chula Vista: 871 Showroom Place 619-656-BREW (2739)

Expires 4-15-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Cut Your Hair “Frank Sinatra gave me my first singing job, Bob Dylan encouraged me to pursue a recording career, and Buck Owens told me, ‘Cut your damn hair,’” says Temecula’s

opened for Led Zeppelin at the Las Vegas Ice Palace in August 1969. “With all their stuff crowding the stage,” recalls Chain, “finding an open spot wasn’t easy. Zeppelin intimidated you

the inside track blur

Michael Chain, whose turn at ’60s pop stardom came while fronting the original Knack.

“Capitol Records popped my band’s cherry but didn’t call the next day or even send us flowers,” says Chain. “They were building us up as their replacement for the Beatles, but then we got dropped and had nowhere to go but down.”

Chain is hoping to publish a memoir of those days, *The Golden Book of Sex, Drugs, and Rock & Roll: A Scratch and Sniff Guide to Touring in the Sixties*.

Included is his account of touring and recording as pink-spandex-clad superhero rocker Pinky Canandy, who

with their equipment.... A family of six could’ve lived in John Bonham’s drum set. We set up our equipment in front of theirs. We now knew



ROAD SHOW ZEN MASTER MICHAEL CHAIN

how saplings felt in a giant redwood forest.”

Chain also dishes on fellow ’60s scenesters such as

Rodney Bingenheimer (“the bean-pole Rula Lenska of groupies”), ego-driven producer Mike Post (“Napoleon had a Mike Post complex”), and Sly Stone, with whom Chain’s band negotiated a marijuana swap that allegedly spawned the catchphrase “lid pro quo.” Also included are samples of Chain’s “road Zen” observations:

1. When local bands play for free, they are overpaid.
2. Concerts are like sex — you shoot your wad, then pizza.

3. Never trust a map over a man — a man can be tracked down and beaten for giving you bad directions.

4. In the kingdom of assholes, club owners have their own phylum — classes: cheap, cheaper, cheapest.

5. On tour, you are either the headliner or the homeless.

6. In the record business, not only does one hand not know what the other is doing, it pisses on its own shoes.

7. You will only need what you didn’t bring.

8. The musicians’ union fights for your dues, not for your money.

9. Good bands put asses in the seats, great bands get asses out of ’em.

Michael Chain appears nightly at Pala Casino through Thursday, March 25, and at Alpine Village in Torrance on April 1.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Pop Property Local quartet Hotel St. George hit a home run when they entered a song into a *Spin*/EA Sports contest. The winner of the contest would have their song used in the baseball video game MLB 2K10, which was released at the beginning of



HOTEL ST. GEORGE CHECKS INTO VIDEO GAMING

this month. The band’s singer-guitarist Matt Binder noticed the contest on *Spin.com*.

“We didn’t hear anything from them for a very long time, so we figured that they weren’t interested,” Binder explained. “Then months later, they told us that we were a finalist, and then months after that we were told that we’d won. Mainly, we are psyched because we are on the same soundtrack as Iggy Pop, Phoenix, Pearl Jam, and a bunch of other rad bands.”

The band got paid for their song, though Binder assumes that they “probably didn’t make as much money as Pearl Jam.” In the end, he was happy to have his band’s name on the same box as them, though he was a bit

bummed that there was no release party for the game.

“I’m a huge baseball fan and would have loved to party with Chase Utley and Shane Victorino. But since that didn’t happen, maybe it will open the doors for something else cool to happen.

Who knows?”

One local band that would know is Transfer. The group utilized a friend of a friend who worked in the Sony gaming department to get their song “Smoke of the Crowd” into PlayStation’s MLB 2006. It was Transfer’s initial experience venturing into these waters.

“It was the first time we had been approached for a sync license and we didn’t have representation at the time, so we had to negotiate for ourselves,” Transfer singer-guitarist Matthew Molarius explained. “That being said, it didn’t have a profound effect on the band’s lifestyle, per se, but it did offer us an education and a glimpse into the world of

licensing intellectual-property rights. It’s a great way for bands to earn money, especially in this day...when people can pretty much get music for free online.”

Molarius went on to start the publishing company Obscure Magpie Music after this outing. He feels it is always best to have any contract or license reviewed by representation, such as a lawyer or a publishing administrator.

“Then you stand to at least maintain a dialogue and make a little scratch for all the hard work,” he said.

Someone who could have used this advice was Frank Thaheld, whose band Campaign for Quiet got their song “Sugarbomb” onto the SBK-07 Superbike World Championship soundtrack.

“Your initial thought is that this is gonna put us in other people’s eyes. Kids are gonna be at home playing it and they’re gonna go, ‘Who’s that band?’ and they’re gonna wanna research it and find us. I think [gamers] enjoy music while they are playing the game, but I don’t think they seek to find other material by the artist. When you’re playing a game, your hands are on it and the song is in your head, but your other brain functions are working, and my guess is you don’t absorb [the song] that much.”

— Dryw Keltz

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Saturday, March 27 **etix**
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HIGH TIDE
J.A.A.M. KWEST



BRICK BY BRICK

Thursday, March 25
“NO H8 Campaign Benefit”
BILLIE MYERS
ESJAY (of Stealing Love Jones)
MY ELYSIAN • JOAL B

Sunday, March 28 **etix**
HUGH CORNWELL (of the Stranglers)

Thursday, April 1 **etix**
PASS THE AXE
CIVET • THE BOMB POPS

Friday, April 2 **NSD**
DIEGO STYLE MUSIC
SUBMISSION
CHASE DREAMS ENT.
DOUBLE DRAGON

Saturday, April 3 **NSD**
BLOW ME DOWN
OPUS DAI • BLUEBLOODRED
MONKEYS IN SPACE
THE ELEPHANT PROJECT

4/20 **Koffin Kats** • 4/21 **Marcy Playground**
4/30 **Bankers Hill** • 5/1 **Eddie Spaghetti** (of the Supersuckers)
5/2 **Acoustic Alliance** • 5/14 **Taylor Brown • High Tide**
5/29 **Nashville Pussy • Green Jelly • PsychoStick • Screamin YeeHaws**

Friday, April 9
UNIT F
UNLOADED (CD release)
HILL STREET STRANGLERS
TORTURE THE FLAG
LOOSE NUTS

Saturday, April 10
“Flight 93 Benefit”
RAISE THE GUNS
BENEATH LANSTEN
SD-93
COMFORT IN RAGE

Saturday, April 17
OTTLY MERCER
THE AMALGAMATED
THE STIRCRAZIES
THE RUMBLERS
BENDING PLANETS

“The China Invasion Tour”

Thursday, April 8 **etix**



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Sunday, April 11 **etix**
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Howard Stern of San Diego “Today we’re launching San Diego Online Radio,” says Dale Seibert, who describes himself as its main guy — owner, producer, program director, and head of marketing.

“It’s the new voice of San Diego,” he says. “We’re organizing a network of local

“We’re open to anything. Online radio is not regulated [by the Federal Communications Commission],” says Seibert

The sort of format that Seibert ascribes to sounds a lot like the FM talk radio of old, in which airtime was sold to anyone with an idea and the ability to execute it. San Diego Online Radio is likewise selling hours of its web-radio airtime. The fee?

“It’s always different,” Seibert says. “It depends on



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SDOR MAIN MAN DALE SEIBERT

businesses and magazines and media companies, and they are all featuring their own online radio shows.” He says his goal is to get local movers and shakers talking on the internet via online radio. Topics will range from real estate to local music, health, healing, restaurants, cooking — one’s imagination is the limit.

who it is and what they’re bringing to the table. But in that hour, you have the opportunity to bring in your own sponsors.” San Diego Online Radio, for the record, has sponsors of its own, including Red Bull and Corona. “Perfect for our demographic,” he says, “which is 21 to 45.”

Seibert says he has been

webcasting for about seven years. Along with today’s launch, San Diego Online Radio has taken up a new studio inside what was Hard Rock’s downtown leasing office and is part of a collective called the Industry Showroom. Fellow entrepreneurs include a florist, a stylist, a seller of musical instruments, a laser engraver, and a fine artist who makes prints by applying paint to nude (or nearly nude) women’s bodies and then having them rub up against a blank canvas.

In addition to wearing all of the hats in San Diego Online Radio, Seibert also hosts his own show. “I’m the Howard Stern of San Diego,” he says. “We’re fun and edgy. You never know what we’re gonna say next.” Seibert’s version of Stern can be heard every Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at sdonlinerradio.com.

— Dave Good

Record Release Roundup

Beatlehollic Dave Humphries debuts his fifth

album, *Hocus Pocus on Joker Lane*, at

Humphrey’s Backstage on April 10. “The title came to

me after my wife met this interesting guy while in her art studio at Balboa Park,” says Humphries.

“The guy just kind of wandered in and, after hearing that her husband was doing a CD, he told her he’d been sent from God to give me the album title. How could I refuse a prophet like that?”

On April 13, Rafter shares his innermost *Animal Feelings*, an album he



HUMPHRIES LISTENED TO WHAT THE MAN SAID

describes as “a marriage record, a lust record, [and] a death and sex record.”

Jet West has a new CD

due May 1, while Circa Now are finishing a full-length with onetime Rolling Stones producer Alan Sanderson (featuring a local artist’s metal sculpture on the cover). Around the same time, Hargo — currently touring India — plans to release his *Faint Glow* EP, with photography by lensman Mick Rock.

Finally, Dave Howard is putting together a two-CD set of songs he wrote for others, featuring 20 tracks from Gregory Page, Sven-Erik Seaholm, A.J. Croce, Cathryn Beeks, Berkley Hart, and over a dozen more performers, tentatively scheduled for a late-May release.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 25

His freak-folkness **Devendra Banhart** and backing band of minstrels the **Grogs** stumble into Belly Up behind the bearded one's '09 offering *What We Will Be*, a critic's pick that inspired the *New*



DEVENDRA BANHART AND THE GROGS AT BELLY UP

York Times thusly: "[Banhart's a] knowing throw-back to California psychedelia and Brazilian tropicalia and so skillful that nothing seems too studied." This recommendable long-player's an ear-worm, and this show, featuring Bay Area "bed-room girl group" **Dorothy and the Originals**, is y-o-o-o-o-our gig to get to tonight, San Diego.... Else: From Dallas, Texas, jazz-minded post-punks **Paper Chase** check in at Casbah. The Kill Rock Stars quartet is out to tout their ode to natural disasters *Someday This Could All Be Yours*, Vol. 1. Apparently, this one's going to require *volumes*. **Kiss Kiss** and the **Street of Little Girls** will set the stage.... Uptown, blues-rock combo **Ratbirds** land at Radio Room with **Revolt Revolt** and **Mojo**...and Bar Pink books alt-rock throwbacks **Weatherbox** and **Italian Japanese**.

Friday 26

Happy-hour sets at M-Theory Friday have **Surfer Blood** and **Morning Benders** breaking out the acoustics to show you the quiet side of the sets they'll play at the clubs later on. Like, appetizers. Thing starts at 5p, so you should probably get there around 10a and browse for seven hours. (Did you ever wonder what the "M-Theory" is? My

gf's M-Theory is that I will spend \$1 for every minute in the store. It's pretty damn accurate, too).... The poop: SanFran band **The Morning Benders** is raising brows with new t'do *Big Echo*. It's an engaging collection that pushes Grizzly Bear's '70s vox pop further down the food chain by digging deeper in the R&B bins, penning some pretty catchy pop songs, and turning up the gain. What Lou Reed used to call "quiet loud." BTW, Grizzly Bear's Chris Taylor had his hand in production on *Big Echo*, and Grizzly fans'll hear it. You'll find this one all over year-end best-set lists.

Anyway, they play Casbah with **Miniature Tigers** and **We Barbarians**.... **Surfer Blood**'s that Palm Beach buzz (and fuzz) band that mined early indie pop and then set themselves apart by slicing up their speaker cones. The Surfers'll headline sets at Bar Pink by our own noise-pop peeps the **Lanterns** and Nashville indie kids **Turbo Fruits**....

When those shows sell out (and they should), lots more to choose from, as **Greensky Bluegrass** and **Rana Santacruz** will take Winstons stage and plant some righteous roots in your brain yard. That is going to be a great show, new-grass folk fan...Chowdaheads! from Beverly, Mass, post-rock instrumental act **Caspian**, touring in support of last year's *Tertia* ("metal trimmings, minimal jazz primers, and cryptic riffs") plays Ché Café with **Arms and Sleepers** and **Beware of Safety**...SanFran artcore band the **Fleshies**, Florida surf punks the **Tubers**, and East Bay indie-pop act **Street Eaters** will serve up eclectic sets at Soda Bar...Art Fag Records delivers L.A. gaze-pop quintet **Pearl Harbor** to Whistle Stop...Ken Club ropes in rockabilly roustabouts **Atomic Three**, **Bop-Tones**, and **Chango Rey & His Broken Heartbeat** for their Rockabilly Shakeout showcase...and Bay Area bad



THE MORNING BENDERS AT CASBAH



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Monday 29

Reader contributor **Jay Allen Sanford** hits town tonight, hanging some 'toon art at Ruby Room and doing his quasi-annual meet-n-greet. **Cathryn Beeks** and **True Stories** (featuring Bart Mendoza and Wendy Bailey) will take the Hillcrest stage for Jay's homecoming.... English indie-rock act

Field Music plays Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up with like-minded locals **Lualta** and **Metrofrique**.... Soda Bar sets up art-punk Atlanta band the **Coathangers** with Southland faves **Sunday Times** and **Ronni NoGood** and the **Young Bloods**.

Tuesday 30

"Coronado's indie-rap-math-electro-pop-R&B group" **Paper Forest** will pop tops at Tin Can Ale House Tuesday night. According to the band, the debut's "gonna sound like we plugged an algebra book into an amplifier." According to keyboardist Danica Molenaar, however, "We're the next Lady Gaga." Sounds like a rift.... *Don't stop believin'*, the **Neal Schon Band** makes the journey to Belly Up. The father of five will have his guitarist-son Miles onstage. I wonder if Neal will be, like, "Miles, get me a beer."

Wednesday 31

"I Don't Like Your Band!" Pirate Punx promotion-alizers bring Germany's **Dean Digg** to Radio Room Wednesday night. These hardcore throwbacks sound like a full-blown blast from the past. Check 'em out: myspace.com/deandigg. No openers listed, no openers necessary, hokay?... Hair band hacks **Steel Panthers** hit House of Blues hump night. It's high rock comedy, as these four guys walk the walk. Want an eyeful? Go here now: youtube.com/watch?v=yfB7vF7nCdA. Hilarious.... And, no joke, you get **Vaginals**, **Spurm**, and **Butts** at Soda Bar. What could I possibly write that would make that show any more intriguing?

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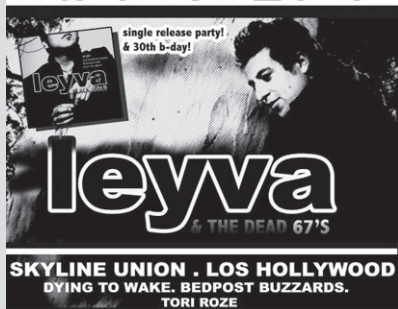
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Music tunes people," says singer Sabira Woolley. "If my music appeals to you, then my tuning is attuned with yours. I write songs that come from my truth, with the intention of bringing listeners into what I experience as joy and deep soulfulness. It comes from my heart."

Born in Coronado, Woolley left San Diego at 16 and headed for Canada, where she sang and played guitar as a busker in Vancouver's Gastown district. Later moving to San Francisco, she studied voice with classical instructor Stewart Brady and guitar and harmony singing with Carol McComb. She learned the banjo before returning to San Diego to play lead steel pan with Island Fever. She also writes and performs her own songs.

"My current music blends jazz, world, hip-hop, reggae, some Caribbean, Latin, African rhythms, and folk rock. Lyrically, I write stories of finding one's way to wisdom, of forgiveness and harmony in relationships, learning to trust a good man, learning to trust one's purpose, overcoming hardships with expanded awareness, finding inner guidance and all-encompassing love, and the bliss and serenity of being alone in nature."

Woolley is working on two new CDs, one as a solo artist and another with Island Fever, both to be released this year. She performs April 24 with Island Fever at Birch Aquarium.

HOW DOES ONE MAKE A LIVING PLAYING MUSIC NOWADAYS?

"Ironically, the current economy is allowing me time to focus on the originals I had to neglect in the past while rushing from gig to gig. To make ends meet, for years I've had to be versatile and brave. I stayed employed by saying 'yes' to new musical situations, including a lot of variety-band shows with Top 40 songs, standards, ballads, and all kinds of requests and themes. My tastes are diverse, anyway."

WHAT SONGS TOP YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Karla Bonoff, "The Water Is Wide." "The beauty of her voice in this song brings tears to my eyes and pathos within my heart."
2. Walela, "Wash Your Spirit Clean." "A Native

American vocal trio, 'walela' means 'humming-bird' in the Cherokee tongue. The singers are Rita Coolidge, her sister Priscilla Coolidge, and Priscilla's daughter Laura Satterfield. The first verse, sung in

Cherokee and in English, says, 'Give away the things you don't need/Let it all go, and you'll soon see/And you'll wash your spirit clean.'"

3. Mary Black, "Both Sides the Tweed." "The title refers to the River Tweed, which divides Scotland and England. The song was written in 1707 by James Hogg and rewritten in 1979 by Dick Gaughan, both times remonstrating against bribery and the corruption behind government policies."

4. Katie Melua, "Mary Pickford." "The song is a charming, quick history of early cinema celebrities. I especially like the refrain 'When these artists became united.' We could expand upon that with current local artists."

5. Carmen Alice and Sergio Mendes Brasileiro, "What Is This?" "Bahian-style spoken word to a hip-hop samba beat, featuring berimbau and surdo drums. It seems to me to tell of a journey of the soul, to an enlightening experience."

6. Boukman Eksperyans, "Liberté (Pran Pou Pran'l)." "This roots-music ten-piece band is named Boukman, after the vodou priest and slave regarded to have initiated the 1791 Haitian revolution, and Eksperyans, after the Jimi Hendrix Experience. The song title means 'Freedom (Let's Take It).' 'Liberté' is sung in a street-slang Creole tongue that was at times forbidden by law, about their passionate longing for freedom."

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2. "People say 'eh?' instead of 'huh?'"
3. "I had to buy tortillas in a can in the gourmet section."
4. "Due to the higher water vapor in the air, everything looks soft and misty, instead of sharply defined



Sabira Woolley: "I'm being attacked by marauding felines."

and vivid like Southern California tends to be."

TWO QUOTABLE QUOTES?

1. "Reality. What a concept." — Robin Williams. "It astonishes me, too."
2. "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." — Dr. Seuss. "Fortunately, being true to one's self does work out for the best."

MOST VISITED WEBSITES?

1. *Abraham-Hicks.com* "I love their teachings on the Law of Attraction; i.e., the secret behind The Secret."
2. *Mercola.com* "Dr. Mercola's very helpful info on health."
3. *Wikipedia.org* "I refer to it for so many things."
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ANY FEARS OR PHOBIAS?

"I'm kinda afraid that, at one of my gigs, someone will request the 'Macarena.'"

RECURRING DREAM?

"I'm a woman being attacked by small marauding felines in a house bursting with boxes of costumes waiting to be unpacked and no place to put them."

NAME SOMEONE YOU RELATE TO...

"Jane Goodall, since I have interacted with so many animals, and I'm so fond of them."

WHO SHOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE?

"Maybe Jodie Foster."

WHAT CELEBRITY DO PEOPLE SAY YOU LOOK LIKE?

"RuPaul. Ha!"

FAVORITE VIDEO GAME?

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THINGS WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT SABIRA WOOLLEY?

1. "I've seen many animals in the wild, including a whooping crane, a California condor, a jaguarundi, and arctic owls."
2. "I hitchhiked from San Diego to Vancouver and back, carrying a banjo and wearing a hat that used to belong to a horse."
3. "I've performed as a belly dancer, an alien, a pirate, and a lady wrestler."
4. "I once sang 'Ave Maria' and 'Rock Lobster' at the same gig." ■

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 Saturday, 8pm — Air. Electronic/alternative.
 Wednesday — Leyva & the Dead 67's. With Skyline Union, Los Hollywood, Dying to Wake, the Bedpost Buzzards, and Tori Roze.
 Rock.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
 Thursday, 7:30pm — Monette

Marino. Latin/funk/world. \$10-\$18.
 Friday, 7:30pm — Anthology House Band: Motown Revue. R&B/soul. Additional 9:30pm show.
 Saturday, 7:30pm — The Sons of Champlin. Rock. Additional 9:30pm show. \$7-\$39.
 Tuesday, 7:30pm — Anthology House Band: Motown Revue. R&B/soul. Additional 9:30pm show.
 Wednesday, 7:30pm — The 52nd Street Band. Billy Joel tribute. \$5.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
 Thursday, 10pm — Weatherbox. With Italian Japanese. Alternative/indie/rock.
 Friday, 10pm — Surfer Blood. With Turbo Fruits and Lanterns. Pop/indie/rock.
 Sunday, 10pm — Jeff the Brotherhood. With Splinter and the Pant Hoots. Alternative/punk/rock.
 Wednesday, 10pm — Buddy Akai. With DJ J Peso. Electronica/rock.

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

Beaumont's: 5662 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-0474.
 Thursday, 9pm — Ventura. Acoustic/alternative/covers. Free.
 Friday, 9pm — Mark Fisher. Acoustic/covers/rock. Free.
 Saturday, 9:30pm — The Jones Revival. Blues/soul/rock. Free.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.
 Friday, 9pm — PostCrush. Alternative. \$8.

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

8140.
 Thursday, 9pm — Devendra Banhart and the Grogs. Indie-folk/alternative. \$25-\$27.
 Friday, 9pm — Boogie Nights. With Danger Kitty. Rock. \$15.
 Saturday, 9pm — Tainted Love. '80s cover band.

BlueFire Grill: 2100 Costa del Mar Rd., Carlsbad, 800-854-5000.
 Thursday, 6pm — David Patrone. Jazz. Free.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
 Thursday, 8pm — Marriage Equality Benefit Concert (NoH8 Campaign). With Billie Myers, My Elysian, Esjay of Stealing Love Jones, and Joalby. Acoustic/alternative/rock. \$10.
 Saturday, 8pm — Pato Banton & the Now Generation. Reggae. \$15.
 Sunday, 8pm — Hugh Cornwell. Rock. \$10.

Café Bahia: 998 West Mission Bay Dr., Mission Beach, 858-539-7635.
 Friday, 6pm — Sabira Woolley. With Island Fever. Jazz/Latin/world. Free.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4438.
 Saturday, 8pm — Best of Doo-Wop. With the Diamonds, Leon Hughes, Dodie Stevens, a Drifters tribute group, more. \$25-\$42.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
 Thursday — The Paper Chase. With Kiss Kiss and Street of Little Girls. Rock. \$8.
 Friday — The Morning Benders. With Miniature Tigers. Indie/rock/alternative. \$10.
 Sunday, 8pm — Fever Sleeves. With Helen Earth Band, Tall Ships, and Greg Gibson. Indie/rock/alternative. Free.
 Monday — Field Music. Indie/alternative. \$10.
 Tuesday, 9pm — Red Octopus. With Hing (members of a Day Called Zero & Upsilon Acrux) and Kata. Metal/hardcore/punk. \$5.

Christ Church Unity: 3770 Altadena Ave., College Area, 619-280-2501.
 Sunday, 2pm — Four Shillings Short. Celtic/folk/world. \$5-\$10.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.
 Friday, 8pm — Caspian. With Arms and Sleepers, and Beware of Safety. \$7.
 Saturday, 8pm — Trudgers. With Mikura Suzuki, Blessure Grave, Dazzle Ships and the Endless, and Bummer. Rock. \$6.

Claire de Lune: 2906 University Ave., North Park, 619-688-9845.
 Friday, 8pm — Zzymzy Quartet. Jazz. Free.
 Saturday, noon — 6th Annual San Diego IndieFest. With Metric, Far, Nappy Roots, Danielle Lopresti & the Masses, Gregory Page, Vokab Kompany, Devil's Playground Burlesque, Collective Purpose, Lauren DeRose, Children of Nova, Astra Kelly, Endoxi, Whitton, White Apple Tree, Sheila Sondergard, Josh Damigo, Camille Bloom, the Smokin' Knights, Rob Dee, Carolyn Ames, and more. At several stages and venues in North Park. \$22-\$25.

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 Saturday, 8pm — Mikan Zlatkovich & His Quartet. Jazz. \$10-\$15.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.
 Thursday — The Palominos. With Rip Carson & the Carcin-o-genics and the Rockabillion Trio. Rock.
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Galley at the Marina: 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714.
Saturday, 6pm — Joey and the Sting Rays. Blues/country/rock.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.
Friday, 8pm — Aunt Kizzy's Boyz. Blues/rock/soul. Free.
Saturday, 8pm — The Baytown Band. With DJ Van from 11 pm to 2 am. Covers/pop/rock. Free.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.
Friday — The AD Tour 2010. Featuring Never Shout Never, Hey Monday, the Cab, and Every Avenue. Alternative rock.
Saturday, 8pm — HammerFall. With Echoes of Eternity. Metal. \$26-\$29.
Wednesday, 8pm — Steel Panther. Metal. \$20-\$22. 21 and up.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
Thursday, 8pm — Sean Carney & Phil Berkowitz. Blues. \$6.
Friday, 9:30pm — Chris Duarte. Rock/blues. \$14.
Saturday, 9pm — Rising Star. Disco/dance. \$12.
Sunday, 8pm — Vertice Williams. With DJ John Phillips. Jazz. \$12.
Monday, 7pm — Nathan James. Blues. Free.
Tuesday, 7pm — 4 Way Street. Rock. \$5.
Wednesday, 7pm — The Soul Persuaders. R&B/soul. \$5.

Island Sports and Spirits: 104 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3456.
Monday, 7pm — Gregory Page. With Vanja James, Mitchell Cornish & Mojo Nixon, and Andrew Deering.

Krause Family Bike and Skate Park: 3401 Clairemont Dr., Clairemont.
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Larry's Beach Club: 1145 S. Tremont St., Oceanside, 760-439-6646.
Saturday, 5pm — Smooth Operator. Rock. Free.

Last Call: 4977 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-287-9505.
Wednesday, 8pm — Taters Invaders. Blues/funk/jazz. Free.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
Thursday, 9pm — Alyssa Jacey. With Laura Roppe and Lindsey Yung.

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Friday, 9pm — A Fork In Time, Joey Ryan, Gregory Page, Laura Jansen. Acoustic.
Saturday, 8pm — So Say We All. 9pm — John Hull. With Of Mice and Them and Ramekega. Acoustic/alternative.
Sunday, 8pm — The Robin Henkel Band. Blues/soul, funk, jazz. \$8.
Wednesday, 9pm — Aaron Bowen. With Alan Land and Matt Turk. Acoustic/blues/rock.

Main Tap Tavern: 518 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-749-6333.
Friday, 9pm — Full Moon Fever. Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers cover band.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280.
Thursday — Harmony Road.
Friday — The Offbeats. Rock covers.
Saturday — Northstar.
Tuesday — Jim Moore.
Wednesday — Tommy Price.

Mediterranean Café: 112 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-278-7738.

Thursday, 7pm — Gypsy Groove. Acoustic/jazz/world. Free.
The Metaphor Café: 258 East 2nd Ave., Escondido, 760-747-1882.
Friday, 6pm — Amigo. With Lindsay Hail, Her Bed of Thorns, Senseless Dementia, Our Sweet Downfall, and Sparge. Alternative /hardcore/rock. \$5.

Mingei International Museum: 1439 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-239-0003.
Friday, 6pm — Viva Jazz. Latin jazz with the Jazz 88 All-Stars and the Gatherers. \$10.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, 760-438-5996.
Saturday, 6:30pm — Doctor Echo. Electronica/dub. Part of Harmony & Fashion benefit event. \$15-\$20.

Neurosciences Institute: 10640 John Jay Hopkins Dr., La Jolla.
Wednesday — Brad Mehldau. Jazz piano. \$25-\$30.

North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe: 2031 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-647-4958.
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O'Harleys Sports Bar & Grill: 13437 Community Rd., Poway, 858-486-7422.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Nite Hawk. Blues/soul/rock.

Oceanside Museum of Art: 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-435-3720.
Thursday, 7pm — The David Patrone Quartet. Swing/jazz. \$20-\$25.

Onyx/Thin: 852 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-235-6699.
Friday, 8pm — The Chicharones with Josh Martinez & Sleep. With Dirty Modelo and Pirate Signal. Alternative/hip-hop/rap. \$12-\$15.
Wednesday, 11pm — Colin Clyne. Acoustic/indie/rock.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252.
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Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-757-2827.
Friday, 9pm — Colin Clyne. Acoustic/indie/rock.

Portugalia: 4839 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678.
Saturday, 10pm — Soul of the River. Funk/rock/surf. Free. 21 and up.

Prohibition: 548 Fifth Ave., Downtown.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 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.
Friday, 9pm — Helicopter. Rock.
Saturday — Labour of Love. UB40 tribute with Safety Orange (featuring members of 40 Oz. to Freedom). Reggae.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Bl., Normal Heights, 619-284-3323.
Thursday, 8pm — The Ratbirds. With ReVoLtReVoLt and Mojo. Punk. \$3.

Saturday, 8pm — Students of the Drum. Roots/world. \$5.
Sunday, 8pm — Class in Session.
Monday, 8pm — Blood Stained Reality. With the Roosters, Ad Seg, Eternal Unborn, and Spreading Evictions. Punk.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Pyrate Punk Present Dean Dirg. Punk.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
Saturday — Dead by Wednesday. Metal/hardcore.

Renegade Inn: 14335 Old Highway 80, El Cajon, 619-561-8105.
Friday, 9pm — Lightning Train. Country.

The Rhythm Lounge: 3048 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-224-4835.
Saturday, 8pm — The Temple of Roots. With BlackHeart Warriors Hi-Fi and A.P.S. Roots. Electronica/DJ/reggae. \$6.

Riley's Music Lounge: 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma, 619-255-8635.
Thursday — DJ Dreyfino. Live hip-hop show.
Friday — Funk's Most Wanted.
Saturday — Federal Funk. With Grace. Soul/funk/jazz.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
Thursday, 8pm — Dying to Wake. With Arms Entwined. Alternative/indie/rock.
Saturday, 8pm — Four Minutes Til Midnight. Fight From Above and Cat Party. Alternative/rock.
Wednesday, 8pm — Chad Cavanaugh. With Scott West and

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

If you've read anything about Florida's Surfer Blood — and in its short life so far, the band has amassed a lot of press — you've read that they sound a little like indie-rock giants Built to Spill, Pavement, the Pixies, and *Pinkerton*-era Weezer. And perhaps you've seen their T-shirts, which are meant to recall Joy Division. All these are good influences, but they also suggest some mighty big shoes to fill for a young band that has only existed for about a year.

The buzz machine really started turning for Surfer Blood last spring when they played 13 shows in New York for the five-day CMJ

(College Music Journal) conference. Tours with Art Brut and Japandroids helped spread the word. And once the singles "Swim (to Reach the End)" and "Floating Vibes" started flying around the internet, the hype got heavy. "Floating Vibes" is a great song, opening with a powerful power-chord guitar part that gives way to gentler, Shins-like verses. Their debut, *Astro Coast*, reveals other pleasures, like the post-punkish "Harmonix" and the out-of-nowhere percussion-and-flute breakdown in "Twin Peaks," which is partly about renting David Lynch movies at a video store.

It's moments like that when Surfer Blood starts to escape the burden of their influences and give hope that they've got more surprises to offer. A *New York Times* review of one live show chided Surfer Blood for their



SURFER BLOOD

"indie-rock classicism" delivered in "dutiful fashion." But that probably says more about jaded rock critics than anything else. Singer-guitarist J.P. Pitts has a way with a cool guitar part and a catchy melody, and that's enough for now.

SURFER BLOOD: Bar Pink, Friday, March 26, 10 p.m. 619-564-7194.

Rob Dee. Acoustic/alternative/hip-hop.

Santa Ysabel Resort & Casino: 25575 Highway 79, Santa Ysabel, 760-787-0909.
Saturday, 7pm — Steve Phillips and the Pescadero Pickers. Blues/country/rock. Free. 18 and up.

Second Wind (Magnolia): 8528 Magnolia Ave., Santee, 619-596-8350.
Thursday — Despite the Wolves. With In Silence, Jameson, and Medius. Metal.
Friday — Mad for Mary.

Alternative rock.
Saturday — The Iron Maidens. All-female Iron Maiden tribute.

Second Wind (Navajo): 8515 Navajo Rd., San Carlos, 619-465-1730.
Thursday, 9pm — The Red Not Chili Peppers. \$5.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
Friday, 7pm — Jonny Craig. With Tides of Man, Romance on a Rocketship, Eye Alaska, and Ad Modsun. \$10.
Saturday, 7pm — Mike Pinto. With

the Lifters and the Skains. Reggae/ska/rock. \$10.
Tuesday, 6:30pm — This Providence. With the Audition, Anarbor, the Bigger Lights, and Artist vs Poet. \$12.

Spring Valley Inn: 9034 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-303-7781.
Friday, 9pm — The Rhythm Jacks. Blues/soul. Free.

Stage Saloon: 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-696-9436.
Friday, 9pm — Dirty Birdz and the Horn Starz. Rock. Free.

Tin Can Ale House: 1863 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-955-8525.
Tuesday — Paper Forest. With Neat Beats and Skeletal System. Electro-pop.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa St., Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.
Saturday, 9pm — Off the Wagon. Country.

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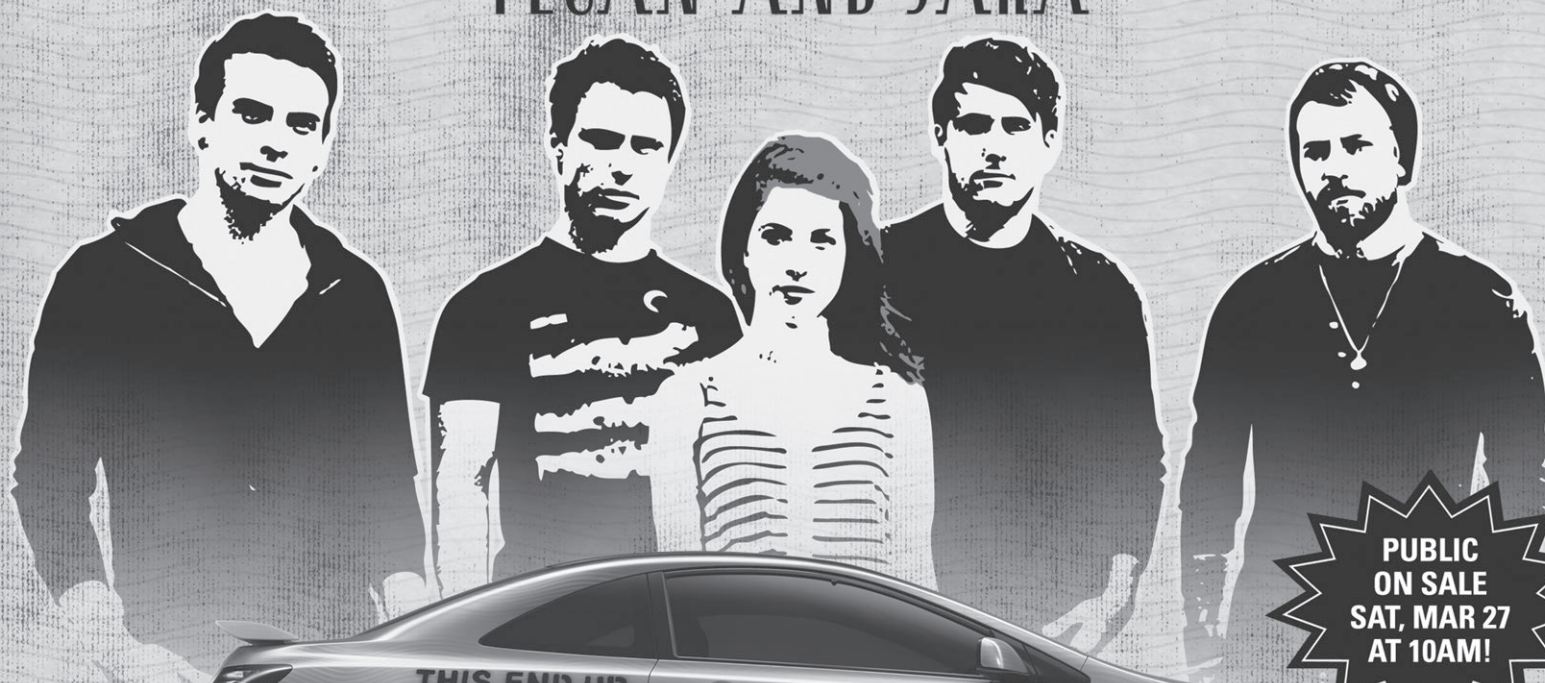
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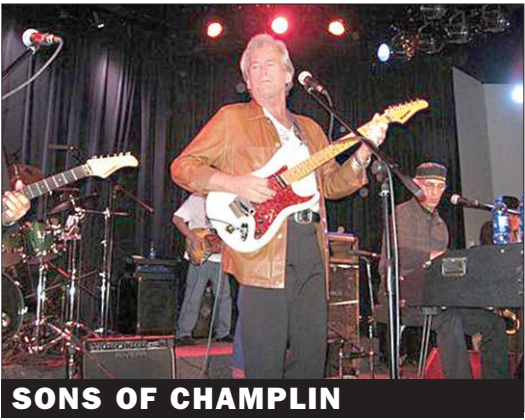
BY DAVE GOOD

What some have called a huge loss for the rock band Chicago is a big gain for fans of an off-and-on-again soul band with its roots in the psychedelic '60s called the Sons of Champlin. At present, the Sons are back on. Founder Bill Champlin has left Chicago, his employer of the past 28 years, to make his old group once again a priority. With Chicago, Champlin toured in pop-superstar luxury. Now he's back on the road with a new version of the Sons and doing it indie-rocker style, meaning driving the club circuit in a van full of guys and instruments.

"I'm toast," he says by phone somewhere on the road in L.A. "The music makes it worth

it. A management approach would be to go for the money. I have. I bought that for a long time. But at some point in the game it's, like, man, this is breaking my heart. I couldn't stand the vibe. It's all so 'Play it like the record. Be somebody else. And be somebody else from 30 years ago.' Fuck it. I'd rather be me today, and if that means I gotta drive myself there, I'll drive myself there."

Back then and today, the Sons are a looser, hipper, harder, and more soulful band than Chicago will ever be. But the Sons never attained Chicago's selling power, and in the end, they went on hiatus. They became a side project, albeit one that has aged well. Chicago, on the other hand, walked away from their talent and kicked their old fans to the curb in exchange for a lucrative pop wasteland of their own creation. They sold out, and even Champlin's



SONS OF CHAMPLIN

earthy presence on vocals and keyboards could not make Chicago a hip band again. I'm glad he's come back from the dark side.

SONS OF CHAMPLIN: Anthology, Saturday, March 27, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. \$7 to \$39. 619-595-0300.

May 6 — Martin Sexton.
May 7 — The Stanton Moore Trio.
May 9 — Marcia Ball.
May 10 — Jah Mali.
May 11 — Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836.
April 7 — Kenny Werner and Mike Wofford.
April 30 — Eddie Palmieri.
May 5 — The Graham Dechter Quartet.
May 11 — Los Campesinos.
May 14 — The Album Leaf.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
April 1 — Civet.
April 3 — Blow Me Down.
April 10 — Raise the Guns.
April 11 — The Dwarves.
April 16 — Voice in the Dark.
April 17 — The Amalgamated.
April 20 — The Koffin Kats.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4438.
April 7 — The High Society Jazz Band.
April 14 — The Guthrie Family Rides Again.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
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 Ride Boys.
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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Music Reviews from Our Readers

On Repeat in Heaven

Concert Review
by Chris Holmes

I stood listening to openers Wooden Birds, trying to identify exactly what they reminded me of. Tight playing, country-tinged songs with pleasing boy-girl harmonies — wait — Fleetwood Mac! While I would have preferred Vetiver, who opened an earlier portion of the Clientele tour, the Birds were serviceable.

The Clientele came onstage and launched into an Alex Chilton number, setting the stage for an evening

of intricately played haze-pop. They followed up with "Since K Got Over Me," which I'm pretty sure is on repeat in heaven right now, and "Here Comes the Phantom," the best song from *God Save the Clientele*. Alasdair MacLean traded his Telecaster for a Rickenbacker, implored the peanut gallery to "shut the fuck up," and kicked out a quieter jam from the new album.

From there the set alternated between delicate newer material and the crowd-pleasing older songs. It occurred to me, as MacLean led the group through "I Hope I Know You," that the Clientele are a mood band — it's hard not to get swept up in the wistfulness of some of the songs.

Concert: the Clientele
Show date: March 4
Venue: the Casbah
Seats: general, about 15 feet from the stage



God save the Clientele

Dread Crew of Oddwood

Concert Review
by Andi Hazelwood

The Dread Crew of Oddwood played rowdy, ribald tunes to a small but enthusiastic audience. The appeal of their acoustic pirate-metal informed by traditional Celtic music seems to be on the rise: in the crowd were a busty wench in a pink-and-black pirate mini-dress and a swashbuckler in a poet shirt.

The seven ship-mates harmonized and shouted over accordion, toy piano, string bass, man-

dolin, flute, tin whistle, acoustic guitar, and drums. The Dread Crew sang tales of drunken debauchery on the high seas. From "Cities Burning": "rape the women and kill the men, let's sack this f---ing town!"

The entire crew was entertaining, but you haven't lived 'til you've seen the heavy-metal hair-toss by Nathaniel Grizzlejaw, a bearded man playing a concertina (who goes by the name Ian Luckey when he isn't busy being a pirate). The wild-eyed Ruba Jouba (aka Francis Roberts) plays mandolin and sings lead vocals, occasionally sharing singing duties with Captain Wolfbeard O'Grady (Reece Miller) on accordion, tin whistle, and backup hair-tossing.

Concert: the Dread Crew of Oddwood
Show date: March 4
Venue: Second Wind, Santee
Seating: general



Dread Crew plunders pirate-metal

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Bacchus House: *Saturday*, 9pm: Therapy. Featuring DJs Bryan Pollard, Necrotica, Pet M1. Gothic/industrial/darkwave. \$3-\$5. 21 and up. *Thursdays*, 9pm: Club '80s. With DJs Bryan Pollard and Arzola1. Industrial/underground. 3054 University Ave., North Park. 619-299-2032.

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Bar Pink: *Tuesday*, 10pm: Tiki Tuesday. Craig Prior. Electronic. Free. 21 and up. 3829 30th St., North Park. 619-564-7194.

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Café Sevilla: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ New Yo Rican. Salsa. *Tuesdays*, 10pm: DJ Israel. Bachata. 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-233-5979.

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April 24 — Love Beats War.
May 1 — A Day to Remember.
May 14 — Brokencyde.

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April 21 — Pat Metheny.
April 24 — Norah Jones.
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"When we bought the place about a year and a half ago, we 86'ed a lot of the old regulars, changed the interior a little, and began attracting a different crowd," says co-owner Paul. Adorned with red velvet curtains, local art, and the rear end of an old Cadillac protruding from the ceiling, the place evokes the feel of a deep-South bordello, complete with unisex bathroom.

A drove of drunks take turns smashing the shit out of a buck-a-swing punching bag near the entrance. Some regulars mingle on the off-red pleather booth in the elevated not-actually-V.I.P. area. Others congregate around pool tables, alter-

nately shooting solids and scotch. A few snap \$5 photos in a booth. Somewhere in the back, locals Riddle the Roar animate a scarlet-draped stage. I ask the bartender Brian if we are watching a Kubrick film, soft-core porn, or a *Power Rangers* rerun on the big screen. He thinks it may be a bit of each and serves up the legendary Philly special, a \$5 P.B.R. tallboy with a shot of low-grade whiskey.

Out front, a redhead talks about Coachella. "HD does not do Robert Smith justice," she says. She claims to be in the master's program for geography at SDSU. "Chad, that's the capital of Sudan, right?"

Gun Runner kicks off their first show, harkening back to the good ole days of San Diego music with a ring of GoGoGo Airheart. Showgoers spin circles on the dance floor and shout callbacks to the chorus. Tommy Graff belts out



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

"We 86'ed the old regulars."

noise solos on the guitar. Front man Sean Davenport hoists his keyboard over his head and tickles out an epic coda.

A regular inserts a dollar into the punching game and insists I take a swing. High fives all around.

—Chad Deal

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Club 67: *Wednesdays,* 9pm, Monday, 9pm: DJ Power. Electronica. Free. 10109 Main St., Lakeside. 619-443-4100.

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The Coyote Bar & Grill: *Thursdays,* 10:30pm: DJ Swoll. *Fridays,* 10:30pm: DJ Gary B. *Saturdays,* 10:30pm: DJ Paul Dumesnil. *Saturdays,* 10:30pm: DJ Paul D. 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. 760-729-4695.

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Gaslamp Tavern: *Saturday,* 10pm: DJ A-Rock. Standards. Free. *Friday,* 10pm: DJ Neko. Free. *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.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: *Fridays & Saturdays,* 9pm: DJ Kool T. Spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 15 and up. 775 Metcalf St., Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Kadan: *Tuesdays:* Darkwave Garden. With DJ Bryan Pollard, DJ Heather Hardcore, Pet M1.

Gothic/industrial. *Wednesdays:* Night Vision. Drum 'n' bass with live MCs. DJ. Free. 4696 30th St., North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: *Saturday,* 9pm: Dr. Indulgent and Alex Villalobos. With Mark E. Quark. DJ. 2812 Kettner Bl., Little Italy. 619-543-0933.

The Loft: *Tuesday:* The Terror Pigeon Dance Revolt. 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD. 858-534-8497.

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. 21 and up. 3936 30th St., North Park. 619-450-6632.

Onyx/Thin: *Saturday,* 10pm: Charlie May. Dance/electronica. 852 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-235-6699.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: *Wednesdays,* 10pm: DJ Tony. 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278.

Padre Gold: *Fridays,* 9pm: DJ Dave. Old-skool jams. Free. 7245 Linda Vista Rd., Linda Vista. 858-277-8681.

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Ramada Inn: *Saturdays,* 9pm: Dance Party. Hip-hop/reggae/dancehall. DJ. Free. 5550 Kearny Mesa Rd., Kearny Mesa. 619-985-5168.

Ruby Room: *Sunday:* Klub Isolation. With DJ Bryan Pollard, DJ Ambones. '80s/'90s post-punk new wave. Free. 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

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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. Hip-hop/rock. 1200 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066.

Tiki House: Tuesdays, 9pm: Tunes by Joe Marson. Every Tuesday. 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.

True North: Thursdays, 10pm: DJ Bacon Bits. Fridays: DJ Ramsey. '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.

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Blue Haven: Every day, open-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3.50 imports.

The Brew House at Eastlake: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, house wine; \$3.50 well drinks, house pint; \$4 well margaritas; \$5 well martinis; \$12 Bud Light pitcher, \$14 house pitcher.

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D'Lish Gourmet Pasta: Monday-Saturday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, house wine, pizza slice, Texas-brisket slider, three St. Louis ribs.

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Altitude Sky Lounge: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 domestic drafts. \$5 premium wells. 1/2-off Artesian flat bread.

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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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Cap'n Kenos: Monday-Friday, 6pm-midnight: \$2.50 drafts, wells. Free appetizers.

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Turf Supper Club: Friday-Sunday, noon-4pm: \$1 off all drinks. \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

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

HILLCREST

Baja Betty's: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 bottled beer, salsa margarita, wells, house wine, sangria, quesadillas.

Bangkok Thai Bistro: Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, appetizers.

CJ's Club: Every day, 5-7pm, 9pm-midnight: 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: \$4 wells, \$3 domestic bottles.

Taste of Thai: Monday-Thursday, 9-11pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$3 imports, house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

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. Free buffet. Saturday-Sunday, all night: 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Churasan: Monday, Sunday, football special: \$4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer. Tuesday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$4 large Japanese beers.

Pampas Argentine Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm: \$3 wells, \$3.50 drafts, \$4 wine specials. Discounted empanadas and appetizers.

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.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: Monday-Thursday, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/drafts.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Beauty Bar: Wednesday-Thursday, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles.

The Kensington Club: Every day, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine.

LA JOLLA

Aloha Sushi Hawaiian Grille: Every day, 4-6:30pm: \$2.50 small saki, \$4 large saki, \$1.95 select hand rolls, \$3 cucumber roll, \$3.50 California, spicy tuna, veggie roll.

Beaumont's: Every day, 4-6pm: \$3 drafts, well; \$5 Cabernet, Chardonnay. Special prices on margarita, sangria, wine cooler.

Clay's La Jolla: Every day, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 sangria, \$6 house wine.

Extreme Pizza: Every day, 3-6pm: \$3 premium beer.

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.

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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 cocktails.*

Whisknadle: *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.*

Brigantine: *Every day, 4-7pm: \$4 pint, single well drinks, house margarita, glass of CA sparkling wine; \$5 glass of Mezzacorona Chardonnay, glass of Rosemount Cabernet Shiraz; \$6.50 double well drinks.*

Casa de Pico: *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: Free appetizer with purchase of bar drink. \$3.95 margarita.*

Hearth House: *Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 premium beers, wine & wells. \$2 bratwurst & fries, \$3 burger & fries.*

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: *Every day, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: \$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

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

The Morena Club: *Every day, 2-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 wells and domestic bottles.*

Tio Leo's: *Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).*

LITTLE ITALY

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 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.*

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 draft, \$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 wells, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: \$3 drafts.*

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.*

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

The Aero Club: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday, 2-7pm: \$.50 off beer. Wednesday, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.*

Bar Dynamite: *Monday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.*

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.*

Emilianos Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Thursday, 2pm-6pm: & Friday, 2pm-5pm: all beer \$1 off, select margaritas, \$2 off all appetizers.*

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: *Wednesday, \$3 wells, beer, house wine.*

Adam's Steak & Eggs: *Monday-Friday, 3:30-7pm: Double well drinks, complimentary hors d'oeuvres.*

The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn: *Monday, 4-7pm: \$3 Gold margaritas, house wine, \$2 draft beer, \$3.50 wells. Complimentary appetizer station. Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$3 house wine, \$2 draft beer, \$3.50 wells. \$2 tacos, complimentary appetizer station. Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$5 any martini, \$3 house wine, \$2 draft beer, \$3.50 wells. Complimentary appetizer station. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$3 house wine, wells, \$2 draft beer. 1/2-off appetizers, complimentary appetizer station. Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off any tequila shot, \$3 house wine, bottled beers, \$2 draft beers, \$3.50 wells. Complimentary appetizer station. Saturday, 4-7pm: \$3 house wine, \$2 draft beer, \$3.50 wells.*

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: *Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 wine by the glass, \$7 house cocktails.*

Camel's Breath Inn: *Monday-Thursday, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.*

In Cahoots: *Wednesday, \$2 drinks. Friday-Saturday, \$2.50 Coors/Coors Light. Sunday, any drink \$2.50.*

NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: *Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.*

McDini's: *Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.*

Miyako Japanese Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: Sapporo pints \$1.99, large bottles \$2.99, pitchers \$6.99. Hot sake \$1.75. California roll \$2.50, spicy tuna/Philly roll \$3.50, Japanese-style chicken bites \$3.*

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: *Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, Bloody Mary; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.*

Bourbon Street: *Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$3 domestic pitchers, \$4 well drinks, \$5 imported pitchers.*

NORTH PARK

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: *Monday-Friday, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off everything, \$2.50 domestic bottle, \$3.50 draft.*

Cricket's Pub and Grill: *Monday-Friday, 8am-2pm: \$2 domestic pint, \$6 domestic pitcher. 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$.50 off domestic bottles, wells, pints.*

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.*

Toronado: *Every day, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.*

OCEAN BEACH

The Arizona Bar: *Every day, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3 house wines, 20-oz. domestics, microbrew pints, wells, 1/2-off all pitchers. \$3 food specials.*

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$1 off all drafts, \$3 margaritas, wells, \$1 off select appetizers.*

Bravo Mexican Bistro: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1-\$3 off margaritas, \$1 off tequila, \$1 off tacos, \$2 off nachos, \$4 off shrimp cocktail and sampler plate, \$4.50 off nachos supreme.*

Dream Street Live: *Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.*

Portugalia: *Tuesday-Sunday, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine.*

Sunshine Co.: *Every day, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.*

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.*

OCEANSIDE

333 Pacific: *Every day, 4-7pm, 9-10pm: \$7 vodka cocktails (100+ types of vodka). \$7 appetizers (calamari, oyster trio, Caesar salad).*

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 cocktails.*

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday, all day: \$4 Jäger shots. \$8 Bud/Bud Light & side of Jameson.*

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: 1/2-price appetizers, \$1 soft taco, \$3 drafts, \$3.50 well, house wine, \$3.95 house margarita.*

Barra Barra: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, house wine, \$3 house margaritas, \$2 off absinthe specials. \$2 flat-bread tacos.*

Café Coyote: *Monday-Friday, 3:30-6pm: \$3.75 drafts, \$4 specialty shots, \$4.95 Coyote drinks, \$5.95 flavored margaritas, flavored shots, \$2 assorted tacos.*

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Harney Sushi: *Wednesday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

PACIFIC BEACH

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

The Australian Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. *Saturday*, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. *Sunday*, \$3 Bloody Marys.

Big Kahuna's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 beer, wine.

Bub's Dive Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$10 pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers.

Cass Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$2.75 micro-brew pints, \$7.50 pitcher, \$3 house wine.

Chateau Orleans: *Wednesday*, all day: 1/2-off all wine bottles. *Thursday*, all day: \$5 Louisiana hurricanes, margaritas. 1/2-off champagne bottles.

The Dog: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, \$6 pitchers.

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

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.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Sinbad Café: *Every day*, 4-8pm: \$1 drafts, \$1.50 wells, shots, \$2 imports. 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, Heradura 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 Iced Teas, \$3 wells, drafts. Appetizer specials.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas selection.

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Captain's Quarters: *Every day*, 3-7pm: \$2 you-call-it wells, \$2.25 domestic drafts and bottles, discounted shots.

Daddy-O's: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$5 domestic, \$7 premium 32 oz. drafts; \$10 domestic, \$12 premium pitchers.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: *Every day*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Paradise Lounge and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles; \$6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast.

Pete's Grill: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 Bud drafts, \$3 microbrew drafts, house wines. \$.99 sliders, \$1.99 fish tacos. *Tuesday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 Bud drafts, \$3 microbrew drafts, house wines. \$.99 sliders, \$1.99 fish tacos.

Riley's Music Lounge: *Every day*, 4-8pm: \$1 off everything, \$2 beers.

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, & wine.

Phileas Fogg's Bar & Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints/\$7.95 pitcher, \$3.50 import pints/\$11.95 pitcher. \$2.95 cheese quesadilla, \$3.95 chicken wings.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$2 off all pitchers.

Cheers of Ramona: *Monday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$10 steak. *Tuesday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$1 tacos. *Wednesday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks. \$.50 wings. *Thursday*, 2-5pm: \$1 off drinks.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Carvers Steak & Chops: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks. \$3-\$4 off appetizers.

Kelly's Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3.50 wells, house wines.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Every day*, 4pm-7pm: \$1 off all beer, \$3 Corona, \$3 wine, \$1 off all appetizers

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Cottonwood Golf Club Bar & Restaurant: *Every day*, 4-6pm: \$2 drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers including pizza, quesadillas, wings, calamari.

RANCHO SANTA FE

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SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 domestic, \$3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

Pacific Coast Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$5 gold margaritas, \$1 off draft, wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine bottles.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *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.

TIERRASANTA

Bellagio Ristorante & Bakery: *Monday*, 4-7pm: 10% off for military. \$2 drafts. *Wednesday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off select wine bottles. *Friday*, 4-7pm: \$10 wine flights.

Bud's Louisiana Café: *Tuesday-Friday*, 1-2:30pm, 4:30-6pm: 1/2-price wine and beer.

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

UNIVERSITY CITY

Apollonia Greek Bistro: *Every day*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3 ouzo apéritif, \$2 bottled beers, \$3 wine by the glass.

Café Japengo: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, sake, \$4.50 wells. \$4 chicken spring rolls, duck potstickers, California rolls.

Donovan's Steak and Chop House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$8 martinis (complimentary steak sandwiches and burritos 4-6pm).

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The trio of stewardesses suggests a steeplechase.

Boeing-Boeing at the Old Globe: the title sounds like someone bouncing on a trampoline, which actually describes the French farce, if the bouncers are Boeing jets taking off and landing at Orly Airport and deplaning a steady stream of “air hostesses” at Bernard’s door.

Bernard, as the saying goes, “has it all,” in triplicate. The American architect’s got plush Parisian digs, plus a country home at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, where the Seine makes a tree-lined loop and the wealthy frolic. He’s engaged to Gloria, a stewardess for TWA who adores him. And life, as the saying goes, is good.

You’d think. But Bernard doesn’t. Stemming from some unnamed need — he’s so shallow you’ll never know — Bernard has three fiancées: Gloria; Gabriella, an Italian hostess for Alitalia; and Gretchen, a German “stew” for Lufthansa. Like an air traffic controller, he coordinates their visits. A timetable tells who’s in town when. Should duplications occur, the country home handles layovers. Bernard gleefully describes the “mathematical precision” needed to keep all three in the air. He sounds, in fact,

more in love with the Euclidean logistics than with any of the women.

Bernard’s in control, he boasts to Robert, a long-lost friend (and, as a country bumpkin from Wisconsin, the first of the play’s rampantly stereotyped characters). If he isn’t a virgin, Robert at least acts like one. His driven-snow innocence ropes him into a game where he will become — much to his surprise and ours — a key player.

The women are empty-headed stereotypes: Gloria, the American, roars with over-the-top *hoo-rah*; Gabriella, the Italian, is, you guessed it, hot-blooded; and German Gretchen waxes Wagnerian at the slightest cue, sometimes even before.

Three lovers, no waiting. *Boeing-Boeing* runs almost three hours and plods much more than it produces laughs (the 90-minute first act is one long setup; act 2 has more down time than up). Plus, the book never confronts its premise head on. You never see all three women entering or exiting at once. The trio of stewardesses suggests a steeplechase. So do the set’s eight doors. But the book only juggles, at best, two at a time, and its resolution’s as facile as they come.

THEATER REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Boeing Boeing: Sexist screwball farce

Boeing-Boeing by Marc Camoletti and Beverley Cross, reimaged by Matthew Warchus
Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park

Directed by Mark Schneider; cast: Liv Rooth, Rob Breckenridge, Nancy Robinette, Joseph Urla, Stephanie Fieger, Caralyn Kozlowski; scenic and costume design, Rob Howell; lighting design, Chris Rynne; sound, Paul Peterson; original music, Claire van Kampen

Playing through April 18; Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-234-5623.

Elliot, a Soldier's Fugue by Quiara Alegria Hudes
Ion Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest

Directed by Sylvia Enrique; cast: Goyo Flores, Steven Lone, John Padilla, Miriam White; scenic design, Matt Scott; costumes, Shulamit Nelson; lighting and sound, Claudio Raygoza

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Nonetheless, the 2008 revival won a Tony.

For that staging, Matthew Warchus set the play somewhere in the 1960s (at the Old Globe it's difficult to pinpoint where: the music's late '50s-early '60s; beehive hairdos are early '60s, while the Mod costumes and color schemes are mid- to late). This isn't the '60s of protest and political assassinations and Vietnam; it's a Neverland of pastels and slow jet planes. Most theater looks back at the '50s as a time of innocence. Warchus throws the '60s into that mix.

We may need a new category to account for *Boeing-Boeing's* appeal. A "period" piece replicates the details, moods, and mindset of an era. A "dated" piece is one that's outmoded. *Boeing-Boeing* combines the two. The sexist, screwball farce is a dated period piece — "cult classics" often fall into this grouping.

The play is intermittently funny. More interesting, at least to me, is how the cast fully commits to roles — and a broad style of acting — that would drive their teachers and

PC friends up a wall. Liv Rooth plays Gloria like a Texas cheerleader on ecstasy; Stephanie Fieger's Gabriella and especially Caralyn Kozlowski's frog-throated (and terrific) Gretchen begin scenes, emotionally, where most would fear to end them (as the dour maid, however, Nancy Robinette never found a useful point of attack). Rob Breckenridge's Bernard — he of the *Playboy* foldout mentality, which is *Boeing-Boeing's* actual '60s "territory" — has an appropriate comeuppance. Joseph Urla's Robert almost steals the show. As scenes progress, the Wisconsin innocent becomes Stan Laurel (even his hair sprouts Laurelesque spikes) doing a crash course in assertiveness training.

Ion Theatre has found a home. The space, known formerly as 6th@Penn and Compass Theatre, is now the BLKBOX — "black box" — where, if their inaugural production's an indication, Ion can finally stop having to click its heels three times.

Elliot, a Solider's Fugue is a taut chamber piece. Like the contrapuntal musical composition, the play states main themes, followed by "voices," in this case of three generations of soldiers in a Puerto Rican family: Grandpop, who played the flute at Incheon, during the Korean War; Pop, who fought in Vietnam; and young Elliot, wounded in Iraq.

Someone said, "History doesn't repeat itself, but it rhymes." The Ortiz family, including Pop's wife Ginny, is both close and far apart, since the elder men never shared their war stories with Elliot, who replicates his father's experience almost exactly.

Under Sylvia Enrique's subtle direction, monologues meld and tug apart, as in a fugue. Goyo Flores and James Padilla — members of the sorely missed Latino Ensemble of San Diego — give Grandpop and Pop hard-edged, disillusioned dignity; Stephen Lone blazes as gung-ho Elliot; and San Diego newcomer Miriam White shines as Ginny, wife, nurse, and compulsive gardener, who exclaims, "When your son goes to war, plant every goddamn seed you can find... Let green things run wild." ■

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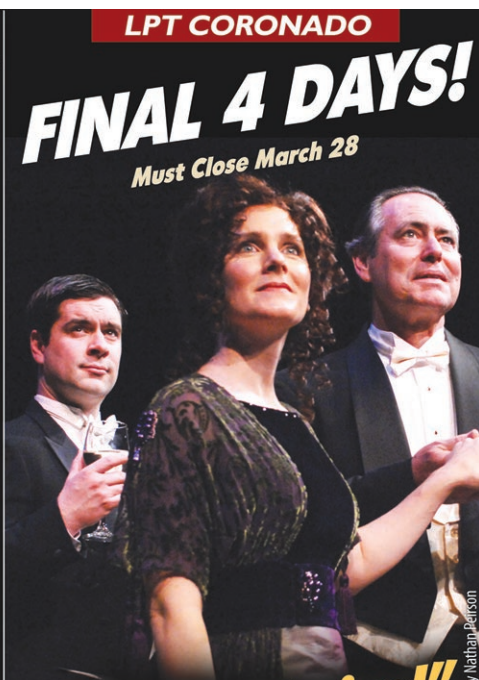
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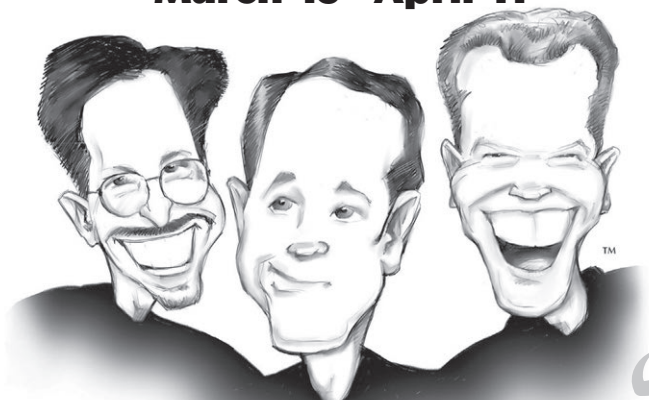
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An American Duet: Elliot, a Soldier's Fugue

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*.

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Over the River and Through the Woods

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents Joe DiPietro's "family comedy" about Nick. When he wants to move to Seattle, since he's the only family they have, Nick's grandparents wage all-out war to prevent him from going. Eric Poppick directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 24.

The Pirates of Penzance

Lyric Opera San Diego concludes its 31st season with the most popular of Gilbert & Sullivan classics. Leon Natker directed. LYRIC OPERA SAN DIEGO, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVE., SUITE 1, NORTH PARK. 619-239-8836. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 11.

The Pirates of Penzance

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"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.)

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Romeo and Juliet

The Poor Players have earned an impressive reputation for staging inventive Shakespearean productions on a shoestring budget. Except for a couple of admirable performances, however, their current, modern-dress effort falls far short of their usually high mark. If there's a concept, it doesn't pan out (the Montagues are males, dressed in black; the Capulets, including Tybalt, females in various red T-shirts: a gender thing — okay, so?). Justin Lang's Romeo beams on and off (when on, quite good; when off, emotionally fuzzy). As Juliet, Katie Dupont has some strong moments but needs to project more and rely less on scrunched-faced expressions to convey angst. Max Macke does clean, stable readings as Friar Lawrence, and Rhona Gold's meddlesome nurse is a kick. Nick Kennedy gives Mercutio the required dose of antsiness. And the rest of the cast ranges from competent (Neil McDonald's Capulet) to amateurish. Kennedy directed, and though the first few scenes brim with energy and Poor Players mayhem, the evening settles into a bland, rote presentation that eventually wears one down. SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 4.

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Worth a try.

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No Let-Up

The dishonorable, even dastardly hero can be charitably said to have a lot of growing up to do.

Just to keep pace with the fast-breaking developments, a quick timeout from basketball:

Chloe. A renaming and reworking by Atom Egoyan of the French film *Nathalie* by Anne Fontaine. Despite the pedigree (Egoyan, if you need reminding, has signed such tony items as *Ararat*, *The Sweet Hereafter*,

Exotica, among others), this would fit comfortably on the Lifetime Movie Network. What's more, I could swear I saw on that channel the very same premise: a suspicious wife sics a high-end escort onto her husband (maybe on television it was a private detective) as a temptation, a test. True, the escort's oral reports have a graphichness you mightn't hear on LMN ("I could feel he was excited through his pants," "I put my tits in his face"), and Julianne Moore, as the midlife gynecologist who lives in a luxurious red box with musicologist Liam Neeson,

gives you more acting per second than you get from Judith Light or Joanna Kerns, and the expanses of flesh (not just the always game Moore, but also the uninitiated Amanda Seyfried as the escort) are decidedly "R"-rated, though

these are matters of degree, not substance. The odor of cheesiness, both the main attraction and the main lim-

itation of the film, never dissipates, only intensifies: the escort, gradually proving herself even crazier than her client, develops an at first reciprocated crush on the woman and then, when rebuffed, turns her attentions to the latter's teenage son. (*Fatal Attractions* might have been a franker title.) Neither of the women, in fairness, takes further leave of senses than Egoyan. The Canadian locale only firms up the Lifetime affinity.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid. "This is a journal, not a diary," corrects the pint-sized protagonist in voice-over, mor-

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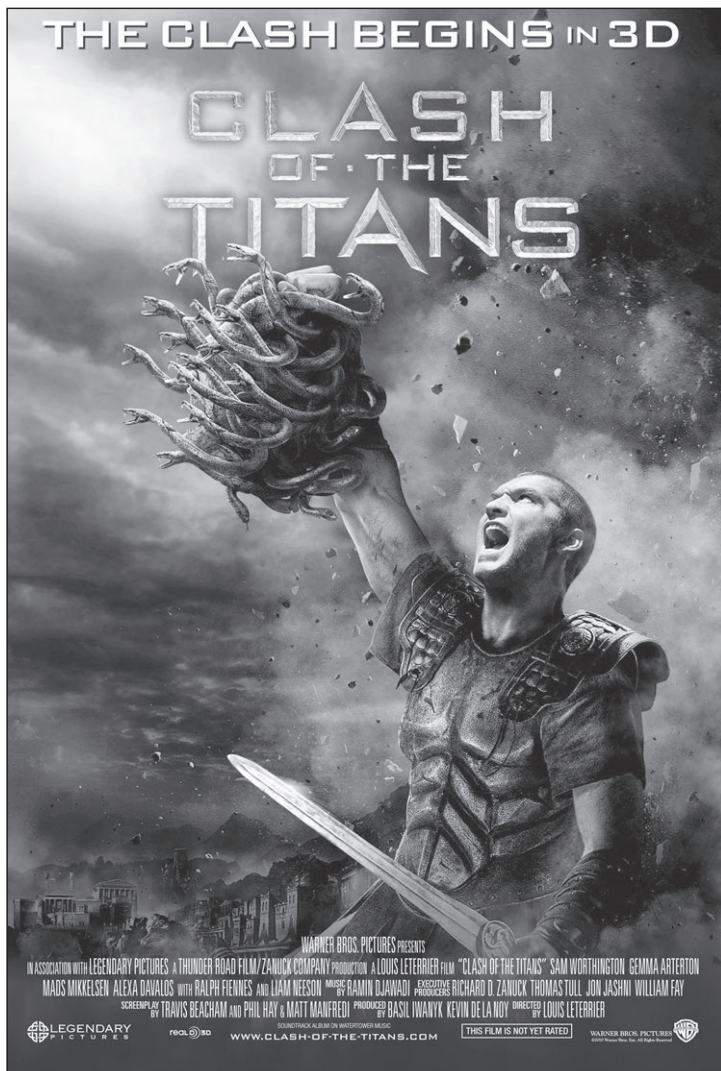


Diary of a Wimpy Kid

tified that his clueless mother would have gone against his explicit instructions not to buy him a daybook with the D-word on the cover. The live-action adaptation of Jeff Kinney's popular series of cartoonishly illustrated "tween" books, which of course I had never heard of, is not in diary form but is nonetheless sufficiently episodic (the "Cheese Touch" episode, the "Devil

Worship Woods" episode, and so on), covering the hero's traumatic first year in middle school, with no help from his tormenting older brother. The dishonorable, even dastardly hero, or better say antihero, can be charitably said to have a lot of growing up to do. But whatever lesson the target audience may take away, actual grown-ups can appreciate the spectacle in the full

knowledge that the growing-up in many ways and in many cases never gets done. The universality of the character extends way beyond his age group. Zachary Gordon is, for all the character's faults, vulnerable and sympathetic in the title role. No less is Robert Capron as his cherubic best friend, a mutual outcast than whom the antihero firmly believes he will soon find someone



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better. Though there are bits of mandatory, albeit moderate, gross-out humor (boogers and such), there are also truly witty touches (the montage of physical changes over summer vacation in children on the verge of puberty; the animated popularity rankings, forever open to revision, from the top of the class to the bottom; the screaming headline in the school paper, "Cheerleader Gains Pound"), and the photography by Jack Green is gaily colored, and the direction by Thor Freudenthal has energy and flair. I had him pegged after *Hotel for Dogs* as one to watch. I have him pegged as that still.

Greenberg. Noah Baumbach, writer and director of *The Squid and the Whale*, features Ben Stiller as a kind of middle-aged-crazy Jesse Eisenberg (nose up, shoulders forward), a self-

absorbed self-conscious ineffectual intellectual, who, upon his release from a mental hospital, wants to concentrate on "really trying to do nothing for a while," aside from house-sitting for his brother in Los Angeles, maybe building a doghouse for Mahler the family pet, firing off letters of complaint to impervious corporations, and, not least, drinking like a fish. The fecklessness infects the entire film, which is sort of like a Woody Allen without the polished one-liners. Greta Gerwig, a diva of the "mumblecore" movement, as the brother's personal assistant who is always on call to assist, has an odd, ditz, dishraggy appeal.

The Art of the Steal. Documentarist Don Argott relates the story, with the aid of a roundtable of talking heads, of what happened to the Barnes Foundation, specifically its collection of post-Impressionist and early modern art, after the death of the philanthropic Philadelphia pharmaceutical king, Albert C. Barnes. (One of the talking

heads, an *Inquirer* reporter by the name of Lucinda Fleeson, happens to have been my sister's bosom buddy in elementary school back in Minnesota. I hadn't laid eyes on her in something near fifty years.) The paintings, expressly intended never to be sold, loaned, or moved, were simply worth too much — "billions and billions" — for everyone to obey the terms of the trust. It is at bottom a story of money, how money makes people lose their heads and their hearts, as well as a story of race, class, and politics, a complicated story clearly told, with an interesting cast of characters and a wide variety of villains ("I brought the Barnes," one proclaims proudly, "out of the Dark Ages"), lacking only a Gary Cooper or a James Stewart to transform it into a Capra story.

The Bounty Hunter. Laboriously contrived rom-com action thriller, laboriously directed by Andy Tennant, wherein a pair of hostile exes, he a skip-tracer and she a bail-jumper, re-bond while solving a murder and dodging a hit man en route to the hoosegow. Not a good showcase for the assets of Jennifer Aniston, apart from her well-roasted exterior: Jennifer Taniston. Gerard Butler endeavors to match that with his beard stubble.

Final favorites, after Carlos Saura's previously mentioned *Io, Don Giovanni*, from the Latino film festival: Andrés Wood's *La Buena Vida* from Chile and Andrea Martinez Crowther's

Cosas Insignificantes from Mexico, two views of the everyday world around us that will serve as examples of what can be done when you're obliged to do it without hundred-million-dollar budgets, computer-generated imagery, and dreams of world domination. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Alice in Wonderland — Tim Burton's adaptation of the Lewis Carroll classic gives him license, free rein, greased rails, to stage a congenial freak show in a hermetic netherworld: a 3-D moving-picture book. 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 fantasies 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.) 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 re-

verse your slippage into a CGI stupor, and at any such pinch, snapping to attention, you can appreciate the amount of labor that went into it, the thorough planning, the attention to detail. And then very soon satiated again, under the glut of computer-manufactured topography, flora, and fauna, you can drift back into stuporville. Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Anne Hathaway, Crispin Glover. 2010.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 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 SQUARE 14)

The Art of the Steal — Reviewed this issue. With John Anderson, Richard Feigen, Christopher Knight, Julian Bond, and Richard Glanton; directed by Don Argott. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/26)

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 tree-felling 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. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Blind Side — Soft warm cozy sports story from the maker of *The Rookie*, John Lee Hancock, about a headstrong well-to-do 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 first-round 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; CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 3/26 AND 27, 8 P.M.)

The Bounty Hunter — Reviewed this issue. With Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler, Jason Sudeikis, Christine Baranski, Peter Greene, and Siobhan Fallon; directed by Andy Tennant. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA

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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-the-rails 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 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.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10)

Cash — Thriller written and directed by Stephen Milburn Anderson, with Sean Bean, Chris Hemsworth, and Victoria Pro-feta. (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 3/26)

Chloe — Reviewed this issue. With Julianne Moore, Amanda Seyfried, Liam Neeson, and Max Thieriot; directed by Atom Egoyan. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 3/26)

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 bel-

low, 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 somebody else's script (Robb and Mark Cullen's), a script sufficiently potty-mouthed 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. 2010.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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,

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★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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 bounce-back 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 constipated 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. 2009.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST CIN-



The Bounty Hunter — Not a good showcase for the assets of Jennifer Aniston, apart from her well-roasted exterior.

EMAS; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA)

Diary of a Wimpy Kid — Reviewed this issue. With Zachary Gordon, Robert Capron, Rachael Harris, and Steve Zahn; directed by Thor Freudenthal.

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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 Wal-lach. 2010.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo — Homegrown adaptation by Niels Arden Oplev of the international best-seller by Stieg Larsson, from the Scandinavian wave of detective novels. The movie, like the book, is long: two and a half hours with almost half an hour of anti- or post-climax. In the early going, it juggles two separate cases and two separate investigators, a Leftist muckraking journalist (Michael Nyqvist, with his Richard Burtonish full-moon cratered face) and a security-firm computer geek (Noomi Rapace, a sort of young Claire Bloom) who sports two nose rings, numerous ear piercings, a Goth hairdo and wardrobe, and of course the titular tattoo over her entire back. Eventually the two investigators team up on the sketchier and shakier of the cases: the forty-year-old disappearance and presumed murder of a teenage girl whose body, on a sealed-off island, was never recovered. Mystery fans' alarm bells will begin ringing even before the girl's favorite uncle explains how she was in the habit of giving him an annual framed botanical and how he has continued annually to receive an anonymous framed botanical which he theorizes has been sent tauntingly by her killer. Kooky theory. Perhaps our indignity over the multiple revelations of ugly sexual violence is hoped to blind us to the shoddy plotting and the plodding development. (That, and perhaps also the cracklingly crisp photography.) But the would-be "touching" ending will be soured by the unasked question of how many women were raped, tortured, and murdered over those forty years so that we could have a touching ending. 2009.

● (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Greenberg — Reviewed this issue. With Ben Stiller, Greta Gerwig, Rhys Ifans, and Jennifer Jason Leigh; written and directed by Noah Baumbach.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 3/26)

Green Zone — Topical war film feeds off and into the widespread cynicism, which is to say the widespread enlightenment, as to the motives behind the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003. Matt Damon, maturing into an actor of spartan economy and vigilant interiority, plays the army officer charged with running down the leads to the WMDs, very soon reversing his course ("The intel's no good") and independently running down the source of those leads: "Jesus Christ! This is the reason we went to war!" Director Paul Greengrass, as he has done both in docudramas (*Bloody Sunday*, *United 93*) and in cloak-and-dagger daydreams (*The Bourne Supremacy*, *The Bourne Ultimatum*), cultivates an air of reality through a grainy washed-out image and a zigging and zagging camera that covers for any inauthenticity by never giving us a good look at what we're looking at. It cannot cover, however, for screenwriter Brian Helgeland's penchant for the instructive, reductive talking point ("This country is a powder keg of ethnic instability") that sounds like nothing anyone would say outside a panel of experts under severe commercial time constraints on CNN. Any deficiencies in the image or the dialogue will not detract from the pell-mell propulsiveness of the action, mostly contained within a single hectic day, the sheer breathless pace of it and the distance over which that pace is sustained. The relentlessly chugging music doesn't really seem to help with that, but apparently can't help itself. Greg Kinnear, Amy Ryan, Brendan Gleeson, Khalid Abdalla. 2010.

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MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7;

MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM
PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10;
RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN
SQUARE 14; FROM 3/26)

The Hurt Locker — Fictitious countdown of the final six weeks in the twelve-month tour of an army bomb squad in Baghdad. The living and working conditions in a color-free wasteland appear perfectly credible, and the quasi-science-fictional details of the job — the spaceman protective suits, the remote-control bomb-sniffing robot, the tangle of colored wires,

the hide-and-seek triggers — are highly enlightening. And the defusing of bombs — 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 mid-desert, 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 combat-

footage 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

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

*Showtimes subject to change.
(Bargain showtimes in parentheses.)*

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264
#2704)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:05) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50 Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:45, 7:20, **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, **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:55) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:55) 4:25, 7:05; **Crazy Heat** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:35, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55 Sun. (10:55, 1:35, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 6:00, 8:15; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:45, 12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:00; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:50) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:30, 1:50) 4:15, 7:00; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:40) 7:15, 10:05 Sun. (10:50, 1:40) 7:15; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:30p.m.; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:35) 5:05, 7:55, 10:20 Sun. (11:50, 2:35) 5:05, 7:55; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:50) 4:35, 7:10, 9:40 Sun. (11:10, 1:50) 4:35, 7:10; **Thomas & Friends: Hero of the Rails** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (10:30a.m.) Sun.

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 5:25, 8:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 11:55, 1:35, 2:35) 4:10, 5:10, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:30, 7:15, 10:00; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:40) 4:40, 7:35, 10:25; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:50, 7:40, 10:20; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:30) 4:20, 7:25, 9:50; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 12:15, 1:55, 2:40) 4:15, 5:00, 6:35, 7:20, 9:00, 9:45, 11:15 Sun. (11:30, 12:15, 1:55, 2:40) 4:15, 5:00, 6:35, 7:20, 9:00, 9:45; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:05, 3:30) 5:50, 8:15, 10:30; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:25) 7:15, 10:10; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:25p.m.; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:35, 7:30, 10:05; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:45) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 10:15; **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.-Sun. (10:55, 12:00, 1:40, 2:35) 4:20, 5:10, 7:00, 7:50, 9:35, 10:25;
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) (Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:10, 3:15) 5:20, 7:25, 9:30; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. (10:50, 1:00, 3:20) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15 Sat. (10:50, 1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15 Sun. (10:50, 1:00, 3:20) 5:35, 7:55, 10:15;
The Hurt Locker (R) Fri. (Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:40,

7:30, 10:10; **Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; **The Red Baron** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 7:50, 10:05; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:45, 2:20, 3:15) 4:45, 5:40, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:30; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 1:15, 3:10) 4:15, 6:15, 7:20, 9:15, 10:10; **A Single Man** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; **Up in the Air** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 9:55; **The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:25, 3:35) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:15; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. (1:10, 4:10) 7:05 Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 7:05; **Avata** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:20) 6:40, 10:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 9:45, 10:20 Sat. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20; **Cash** (Not Rated) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:45, 10:15; **Chloe** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:00, 5:35) 7:55, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:35, 7:55, 10:10; **The Crazyes** (R) Fri. (12:25, 2:55, 5:25) 8:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 8:00, 10:30; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. (1:15, 4:15) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 9:55; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30) 6:45, 7:45, 9:05, 10:05 Fri. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:15, 3:15) 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:05, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:35; **Miss You Like Crazy** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:05, 4:05) 7:00, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:05, 7:00, 9:50; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:20) 7:20, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 9:40; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55, 10:25; **The Metropolitan Opera: Hamlet** (Not Rated) Sat. 10:00p.m.; **UFC 111: St-Pierre vs. Hardy** (Not Rated) Sat. 7:00p.m.

KENSINGTON

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Prodigal Sons (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (4:45)
7:15, 9:45, Sat. & Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
The Metropolitan Opera: Hamlet (Not
Rated) Sat. 10:00a.m.; **UFC 111: St-Pierre vs.**
Hardy (Not Rated) Sat. 7:00p.m.

La Jolla Village
 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (NR) Fri.,
 Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 5:00) 8:15, Sat. & Sun.
 (10:40) 1:50, 5:00, 8:15; **Chloe** (R) Fri., Mon.-
 Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:20, 10:00, Sat. & Sun.
 (11:00) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; **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; **The Art of the Steal** (NR) Fri., Mon.-
 Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 9:40, Sat. & Sun. (10:50)
 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

MIRA MESA
Mira Mesa 18
 10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
 Call theater for program information.

MISSION HILLS
Cinema under the Stars
 4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
The Blind Side (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 8:00

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:45) 1:20, 4:20, 7:05, 10:00 Sun. (10:40) 1:20, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:40, 2:00, 3:30, 6:15, 7:45, 9:15, 11:55 Sun. (10:00) 12:40, 1:50, 3:30, 6:15, 7:45, 9:15;

Avatar (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:55) 2:30, 6:00, 9:40 Sun. (10:55) 2:30, 6:00, 9:30; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10) 12:05, 1:55, 2:55, 4:40, 5:45, 7:30, 8:30, 10:15, 11:15 Sun. (11:10) 12:05, 1:55, 2:55, 4:40, 5:45, 7:25, 8:30, 10:05; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50) 4:35, 10:40 Sun. (10:50) 4:30, 10:30; **Chloe** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 2:20, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50 Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35; **The Crazyes** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:10, 5:15, 10:25 Sun. 12:10, 5:15, 10:30; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 1:45, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20, 11:40 Sun. (11:20) 1:45, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 2:35, 5:25, 8:10, 11:00 Sun. (10:45) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:15; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00 Sun. 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:35;

How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (10:00) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30 Sun. (11:00) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:40, 7:50; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:25) 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. (11:25) 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:50, 5:35, 8:20, 11:10 Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:25, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:55 Sun. (11:05) 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 9:55; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:10) 1:15, 4:30, 7:55, 11:05 Sun. 12:20, 3:40, 6:55, 10:00

Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Hot Tub Time Machine (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:30; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; **Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (1:00), 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Sun.: (1:00), 7:30; Mon. & Tue.: (1:00), 4:15, 7:30; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Tue.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:15; **Stravinsky & The Ballet Russe** Sun. 4:00 pm; **Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (10:15) 12:50, 3:30, 6:15, 9:10, 11:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:15) 12:50, 3:30, 6:15, 9:10; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:35) 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35 Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (11:35) 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 2:30, 6:10, 9:50; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (10:10, 10:55) 12:55, 1:40, 3:45, 4:30, 6:35, 7:20, 9:30, 10:15, 12:05 Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 10:55) 12:55, 1:40, 3:45, 4:30, 6:35, 7:20, 9:30, 10:15; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:40p.m.; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 12:20, 2:05, 2:55, 4:35, 5:25, 7:10, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (11:20) 12:20, 2:05, 2:55, 4:35, 5:25, 7:10, 8:00, 10:25; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 1:20, 4:20, 7:05, 10:00; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. (10:40, 11:25) 1:15, 2:20, 3:50, 4:40, 6:25, 7:15, 9:00, 9:55, 11:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 11:25) 1:15, 2:00, 3:50, 4:40, 6:25, 7:15, 9:00, 9:55; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (10:05, 11:30) 12:45, 2:10, 3:25, 4:50, 6:05, 7:30, 8:45, 10:05, 11:25 Sat. (10:00, 11:30) 12:45, 2:10, 3:25, 4:50, 6:05, 7:30, 8:45, 10:05 Sun. (10:05, 11:30) 12:45, 2:10, 3:25, 4:50, 6:05, 7:30, 8:45, 10:05; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (10:35) 12:10, 1:25, 2:50, 4:05, 5:30, 6:45, 8:10, 9:25, 10:50, 11:55 Sat. (10:35) 12:10, 1:25, 2:50, 4:05, 5:30, 6:45, 8:10, 9:25, 10:50 Sun. (10:35) 12:10, 1:25, 2:50, 4:05, 5:30, 6:45, 8:10, 9:25, 10:50; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. 12:05, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri. 4:45p.m. Sat. 4:00p.m. Sun. 4:45p.m.; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45) 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40 Sun. (11:45) 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:30; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri. (10:50, 11:40) 1:35, 2:20, 4:10, 6:05, 7:35, 9:35, 10:20, 12:00 Sat. (10:50) 1:35, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35, 10:45 Sun. (10:50, 11:40) 1:35, 2:20, 4:10, 6:50, 7:35, 9:35; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 3:40, 6:55, 10:10; **The Metropolitan Opera: Hamlet** (Not Rated) Sat. 10:00a.m.; **UFC 111: St-Pierre vs. Hardy** (Not Rated) Sat. 7:00p.m.

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Greenberg (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 4:30
 7:20, 10:05, Sat. & Sun. (11:10) 1:45, 4:30, 7:20,
 10:05; **Mother** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. 1:15,
 4:00; 6:50; Sat. & Sun. (10:30) 1:15, 4:00, 6:50;
A Prophet (Un Prophete) (R) Fri., Mon.-
 Thu. 9:35, Sat. & Sun. 9:35; **The Ghost Writer**
 (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu. 1:25, 4:10; 7:00,
 9:45; Sat. & Sun. (10:40) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45;
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (NR) Fri.,
 Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 5:10; 8:20; Sat. & Sun.
 (10:50) 2:00, 5:10, 8:20; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.,
 Mon.-Thu. (4:20) 9:55, Sat. & Sun. (11:00)
 4:20, 9:55; **The Most Dangerous Man in**
America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon
Papers (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:35) 7:10, Sat.
 & Sun. (1:35) 7:10

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Amazon (2007) (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00p.m.;
Dolphins and Whales 3D: Tribes of the
Ocean (G) Fri. 1:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00;
Hubble (G) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00
Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **The Great-**
est Places (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 3:00, 5:00,
7:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264
#2710)

Alise in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20,
2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; **Alce in Wonderland**
(PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:25;
The Bounty Hunter (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50,
2:15) 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**
(PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00,
10:05; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sun.
(10:55, 1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; **How to
Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15,
2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; **How to Train Your
Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 6:00,
8:20, 10:40; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10,
2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; **She's out of My
League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:00, 7:25,
9:50; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:55)
4:45, 7:35, 10:25

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (11:20, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:35) 6:40, 9:30; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 12:00, 2:10, 2:40, 4:55, 5:20) 7:35, 8:00, 10:25, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 12:00, 2:10, 2:40) 4:55, 5:20, 7:35, 8:00, 10:25, 10:45; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 1:55, 4:20) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 1:55) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 3:00) 6:45, 10:10; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:15, 9:45; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35 Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 2:20, 2:50, 4:50, 5:15) 7:25, 7:45, 10:00, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:20, 2:50) 4:50, 5:15, 7:25, 7:45, 10:00, 10:20; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 5:00) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 6:30, 9:40; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:05) 6:50, 10:25; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:10) 6:35, 9:55

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Alice in Wonderland (PG); How to Train Your Dragon (PG); Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG); When in Rome (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Hot Tub Time Machine (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00; Mon. & Tue.: 5:15, 8:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Mon. & Tue.: (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15; Mon. & Tue.: (3:30), 6:00, 8:15; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; Mon. & Tue.: 5:15, 7:45; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30; Mon. & Tue.: 5:00, 7:30; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30; Mon. & Tue.: (3:45), 6:15, 8:30; **She's Out of My League** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:15; Mon. & Tue.: 4:45, 7:15; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; Mon. & Tue.: (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15; Mon. & Tue.: 4:30, 7:15; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:00, 10:00; Sun.: (12:45, 4:00), 7:00; Mon. & Tue.: (4:00), 7:00; **Thomas & Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) Sat.: 10:00 am; **Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Wiggles Movie** (G) Sun.: 10:30 am; **The Wiggles Big Big Show** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland; **The Bounty Hunter**; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**; **Green Zone**; **Hot Tub Time Machine**; **How to Train Your Dragon**; **Our Family Wedding**; **Repo Men**; **She's out of My League**; **Shutter Island**

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denney Road (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland (PG); **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13); **Brooklyn's Finest** (R); **Cash** (Not Rated); **Cop Out** (R); **The Crazies** (R); **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG); **Green Zone** (R); **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R); **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG); **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13); **Repo Men** (R); **She's out of My League** (R); **Shutter Island** (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 Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland (PG); **Avatar** (PG-13); **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13); **Brooklyn's Finest** (R); **The Crazies** (R); **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG); **Green Zone** (R); **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R); **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG); **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13); **Repo Men** (R); **She's out of My League** (R); **Shutter Island** (R)

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (11:20, 2:00, 4:45) 7:25, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:45,

7:25, 10:00; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 3:00) 6:30, 9:55; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 11:50, 2:05, 2:30, 4:40, 5:15) 7:30, 7:55, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 11:50, 2:05, 2:30) 4:40, 5:15, 7:30, 7:55, 10:15, 10:45; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. (11:25, 1:50, 4:30) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 1:50) 4:30, 7:05, 9:35; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55) 7:15; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. (11:10, 1:45, 4:55) 7:40, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:55, 7:40, 10:40; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:30; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 1:55, 4:20) 7:20, 9:50 Fri. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 1:55) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:40, 10:10; **How to Train Your Dragon: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:25, 3:50, 7:00, 9:30; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:10) 6:40, 9:40; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:15) 10:20; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. (11:05, 2:10, 5:10) 8:00, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 2:10) 5:10, 8:00, 10:35; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 5:00) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:40) 6:45, 9:45

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Hot Tub Time Machine (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:30, 8:15; Mon. & Tue.: 5:30, 8:15; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00 , 1:30), 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.: (11:00,

1:30), 4:15, 7:00; Mon. & Tue.: 4:15, 7:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; Mon. & Tue.: 5:00, 7:45; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00 , 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (11:00 AM. 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:00; Mon. & Tue.: 5:45, 8:00; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sat.: (1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15; Mon. & Tue.: 4:30, 7:15; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30; Mon. & Tue.: 4:45, 7:30; **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)



Hot Tub Time Machine (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30, 4:00), 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Tue.: (11:00, 1:30, 4:00), 7:00; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:45), 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:45), 6:00, 8:30; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Tue.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Tue.: (11:30 , 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; **She's Out of My League** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Tue.: (11:15 , 2:00), 4:30,

7:15; **Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Tue.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:45, 7:30; **Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am; **The Wiggles Big Big Show** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **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. (2:40) 6:20, 9:50 Sat. 2:40, 6:20, 9:50 Sun. (2:40) 6:20, 9:50; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 1:35, 3:45) 7:05, 7:30, 10:15; **Cash** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:55) 7:25, 10:25; **The Crazies** (R) Fri.-Sun. 9:55p.m.; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:25) 7:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:25, 7:15; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:05) 7:45, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:05, 7:45, 10:10; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:40) 7:35, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:35) 7:00, 9:55; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:55, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 10:00 Fri. (12:40, 1:45, 3:05, 4:10) 5:45, 7:10, 8:10, 9:45, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 1:45, 3:05) 4:10, 5:45, 7:10, 8:10, 9:45, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 6:55, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 6:55, 9:20; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri. (4:15) 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 4:15, 9:50; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. (1:20, 4:05) 7:30, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:05, 7:30, 10:20; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:40) 7:20, 10:00; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:50) 6:55, 10:10



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NORTH COASTAL
CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:20, 9:45 Sun. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:20; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05 Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:55; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50 Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road
(858-646-9420)



Hot Tub Time Machine (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 1:00, 3:30), 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Tue: (10:00, 1:00, 3:30), 6:00, 8:30; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue: (10:00, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Tue: (11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:45; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Tue: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:15; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Tue: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Tue: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 8:00; **She's Out of My League** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Tue: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30; **Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



Chloe (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:00, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15; **Greenberg** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue.: (10:15,

12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:30, 1:15, 4:00), 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Tue.: (10:30, 1:15, 4:00), 7:00; **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (Män som hatar kvinnor)** (NR) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 1:00), 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (10:00, 1:00), 4:15, 7:30

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
The Crazyies (R) Fri. 8:45p.m. Sat.-Sun. (4:05) 8:45; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri. 6:20p.m. Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 6:20

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)
(760-599-8221)



Hot Tub Time Machine (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (10:00, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **How to**

Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:30, 7:00; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Tue.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:15; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Tue.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:30, 1:15), 4:15, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Tue.: (10:30, 1:15), 4:15, 7:30; **Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue
(760-806-1790)



Hot Tub Time Machine (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:15, 8:00; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Tue.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Tue.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:15), 4:45, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Tue.: (11:45, 2:15), 4:45, 7:15; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Tue.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:30, 7:15; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 1:45, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: 11:30, 1:45, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.: (11:00, 1:30), 7:00; Mon. & Tue.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00; **She's Out of My League** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Tue.: (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.-Tue.: (12:00, 2:30), 5:00, 7:30; **Alice in Wonderland in Disney Digital 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (1:15), 4:30, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (1:15), 4:30, 7:45; **Thomas & Friends: Hero of the Rails** (G) Sat.: 10:00 am; **Strawberry Shortcake: A Berryfest Princess Movie** (G) Sun.: 10:30 am; **The Wiggles Big Big Show** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Oceanside 16
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 6:45, 9:20; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:35) 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:00, 3:30) 4:35, 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; **Cop Out** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:25) 7:05, 9:55; **The Crazyies** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:50) 7:25, 10:00; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:40, 5:00) 7:15, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 5:00, 7:15, 9:25; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 6:55, 9:35; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. (12:20, 2:35, 5:20) 7:55, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:35) 5:20, 7:55, 10:15; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (12:40, 2:55, 5:10) 7:30, 9:45 Fri. (12:10, 2:25, 4:40) 7:00, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 5:10, 7:30, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:40, 7:00, 9:15; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 5:15) 7:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 5:15, 7:45, 10:20; **Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:55); **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 6:50, 9:30; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:25) 7:35, 10:05; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:25; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri. (1:25, 5:05) 8:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 5:05, 8:30

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in development, no more than generic as opposed to individual soldiers. With Guy Pearce, Ralph Fiennes, David Morse. 2009. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; GASLAMP 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers — The modern icon of civil disobedience, the Thoreau of the Vietnam era, tells his story on screen — as a talking head and in voice-over — after telling it already on the page and on audio CD. (The story as synopsisized by Richard Nixon: “Son-of-a-bitching thief is made a national hero.” And the title comes courtesy of none other than Henry Kissinger.) It is of course a compelling, if not a cinematic, story, and it has a moving emotional climax, especially moving to Ellsberg himself, when he recounts his life-changing epiphany. Directed by Judith Ehrlich and Rick Goldsmith. 2009. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/26; KEN, THROUGH 3/25)

Mother — From the maker of the South Korean monster movie, *The Host*, Joon-ho Bong. This time he does without a monster, as well as without such staples of the regional cinema as ghosts, gore, and martial arts. He delivers instead a straightforward detective story about a Mommie Fearless who launches her own investigation to clear her retarded son of a murder charge, pursuing a solid chain of clues to a satisfying if unsettling and unconventional conclusion. It remains all the same a tribute to Mother Love, however warped. Though the director still shows a weakness (a little less of a one) for the dopey comedy that weakened *The Host*, this is a small matter alongside the endlessly exciting wide-screen visuals, the meticulous compositions, the inventive variety of approaches, the full compass of angles, the especially good use of long shots of all distances — all the things, in short, that would enable us to speak, in highfalutin terms, of a broad cinematic vocabulary and a flexible syntax. With Hye-ja Kim, Bin Won, Goo Jin, Young-Suck Lee. 2009. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief — It would be hard to conceive a more painful introduction to Greek mythology. Or reintroduction, 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 unknown 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. ● (GASLAMP 15; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Prodigal Sons — Filmmaker Kimberly Reed documents her return home for a high-school reunion after her sex change. (KEN, 3/26 THROUGH 4/1)



Chloe — The odor of cheesiness, both the main attraction and the main limitation of the film, never dissipates.

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 hyperventilating 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, moldy-green 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. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Red Baron — World War I drama with Matthias Schweighöfer, Til Schweiger, Lena Headey, and Joseph Fiennes, written and directed by Nikolai Müllerschön. (GASLAMP 15)

Remember Me — Lovers’ tragedy set in New York City in the days leading up to and including 9/11, leaving aside the green-and-white prologue set ten years earlier. Robert Pattinson of “the *Twilight* saga” and Emilie de Ravin of the TV series *Lost* do a generally credible and at times mortifying job of behaving like young people trying to impress one another when they hardly yet know

who they themselves are, and when they are each having to deal with pre-existing tragedies and troublesome fathers (Pierce Brosnan, Chris Cooper, respectively). It’s possible that 9/11 as a dramatic device could be employed too often in films, and it’s certain that it can be employed too facilely (see *Dear John*, etc.), but if we accept that date as the 12/7 of our time — as our benchmark, that is, of the sudden and complete changeability of life — we must grant that it hasn’t to this point been employed in films anywhere near as much as Pearl Harbor, and that it therefore has a lot more mileage in it. And the piling of new tragedy on top of old tragedy lends the film a seriousness of purpose that can (unlike *Dear John*, etc.) actually be taken seriously. Directed by Allen Coulter. 2010. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13)

Repo Men — Science-fiction thriller with Jude Law, Forest Whitaker, and Alice Braga, directed by Miguel Sapocchnik. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 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 Nazi-like medical experiments funded by HUAC, the approaching hurricane — is particularly disturbing. Although all of it is likely to cause difficulty in swallowing, the locked-room 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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; 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, laying 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)

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 façade 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. 2009. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 Young Victoria — And the young Albert. (Psst, wanna see the Queen in her teddies?) The story of the first occupant of the spanning 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. 2009. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

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Across

- 1. Los Angeles sch.
- 4. Took many courses?
- 11. Courtroom vow
- 14. Sports org. that suspended its games during the Vancouver Olympics
- 15. Lasted
- 16. Oui's opposite
- 17. 1995 restaurant co-owned by Pierre and Miguel?

- 19. Soft & ____ (Gillette brand)
- 20. With 47-Down, state nicknamed "Land of Enchantment"
- 21. ____ and cheese
- 22. Saarinen who designed the Gateway Arch
- 23. Shoelace tips
- 26. Ethnic restaurant co-owned by Angelo and Yu?
- 29. More see-through
- 31. Humpty ____
- 32. Ethnic restaurant co-owned by Paolo and Enrique?
- 35. Familial title
- 36. Kan. neighbor
- 37. Tabasco title: Abbr.
- 40. Ethnic restaurant co-owned by Liang and Moishe?
- 46. "This crossword is bewildering!"
- 49. Caused to be scored, as a run
- 50. Ethnic restaurant co-owned by Marcel and Rangsan?
- 53. Heavy hammer
- 54. Leave the stage
- 55. ____-Caps (candy)
- 57. X
- 58. Help
- 59. Ethnic restaurant co-owned by Daisuke and Sayeed?
- 64. AT&T rival, once
- 65. Yom Kippur observers
- 66. Most populous Canadian prov.
- 67. Delivery possibility
- 68. Traffic cop's request
- 69. Vietnam's ____ Dinh Diem

Down

- 1. Durham sch.
- 2. City near the Yangtze River
- 3. 1995 movie that features the line "Isn't my house

- classic? The columns date all the way back to 1972"
- 4. ATM user's annoyance
- 5. Suffix with absorb
- 6. Economist Smith
- 7. "Poison" plant
- 8. Bingham of "Baywatch"
- 9. Electric ____
- 10. 34th U.S. pres.
- 11. Dangerously involved
- 12. Dickens title character
- 13. Like some bagels
- 18. Post a modern status update
- 22. Jane Austen novel
- 23. Nile reptiles
- 24. ____-la-la
- 25. Cannes condiment
- 27. Super Bowl highlights
- 28. Opposite of safe
- 30. Jingled
- 33. Part of DMV: Abbr.
- 34. Footnote abbr.
- 37. Feminine fiend
- 38. In power
- 39. Actress Hathaway
- 40. Toe woe
- 41. Ballpark fig.
- 42. Highest power?
- 43. Yearbook sect.
- 44. Rank above maj.
- 45. '50s Cabinet secretary ____ Culp Hobby
- 46. Letter-shaped construction pieces
- 47. See 20-Across
- 48. Put down, as a new floor
- 51. Part of NASCAR: Abbr.
- 52. ____ fell swoop
- 56. Frank
- 59. Prefix with practice
- 60. "Lord, is ____?" (Last Supper question)
- 61. Surgery ctrs.
- 62. China's Mao ____-tung
- 63. From ____ Z

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Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 11. Here's to your health.
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 11. Happy birthday weekend!
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 11. Viva Las Vegas.
Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 11. Congratulations to SDSU.
Eric Cash, Escondido, 11. It's time for Eavan to start her foot tan.
Leslie Chase, Campo, 11. Oh the flowers that bloom in the spring tra la!
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 11. What's worse: A drunken fool or a sober jackass?
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 11. Better to work or practice a little than talk lots.

William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 11. Thank you, Alma, for all you do, for all.
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 11. Oops-it's this week! Hi Helen! Hi Pat!
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 11. I love you Liza B.
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 11. I love New York
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 11. U.S. out of the middle east!
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 11. The world is burning, better get out fast...
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 11. Welcome spring!
Jim Odell, Vista, 11. Is the wolf at our door?

P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 11. Happy birthday Drew.
John Pertle, Santee, 11. Received eternal life yet? John 3;16. 20;31.
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 11. Why free schools, libraries, fire protection; but not health care?
☛ Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 11. Molly Pryne go braugh!
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 11. Better clue for 16 across: "Show of compassion."
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 11. It took a village to solve this puzzle..
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 11. My comments were censured last week. That's tyrannical!
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 11. Dem.'s should be ashamed of their back room B.S.

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 10. Irishmen would rather run out of potatoes than green beer!
Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 10. If I don't do it, who cares?
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 10. "The sheriff is nigh"
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 10. Be fired with enthusiasm or you'll be fired with enthusiasm!
☛ Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 10. Why not just pay cash for healthcare?
Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 10. Too many wolves...
Marie Grace, College Area, 10. Almost didn't make it.
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 10. I prefer the black T-shirt.
George Jackson, Oceanside, 10. Vote for Obamacare and ride "Free" on Air Force One.

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 10. Term limits for US Congress!
Ron Meyer, Santee, 10. Is it football season yet?
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 10. Cunapril
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 10. Happy birthday someone!
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 10. Fame is hard to find.
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 10. Spring, sprung, sproing, we've gotta get going, where it's orange!
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 10. Go confidently toward your dreams. Thoreau.
Duane Tremaine, East Village, 10. Anoint thee, witch; anoint thee.
Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 9. Spring has sprung!
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 9. Hi All! Love ya!

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 9. Get back on your bike.
Phyllis Grant, San Diego, 9. Go Aztecs!
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 9. It takes two to seesaw.
Ron Hootman, Santee, 9. Hoot 101-even if you repeat the past you're still present
Willie McGee, San Diego, 9. If tee shirts are random how about 2 in a row?
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 9. Is it time for a t-shirt?
Don Romero, La Mesa, 9. I am glad you are home sweet Mei Ling.
Ken A., Ocean Beach, 8. Why do Bostonians wear cargo shorts?
☛ Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 8. House is sold!
A.T. Certik, Bonita, 8. Alles Affenscheisse!

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

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Craig Curtis, Escondido, 8.
Look up! The sky is blue. Rosie Posey I love you!
John L. Drehner, North Park, 8. *Is there lawn bowling in the Sahara?*
Manny Faria, Point Loma, 8. *I'm back in the game Pooh! I love you!!*
Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 8. *Happy birthday Carol!!*
Chad Griffith, Poway, 8. *Big shots are only little shots who keep shooting.*
Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 8. *Curiouser and curiouser!*
John Pilch, San Carlos, 8. *The buckeyes are the best!*

Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 8. *I love you Anette! Happy b-day, love Mommy and Viktoria*
Kaye Benton, San Diego, 7. *Happy Spring!*
Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 7. *Antigone, Antigone, Antigone. She was deeply loved.*
Emily Marie, North Park, 7. *We did it BB!*
Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 7. *I like San Diego*
Dean and Bob Bekken, San Diego, 6. *Free Bird!*
Irvin C. Gavidor, Golden Hill, 6. *Spring has sprung! Wedding season is here! India Ink Papers.*

Joe Musser, Encinitas, 6. *Wake not a sleeping wolf, Falstaff*
Claire Phillips, Clairemont, 6. *Aha-got it! I hope*
Robin Serfass, Leucadia, 6. *It's what you learn after you know it all that counts!*
☛ **Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 6.** *Gracias*
Jon Christianson, El Cajon, 5. *Thanks for the shirt.*
Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 5. *We need a new Congress!*
Janet Kaye, Linda Vista, 5. *Linda Vista Fair is April 24th!*
Tammy Lin, San Diego, 5. *One more week until Macchu Picchu. Wahoo.*
Ron Pollack, Encinitas, 5. *Welcome Abigail Maya Robinson!*

Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 5. *Spring is in the air.*
☛ **Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 4.** *And the winner of the ESE award is...*
☛ **Michael Faria, Point Loma, 4.** *It's finally here baby! I love you so much*
Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 4. *Love your puzzles!*
Sara and Shaid Khwaja, Poway, 4. *Watch out Little Red Riding Hood.*
Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 4. *Tartan Day, Balboa Park, Sat. April 3.*
Henry Romero, San Diego, 4. *Chicken noodle-still the best.*
John C. Pipes, Lemon Grove, 3. *Obama please go...and stay there.*

Jon Schlude, Mission Valley, 3. *That's what I like to know about it. Hi Meggie!*
Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 2. *The world is charged with the grandeur of God.*
Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 2. *Thank you.*
Tim Parrott, Carlsbad, 2. *140? / Good thing that you have a small / vocabulary.*
Raymond Schwartz, Clairemont, 2. *Go Kings go.*
Scott Wright, El Cajon, 2. *Support San Diego Brain Tumor Foundation.*
Patzy and Leah, El Cajon, 2. *SDWO-Enjoy spring!*
☛ **Ellen Bourne, San Carlos, 1.** *It's me again.*

Grace Kenney, Dallas, 1. *3 on a match? Thanks Carlsbad crew +2!*
Dana Oliver, San Diego, 1. *Bury my cookies.*
Heidi Sorensen, Spring Valley, 1. *My uncle won a t-shirt so why can't I?*
☛ **Anthony Svoboda, Mission Vally, 1.** *Friends-are you astounded?*
James Thomas, San Diego, 1. *Padres pitching looks good!*
Chris Van Haften, Murrieta, 1. *San Diego, I miss you!*

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State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Circle T-shirt size: L XL

Personal Message: _____

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EASY:

- Don Bowman, Santee, 11.** Spring is here... Plant a garden.
- John Pertle, Santee, 11.** Jesus Christ is salvation to everyone that believes in him
- D. Stiewig, Santee, 11.** Spring time
- Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 10.** Smell the flowers!
- M. Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 9.** I love Bob
- Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 9.** Happy birthday Booaaloo! We love you so much!
- Sebastian Certik, Bonita, 5.** Hi mom!
- Josie Ranches, San Diego, 5.** Happy 13th b-day Edmund
- Pauline Malley, San Diego, 3.** Great finished on time
- Peter Mound, Santee, 3.** Real men don't use Mapquest
- Vincent Blas, San Diego, 2.** AGGS is a QUI QUI, no matter what he says!

- Ellen Bourne, San Carlos, 2.** Here I am again!!
- Rossinna Ippolito, University Heights, 2.** St. Jude please grant me financial abundance
- Jason Kron, Lakeside, 2.** Marilyn hates me now, but I still miss her. Really!
- Mike Reina, Escondido, 1.** I love you mom and grandma
- Carol Temes, La Mesa, 1.** Music reaches the heart and soothes the mind
- MEDIUM:**
- Dave Small, San Carlos, 11.** Hope I did better on this than my brackets
- Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 10.** You men owe me a new pair of slippers!
- ☛ **Linda Bible, El Cajon, 10.** Thank you Kaiser Optical, Vandever site, My glasses really rock!
- Henry Chung, San Diego, 10.** I'm lovin this weather! More sun!

- Willam Stiewig, Vallejo, 10.** Go Gaels
- David Tomasin, San Diego, 10.** Medium again
- Vicki Flora, Bonita, 5.** Hi Sebastian!
- Emily Posedel, San Diego, 5.** Hot. Right. Now.
- Ed Rull, San Diego, 4.** Happy 13th b-day Edmund
- Steve Schorr, Encinitas, 4.** LT and the jets
- Saad Ghulam, Escondido, 3.** One day I will win a t-shirt
- Mitchell Hamilton, Golden Hills, 3.** Sweetheart Barbara- puss o kram
- Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 3.** VAM-CSD sudoku expert
- Jose Rodriguez, San Diego, 3.** Yadira...mo. Go Chargers Go Bolts!
- ☛ **Todd Wilkins, San Diego, 3.** We came to believe!
- Jose Villanueva, San Diego, 2.** Here I thought the message was put on the shirt
- Harold Kent, Clairmont, 1.** You are only here for a visit
- Nestor Mendidla, San Diego, 1.** Don't worry be happy

- Hiroshi Miyazki, San Diego, 1.** Glenn, call you soon
- Duane D Tremaine, E. Village, 1.** Exit stage left, even!
- HARD:**
- Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 11.** Hi Hector God is love
- Esther Hays, La Mesa, 11.** For every drop of rain...a flower grows
- Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 11.** Why try and fix things here? Give Mars a chance!
- Skully, San Diego, 11.** Bike Night Desi' n Friends Wen 7:30-? SDM- Hi Monkeyboy
- Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 8.** See the wildflowers, grow some wildflowers, smell some wildflowers
- Wayne Ameele, Peñasquitos, 5.** What are you going to be for Halloween?
- A.T. Certik, Bonita, 5.** Alles Affenscheisse!
- Green Dave Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 5.** Hip replacements dual- percussion fueled. Saturday 27th Sunshine Ca Saloon
- Lark Herrick, Alpine, 5.** Live every day like your'e dying

- Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 5.** Love my little acorn
- Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 4.** Floatopia equals Mission Baye Gyre
- Robert Lindahl, College Area, 4.** Oh where oh where can my Phyllee girl be?
- Marjie Souza, Ocean Beach, 4.** Spring is here on Saturday!
- Kelly Sakoi, San Diego, 3.** Go Padres!
- Hans Butikofer, Mission Beach, 2.** Will try evil next week!
- ☛ **Nel Cristobal, Chula Vista, 2.** I love sudoku and orchids!
- George Elam, Vista, 2.** Go Aztecs
- Saad Kassab, Mission Hills, 1.** Life is short don't waste it
- Irving Metzger, San Diego, 1.** Yo!
- ☛ **Tim Moore, Phoenix, 1.** Seriously, pamper me. Seriously, pamper me
- Tim O'hara, El Cajon, 1.** It could be better, it could be a lot worse!
- Rob Welder, El Cajon, 1.** Its hot here!

EVIL:

- Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 11.** Laissez faire capitalism destroyed responsible capitalism to become corporate fasism!!
- Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 11.** Mountain biking, boogie boarding, here comes summertime!
- ☛ **Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 11.** What good's cheaper healthcare when it costs me my job?
- Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 11.** If accidents never happen then why are you here?
- Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 11.** A real climber
- Roger Doughman, San Diego, 11.** Strength will rise as we wait upon the lord.
- Larry Clark, Clairemont, 10.** Happy birthday cousin Tim Paul- ishen, 59. Live long and prosper
- Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 10.** Evil's Ritcher equivalent: 9.2
- Michelle Dutra, Serra Mesa, 10.** HTM exhibition night 3/25
- Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 9.** Joy triumphs over circumstances.

THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

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Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 9.
Hard one!
Raymond Land , Escondido, 9.
You live in a world of your making
Jorge Castro, Alpine, 8. *It's bet-
ter to be lucky than good!*
Greg Boss, San Diego, 6. *Time
for us ex-military to kill for our coun-
try again!*

**Charles Reader, Del Mar
Heights, 4.** *Reader reads Reader*
Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 3.
*Thank you Jeff Loeb for sending the
puzzles*
☛ **David Bruce, Hillcrest, 3.**
Mee Shim- San Diegos best artist
☛ **Jane Flammang, Encinitas,**
2. *Family visiting is good*

Matthew Evans, Encinitas, 1.
Show love and compassion to all
Junito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 1.
Obama care equals deep recession.
*Welfare recipients will outnumber
taxpayers*
J. Gorman, UTC, 1. *Et tu, Brute?*
Bill Grant, Hillcrest, 1. *Thanks
for the shirt this one was harder*
Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 1. *Spring
is here skies are clear*
Belmont Hope, Vista, 1. *No
Message!*

Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla,
1. *Faxing the solution from Prague.*
Hopefully in time
Joan Hubert, Clairmont, 1. *I
miss you J.E.B.*
Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 1. *Happy
birthday Barbara, you always look
good*
Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 1. *I love
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays*
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 1.
*Does Mary Bentley still play domi-
noes? Please call*

Anne Nisha, La Jolla, 1. *Spring
is here, hurryay!*
**Stephen Nobiensky, San
Jacinto, 1.** *Seniors look good it t-
shirts too!*
Michael Panther, Point Loma,
1. *Hey Lou, I think I’m allergic to
tide*
Henry Romero, San Diego, 1. *I
just discovered it’s still flu season!*
David Schwartz, Clairemont,
1. *Is it just me or was this evil really
evil?*

Joe Selig, San Diego, 1. *Happy
93rd. Dad! Sunshine, music, and
mom!*
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 1.
*My puzzle must have disappeared in
the Bermuda Triangle!*
Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 1.
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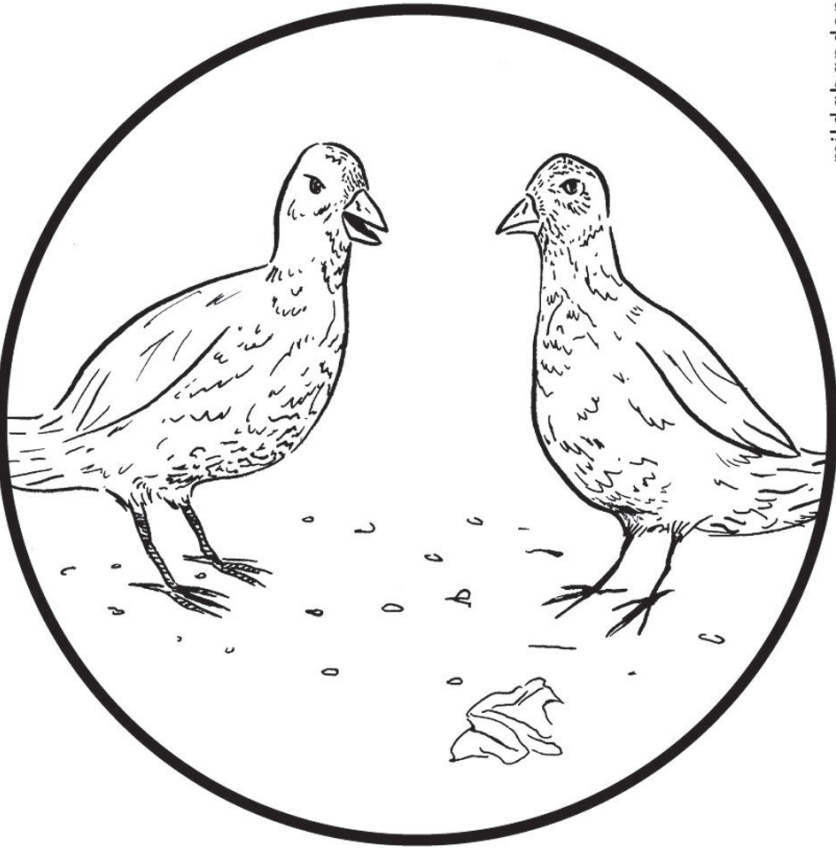
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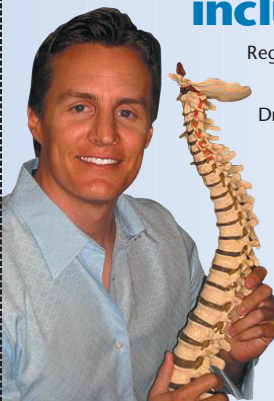
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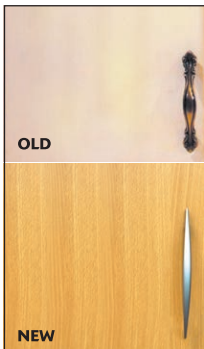
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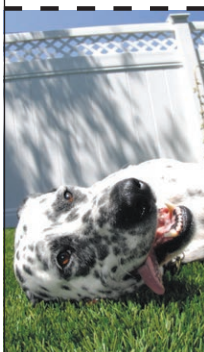
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Kallie Knutson
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Oh, I'd have to say it's being on the phone and driving, or texting while driving. I'm guilty of doing it. I wish I didn't do it. And I'm really good about it now. I'm trying really hard not to do it anymore. That's probably about the most reckless thing.



Sheila Estreen
Nurse Clinician
Downtown

I always game up to do things, but I do have limits. Bungee-cord jumping? Probably not. But I did go parasailing. For me, that was pretty right up there. We were in Hawaii and it was phenomenal! It was great! We went tandem with my sister, and I squeezed her to death. Would I do it again? Yes. I'm glad that I did it, but when I got back, in Florida there were two gals that, unfortunately, they were too close to shore and they died parasailing. Fortunately that was after I had already done this, because otherwise I may not have.



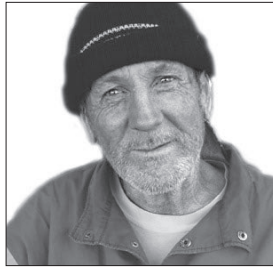
Vivian Williams
Sales Associate
Downtown

I was swatting a bee once in my car, and I almost flipped my car over on the freeway. That was really reckless! I don't remember if it actually stung me. I forgot about the bee when I almost crashed the car. I noticed it when I was on my way to work, and I got so focused in on getting rid of the bee, because I'm scared of them. I'm not even allergic! I was just scared of the bee and I didn't want to be stung and I actually forgot for a second that I was driving. I could feel the car literally getting out of control, so when I came back to my senses I saw that all of the cars on the freeway had totally backed up behind me. There were no cars in front of me or on the side of me or anything because they could see that my car was out of control. And it was just by the grace of God that I didn't crash that day. Next time I'll let it sting me or pull over or just let it have the car. It's not worth both of us dying!



Tiffany Mae Hight
Assistant Stylist
Sherman Heights

One time I fell asleep at the wheel driving a 30-minute drive. I had been drinking with my mother, actually. I was at the party with my mom and I left. I fell asleep at the wheel and spun out my car on Interstate 95. This was in Florida. I woke up, drove myself to my boyfriend's house, and knocked on the door. My car was completely covered in dirt and grass and everything, and I had six hickeyes on my neck! That was pretty reckless. My boyfriend was like, "Let's just go to bed and we'll talk about this tomorrow." That kind of thing kept happening, so I don't do that anymore. I barely even drink anymore because I learned my lesson.



Rickey Tracey
Retired
North County

I fell off a roof onto my back. I didn't break it. That must've been about five stories. I hit a car and broke my collarbone and broke my arm and my shoulder. I had a back brace on my back for my fifth lumbar, but I didn't break it; I just injured it. Then I fell down a ladder at a mobile-home park. I was on the roof coming down, and I was coming down for lunch when I got both feet stuck in the ladder. I hit my head and the back of my shoulders on the ground. An old couple tipped the ladder over and got me up. I was fortunate.



Nolan Tufts
Unemployed
Clairemont

Driving through a storm drain and I hit a wooden stump, and the stump flew up and took out a power line to a house. I totaled my car and I got a DUI. I was drunk, and I took a bunch of ecstasy. After I drove through the storm drain and totaled my Mitsubishi Lancer, I hit this wooden stump and ripped it out. It flew up, like, 15, 20 feet and took out a power line to a house. Then I drove over to my friend's house in my f'd-up car and smoked some bowls. The cops pulled up, like, two hours later and arrested me. It was, like, three in the morning when it happened. They probably got a call that the power was out, and they were driving around the neighborhood and saw the big pole in the yard that I knocked down. Plus my car was right in the driveway! It was completely f'd up.

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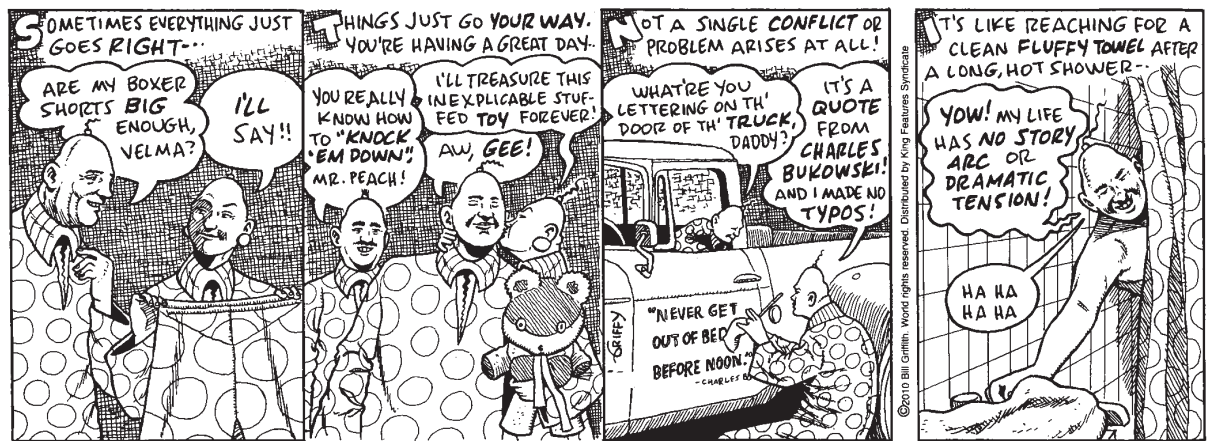


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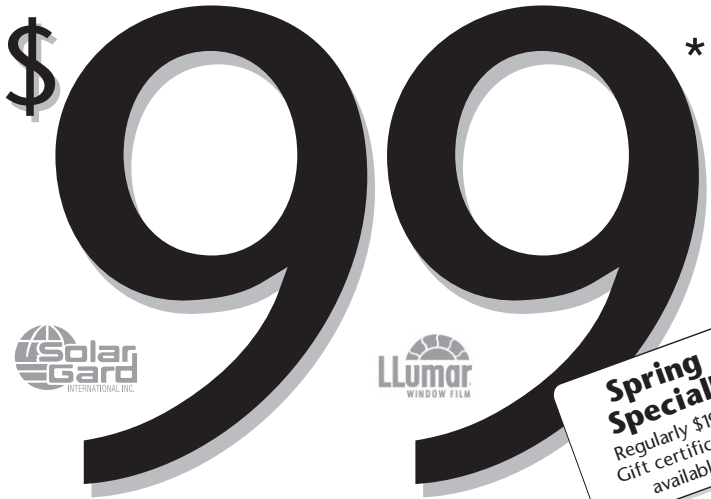
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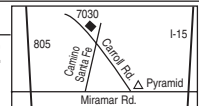
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LEAD STORY

— Pastor John Renken’s Xtreme Ministries of Memphis, Tenn., is one of a supposedly growing number of churches that use “mixed martial arts” events to recruit wayward young men to the Christian gospel. Typically, after leading his flock in solemn prayer to a loving God, Pastor Renken adjourns the session to the back room, where a *New York Times* reporter found him in February shouting encouragement to his parishioners: “Hard punches!” Renken yelled. “Finish the fight! To the head! To the head!” One participant told the *Times* that fight nights bring a greater masculinity to religion, which he said had, in recent years, gone soft.

Government in Action!

— At age 8, Mike Hicks is a frequent air traveler with his mother, and while she is seldom noticed by airport screeners, “Mikey” almost always is because he shares a name with someone on the enhanced-security list that is one level below “no fly” (one of 1600 such Michael Hickses in the U.S.). His mom told the *New York Times* in January that Mikey has been patted down by security since he was 2.

— Ten days after Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab nearly brought down the Christmas Day airliner over Detroit, the State Department officially

revoked his visa.

— Eight days after the Christmas Eve demolition of Minneapolis’ historic Fjelde House (as a fire hazard), the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission awarded the site “interim protection” for its historic value.

— In February, aspirants for taxicab licenses in Portsmouth, England, were officially informed by the city council that application forms are available in other languages or in “audio,” “large print,” or “Braille.”

— Legislator Abel LeBlanc was suspended from Canada’s New Brunswick Assembly in February for giving middle-finger salutes to two colleagues, calling one a “punk,” and declaring himself ready to “walk outside with any one of yas here.... Don’t ever laugh at me,” he continued. “Yes, I gave you [the finger]. And I’ll give you that again. And [to another colleague] I’ll give you this [finger] if you want to go outside.”

Police Report

— Sheriff’s deputy John Franklin of San Luis Obispo, Calif., filed a lawsuit in December against the Catholic Church and former priest Geronimo Cuevas for the “emotional trauma” he suffered by being propositioned for sex while working undercover in 2007. Deputy Franklin was patrolling

a public park near Avila Beach when Father Cuevas reached out and touched Franklin’s clothed genital area. Cuevas was arrested and convicted, but Deputy Franklin said he is not yet over the feelings of “anger, rage, disgust, and embarrassment.”

— Former Stoughton, Mass., police sergeant David Cohen was convicted in 2007 of attempted extortion and witness-tampering and sentenced to 30 months in jail. In November 2009, he filed a formal demand for payment of at least \$113,000 he said the department owes him for unused vacation, sick leave, and comp time. He also claims extra pay because, while still on the job, he had to spend 481 hours in court and 280 hours preparing in order to defend himself against the criminal charges.

Names in the News

— Arrested in January in Memphis, Tenn., and charged with having carnal knowledge of an underage girl: Mr. Knowledge Clark, 29. Arrested in January in Hellertown, Pa., and charged with cashing a stolen check: Richard Fluck, 47, and Bryan Flok, 47. Arrested in Denver in February and charged with using another person’s driver’s license as identification: Mr. Robin J. Hood, 34. Arrested in Kingston, Pa., in January and charged with cocaine trafficking: Carlos Laurel, 30, and

Andre Hardy, 39. Arrested in February in DeFuniak Springs, Fla., and charged with possession of crystal meth: Crystal Beth Williams, 21.

It’s Good to Be a British Criminal

— Victim Debra Wilson testified that she had been driven nearly into bankruptcy by loan shark Robert Reynolds, 39, who extorted over time the equivalent of about \$135,000. In December, Reynolds was convicted in Durham Crown Court but ordered to repay only the equivalent of about \$2300. (However, the judge warned that if Reynolds failed to pay, he could be jailed for up to 35 days.)

— In September 2008, veteran criminal Waled Salem and two partners were discovered burglarizing the home of businessman Munir Hussain. Salem, wielding a knife, restrained Hussain, his wife, and children and resumed the ransacking. Hussain freed himself and chased the men away, catching up only with Salem, whom he then beat with a cricket bat. In December 2009 in Reading Crown Court, Salem was sentenced to probation, but Hussain got 30 months in jail for assault.

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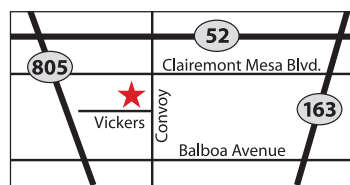
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Founded locally: 2008
Senior pastor: Erin Hubbard
Congregation size: 100
Staff size: 1
Sunday school enrollment: 30
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: about \$1200
Singles program: no
Dress: mostly casual
Diversity: majority Caucasian, but diverse
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Website: mercycommunitychurch.org

Brightly colored banners touting secular virtues hang on the walls of the pale green elementary-school auditorium that serves as a wor-

ship space for Mercy Community Church. It's a fine old list: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, etc. — and on a notice over by the bulletin board, Compassion comes in for a lengthy (and laudatory) definition.

Looking up at the banners and then over at the young couples with their little ones in the congregation, it's easy to start feeling comfy. Church in a school: look at this huge, happy overlap between church and state, between Christianity and the world! Common values, a similar interest in healthy communities! Even the cover of the Bible belonging to the guy in front of me seems cheerful — The Devotional Bible, Max Lucado, general

editor. Experience the Heart of Jesus. Hey, Jesus was all about the love, right? Who wouldn't want to experience His heart?

But Christianity really is different from civic virtue. This becomes clear right at the outset, when Trevor the worship leader sings a plea to God: "Come have Your way among us." (As if to provide a bookend, Pastor Hubbard says at the service's end that what Jesus wants from us is "death to self.") This isn't just about doing right; this is inviting Another to take over our being. A man offers a prayer regarding the offering: "Everything You give us belongs to You, and we want to give it right back.... We give You our bodies, our souls, our hearts, Lord...that our lives would

Mercy Community Church
Rancho Peñasquitos



Erin Hubbard

Sermon content delivery: 2.5 stars
Liturgy Music: 2.5 stars
congregational band: 2 stars
Snacks: 2 stars
Architecture: 1 star
Friendliness: 2 stars

Poor to satisfactory: (none)
Good: 1 star
Very good: 2 stars
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be about You, Father." A man might die for his country if called upon to do so; but here, loving self-sacrifice is simply the point of things. Because, of course, God is not country. He's the lov-

ing Father, in whom, says Hubbard, "we have life and breath." Hubbard's daughter-in-law Katie is visiting from Philadelphia, where she sings at Calvary Chapel, and she performs her own com-

position, singing in God's voice. "Taste and see, I'm the only one.... I am your soul's satisfaction.... Eye has not seen all I've got in store for you...so go on and dream." Toward the end of his

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final song, Trevor asks the congregation to “sing this one last time, and make it a prayer.” Then he quotes from the Psalms: “Whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?” For the friends of God, the correct answer is “no one.” But that’s not to say there won’t be *temptations* to fear: “Last week,” begins Hubbard, “Jesus informed His disciples of the hate that the world would have for them because of Him.” This week, we hear from John’s gospel that “the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God.... I have told you this, so that when the time comes, you will remember that I warned you.”

Why the hostility? Because, says Hubbard, “the world needs to hear the absolute truth of the Gospel, and it’s not a social gospel. The mes-

sage of the church is not political activism, social reform, or psychological fulfillment. I’m not saying that we don’t help to meet people’s needs, but the church’s ministry, ultimately, is to testify to Jesus Christ” — His “life, death, and resurrection.... That’s not always a popular message because it calls people to repentance. If you’ve never fallen on your face before a holy God and acknowledged that you’re a sinner and repented of those sins, then you can’t be saved. To those who are perishing, the Gospel is very offensive. The message of His coming is going to bring division.”

Hubbard says that this is why Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit, “the one who enables you to witness in those difficult times when you need to be aided. The reason most people don’t is because they’re not in the word” — the Bible.



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But for all that, there is still that similar interest in healthy communities. A bunch of congregants celebrated Hubbard’s 50th birthday yesterday. “I just want to thank each one of you for

your love for me,” he says this morning. “Yesterday was a day that God loved me through you.” Later, he decries husbandly pride. “When we’re exalting self, it’s going to cause division. For the sake of peace and serenity and being able to minister to your wife...why do we have to be right?”

What happens when we die?

“If you are a believer in Jesus Christ,” begins Hubbard, “and you have faith in the finished work of the cross, then heaven awaits you. If you’re a nonbeliever — God sends no one to hell, people choose hell because of their unbelief.”

— *Matthew Lickona*

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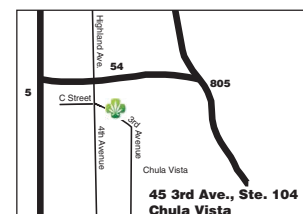


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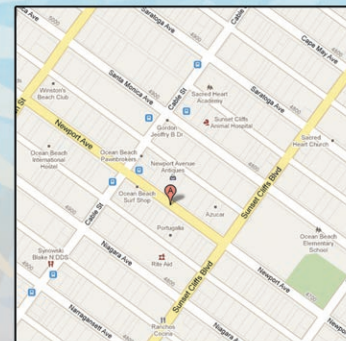
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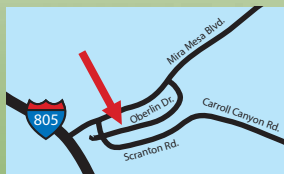
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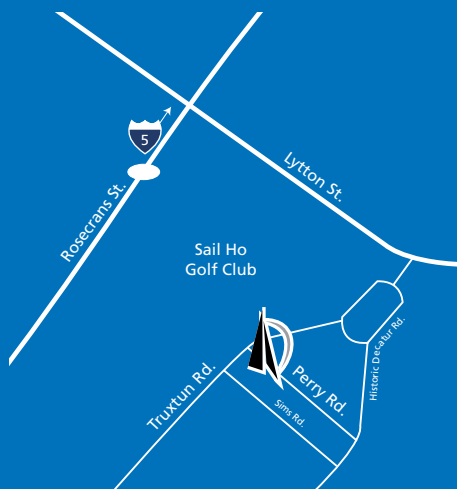
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