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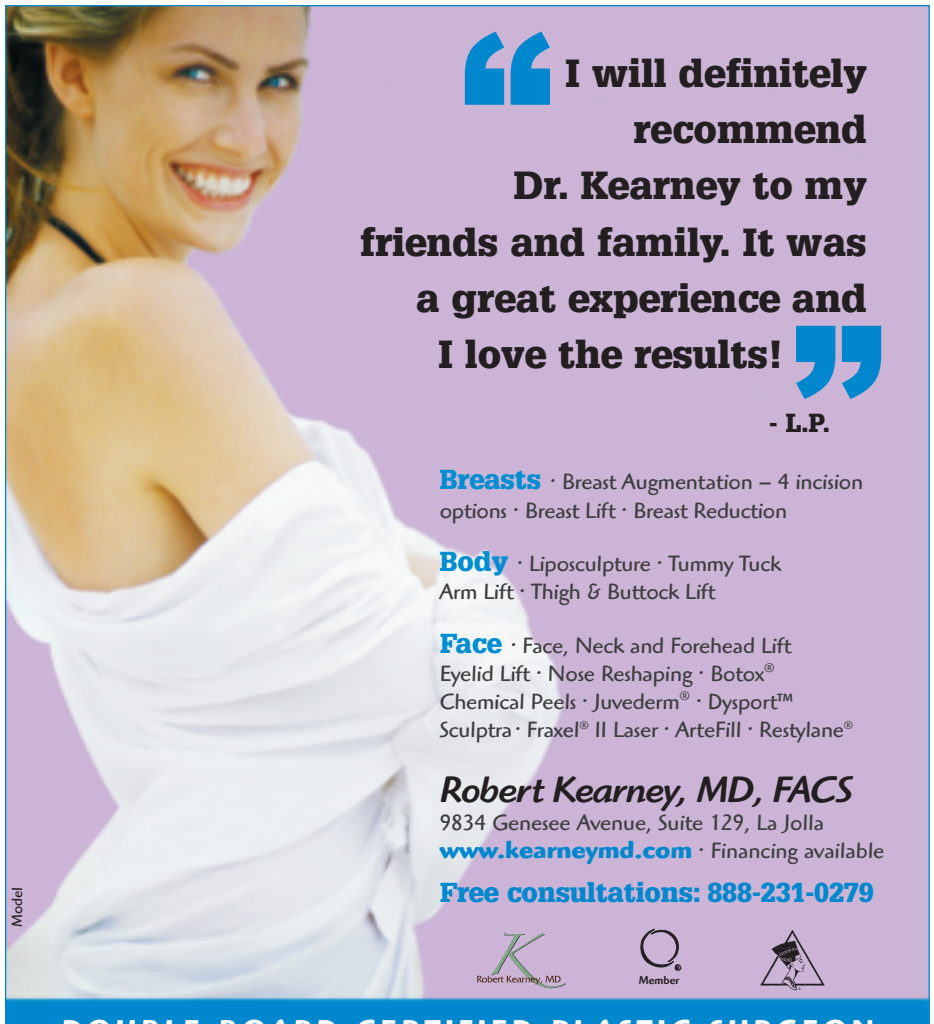
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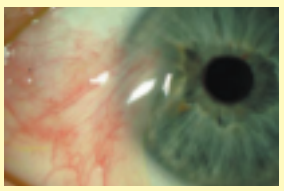
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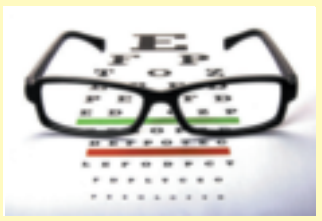


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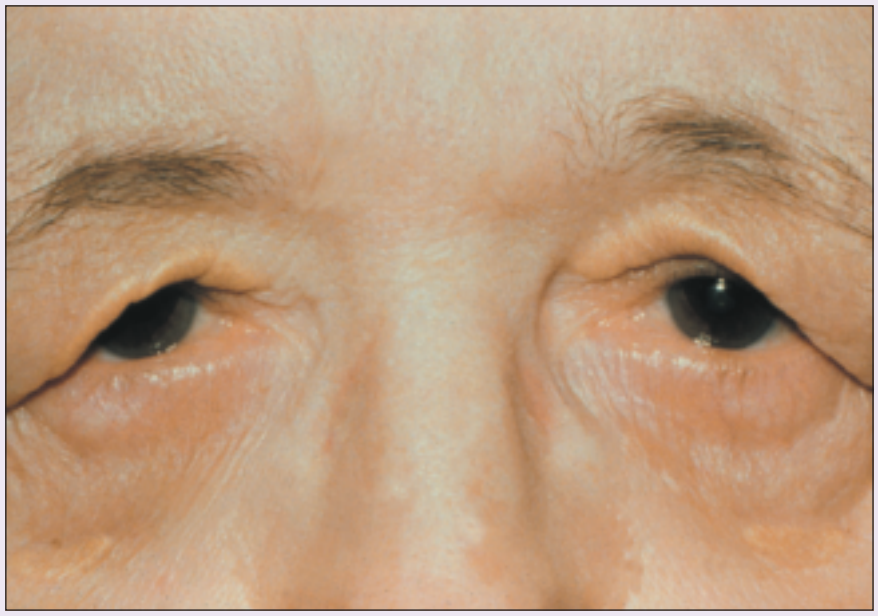
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Mary Salas

One local legislator who isn't running this year is nevertheless stocking up on cash for the future. A committee named Friends of **Chris Kehoe** for Assembly 2012 raised $23,450 on behalf of Democrat Kehoe, an ex-assemblywoman who is termed out of her current state senate seat in two years. There were no individual donors, just a well-heeled gaggle of unions, Indian tribes, and corporations, including BNSF Railway ($1300); Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians ($1000); California Association of Highway Patrolmen PAC ($1300); Genentech, Inc. ($1000); McDonald's California Operators PAC ($1300); and Time Warner Cable ($900).

Illegal beagle Local political consultant **Larry Remer**, who back in May 2006 pled guilty to a single misdemeanor charge of violating campaign-spending laws after a federal jury deadlocked 10–2 for conviction on a raft of more serious counts, already looks like the big money winner in this year's Democratic primary season. According to campaign disclosures filed with the California secretary of state, Remer — a Democrat who claimed that Republican U.S. Attorney **Carol Lam** trumped up the case against him — is working for a Republican-leaning outfit called "Californians for Balance and Fairness in the Civil Justice System, Sponsored by the Civil Justice Association of California." According to its website, the Civil Justice Association "works to reduce the excessive and unwarranted litigation that increases business and government expenses, discourages innovation, and drives up the cost of goods and services for all Californians."

The group's board of directors is packed with big corporate interests, including Anthem Blue Cross of California, Sempra Energy, Allstate Insurance, CNA Insurance, American International Group, Chevron Corporation, General Electric, Intel, ExxonMobil, and JPMorgan Chase & Co.



Carol Lam

In March, according to the records, Remer's Primacy Group received $12,008 in the form of an independent expenditure supporting **Juan Vargas**'s state senate bid. **David Takashima**, a former utility-company lobbyist who worked for Democrat **Steve Peace** when he was in the legislature, got $12,395, also for efforts on behalf of Vargas.

Contributions to the group included $75,000 from the Travelers Indemnity Company on February 10; $50,000 from United Services Automobile Association last December 30; and $50,000 from the California Real Estate Independent Expenditure Committee on January 28. Word from the Sacramento rumor mill has it that the corporations may ultimately spend more than $1 million in their bid to return Vargas to the legislature.

Money where the mouths are San Diego County Taxpayers Association president **Lani Lutar**, a big advocate of outsourcing City services, has given $99 to the reelection bid of city councilman **Kevin Faulconer**. Other Faulconer money includes $300 from **Marco Li Mandri**, the subject of conflict-of-interest charges contained in a wrongful termination case filed against the City by fired business improvement district administrator **Scott Kessler**. Li Mandri ally and real estate man **Brian Walsh** gave $500. **Sandy Kahn**, son of the legendary **Irvin J. Kahn**, who back in the 1960s developed Rancho Peñasquitos and University City with money from the notoriously mobbed-up Teamsters Central States pension fund, gave $250.



Lani Lutar

— Matt Potter

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Scams on the Menu

By Joe Deegan

Late last October, a man claiming to represent a deaf woman began calling the Saffron Thai restaurants on India Street near Washington. The lady wanted large amounts of food for her upcoming wedding. But Saffron employees could never get the caller to be clear about what the order was. On November 4, manager Hector Carrillo received another call. The next day he emailed Saffron owner Su-Mei Yu, who was attending a cooking conference. Carrillo wrote, "I need your help with this please. Yesterday I got a phone call from this company or system that helps deaf people communicate." Carrillo explained that the caller identified herself as Jude Moore and that in eight days she wanted a large order of "pad Thai and 200 regular skewers of chicken sate."

Carrillo's message betrayed frustration over being unable to impress on Moore the importance of several details. It's not recommended, for instance, that large quantities of noodles be purchased "because they tend to stick all together." Also, "I asked her at what time she's going to serve the food and how she's going to keep it." But Moore seemed unconcerned and "insisted on placing the order." So Carrillo had taken Moore's email address for his boss.

By November 11, Yu and Moore had negotiated the order and its cost. Moore then wrote to Yu, "I am ok with the total cost of the order, which is $1749.38. Meanwhile, I would like you to add an additional $1250.… The $1250 will be sent to the private shipper who will be coming for the pick up of the food." Moore indicated more specifically that she



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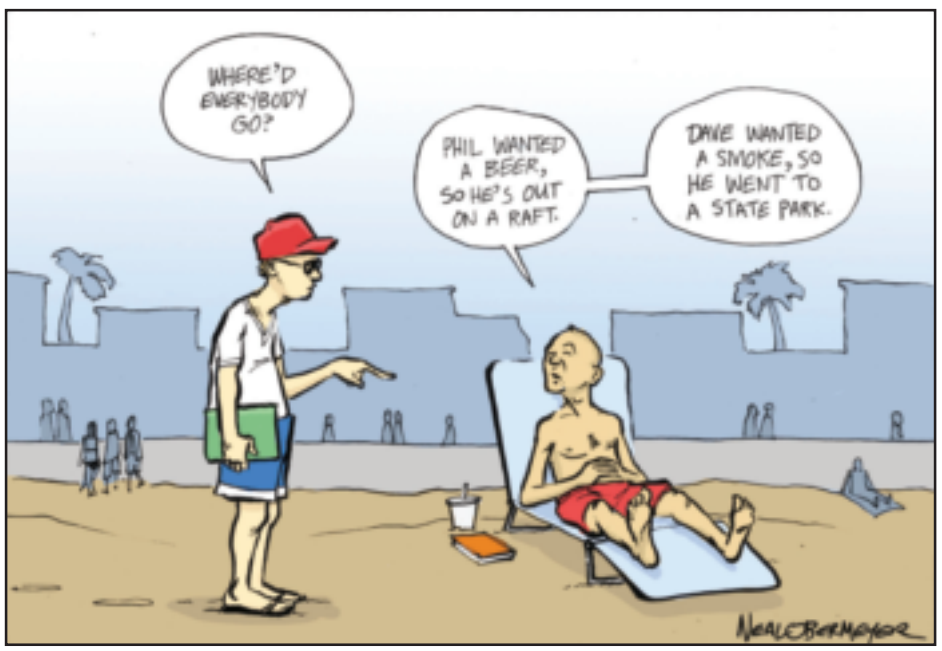
Saffron owner Su-Mei Yu, targeted by scammers

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wanted Saffron to pay the shipper "in cash via Money Gram transfer, as it is the safest and fastest to receive money." She told Yu to include on the bill $100 for Money Gram transfer charges and "let me have the price inclusive of the tax so that I can give you my credit card for you to have the grand total cost charged on it." Finally, Moore promised to send "the shipper's information" so Yu could pay "them the cash via the Money Gram transfer."

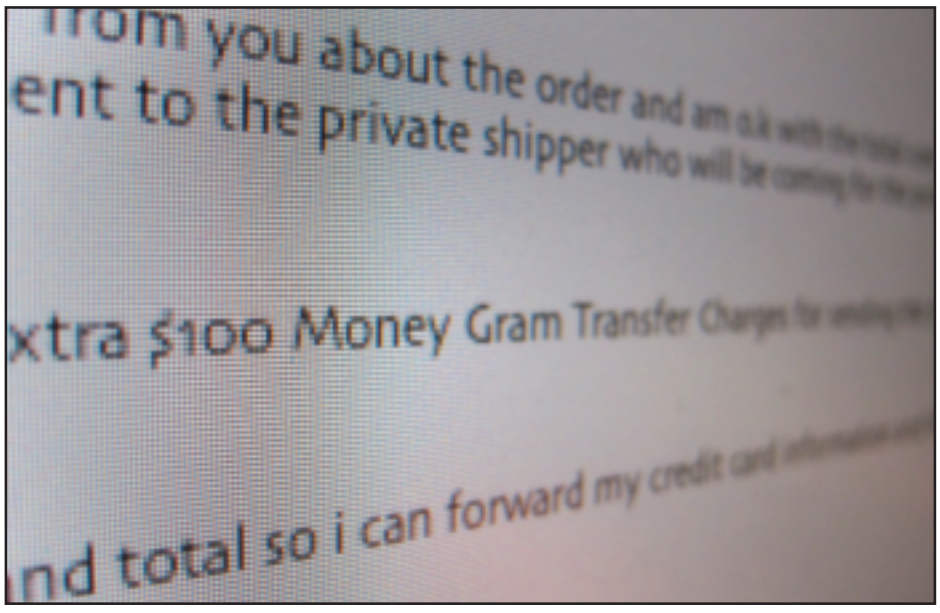
But Yu wasn't having it. "I am afraid I cannot charge anything more than what you plan to purchase using the restaurant's credit card machine. You will have to settle how to pay the private shipper some other way."

"That was the last I heard from Jude Moore," Yu tells me in the office above her two restaurants, Saffron Noodles and Saté and Saffron Thai Grilled Chicken, a take-out shop. "But the whole thing was so strange. Moore wouldn't tell me the time or the place the wedding was to take place. On the phone with her, I was concerned about how the food would be kept fresh, since I didn't want to be responsible for someone getting sick." But Moore said the truck she was sending would be a "warmer truck." "When I told her some of the food is cold," Yu tells me, "[Moore] right away said she'd send a second truck for the cold food."



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Su-Mei Yu (right) cooks in Saffron's kitchen



Scam solicitation received by Yu

Yu came to the United States from Thailand when she was 15. She opened her take-out shop in 1985. She has since published several award-winning cookbooks and is interviewed regularly on KPBS-FM.

Yu's warmth makes it hard to imagine that she ever becomes anxious. Yet anxiety is what began to overtake her in the wake of the Moore wedding episode, for a series of scams followed almost every week until recently. One of the first began on November 27. A man identifying himself as Herb Williams, an engineer working for Weatherford International Oil Services, with an address in Aberdeen, Scotland, emailed Saffron to "book" dinners on three nights for 15 of his employees who would be visiting San Diego.

"My restaurant is very casual," Yu replied, "and generally one does not need a reservation. However, since yours is a fairly good size group, I will be glad to put aside a table for you and your workers." She asked if Williams were looking for "something special" and informed him that, for the nights in question, the restaurant's specials were beef panang and chicken cooked in green curry, followed by red curry with chicken and pumpkin, and "mostly vegetarian dishes" on the final night. But Williams said he wanted Saffron to create a "3 course menu" for his group and would take advice. "I suggest that you order out of our regular menu," Yu replied. "However, if you really want something special which I or my cook prepare just for you and your guests, we can do that but it will cost more." Williams did ask for a special menu and eventually said that since his workers would be in town for a convention, they would eat both lunch and dinner at Saffron every day for a week. "It then made no sense," Yu tells me. "In the first place, nobody's going to want to eat Thai food twice a day for five days in a row."

Then came the clincher. "I will make a deposit of $1500," wrote Williams on December 5, "which will cover your guests' meals and drinks in advance because we are not sure of what they might like to drink or how much they are likely to con-

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Romney's Road

Romney Book Signing Attracts over 800

La Jolla — **Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney spent two hours on March 22 autographing copies of his book *No Apology: The Case for American Greatness* at Deseret Books in La Jolla.**



Unapologetic Mitt Romney

Several volunteers clad in red, white, and blue "No Apology" T-shirts ushered groups of 12 book-holding signature solicitors inside the store until the crowd of 800 dissolved into a group of 20 cameramen and reporters.

Rumor had it there would be a sizable protest from the gay community urging Romney to change his opinion on gay marriage, but the dozen or so protestors went largely unnoticed.

When I asked the seemingly spellbound bystanders what it was they liked about Romney, it was unanimous (at least with the female population) that Romney was incredibly handsome. Others said they appreciated his integrity.

A press conference followed the book signing. I trailed behind as the other reporters left the room and the store lights dimmed. I turned to Romney and asked, "If you had a magic wand, could tap your book and have it change the world, what effect would you want it to have?" After a moment of thought (and what could have been a twitch at the word "magic"), he looked straight into my eyes and said rather gravely, "I want my book to have an impact on people's thinking. We've been put on a road to decline, and I'd like to see people get back on the road to prosperity, strength, and security."

By Carolyn Grace Matteo
Wednesday, March 24

Bicyclists' Demise

Cyclist Accidents along I-15 Corridor

Miramar — **Kearny Villa Road between Ruffin Road to the south and Miramar Road to the north is the only north-south route for bicyclists along the I-15 corridor. It is a decommissioned freeway with a 65 mph speed limit, although drivers have been clocked traveling in excess of 90 mph by SDPD radar.**



Kearny Villa Road: no safe accommodations for bicyclists

In May 2001, 71-year-old cyclist Larry Mahr was hit from behind, killed by a distracted driver who drifted into the bike lane. In August 2005, USMC Captain Patrick Klokow, a decorated veteran of the Middle East conflict, was hit from behind and killed by a driver who fled the scene. In February 2010, a cyclist was hos-

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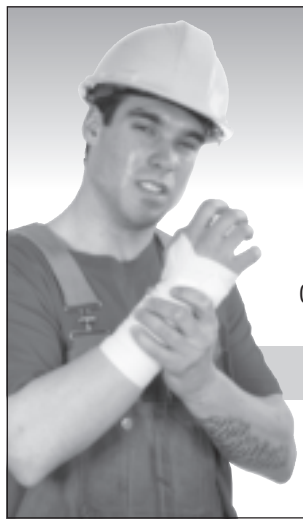
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Scams on the menu

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sume. Moreover, we were able to make an arrangement with a pre-paid car hiring agent who will supply the guests with vehicles that will be used by the guests to and from your place. So in order not to share my credit card information with a third party, I have decided that only you will have to handle my credit card information. The prepaid agent is not yet a credit card merchant and therefore cannot charge credit cards. I would have sent him his money directly, but am on the high seas working on an OIL RIG. There are no banks or western union outlets here where I can make payment directly to the agent.

"So once you are in receipt of my credit card details, you are required to charge the total amount of $5100 plus processing fees on my card, then deduct $1500 as initial deposit for the meals and drinks and $100 as a tip for your own kindness and send the balance of $3500 to the agent in order to prepay their expenses for coming. The agent's information will be forwarded to you once this is confirmed. You can assist me in making payment to them through a certified bank check."

The response? "Dear Sirs, Please do not write me again. I am not interested. Su-Mei Yu."

Yu wonders how her restaurant was picked by scammers. Do they count on Asians being unable to detect the deceit? A check on the web suggests otherwise, as this type of scam has turned up at a variety of restaurants and in multiple cities. On August 2 last year, the local newspaper in Billings, Montana, reported that a restaurant called Bruno's A Taste of Italy had in the previous several months fielded over 40 calls from scammers using the deaf-caller tactic and others that Yu's Saffron restaurant has experienced. The Billings owner said that in one case he came close to losing $500 worth of lasagna. When he contacted the FBI, they said they could do nothing.

The biggest problem for Saffron has been the uncertain feelings that now plague Yu and her staff about large called-in orders. She says she got so leery of the scams that not long ago she almost lost a legitimate large order. "I went home and told my husband how upset I started to get about a woman's phone order because I was sure it was a scam. He said, 'Su-Mei, you have to check further into these orders or you'll lose some business.' " And sure enough, when she got back to the woman and they planned a wedding, everything worked out well.

In recent emails dealing with large orders, Yu has come straight to the point about her worries. She tells me that someone going by the name of Philip David has approached her with numerous emails. In response to one concerning a wedding on February 11, Yu wrote, "I need more information before I can help you. I must say that your order is exactly the same as several others I received this past month, all of which were a scam! Therefore I am very cautious before I proceed. If this is in fact a true order, then I apologize and would be very happy to help you." Yu closed her message with a warning. "Just for your information, I have passed all previous names, email addresses, and fax numbers to the police for investigation."

The name Philip David turns up on the internet in connection with various scams nationwide. Yu says she's had several phone conversations with a man going by that name. Finally, she told him, "I know this is a scam. Please stop doing this. Shame on you." ■

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pitalized after her front wheel caught a rut in the broken pavement in the bike lane and she was thrown to the ground.

The two lanes for motorized traffic were repaved in 2007; the eroded bike lanes were not. After the latest accident, city crews tried to patch the pavement irregularities but ended up making the bike lane unrideable by leaving raised humps of cold-patch asphalt blocking the lane on the southbound side near Miramar Way.

Southbound cyclists now have to ride on the new pavement on the far-right side of lane 2, which puts them directly adjacent to speeding traffic.

To date, no safe accommodations have been provided to the hundreds of bicycle commuters who use this road daily.

By Ray Ramage
Thursday, March 25

Street Relief, Residential Grief

Details of University Avenue Plan Unfolded

North Park — **Thirty residents of North Park sat in folding chairs on the hardwood basketball court inside North Park's recreation center on March 24 to hear the details of the University Avenue Mobility Plan.**

The plan is meant to improve traffic flow, safety, and transit flow and create a pedestrian-friendly environment while reducing speeding, accommodating bicyclists, and beautifying the corridor from Florida Street east to Boundary Street, the entire length of North Park.

Residents had concerns about parking impacts for local businesses during the three years of construction, while some worried that construction vehicles will decrease parking for residents.

In September, the city expects to release the draft environmental impact report for comment. Construction on the project is set for January 2012.

The estimated cost of phase one, which includes the core area, is $3.37 million with $1.9 million in construction costs. For phase two, the cost is anticipated at $4.84 million with $3.94 million in construction costs.

By Dorian Hargrove
Thursday, March 25

Comments

1. **The following meetings need to be "advertised" in a much more formal way than to just depend upon our local groups to add some info and/or a website link to their websites and agendas. If the City can spend millions on this project, then they should spend some money to flyer the impacted area's residents and also post some ads about this project in both English and Spanish newspapers...**

   Increased public awareness will result in a better project!

   BTW: If you want to see this type of "traffic calming" that is actually built, but in a much less congested area, try driving through Bird Rock (N. of PB) or give Main St. in Downtown La Mesa A VERY SLOW CRUISE at rush hour, and let us all know what you think before it is too late for everyone here in "OUR" North Park!

   By Founder 10:20 a.m., March 27

Even More Homeless Now

I-5 Underpass Cleared of Homeless Camp

Downtown — **The homeless encampment at the I-5 underpass at B Street has been cleared out.**

For months (perhaps even for years), many of the city's homeless took advantage of the rain-free environment; rows of cardboard mats, shopping carts, blankets, and sleeping bags lined the sidewalks on both sides of B Street.

On March 24, I drove through the tunnel at about 7:30 a.m. and saw a police car there with two officers talking to a group of the residents. Two days later, I passed through again, but this time the underpass was a ghost town.

By Mark Shiflett
Thursday, March 25

When Thieves Attack

Bandannaed Burglar Targets North County

Rancho Bernardo — **San Diego police are investigating three burglaries that occurred on March 22 in North County communities. The break-ins appear to be related, according to an SDPD news release.**

A Rancho Bernardo resident confronted a burglar immediately after the perpetrator entered the victim's home. The intruder, who was covering his face with a black bandanna, attacked the resident with an unknown chemical and fled the scene. No property was taken. The victim said he saw a suspicious gray sedan with black tinted windows driving slowly through the neighborhood prior to the incident.

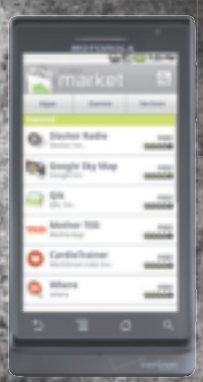
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Another break-in occurred in Miramar Ranch between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. A family returned home to find their dog had been attacked with a chemical and their home ransacked. Days earlier, neighbors had reported a suspicious vehicle similar to the one seen in Rancho Bernardo.

A third burglary occurred in Scripps Ranch. Again, it appears there was no property loss, though the home was ransacked. A neighbor said they saw a vehicle similar to the one described in the other neighborhoods parked in front of the home before it fled the scene.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male between 20 and 30 years old, 5'7", with a thin build.

By Karina Hernandez
Thursday, March 25

Who's Minding the Store?

Ralphs Understaffed, Long Lines and Thefts

El Cajon — **An El Cajon supermarket is irritating its customer base by allegedly scheduling staff below an acceptable standard.**

On March 20, shortly before 8 p.m., approximately 30 customers were lined up at the two checkstands open at the Ralphs on Second Street. While a security guard fulfilled store duties by relocating a load of split wood, two men walked out the door without paying for the liquor hidden under their jackets.

Patrons and a staff member reported that a week prior, on March 14, only four staff were scheduled to work after 7 p.m. until closing at 1 a.m. Customers reported that they were lined up at the two open checkstands for 20 minutes; the same security guard apprehended a woman attempting to make off with $200 worth of meat.

In October 2006, Ralphs supermarket was fined $70 million for illegal employee relations against members of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW).

Aside from four staff at the front of the store on March 20, no other employees could be found elsewhere. Adjacent to the nightly schedule was a whiteboard sign inscribed with the words "No Breaks."

By Grant Madden
Thursday, March 25

Walkability's Price

Controversial Third Avenue Redesign

Chula Vista — **A controversial streetscape project for Chula Vista's downtown will come before the city council April 13.**

The project involves narrowing a portion of Third Avenue to a single lane and removing trees in cement planters. According to project manager Gary Williams, the Third Avenue redesign will take place between H Street and Madrona Avenue, though "with competitive bids may extend to F Street."

Some residents have expressed concern that constriction of traffic on Third Avenue will divert vehicles to residential streets like Second Avenue. Williams says the goal of the project is to create walkability and to "unclutter the streetscape." He says the tree canopy will be maintained by planting new trees and that the number of parking spaces will not be reduced.

Controversy also stems from the project cost: $3,700,000. There are those who would rather see money spent on projects such as a music venue that would attract more people and contribute to the revitalization of Third Avenue. But Williams says the grant money from SANDAG is specifically for "Smart Growth" and is predicated on deemphasizing car traffic and increasing pedestrian traffic.

By Susan Luzzaro
Thursday, March 25

Green Tape

Councilmembers Deliberate on Pot Shops

Downtown — **San Diego's Land Use and Housing Committee met on March 24 in the administration building to deliberate regulating medical marijuana dispensaries in the city.**

Committee chair, councilmember Todd Gloria introduced the agenda and then listed some suggestions from his colleagues.

"I think we should regulate this industry as much as we can," said councilmember Tony Young. "I think there should be a cap. The recommendations aren't strong enough. It is a state law, but it is against federal law, and I do recognize federal law."

Councilmember Sherri Lightner made a motion to accept many of the task force's recommendations but also to require that dispensary owners submit proof that they are a nonprofit organization. Lightner then made a motion to prohibit dispensaries from opening in commercial and residential zones and reiterated lengthening the buffer zone to 1000 feet.

Lightner's motion, seconded by councilmember Kevin Faulconer, passed three votes to one, with Young the only no vote.

City staff will begin work on drafting a city-wide ordinance to present to the city council. The city council is expected to hear that ordinance no sooner than 30 days.

By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, March 24

Wild Seven

Middle School Students Found with Guns

Scripps Ranch — **"Marshall Middle School envisions a welcoming environment that promotes meaningful collaboration between parents, teachers and other community members," reads the Scripps Ranch middle school's website.**

But another type of collaboration occurred at Thurgood Marshall Middle School on March 18 — a troubling collaboration that involved seven middle school students, two pistols, and live ammunition.

The incident unfolded when a Marshall student became aware that weapons were on campus. That student relayed the information to a school administrator, who then informed school police. By the end of the day, all seven students were arrested and no one was injured.

"Six students have been suspended with a recommendation for expulsion; one student has been suspended for five days. Two of the seven students arrested were placed in Juvenile Hall," reads a March 22 message from school principal Michelle Irwin.

Currently, San Diego Unified police officers are conducting an investigation. Each student faces criminal charges, which will be handled by the district attorney's office.

By Dorian Hargrove
Monday, March 22

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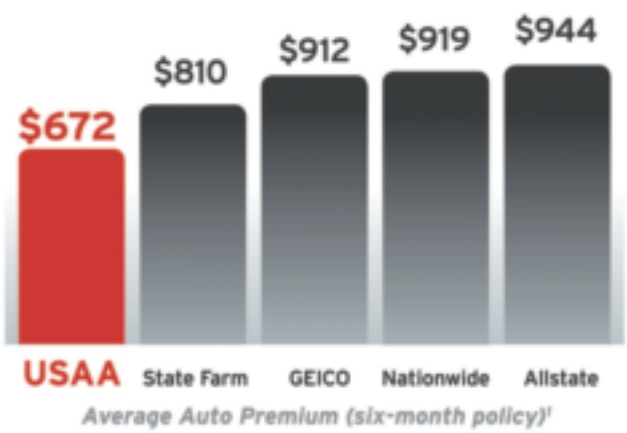
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Return To Sender

Re "Big Brother will be watching" ("Under the Radar," March 18). I am sending you two pages from Ben Hueso's campaign disclosure report, filed with the secretary of state and San Diego registrar of voters on March 22. Page 5 shows the receipt of the Anthem Blue Cross check on March 10, 2010, and the "Payments Made" section on page 23 shows the check was returned.

We therefore kindly ask for a retraction.

Paola Avila
huesoforassembly.com

Matt Potter replies: The date on the refund check, a copy of which was provided this week by Avila, is March 17, the date the story appeared in the paper and on the Reader *website.*

Wrong, All Wrong

As a native San Diegan and a law-abiding citizen of Italian descent, I was appalled and utterly disappointed by the failure of your publication to verify any of the false claims made in Bauder's articles and the reckless innuendo of ties by myself to organized crime ("Too Much Conflict," March 4, and "What a Tangled Web," March 18, "City Lights"). This is a blatant attack on me, my family, my community, and the Little Italy district and consistent with similar articles run previously by the *Reader* that alleged that being Italian in San Diego equals corruption.

Upon being contacted by Mr. Bauder before the first of the two articles was published, my wife and I presented substantial evidence to Mr. Bauder that demonstrated the falsity of the claims in Mr. Scott Kessler's lawsuit — yet Mr. Bauder intentionally chose to ignore the documents, disregard the truth, and maliciously repeated the false claims, knowing that his words would damage my reputation in the community. I hereby demand that you retract those false and malicious articles and print the retraction in an equally prominent position in the next issue of the *Reader.*

Mr. Bauder's articles repeated the claim that I have:

• engaged in violations of the State law governing conflicts of interest,

• improperly obtained contracts from the North Bay Association, and also

• implied that I have falsified study results in a conspiracy with Mr. Joseph Mannino.

Bauder also repeats false claims that I improperly influenced the Mayor's Office to terminate Mr. Kessler and that I even used my influence to persuade the district attorney, Bonnie Dumanis, to reject my prosecution against the recommendations of her subordinates. All of these claims are utterly false and baseless, and I believe that Mr. Bauder knew that when he repeated them. No one person in this city has the kind of influence or authority that Mr. Bauder claims I have.

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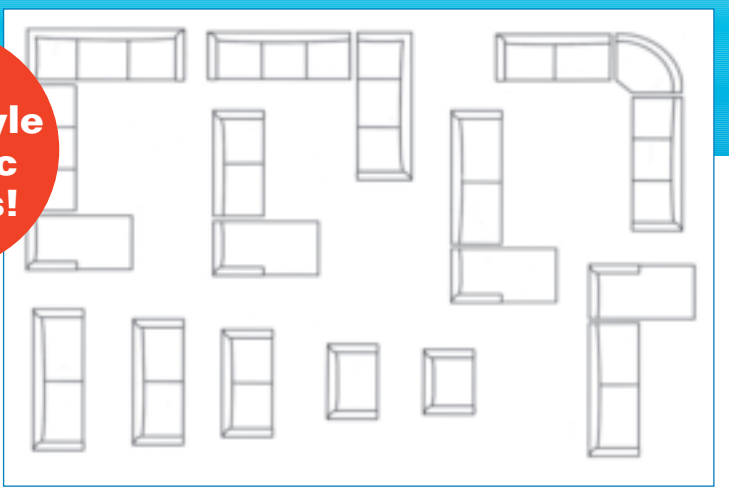
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Thirty-Five Years Ago

The taxpayers of San Diego pay mayor Pete Wilson the middlin' wage of $20,000 a year. Some say we get a lot for our money. Everybody would agree on one bargain, though: we also get the services of Mrs. Pete Wilson...for free. Betty Wilson is the first working mayor's wife since wartime San Diego. If being thought of as a political asset sounds tag-a-long and passive, she gets to wear an independent, self-starter label in her paid job, as a realtor.

— **"WHO IS BETTY WILSON?"** *Gale Fox, April 3, 1975*



San Diego *Reader,* April 3, 1975

Thirty Years Ago

Two weeks ago [St. Charles Borromeo Catholic church and academy was] awarded $67,000 as their share of a much-heralded $1.9 million settlement against the San Diego Port District. The church had joined scores of property owners in Loma Portal and Golden Hill in the suit four years ago, claiming that jet noise had caused the value of the affected properties to decline.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"WHO'S THE PATRON SAINT OF LITIGATION?"** *Mark Orwoll, April 3, 1980*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Just east of the Salton Sea, between the towns of Brawley and Mecca, there's a growing cluster of commercial aquaculturists — though among themselves they prefer to call each other simply "fish farmers." At first this rocky, arid, and alkaline stretch of desert might seem like an unlikely place to raise fish, particularly if you consider that the fish are to be shipped to consumers on the coast, which is already saturated with an abundance of seafood.

— **"AND ON THIS FARM THEY HAD SOME FISH,"** *Steve Sorensen, April 4, 1985*

Twenty Years Ago

Of all the various instrumentalists that I have proffered skull to, and once in a while damned, I have never been more appreciative or confrontational as I am with trumpeters/flugelhornists/brass players of any stripe. Every man who has picked up that horn has been considered either a genius or a thorough fool — or is that an oxymoronic redundancy?

— OF NOTE: "HARRY 'SWEETS' EDISON," *Stephen Esmedina, April 5, 1990*

Fifteen Years Ago

Honeycombed hillsides and bits and pieces of rusted equipment — that is the legacy left behind by Julian's gold-mining heyday over a century ago. Although a few mines continue to be worked sporadically even today, most have long been abandoned. For a look at one of the first mines to be discovered (1870) and one of the last to be extensively worked, try this short hike down the Old Banner Grade.

— ROAM-O-RAMA, *Jerry Schad, March 30, 1995*

Ten Years Ago

San Diego has been host to a number of public-art fiascoes. Most recent was Nancy Rubins's boat-hull leviathan, planned to span Harbor Drive. Public outcry sank that before it happened. That revived memories of Ellsworth Kelly's concrete-arch-and-steel monolith planned for Embarcadero Park and Vito Acconci's airplane-parts sculpture garden at Spanish Landing. Both of those 1980s projects were killed before they materialized.

Heading the list of public-art disasters is the late Split Pavilion. In 1987, Carlsbad paid Andrea Blum $20,000 to design a piece of art for an ocean-front plot at the corner of Carlsbad Boulevard and Ocean Street. The result was 7500 square feet of erect steel bars, concrete, and reflecting pools. Carlsbad's residents proclaimed the Pavilion a disaster, saying it was ugly and it obstructed their ocean view. In June 1998, they voted in a ballot referendum to remove the pavilion.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"A LOCAL'S COLORS,"** *Ernie Grimm, March 30, 2000*

Five Years Ago

Back in the 1880s the University of Southern California planned to build the San Diego College of Arts of USC at Normal and Campus Streets. Land speculators went nuts. The resulting real estate boomlet gave us present-day University Avenue and University Heights. The boomlet went bust-olio three months later, and with it went USC'S plans for a San Diego campus.

— STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, *Matthew Alice, March 31, 2005*

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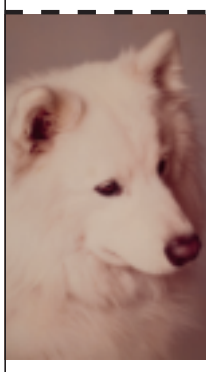


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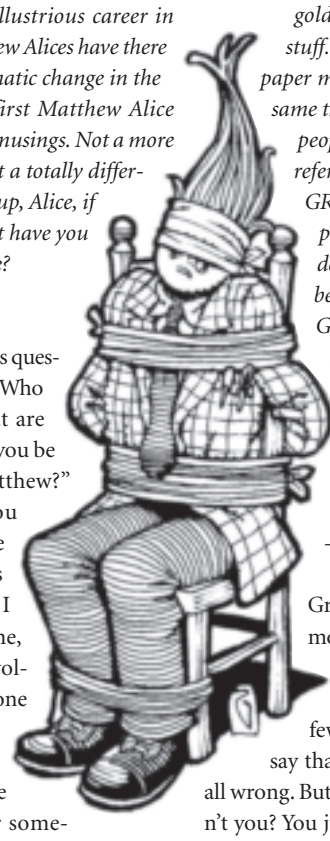
STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Heymatt:
We all know the story of how many Lassies there were covering the collie's illustrious career in show biz. How many Matthew Alices have there been? I have noticed a dramatic change in the style of writing from the first Matthew Alice columns to the most recent musings. Not a more mature or subdued style but a totally different pattern of writing. Fess up, Alice, if that's your real name. What have you done with the original Alice?
— Bob, via email

I guess it's about time for this question to circle around again. "Who are you, Matthew?" "What are you, Matthew?" "How can you be who you say you are, Matthew?" "Why don't I ever see you downtown?" "Where do the elves go at night?" Decades of the same questions that I re-answer from time to time, just to cut down on the volume temporarily. But this one has a twist. Sounds as if Bob maybe did a lit-crit paper on "The Evolution of Alice Grammar and Syntax" or something. Exactly how far back did you go, Bob? Did you get permission to search through the crumbling clip files in the *Reader* offices, back to the simple days when we were an eight-page beach broadsheet published out of a garage? Well, I claim the right to change. A totally different pattern of writing? Like, what? I didn't use verbs and now I do? Poppycock. Granted, there was a time when I tried out each of the elves to see if any of them knew a topic sentence from a gerund. That failed pretty miserably, and since then I've cobbled everything together myself. So, until I get more details about how I'm completely different from the *Reader*'s salad days, I claim no harm, no foul. I'm me, and proud of it. But I'm open to examples of how radically different I used to be (full examples, with pub dates, please). *Humph.* What did I do with the original Alice? Well, the original Alice is now better dressed, with a cooler, classier air than the board-short hippie I used to be. Okay, does that answer everybody's "who are you" questions for the next few years, at least? I hope so. We'll throw out all the ones that are lurking in the files and start over clean. Yippee!

Hey, Matt:
While passing the time with my fellow brothers here at the San Diego Rescue Mission, the subject came up regarding the term GRINGO. I think this means white American in Spanish, I said. But when corrected by a fellow brother, he said GRINGO means GREEN GOLD. He went on to explain that way back when people used gold as a way of buying and selling stuff. And when the U.S. came up with paper money that was green and did the same thing as gold did in commerce, the people, South (Mexico) of the border referred to the green paper money as GREENGOLD, and also that the people from North (USA) of the border were referred to as GRINGOS because they possessed the GREENGOLD! HUH!!! I have lived in San Diego for 38 years and hope you and the elves, if they are available (I know it's Spring Break and they're probably in TJ), can finally put some closure on this subject once and for all.
— Stephen, San Diego



Green gold, eh? That's probably the most convoluted, confounded, confusing explanation we've ever heard here. And we've heard a few. It's bogus, of course. Sorry to say that 'bout a brutha, but he's got it all wrong. But you already suspected that, didn't you? You just wanted me to tell him so he wouldn't get all grumpy with you. Glad to be of help.

Add "green gold" to the list of wrong-headed explanations: it comes from a song sung by Americans during the Mexican war, "Green Grow the Lilacs" ("green grow," "gringo," got it?) or from Americans' green uniforms (the Mexicans yelled "Green go!" which is nutty since they'd be speaking Spanish, not English). So, what's true?

First recorded use of "gringo"? In a Mexican publication of 1787; it meant "foreigner" or someone who speaks funny. Bird boy John J. Audubon in 1849 wrote that he and his party were hooted at and called "gringoes" by local Mexicans. An American book published in 1850 was titled *Los Gringos: or, an Inside View of Mexico and California.* So much for the "green gold" idea.

The word nerds have rooted around for a source for "gringo," and they think they've hit on the answer. Consider the Spanish word *griego,* Greek. There's an expression translated into virtually all European languages, which began in ancient Rome: "It's all Greek to me," meaning, "What the hey…?" Something Greek has always been something incomprehensible, especially speech. Likely that Americans were first *griegos,* then compressed to "gringos." A much more boring explanation than "green gold," but that's the world of word nerds. You start out excited and end up with a big snooze.

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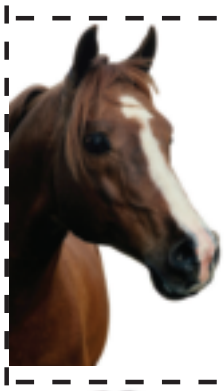


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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Is Chris Peters Happy?



Peters didn't make the cut, so he bought the PBA

The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) has been called the most successful women's professional sports organization in the world. Founded in 1950, it's one of the oldest.

On Sunday, the LPGA finished its first 2010 tournament played under the U.S. flag. South Korean Hee Kyung Seo won the Kia Classic at La Costa. As April begins, the LPGA has held one tournament in Thailand, one in Singapore, then nothing for a month, and now the Kia Classic in Carlsbad. In a like period of time, the PGA Tour finished 14 tournaments.

In 2008, the LPGA Tour played 10 tournaments out of the country and 24 at home for a total of 34; this year, numbers are 13 and 13. Tour prize money in 2008 was $60.3 million; this year, prize money is projected to be $43.6 million. (The men's PGA Tour awarded $245.8 million in 2009.)

The LPGA Tour has a new commissioner, Michael Whan, 44, out of Procter & Gamble, TaylorMade, Adidas Golf, and Mission-ITECH (hockey equipment). Two things about him to like: He's written a novel and he caddied for Lili Alvarez at Florida's Natural Charity Classic tournament a couple weeks back. Nice touch, particularly since that tournament is on the Dreamed Futures Tour — the LPGA's developmental tour.

Whan is from sales, loves sales, loves his customers, and knows who to please. He recently told the *New York Times*, "I would like by 2011, when the players and my staff and I roll into a tournament…we all know what we're trying to achieve for CVS, or Honda, or Kia, that we're all working for them and we realize it's more than a golf tournament, it's an important corporate effort…."

Outlook: The LPGA will be fine.

Pro beach volleyball was big in the early-to-mid '90s. The dominant women's professional league held 25-plus events per year and the sport was brought into the Olympics in 1996. There have been two professional women's leagues — the Women's Professional Volleyball Association (which folded in 1997) and Beach Volleyball Association (which folded in 2001).

The originally male Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) filed for bankruptcy in 1998. There was much coming and going, but in 2001 it arose from bankruptcy as a publicly traded company with women's and men's divisions.

There are 12 tour stops this year, 7 in California. Last year there were 15 stops; in 2008 there were 17. The AVP has a new CEO who has a history of turning around dying companies. Money is tight and athletes pay their own travel expenses. But, on the happy side of the street, two AVP teams won gold medals at the Beijing Olympics, and ESPN2/ABC will televise some league matches this year.

Outlook: Everybody likes the beach.

The Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA), was established in 1958. Thence followed 45 years of merging, renaming, new bosses, and *struggle*. The end came in 2003.

Not really. According to Wiki, "The Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) acquired the rights and assets of the PWBA. This gave the WIBC control of the PWBA name, trademark, logo, website domain (*pwba.com*), as well as the PWBA's historical records. The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) then acquired the PWBA when the WIBC merged with the American Bowling Congress, Young American Bowling Alliance, and USA Bowling in 2005."

Had enough? Know this: somewhere a law firm is still making money off the PWBA. The formerly all-male Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) started their PBA Women's Series in 2007.

Outlook: One of the PBA owners, Chris Peters, was the 105th employee hired by Microsoft. He resigned as vice president in 1998 to become a pro bowler, which is so weird I believe it. Chris didn't make the cut, so he and two other Microsoft alumni bought the PBA.

Outlook: If Chris is happy, women's bowling is happy. Chris isn't happy. On March 11, PBA commissioner Fred Schreyer confirmed that Mr. Peters would no longer participate in future financing rounds.

The National Pro Fastpitch (NPF) is a women's pro-fastpitch baseball league. Founded in 1997, the league begins its 2010 season with four teams (Tennessee Diamonds, Chicago Bandits, Akron Racers, Florida Pride) and a 50-game summer schedule.

Outlook: Grim.

The Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) was founded in 1996. They've had the usual changes in franchises, owners, and structure. In the beginning, the NBA owned all the teams and, reportedly, still subsidizes the organization. The 2010 WNBA has 12 teams and a television agreement with ESPN that runs through 2016.

Outlook: Good times.

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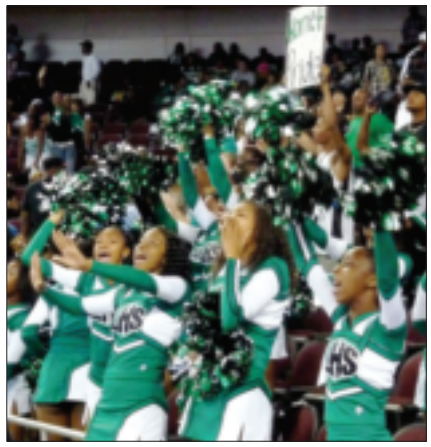
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By Anthony Gentile



Lincoln is starting a new basketball tradition with their Division II state title



Lincoln's cheerleaders tell the crowd the Hornets are No. 1

Lincoln caps season with Division II state title

Posted March 26, 2010

For the first time, the San Diego Section has a Division II state champion in boys' basketball. Friday night in Bakersfield, Lincoln raced out to a big lead against Mountain View Saint Francis and never looked back, capturing their second state title in school history with a 74-59 victory.

"It's a special feeling," said Lincoln head coach Jason Bryant. "For us to have that in mind from day one and actually have it come into fruition makes it more special for us."

From the opening tip, Lincoln (29-2) played the game at their pace. The Hornets scored the first 9 points of the game and led 15-2 midway through the first quarter, having their way with Saint Francis' multiple defensive fronts.

"Before the game I knew that we needed to set the tempo for the game and have them adjust to us," Bryant said. "We needed to be the aggressor and we came out and did that in the first quarter."

Lincoln led by 11 after the first quarter and opened up a 15-point lead with 2:55 left in the first half. But Saint Francis (30-4) trimmed the Hornets' lead to 10 at the half with a 7-2 run to close out the quarter.

"At halftime, we just wanted to make sure the players understood that it was going to be a physical game and that they weren't going to go away," Bryant said.

At the start of the second half Lincoln attacked the Lancers' zone defense by simply going through it. Rather than trying to shoot Saint Francis out of their zone, the Hornets took the ball to the hoop with success, continuing to build their lead.

"In the second quarter we settled for long jump shots against their zone," Bryant said. "We stressed at halftime to keep attacking and keep taking high-percentage shots and that's what we did."

With less than a minute left in the third, Lincoln guard Norman Powell threw down a one-handed dunk to give the Hornets a 58-34 lead. That lead would be more than enough, as Lincoln was able to hold off Saint Francis in the final quarter for a 15-point win.

The two-headed attack of Victor Dean and Norman Powell led the way for Lincoln. Each scored a game-high 24 points and had his fair share of highlight-reel plays during the game, including Dean's huge one-handed put-back dunks on consecutive possessions in the fourth quarter.

"Those were huge momentum changers," Bryant said. Saint Francis started to hit threes at the end of the game and I think those two dunks in the fourth quarter gave us the momentum back," Bryant said.

Lincoln ends their 2009–2010 season on a 24-game winning streak and the second state championship in school history. The Hornets' last state title came in 1996 in Division IV.

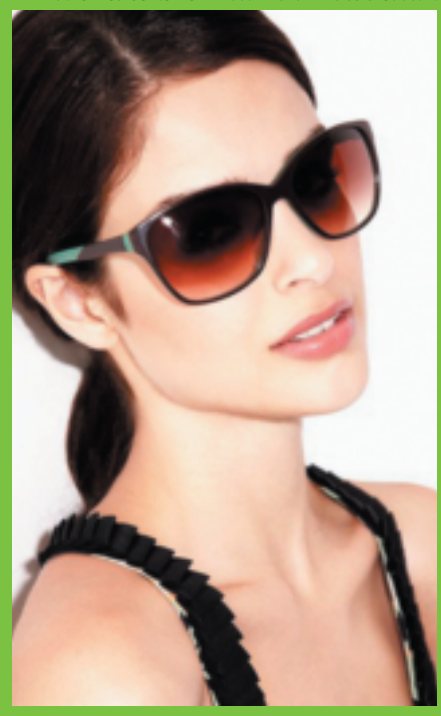


Lincoln forward Victor Dean scored 24 points in the state championship game

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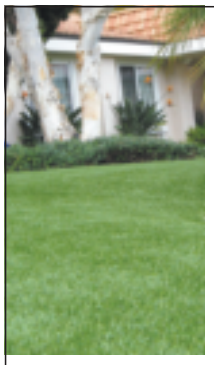
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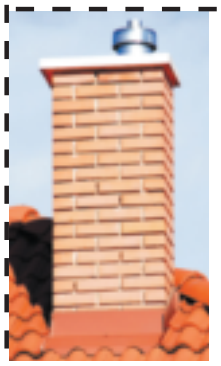


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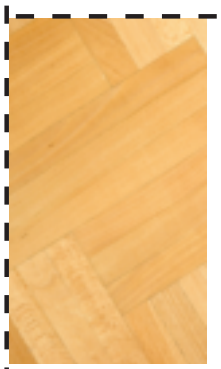


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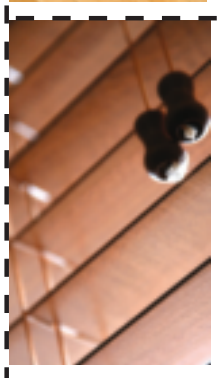


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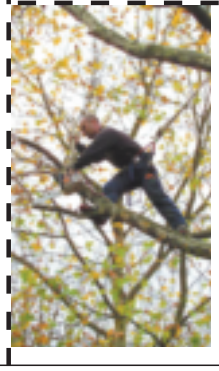


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Watering is not a Kelly-family strong point. Hundreds of dollars have withered away in the form of neglected plants. The colorful perennials of my East Coast childhood do not flourish in our desert climate. So, we're moving to a low-water landscape.

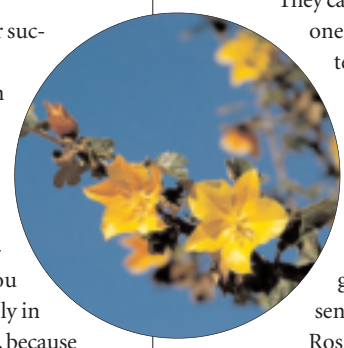
"We've had great success with euryops," offers my pal Bernice. "They grow into large bushes and produce a yellow, daisy-like flower during a lot of the year. They make for a colorful background for our annual family Easter photo. And we hardly water them.



"But my favorite flowers are my 'breath of heaven.' How can you miss with a name like that? They produce tiny pink flowers and a scent like incense — perhaps that's where they got their name. They grow into a large bush, and with a light breeze, the branches wave back and forth hypnotically."

Tiger Palafox, manager at Mission Hills Nursery (619-295-2808), suggests succulents when I tell him of my low-water aspirations. "Aeonium is a large group of succulents that are popular now [**$7.99–$8.99** for a one-gallon plant at Mission Hills Nursery]. For ground cover, there is a large group of plants called *sedum* that work [**$7.99** for a one-gallon plant at Mission Hills Nursery]."

How often should you water succulents or cacti?



"What we suggest is when you plant a succulent you give it a good soaking once, and then you really don't need to water it again for about three weeks." After the plant is established, "The only time that you would have to water it is possibly in the spring and maybe in the fall, because usually they start growing in spring and fall. In summer and in winter it's kind of their dormant period, so they don't need water during those periods. Succulents have a normal cycle of growth and dormancy, which is exactly what it would be like in the desert. Just because it is hot doesn't mean it needs water. It is actually dormant at that time of the year."

Palafox says to let the soil completely dry out between watering — overwater, and they'll start to rot.

"They prefer a well-draining soil. There are cactus mixes and succulent mixes that have a higher concentration of sand or perlite or pumice. That allows water to flow through them easier so they don't rot out."

"Succulents have a normal cycle of growth and dormancy, which is exactly what it would be like in the desert."

It's best to pick native plants, right? "There are all kinds of native plants, and because they are native they survive in our environment just fine with the natural rainfalls and the natural ebb and flow of everything else…the time that they have a hard time is when we should get rain and we don't...."

"*Ceanothus* is a large group of different varieties — some trees, some ground covers. They work well anywhere in San Diego County, from the coast to the mountains. They can even handle snow.

"My final favorite is the margarita BOP, a really gorgeous flower," which ranges from sky-blue to purple (**$6.99** for a five-gallon plant at Mission Hills Nursery).

"The *grevillea* family," offers David Ross from Walter Andersen Nursery (858-513-4900), "an Australian native, ranges in variety from low ground covers — less than a foot tall — to enormous trees 80 feet tall. There are a whole host of small and medium shrubs and ground-cover varieties that are extremely durable. The *salvia,* or sage family, is another diverse one."

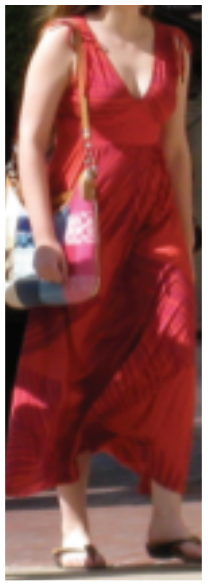
Ross, too, mentions the *ceanothus* group. "They can grow from a ground cover one to two feet tall up to six-, ten-, twelve-foot varieties. The fremontodendron, or 'southern flannel bush,' is another Southern California native that is a beautiful, orange-blooming variety [**$36.99** for a five-gallon plant at Walter Andersen Nursery]."

Ross finishes with a watering tip of his own. "Many low-water-use plants are going to need regular water this summer to get them established. And the later that they are planted — the closer to summer that they are planted — the more water they are going to need to get through the first summer. They can't, for the most part, just be put in the ground and ignored. They take a little bit of time to start to get established, and if they don't get enough water during that time, you can kill them. Feel the root ball — the surrounding soil will hold moisture longer than the root ball. Until the plant roots way out, it is only drawing moisture from its own little cubbyhole."

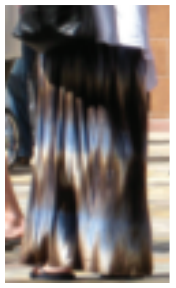
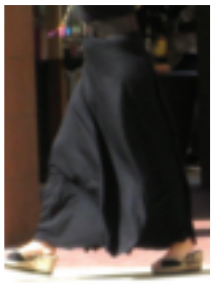
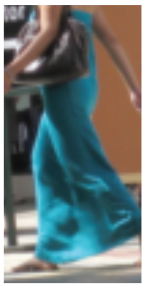
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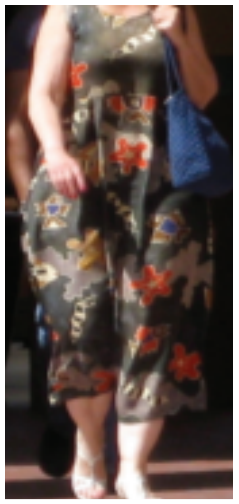







LINGERING LENGTH While hemlines have been hefted to ever-soaring heights to satisfy the upper echelons of the fashion world, San Diego women are keeping them grounded for now. High-rise boy shorts may dominate the runways, but on the street, long flowing lines reign.


Spring Blossoms!

Petals are popping up everywhere as flower-power mania is in full bloom. From jewelry and shoes to purses and dresses, you can imbue your look from top to bottom with the vibrance of the season. Here's a bouquet of picks to help get you started:



Fossil handbag, $78 at Macy's



Flower dresses, $78 each at Abercrombie & Fitch

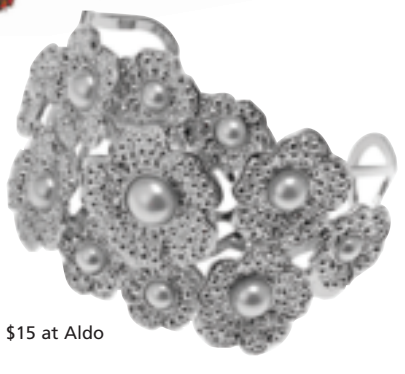




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Star Search



by Barbarella

Equipped with his five senses, man explores the universe around him and calls the adventure Science.

— Edwin Powell Hubble

I picked up a chunk of "astronaut ice cream" with my fingers and popped it into my mouth. I let the chocolate-flavored, room-temperature nugget dissolve on my tongue and concluded that the dreary dehydrated lump was no match for the cold creamy goodness of the real thing. As I made my way to a trashcan to toss the rest of my portion, I did my best to avoid being seen by the woman in the spacesuit who had given me the treat.

The last time I'd visited the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center was for their "Science Rocks" event, during which I publicly humiliated myself in front of hundreds of fellow geeks when I massacred Guitar Hero on the giant IMAX Dome. Now the place was all decked out for the premiere of the documentary, *Hubble 3D* (which turned out to be more like 2.5D — it was the regular film version, but watching it on the dome is as 3D as 2D can get).

"So, let's say that one day we'll be able to see to the edge of the universe — what's a mile further? We know so little."

Of course, I'd heard of the 12-ton Hubble Telescope hurtling along in Earth's orbit at five miles a second. It launched when I was in junior high. At the time, I had no idea what it was all about, just that it looked kind of like a Jiffy Pop package in full bloom and that if my eyes were as powerful as the scope's, I would be able to stand in New York and see two fireflies hovering ten feet apart in Tokyo. (I never forget an analogy that involves fireflies.)

My freshman (and only) year at San Diego State, I signed up for an astronomy class. Because I could locate Orion's Belt in the sky, I figured I could skip the intro course and get right into the thick of the Milky Way. I was wrong. What I thought would be all stargazing and philosophizing turned out to be *math.* And not just any math, but crazy, *Beautiful Mind*–style math, like "vector analysis." Despite the creativity I lavished on the math symbols in my homework assignments, I was given an F.

I have an insatiable appetite for nature programs and articles pertaining to neurology, biology, psychology — just about any of the "ologies." Science is awesome, as long as I'm not the one who has to gather the data and crunch the numbers. This is exactly what is so great about the learning stations at the science center — everything is so visual and hands-on, which is how I learn best.

My understanding of the physical world is elementary. On the occasion I get to ask an expert to explain a complex physics-related concept, I request he or she do so "as though you're speaking to a kindergartener." When my father and I went to the "Grossology" exhibit (dubbed the "impolite science of the human body"), we were just as eager to play with the interactive displays — how burps form, why noses run — as the children beside us.

At the Hubble premiere, I stood with David and friends at the front of the line to get into the theater, behind the only two women more neurotic than me. For the next 30 minutes, the line grew and snaked back and forth within the roped off area behind us. When the doors opened, the women before me took off like gazelles, sprinting directly to the same row and area I was headed — upper deck, center. Once seated beside them, I commended them for their determination. I felt a kindred spirit; few people best me when it comes to being first in line at any theater.

I found the movie visually stunning but audibly atrocious. Don't get me wrong, Leonardo DiCaprio did a great job narrating, but I groaned out loud at the hokey clichés and agonizing obviousness of the script. I'm no rocket surgeon, but I can draw my own conclusions about how amazing I find the scenes before me to be. "Astonishing" is a better word for Hubble's visual trip through the stars, but even more astounding to me were thoughts of the as-of-yet unseen marvels that await us as we develop new technological keys to unlock the portals of the universe.

Though I am able to understand multifaceted scientific postulations, some stuff will forever remain incomprehensible. One light year — the distance light travels in one year — is 5.88 trillion miles long. In one Hubble image stands a pillar of gas that is *four* light years, or 23.52 *trillion* miles tall. That's the same height as 1.9 billion Earths stacked on top of each other. And that distance is nothing compared to the unfathomable vastness of the universe and the hundreds of billions of stars within it.

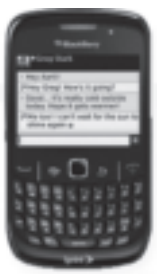
In what might have resulted in an explosion of my brain, I attempted to mentally juxtapose the astronomical with the microscopic bits of life that permeate the universe. I soon realized it was an impossible task, and I'm half convinced I would have succeeded in detonating my skull had I kept struggling to wrap my head around the extreme relativity of scale.

My inability to comprehend that which astronomers and particle physicists seem to read as easily as comic books reminded me of an article I came across in the *New Yorker* last year about the Amazonian Pirahã tribe. Because of their live-in-the-moment culture, the Pirahã are incapable of accepting anything outside their realm of experience. They make no art and have no words for numbers or colors or anything that storytelling might require. According to one researcher who has studied the tribe for decades, if they can't witness it with their own eyes, it is considered *xibipío*, or "gone out of experience." When missionaries attempt to turn them on

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to God, the Pirahã always ask, "Have you met this man?" They remain unconverted.

It was mentioned in the film that the Hubble can "see into the past." The universe is supposedly between 13 and 14 billion years old, and the telescope can detect images 10 billion light years away. We're not seeing those galaxies as they are *now*, but as they *were* over 5 billion years before a collapsing cloud of dust and gas formed our solar system and the Earth within it. How can we be expected, in our limited experience with all things galactic, to determine what it all means? David told me that dwelling on such unanswerable questions would only make me crazy. "Because the human brain is finite — it can't comprehend infinity," he said. "So, let's say that one day we'll be able to see to the edge of the universe — what's a mile further? We know so little."

When asked how the world was created, the Pirahã respond, "It has always been this way." If "always" means "as far back as I can imagine," then I'm with the Pirahã on this one. ■

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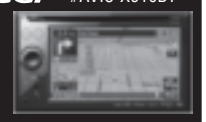
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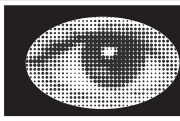
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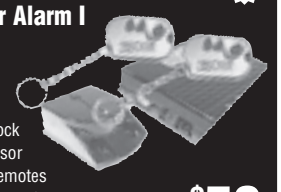
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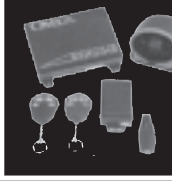
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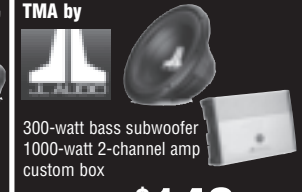
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I MESSED WITH TEXAS

by Chad Deal





From the city streets to the Tape Deck Mountain

South by Southwest is a ten-day arts/music conference and festival started in 1987. The music festival hosts upwards of 1400 bands over four days.

The official slogan dubs Austin "the Live Music Capitol of the World," while the unofficial byline encourages you to "Keep Austin Weird." The city was once an epicenter for outlaw country musicians and is now home to the women's professional football team, the Austin Outlaws.

We definitely sensed the trans-legal vibration as we piled out of Mason's '88 Southern Coach Wednesday afternoon in uptown Austin. We'd had a series of unpleasant encounters with the Border Patrol over the course of the almost 30-hour drive, which left us feeling both patronized and immortal.

First, at a checkpoint in Arizona, the BP tore apart the van in secondary while we made awkward small talk on the roadside. Upon returning to the van, we found someone's forgotten stash of reefer sitting on the seat next to a ransacked piece of luggage.

Had our mind tricks worked or did the boys in green feel bad because their ecstatic Labrador had just pissed all over one of our pillows?

Then, in Texas: "You American citizens?" "Yep." "Where you going?" "South by Southwest." "What's that?" "A music festival in Austin." "What are you doing there?" "We're music journalists." "You're what?" "We write about music." "All of you?" "Yeah." "Pull over into secondary."

We hopped around and hugged to keep warm. "Are we being profiled?" Ryan asked an agent as a vanload of fellow festival-goers made the walk of shame to the interrogation office. "You're just that lucky," he responded. Eventually, an agent returned with the hapless bud in hand. He asked who it belonged to, and Jamie made a few statements regarding medical marijuana in California.

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"I just saved you $600," he said, crushing the bud in his glove. "Welcome to Texas."

There were five of us: Mason, Lety, Jamie, Ryan, and myself. Most of us had just met less than 24 hours ago, but our group synergy was potent. Anything was possible.

We were just that lucky.

Wednesday, March 17, 4:10 p.m. San Diego Hoedown at Luster Pearl. Tape Deck Mountain plays "In the Dirt." Free cups of Trumer Pils and Stone IPA. TDM covers Danzig's "Mother." A taco truck distributes the goods.

5:00 p.m. El Ten Eleven melts faces all around. Lightning Bolt meets Keller Williams goes to the disco.

5:40 p.m. Free beer runs out. In defiance of $4 cans of Tecate, I walk to a gas station for a six-pack.

8ish. We head north, to the belly of the beast. SXSW inhabits all corners of Austin, but the action reaches peak volume just east of Congress on Sixth Avenue. Buskers, jammers, and vendors are everywhere. Bands spill their guts from storefronts, coffee shops, the Pita Pit. Free hugs on the street. Mystery and madness in every direction.

9:33 p.m. Lety and I end up at One-2-One bar, where locals the Twalls strum the blues. We order up some whiskey and hit the dance floor. In no time, a quixotic old-timey mood possesses me and I propose to Lety, who I met about 44 hours ago. She does the sensible thing and tells me to ask again in the morning.

Midnight. We go to the top floor of the Hilton, where Steve Poltz gyrates around the stage. A dude who claims to be Poltz's former manager tells me he had to let him go. He's too wild. He's 50 years old and broke his hand, and look at him strum the guitar anyway, while a band mate frets the thing. Look at him shake around, grinning like a circus clown.

"I can't fucking dance!" Steve yells. "I've been holding a guitar my whole life!"

Thursday, March 18, noonish. We grab some legendary Austin breakfast tacos and head downtown. A gang of Segway people float past street poles wrapped in cellophane and spackled with event posters. Ryan and I head to La Condensa for a cocktail party.

"I register for 1000 events and end up where I end up," local Jacob says. "It's going to be awesome, no matter what."

7 p.m. We head to Sixth to do some promo work for Nacional Records. A Latin soft-shoe dancer taps out a beat on a wooden box.

8:20 p.m. Latin icons Bomba Estereo, Bajofondo, Ozomatli, and Banda de Touristas play tonight, but somehow we end up at Darwin's Pub, watching some shitty band from Nashville. The front man is clearly in love with himself, evoking both repugnance and drunken resignation from the crowd.

10 p.m. Back on top of the Hilton, the woman at the door tells us seven dollars. Moments later, she invites us in for free. In the distance, the Frost Bank building juts skyward like a science-fiction monument to Moloch. Ryan joins us as we hang around the upper crust







We reel around like zombies...

bar, pretending we belong there. Music by Correatown and Julie Feeny.

11:41 p.m. Denko Jones. Like Motörhead, but Canadian. "This one's for you, Texas," Denko growls. "Fuck L.A.! This song's for anybody who wants to give us a record contract. Even if you're from L.A."

And that pretty much sums up what SXSW is all about.

Friday, March 19, 1:50 p.m. I just miss Phantogram on South Congress. Instead, 17-year-old Dominique Young Unique from Tampa, Florida, lays down some old-skool hip-hop about war and her ass. N-bombs be droppin'.

4:15 p.m. Tobacco at the Onion A.V. Club party. Masters of stage non-presence, I don't notice the third band member sitting on the floor fiddling knobs until the last song. Glitchy set. Mid '80s workout videos.

Midnight. Rumor has it the Broken Social Scene show is full, so we grab a case of Tecate and lurk outside the gates of Luster Pearl, where Broken Bells plays a wristband-and badges-only show. It's, ya know, meh.

12:30 a.m. Across the street at a co-op house, a gang of kids crowd around a dude blasting Lady Gaga from a circuit-bent Game Boy. The salvo of overdriven sound effects goads us into dance. We reel around the lawn like zombies.

Saturday, March 20, 9:30 p.m. Maren Parusel plays the Requiemme showcase. Krautfolkpop. The group has been approached by two record companies and has a date with another tomorrow.

10:30ish. Mad Juana. Sexy gypsy *banda* punk. Accordion and Mexican kitsch.

11:30 p.m. The line for Wallpaper at Beauty Bar isn't moving.

Midnight. Lady Dottie and the Diamonds at Wave. The crowd hops around like the Tower days. Dottie bellows, "Yeah! Yeah! Oh, hell yeah!" Cameo by Andrew McKeag of Presidents of the U.S.A.

1:00 a.m. The Zeros finish with MC5 cover "Ramblin' Rose." Bassist Hector Penalosa tells me, "We're like the Sha Na Na of punk rock. We're not pretending to be new."

We head out at daybreak. Our voices are raspy and our hearing hardly works. Whiskey no longer has any effect.

We stop at a Taco Bell somewhere in New Mexico and dress up like freaks. We zip through all the checkpoints without a hitch. Everything flows.

I suppose we're just that lucky. ■

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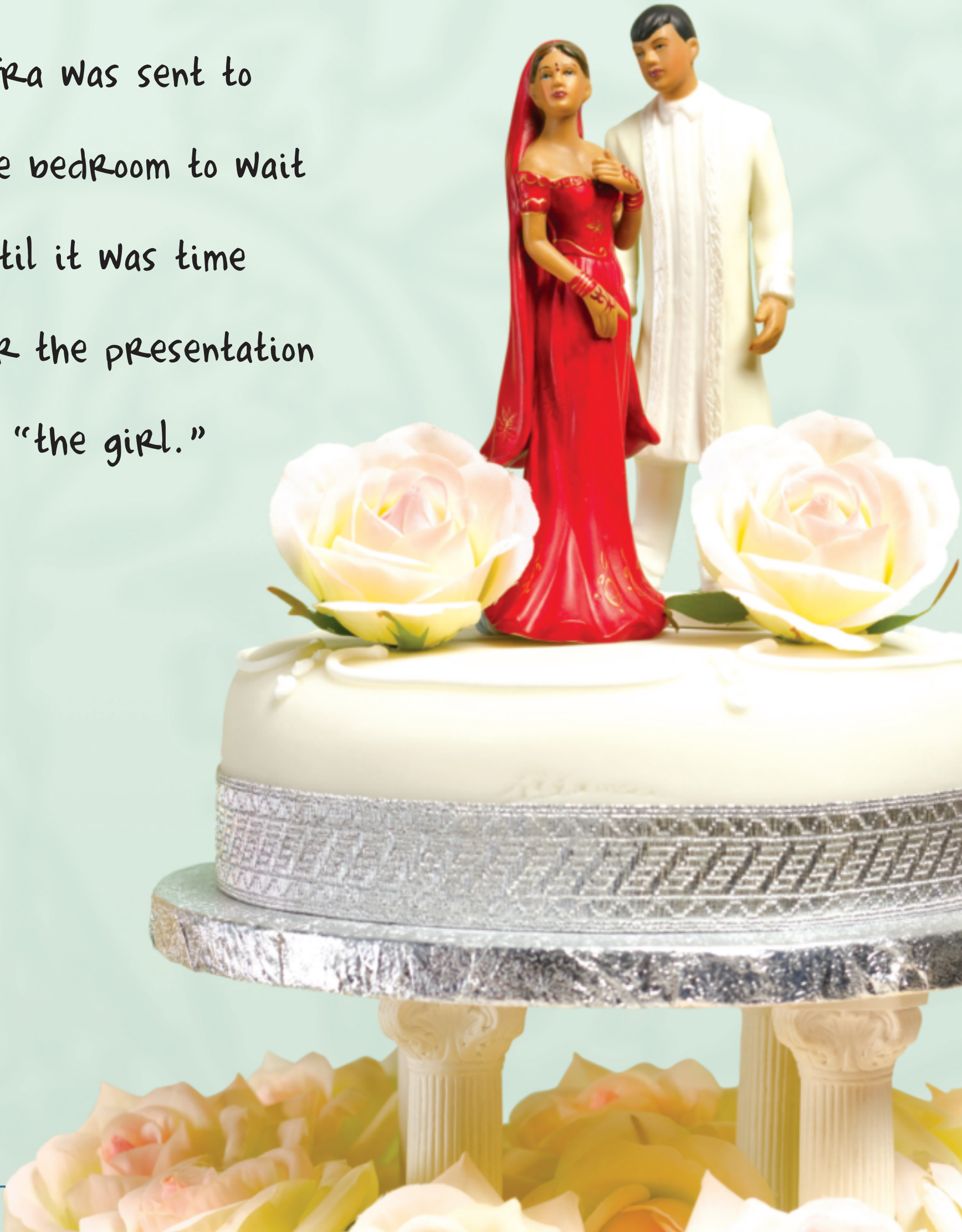
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Afra was sent to the bedroom to wait until it was time for the presentation of "the girl."



Modern Day Arranged Marriage

I do love him, but I won't say it

Afra Khan, a grad student who recently emigrated from Hyderabad, India, wears jeans and a long-sleeved gray T-shirt that says SDSU across the front. Before I spend an afternoon with her in a tiny two-bedroom house in University Heights, all I know about arranged marriage is limited to a handful of stories told by first-generation American women of Indian descent. Those were the tales of women who detest what journalist Anita Jain once referred to as "horribly crusty notions passed down" from their parents. In 2005, *New York Magazine* published an article Jain wrote in which she recounts the first time she let her parents set her up with a date.

"I lodged my protest against him and arranged marriage," she wrote, "by getting ragingly intoxicated and blowing smoke rings in his face."

Afra Khan is nothing like Anita Jain. Never mind the smoking and the drinking, Afra wouldn't even allow her fiancé to meet her at the Chicago airport a month and a half before their wedding because she didn't think it was appropriate to be alone with him without the company of her parents. Despite the jeans she wears and her affinity for computers, Afra seems at times to be straight out of Jane Austen's era.

She sits, feet curled beneath her, on a wood-framed futon couch in the house she shares with her brother, his wife, their 18-month-old son, and his mother-in-law. She is calm and relaxed, not at all what I imagine for a woman who is leaving tomorrow to go to Chicago to marry a man she's seen only once — six months ago, during a formal interview between his family and hers.

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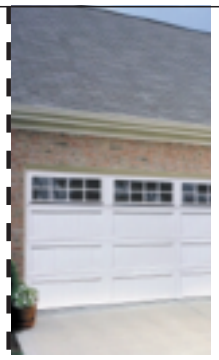


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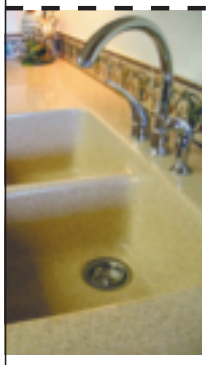


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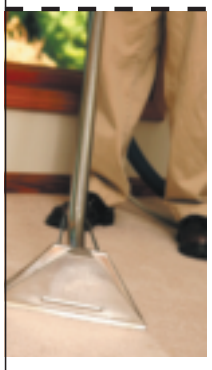


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Instead, she chats amiably, alternating between techie-gibberish about scripting languages and girlie-giggles about the love that awaits her, some two thousand miles and two weeks away.

At 30, Afra isn't exactly a "girl." But this is the word she uses as she explains the process of her engagement. She also refers to her fiancé, Fayyaz, as "the boy" (or sometimes, "the guy") despite the fact that he's a 33-year-old man who owns four Little Caesars pizza franchises in Chicago. Her use of these diminutives seems incongruous in this context, but I'll later learn it's a common way, among Indians at least, to refer to unmarried men and women, especially in the arrangement of their marriages.

The youngest of three children, Afra was born and raised in Hyderabad, the sixth-largest city in India. In 2008, three years after she received her undergraduate degree in computer science, she moved to San Diego to get a master's degree at San Diego State University. She would have gone to just about any university in the country as long as it was in the same city as her brother Abid and his wife Allison.

Studying in the United States is something she wanted to do for a long time. The schools are good, she says, and there's a future for anyone in the IT industry. Even if she were to move back to India, her American master's degree would come in handy.

"American master's programs are valued throughout the world," she says, tucking a strand of shiny black hair behind her ear. "It doesn't matter what university you're coming from. If it's a degree from the United States, it's valuable."

She also refers to her fiancé as "the boy" despite the fact that he's a 33-year-old man who owns four Little Ceasar's pizza franchises in Chicago.

Not that she's planning to return to India anytime soon. Fayyaz is also from Hyderabad, but he moved with his family to Chicago when he was 16 or 17 years old. According to Afra, her fiancé claims Chicago as "his city." It's where he grew into a man and where his immediate and extended family resides. He has also rooted himself in the pizza business. More important, Fayyaz is a patriotic American. He even planned a Hawaiian honeymoon so that the money they spend will stay in the country. Although that particular plan fell through when his brother promised to gift the soon-to-be-wed couple with a two-week honeymoon in Tahiti, it's still a fair guess that Afra will make use of her degree in the United States, likely somewhere in the Chicago area.

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When Afra came to San Diego to live with her brother Abid, he became her guardian; and so, in the spring of 2009, when a woman called from Chicago to inquire about Abid's unmarried sister, he spoke on behalf of their parents, who both now live in Saudi Arabia. (After Afra left India, their mother returned to Saudi Arabia, where their father works.) The woman explained that she had gotten Abid's number from his mother's cousin and then stated that she was looking for a girl as a match for her son. She asked questions about Afra, what she's studying, how long she's been in the United States, what her father does, and so on. Abid asked a few questions of his own, then the two parties agreed to exchange biodata, which are, for all intents and purposes, résumés.

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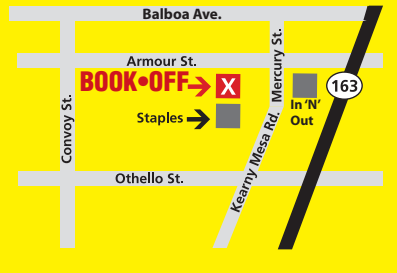
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While all of these particulars are considered important in the making of a good marriage, Afra suggests that the match begins at the surface level.

"Somehow, in the arranged marriages, what I have noticed in India and in our culture is that they first match the physical attributes, like height and color."

She explains that it would be no good to have a tall boy matched with a short girl. Nor would it be right to match a boy with a girl who's taller than him.

"The basic criteria," she says, "is that the boy should be taller than the girl."

At 5′6″ and 5′7″, respectively, Afra and Fayyaz are nearly the same height. Their complexions, however, don't fall into the same category. She's considered "fair," and he's what they call "wheatish," or light brown.

"In our culture they first match the physical attributes, like height and color."

It doesn't matter, though, because they meet the basic criteria there, too.

"For guys, it doesn't matter," she says. "They can be wheatish, they can be black, they can be white or very fair. But for girls, they usually want fair."

A frank article in the *Albany Times Union* in 2003 confirms Afra's emphasis on the importance of skin color in many Indian marriages: "Marriage ads, which consume a large part of many Sunday newspapers, are filled with requests for fair-skinned brides. Or for the particularly choosy: 'Very Fair.'"

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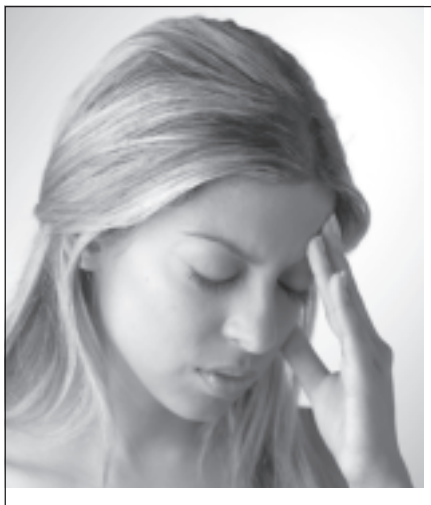
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- Have had migraine headache associated with 2 of your last 3 periods
- Can be using medication at present to treat migraine headaches at a stable dose for at least 2 months

Participants may receive at no cost:
- Study-related examination and consultation with a board-certified physician
- All study-related medications, labs, and Pap smear
- Compensation for your time and travel

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Overactive Bladder...



Your senior years should be spent having fun... not *on the run*.

As we age, OAB symptoms such as sudden urges to urinate and frequent wetting episodes become more common.

If you are frustrated living with OAB, you may be interested in a research study we are conducting to evaluate an approved medication for overactive bladder.

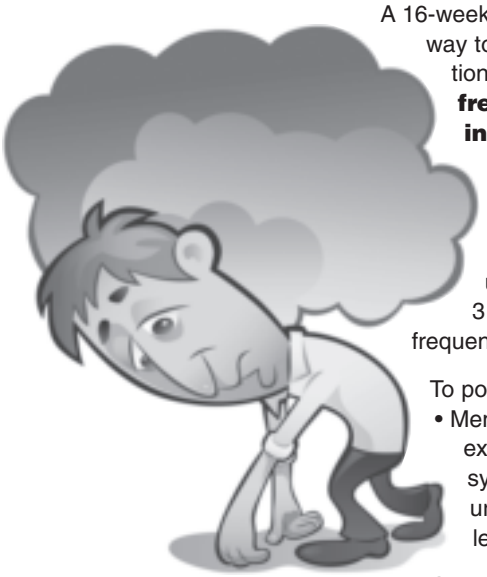
We are looking for male and female participants who:
- are age 65 or older
- have experienced overactive bladder symptoms for at least 3 months
- have strong, sudden urges to urinate
- experience frequent wetting episodes
- have health problems related to aging

If qualified, you:
- will attend five office visits over a 14-week period
- will receive the study medication or a placebo (an inactive look-alike pill) and study-related care at no cost
- may be compensated for time and travel

For more information, please contact:

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Going, Going, Going
Too Often at Night



A 16-week clinical research study is underway to evaluate a marketed oral medication taken daily for **urgent, frequent nighttime urinations in men and women over 18 years of age.** Getting up numerous times at night causes interrupted sleep and subsequent tiredness. If you have been getting up multiple times nightly for at least 3 months, you may have nocturia, or frequent nighttime urination.

To possibly qualify to participate:
- Men or women, 18 years or older and experiencing overactive bladder symptoms with frequency and urgency, especially at night, for at least three months

Qualified participants may receive:
- Study-related examination and consultation by a board-certified physician
- Study-related labs and EKG at no cost
- Study-related medication or placebo (an inactive look-alike pill) at no cost
- Compensation for time and travel

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

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

Participants may receive at no cost all study-related:
- Exam and consultation with a board-certified specialist
- Labs, EKG, colonoscopy (if necessary) and study medications
- Compensation for your time and travel

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We are currently recruiting for a Clinical Research Study involving an Investigational Product used to treat

Asthma



Do You Suffer?

You may be eligible to participate if you:

- Are 12 years of age or older
- Have been diagnosed with Asthma for 1 year or longer
- Use a steroid inhaler for treatment
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For more information contact
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Attn: Heavy Drinkers

Researchers at The Scripps Research Institute are working to develop new treatments for people with alcohol problems.

Is your current alcohol use causing problems with your family, your work, your life? If you want to stop drinking, The Pearson Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Research is conducting a clinical trial to help you reach that goal.

Qualified participants receive lab tests, medication or placebo, individual counseling and compensation for travel. All information is confidential.

Call: 858-784-7867 (STOP)
Or visit: www.pearsoncenter.org

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offer facial bleaching treatments.

Afra sits sideways, facing me, one arm draped along the back of the futon couch. I'm struck by the openness of her face and the lack of self-consciousness in her voice as she tells me that when she lived in India, she went for a facial bleach every three or four months. She doesn't do it so often these days, partly because it's so expensive and partly because she doesn't have quite the social life she had back in Hyderabad.

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Abid forwarded Fayyaz's information to his parents in Saudi Arabia, and although Afra knew what was going on, she wasn't initially interested in the details. She'd been through this several times before.

Many salons that cater to South Asian women offer facial bleaching treatments.

"We keep getting photos. We keep sending photos," she says with a casual flick of her hand. "I usually don't care to know more details until things move to the next step."

It wasn't long before they did.

In June, Afra's mother and father came to San Diego for an extended visit. Abid informed Fayyaz's family of his parents' presence in the country. Fayyaz and his mother arranged to fly in from Chicago to meet the prospective wife and her family. Were his father still alive, he too would have been in attendance.

Afra and her mother cooked food for the guests ahead of time. They dressed in what Afra calls "party-wear," which for her was a cream-colored and sparkly *salwar* suit (a pair of loose pants and a long tunic with side seams left open below the waist). She also wore a long

RESEARCH STUDIES

Infants & Toddlers

Infants & Toddlers are needed for an investigational Vaccine research study for RSV and Parainfluenza Virus.





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Compensation for time and travel.

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CLINICAL RESEARCH

SCHIZOPHRENIA • DEPRESSION • BIPOLAR DISORDER

Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling men and women in inpatient and outpatient studies.

Eligible participants may receive all study-related care at no cost, and may be reimbursed for time and travel.

Participation is confidential and trials are safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

To learn more, call the Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital Clinical Research Center at **(858) 836-8350**.

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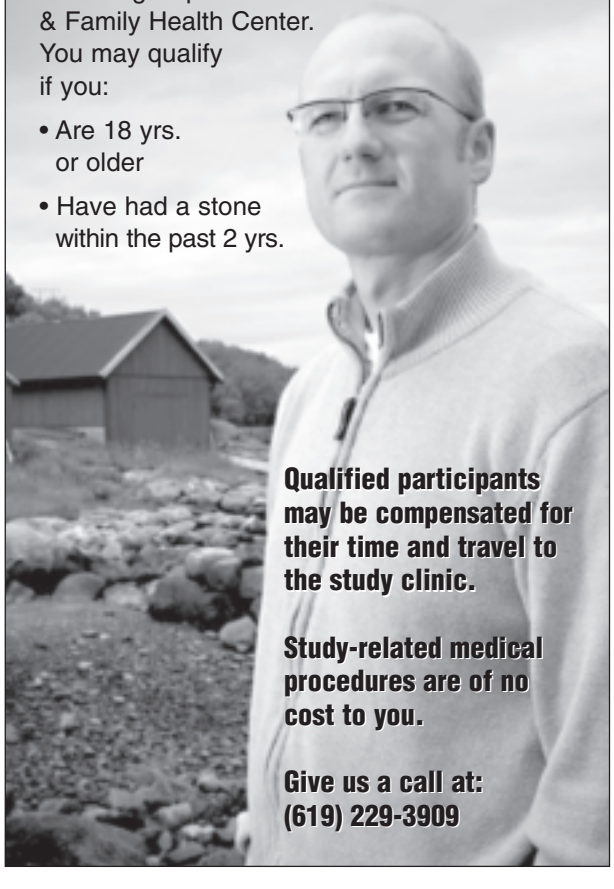
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Been told you have a kidney stone?

Ask about our clinical research study at San Diego Sports Medicine & Family Health Center.
You may qualify if you:

- Are 18 yrs. or older
- Have had a stone within the past 2 yrs.



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Study-related medical procedures are of no cost to you.

Give us a call at: (619) 229-3909



Forgetting simple tasks? Memory fading? Can't seem to complete projects?

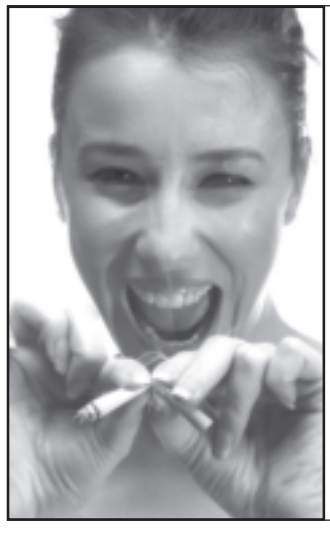
If you or someone you know is:

- Male or female • Between the ages of 45 and 90
- Experiencing memory loss? Unable to organize or plan? Forgetting simple tasks?
- In overall good health

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

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If you are interested in learning more about this study, please contact:
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See our website: www.ari-inc.com



Do you want to quit smoking?

Quitting smoking is one of the most important things you will ever do because:

- You are likely to live longer
- Quitting smoking will lower your chance of having a heart attack, stroke, or cancer
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Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.

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Do you have Hepatitis C?

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Do you suffer from Depression?

Does it feel like nothing matters?
Do you feel lonely and sad most of the time?

If you feel this way, and even if you're on medication, we might be able to help.

Local researchers invite you to take part in a research study. Insurance is not required. Participants will receive treatment for depression and may receive compensation for time and travel. If you're between the ages of 18 and 55 call the confidential recruitment line to learn more and see if you qualify. This may be your first step to feeling better.

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Have you been diagnosed with schizophrenia and currently taking medication?

Are you:

- Male or female between the ages of 18-55?
- Currently taking a stable dose of medication?
- Currently in a stable living situation?

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

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Overwhelmed by Depression?

Are you feeling hopeless and finding life hard to tolerate? Are you frequently feeling sad or troubled and like life is not worth living? If so, and you are between the ages of 18 and 75, you may qualify to take part in a research study of an investigational medication for Depression.

Qualified participants will receive:
- Compensation for time and travel
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Ladies...

Lost that loving feeling?

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To qualify for the study you must:
1) be a healthy premenopausal woman
2) be in a heterosexual relationship for at least 1 year
3) be bothered by your decreased sexual desire for at least 6 months
4) have no history of depression

Qualifying participants receive at no cost, study-related:
1) consultation and examination by a board-certified OB-GYN
2) labs, EKG, Pap smears, and study drug
3) compensation for time and travel

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dupatta (scarf) over her shoulders. Gold jewelry adorned her wrists, neck, and ears. When Fayyaz and his mother arrived, Afra was sent to the bedroom to wait until it was time for the presentation of "the girl."

Fayyaz, Abid, and Afra's father, all dressed in button-down shirts and pressed slacks, sat on one side of the room, while Abid's wife Allison and the two mothers sat on the other. The men conversed with each other, and the mothers introduced themselves by way of lightly probing chatter in Urdu.

Afra stayed in the bedroom during these introductory conversations. When I ask if she was nervous, she shrugs her shoulders. Back in Hyderabad, she tells me, she'd gotten this far in the search for a suitable husband a few times. She knew from those experiences that it may not turn out.

"They want this and they want that," she recalls. "My father is totally against it because it's not what Islam says. It's not allowed in Islam to give away your money like that. They were Muslims, but they weren't aware of Islam. Or they just ignored it."

A third time, she says, "I didn't like the boy. Even though we didn't speak or anything, I said I'm not comfortable. I just had some feelings."

Each "no" was a family decision. Even

"We later inquired and found out that, in Australia, he had a girlfriend."

"Earlier, I met three or four boys," she says.

One had been promising. He was from Australia, and she met him in Hyderabad.

"We later inquired and found out that, in Australia, he had a girlfriend."

Another suitor had demanded a large dowry.

Have you ever had a positive TB skin test?

Have you ever been told you have TB?

The La Jolla Institute of Allergy and Immunology and the UCSD Antiviral Research Center are seeking people with a positive tuberculosis skin test for a research study that will investigate how the immune system responds to tuberculosis.

Qualified individuals will receive compensation for participation in our study. Must be between 18 and 65 years of age.

If you would like more information or think that you may be eligible for this study, please call our study coordinator at **(858) 752-6979** or email **study@liai.org**

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Afraid to show your feet?

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

We need participants:

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

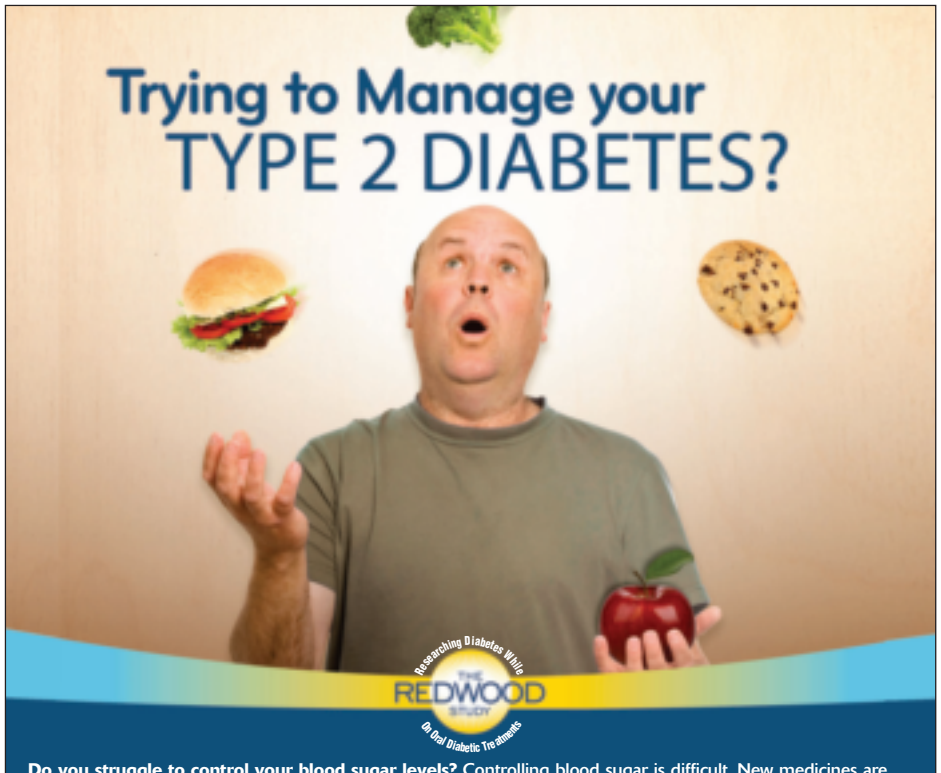
Qualified participants will receive:

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- Compensation for time and travel

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- Chronic pancreatitis pain moderate to severe
- 18-80 years old
- Single infusion of study drug or placebo

SYNERGY CLINICAL RESEARCH

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The Scripps Research Institute

Do You Get
Anxious
in Social Situations?

Do you:

- Get very **NERVOUS** around people?
- **Fear** being the center of attention?
- **AVOID** going to social events and meeting new people?



If you answered YES to any of the above, you may be eligible to participate in an experimental research study comparing several study drug options for social phobia. Medical assessment and clinical care are provided.

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Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

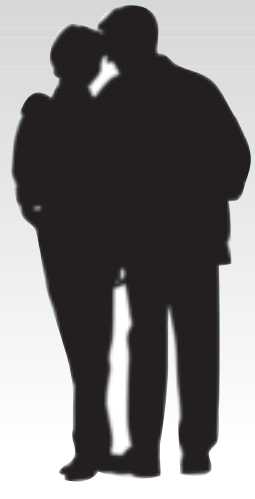
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When you have COPD, even doing simple, everyday things can leave you short of breath.

The good news is, there are things you can do to help improve your lung function.

If you have difficulty breathing and a history of smoking, you may be interested in joining a **Nationwide COPD Research Study**



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- There's no cost and no need for insurance.
- You may be compensated for time and travel.

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when Afra had no concrete reason to object, Abid told her she had the right to do so. The family stood by her. But if not for Abid, would she have been able to say no on her own?

"Maybe I wouldn't have been that strong," she says. "Because he always supported me, I was strong enough to say yes or no."

Allison, too, has been a big support. "Usually, in our culture, we ask the girl at a later stage," Afra says, "but [Allison] wants us to know it at the beginning stage, so that things don't unnecessarily move to a later stage at which I might be pressured to say yes."

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That June afternoon, Allison fetched Afra from the bedroom and brought her into the living room to meet Fayyaz and his mother. Afra greeted the balding, sweet-faced Fayyaz with "Salaam," the way she did with everyone else, and she has not looked at his face since — nor will she until the day they are married.

"I didn't feel comfortable looking at him," she says. "We never spoke."

"I didn't feel comfortable looking at him," she says. "We never spoke."

Instead, she spent the afternoon answering questions put to her by Fayyaz's mother. Questions that, according to Allison, "she already knew the answers to."

After some time, Allison and Afra's mother served dinner. Although Afra had made much of the food, the family agreed that they would not make mention of this.

"We all decided that we couldn't say I cooked it. It would look like we were unnecessarily trying to impress them, saying I can cook this and I can cook

RESEARCH STUDIES

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that."

The group remained segregated while they ate, the men still on one side of the room, the women on the other. After three or four hours, Fayyaz and his mother left. They flew back to Chicago the next morning.

"After they returned to Chicago," Afra recalls, "his mother called and said, yes, we liked your family and the girl. My mother said, we liked your family and the boy. So they said the next stage will be to let them speak to each other and see if they are comfortable. After that he started calling. He used to call every weekend, Saturdays and Sundays. We used to speak for an hour, just in general, to know each other as a person."

At this point, her laid-back demeanor revs up the tiniest bit. She sits up and her speech takes on momentum. She seems to feel a certain joy in reliving this part of her story.

She clarifies that though she and Fayyaz spoke regularly, they were not yet committed to each other. They were getting to know each other, and as such, she remained properly restrained, never being the one to make the call.

"I felt I shouldn't call a guy until I'm committed," she says.

She didn't have to. Fayyaz made his interest clear.

RESEARCH STUDIES

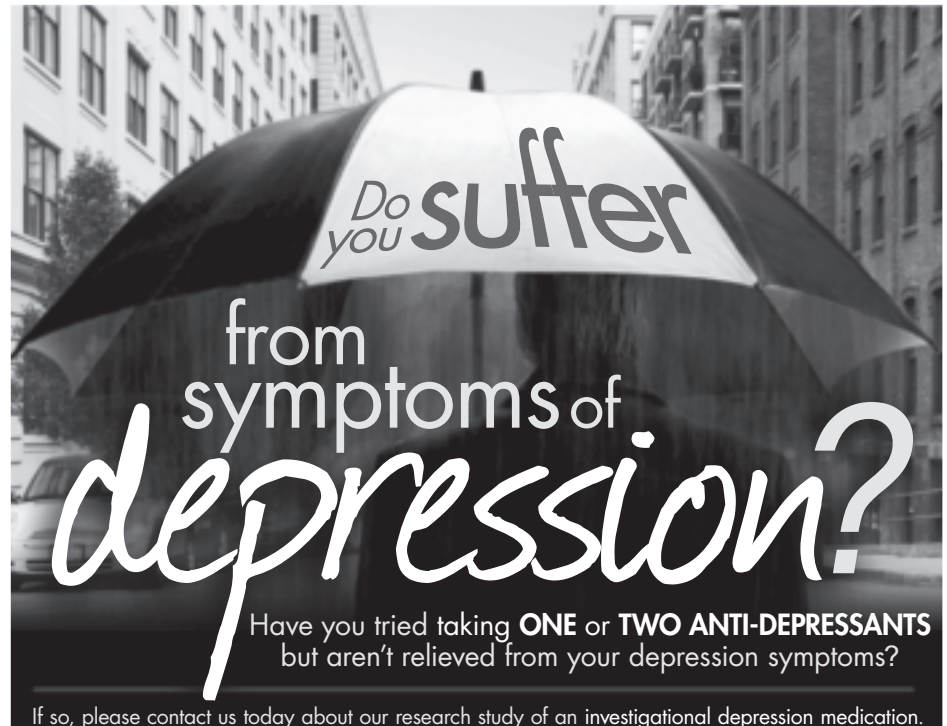
Heartburn?
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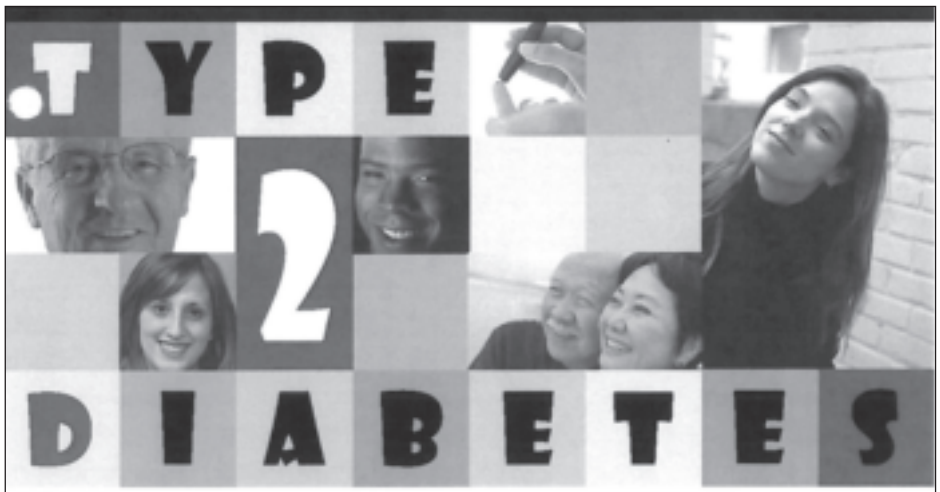
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Qualified participants must:
- Be 18 to 65 years of age
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Qualified participants receive
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SYNERGY CLINICAL RESEARCH

UCSD Asthma Study

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About the Study

- Ages 18-65 years old
- Severe persistent uncontrolled asthma with at least 2 exacerbations within the last 12 months
- Using high dose inhaled steroid plus a controller medication for the past 12 months
- Not currently smoking
- Seventeen clinic visits up to one year
- Complimentary physical examinations
- Complimentary breathing assessments
- Compensation for time and travel

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"He started calling once in the week, maybe on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, between the weekends. He would say when he's calling next before hanging up. On Sunday, he'd say, 'Okay, I'll call on Tuesday.' Or Wednesday. Then on Wednesday, he'd say, 'Okay, I'll call on Friday,' then Saturday and Sunday again."

She giggles at this. What girl wouldn't love to tell how her man couldn't get enough of her?

But even though her voice, body language, and the pink hue in her cheeks all confirm her excitement, she emphasizes the propriety with which she has behaved all along.

"We never spoke of anything that involved romance. Never. Until we were committed."

Fayyaz added more days to their phone schedule until eventually "he was calling me almost every other day. We were speaking for one hour, two hours, sometimes three hours."

Family is important to Afra, and from their conversations, she learned that Fayyaz spends a lot of time with his, that he treats his mother well, and that he is the kind of man who will sacrifice his own desires for the happiness of those around him. It was these qualities that made Afra know he was the one she wanted to marry. But she had to wait for him to ask.

Since she moved to San Diego, Afra has exchanged data with two or three other men, but she hasn't met any in person aside from Fayyaz. In September, another man inquired about her. She told her family she wasn't comfortable even sharing information with anyone else, but she didn't tell Fayyaz about the inquiry because she knew it would appear that she was pressuring him to move forward with her.

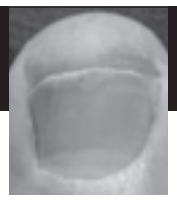
Near the end of October, Afra mentioned to Fayyaz that her mother would leave San Diego and return to Saudi Arabia on November 1. This information spurred him into action. Though he's never said so, Afra assumes he made his move then because it would be easier for their mothers to make plans without the voice-delay of an overseas phone call.

On October 31, Fayyaz's mother called to say that Fayyaz would like to marry Afra. Afra's mother accepted on her behalf, and the two mothers debated about the date. Afra's family was hoping for the summer so she could finish her studies at San Diego State. Fayyaz's family wanted December. In the end, they settled on January so Afra could complete the fall semester and make arrangements to take project-based courses that would allow her to finish spring semester coursework from Chicago.

After the engagement was set, Afra and Fayyaz began to talk twice a day, sometimes three times.

"He calls me first thing in the morning at eight or eight-thirty, depending on his schedule and my schedule. We speak from a half-hour to one hour, two hours sometimes. And in the daytime, we speak for ten or fifteen minutes once in a while when he's free. Or when I'm on my way to the college, I give him a call, just to know what's happening in the day. Then again at night he calls, after he finishes all his work.

RESEARCH STUDIES

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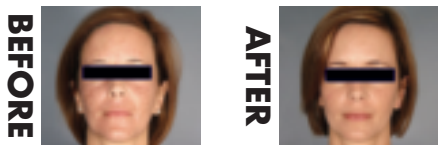
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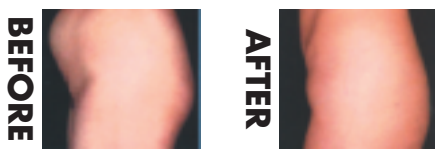
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"I just say thank you," she giggles. "That's my usual reply to whatever good he says. I say thank you."

Even when he tells her he loves her, she won't say it to him until they're married.

"I do love him, but I won't say it. So many times he asks me to say it, but I tell him not every emotion needs words. You should just understand what my feelings are."

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In November, over the Thanksgiving holiday, Afra flew to India to shop for her wedding dresses and jewelry. It's custom for the groom's family to purchase the bride's wedding and reception dresses, but since Afra was in India and would have more options than they would in Chicago, Fayyaz's mother asked her to buy them herself. The arrangement pleased Afra, who felt lucky to have her own choice.

Red is the traditional color for the wedding-day dress, and green for the reception day. But these days, people vary their colors from maroon or pink and purple or blue. For her wedding, Afra chose a dark maroon dress with a green border. It is heavily beaded and embroidered and weighs nearly 30 pounds. Her reception dress is a deep green, equally ornate with beadwork and



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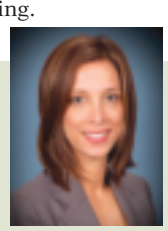
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During her time in India, where she stayed with extended family, Afra spoke to Fayyaz on the phone every day, but she kept their conversations a secret.

"In our culture, it's considered too bold to speak to a guy like that every day before the wedding."

This is a cultural rule rather than a religious one. Islam, she says, allows a person to see and speak to their prospective spouse before the marriage "because you're making such a big decision of your life. Even looks-wise, it shouldn't be that you're marrying someone you don't find attractive."

The believers in arranged marriage, versus love marriage, claim that love does not have to come first. They say it can grow inside of what has already been determined a stable match, strengthened by compatibility in the areas of education, religion, and socioeconomic class. As such, they say, divorce is less likely than in places like the U.S., where love marriage is the rule. An article written on *professorshouse.com,* a website dedicated to all things family, states, "India is the perfect example of a society where arranged marriages are still the norm and where the divorce rate is very low."

Most Americans probably think of arranged marriage as synonymous with forced marriage. Although forced "child bride" marriages do exist, they're far less common than those wherein the parents select a suitable match and then give their children the power of veto. But some people believe so highly in the wisdom of their elders that they willingly give the decision-making power over to their parents. Afra's sister is one such example. She and her husband not only let their parents choose their spouses, they also chose to follow the cultural tradition of not seeing or speaking to each other at all before the wedding. According to Afra, they are happy in their marriage.

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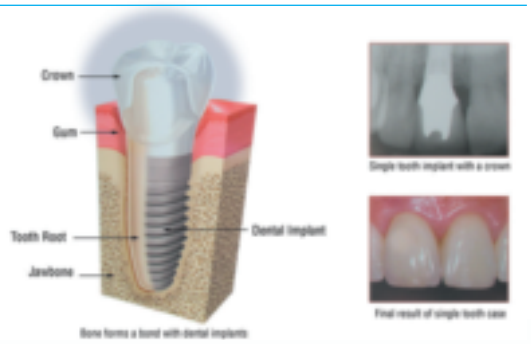
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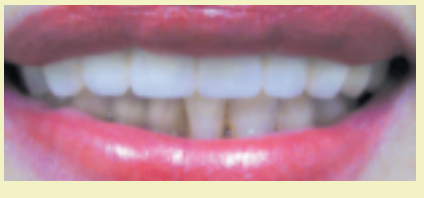
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Traditionally, couples who do speak to each other prior to the engagement stop once the date has been set. Afra would have been fine with that, and might even have preferred it, but Fayyaz, she says, is "not rigid about the culture." In fact, he has a tendency to question many cultural customs.

"He'll say, 'I don't care for that,'" says Afra. "'Who says this is a rule, and who wrote this rule book?'"

She goes on to say that he's "too much American," but she says it with a half-smile, as if her fiancé's wild American streak amuses her.

"I like that about him," she confirms, "but there are a few things which I think are still good in our culture."

Afra is more careful with cultural customs, not just for the sake of the rules themselves, but also because she's all too aware of the gossip that abounds in Hyderabadi society.

Abid's marriage to Allison rocked everyone's expectations in a big way. Abid is the only male in his immediate family, and his 13 cousins by his father's two brothers are also all girls. Out of 16 children on his paternal side, he is the only one whose children will carry the Khan name.

And he went and found a white American girl.

Abid, however, is not the entirely renegade son he was made out to be. Allison spent a great deal of time getting to know his parents before the two became engaged. In fact, later, when Allison asked his mother about other "love marriages" in their family, his mother responded, "Yours wasn't a love marriage. I chose you."

Despite the way the immediate family feels about Allison and Abid, their marriage was cause for rumors and gossip. Abid's two uncles even refused to attend the wedding.

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the gossip would likely not reach the levels it reached over her brother's choice of bride, but she doesn't want to give anyone reason to talk.

As the airline gods would have it, Afra changed flights in Chicago both coming and going from India. Fayyaz wanted to see her, but she said no. She wasn't comfortable meeting with him alone and without her parents, not even when she had a three-hour layover on the return.

Afra has resumed her languid pose on the futon, with one leg dangling over the edge and the other tucked beneath her. When I ask if she's excited about everything that's happening, she smiles and twists a lock of hair around her finger.

"Yes," she says. "I don't want to be the center of attention always, but I feel this is my time, and I should just enjoy it."

This time tomorrow, she'll be on her way to Chicago. For good. The wedding isn't for two weeks, but she has plenty to keep her busy.

"I have a few things to shop for," she says, "and I have a few appointments at the salons: nails, manicure, waxing, facial bleach, and hair."

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As our conversation winds down, Allison and her mother sneak in through the back door. Allison, pregnant with her second child, tiptoes through the living room holding her sleeping son in her arms. I ask Afra if she, too, wants children.

"Yeah, of course," she says. "It's not a question to have children in our culture. It's just a question of whether to have them right away or after some time."

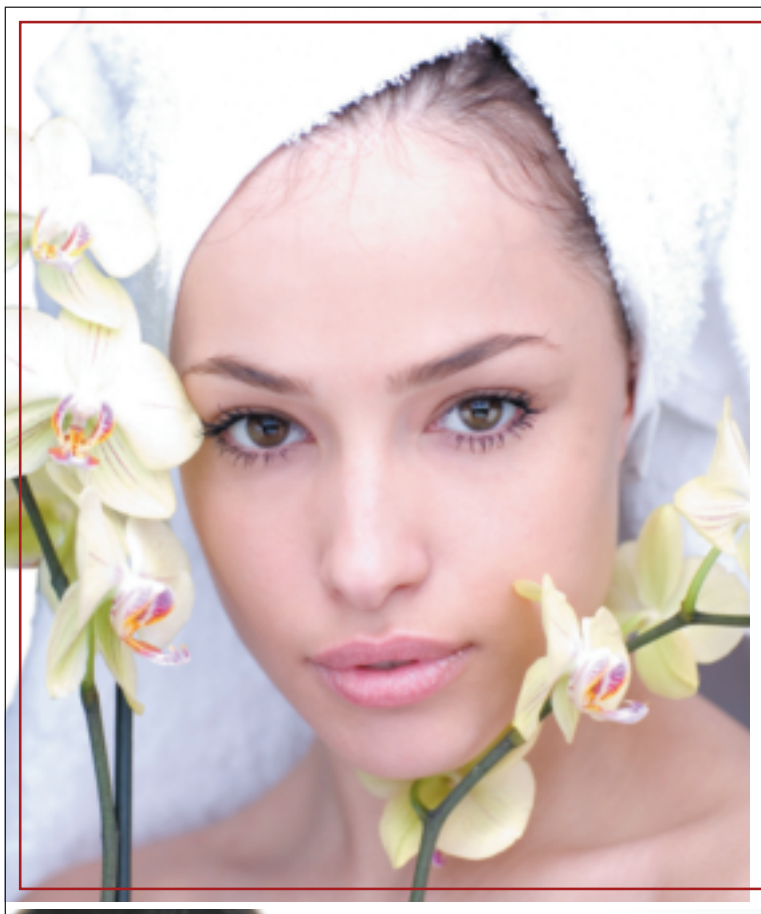
A fluffy, beige-colored cat darts in from the open kitchen door and slinks toward the futon where we sit. Afra shrieks and pulls her dangling leg up quickly.

For a second, I watch, amused and baffled. Her fear of cats seems silly in this moment, 24 hours before she boards a plane to live a new life in a new house she's never seen and with a man she's met but briefly.

As the cat continues to advance, Afra appeals to it in a small, scared voice, "Please, not here."

I laugh and stomp my foot to help shoo the furry creature away. ■

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(viola) and education, classroom instruction in dance, theater, and music (the Suzuki method), plus administrative chops to her job. Nowadays, most administrators must be advocates, not only to blunt the budget hatchet but to find private donors. Dressed in a black turtleneck and plaid wool skirt — there's a workman vacuuming her office after the January deluge — Childress-Evans is a lioness, a nonstop talker whose enthusiasm for the arts is infectious. She tells me she's always "infused" the arts into her teaching. "That made it more interesting for the kids — and certainly more interesting for me. I was a better teacher for it, but my kids learned better that way, too."

In 2004, Childress-Evans inherited a San Diego elementary-school arts program that was depleted, unbudgeted, moribund. At best, grade-school teachers who could carry a tune might lead their charges in the occasional sing-along. In 2006 — the last fat year for funding — the California legislature gave a generous Arts Block Grant to all state schools. Every district got one-time and ongoing money for "arts, music, and physical education equipment and supplies," as well as a budget "to hire additional staff to support standards-aligned instruction in arts and music." The amount expended by the end of 2007 in San Diego unified was almost $1 million. The one-time money was much higher than the ongoing funds.

"Luckily, they gave every single penny to me," she says. Childress-Evans created a five-year strategic plan, budgeting for fat and lean times. She divided the money according to student population at each site. Only when the principal gave her an arts plan did she fund that school's program. The grant



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bought musical instruments ($250,000 worth annually), digital equipment, and textbooks. Steadily, arts and music instructors were hired — all are itinerant — until their number is now 28 and their salary some 80 percent of the visual and performing arts budget. "Peoplewise, we've grown because we've built programs," Childress-Evans says. "Moneywise, we've decreased." Ever mindful of the axe waiting to fall, she says that she's already cut down to the "bare bones. If we don't get funds next year, we'll be lopping off arms and legs."

According to Mark Nicholson, the instrumental music specialist who also has an office at the Mission Beach headquarters, once kids heard the array of instruments that students might study with the block grant — instruments and instruction which hadn't been offered for years — they leapt at the chance to play them. Nicholson says that not until 2007 did the visual and performing arts program reach all 123 elementary schools in the district and 11,100 students in grades 4–8. There are 202 schools in the district, serving 135,000 students. Music is either required or offered at every one. "The hardest thing to change," Nicholson said, "is the perception of the public. They think music and arts aren't in the schools. People can't get their minds around that."

Childress-Evans is quick to praise the school board, whose members by and large, she says, support her efforts. In fact, the district is "an anomaly," the only one in California that has "100 percent of our elementaries with instrumental music."

Childress-Evans and her staff, however, have discovered that district money isn't enough to build and sustain the program they feel kids deserve. They are constantly looking for new outside funds, finding sources organized in the late 1990s and early 2000s, which, themselves, countered the then-widespread cuts in music programs. Perhaps the best known is VH1's "Save the Music" foundation — money given, often by millionaire rock stars, to train teachers, to fund existing programs, and to bring musicians into schools. Each year, San Diego unified gets some $70,000 from Save the Music. Other benefactors include the California Music Project, and its $20,000 annual gift; free lessons for teachers on recorder and guitar, the latter instruments donated by Taylor Guitars; and a generous bequest of $75,000 worth of band instruments from the U.S. Marines.

For Childress-Evans the key to keeping music and the arts alive has been "leadership." Hers, that of her small staff, and school principals. On the job, she learned to listen "to what principals wanted." She asked questions. What is your schedule? How and when could music fit in? "We looked at articulation, what the middle schools need from the elementary schools," so that students are adequately prepared for the next level of instruction. The district could not be served, she says, with "one size fits all. Trying to push the same program on every school didn't work."

Voila, the arts — and music especially, the most popular program — have steamed back into port. And with their return, a vexing irony. The visual and performing arts budget during the past six years has slowly dwindled: its unrestricted funds (non-salary costs) in 2004–2005 were $474,140. The amount now is $188,921. Full-time equivalency (which pays for full- and part-time teachers) rose from 31.8 to 34.2 FTE. "It's gone up,"

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Childress-Evans says, "because the number of students we serve has gone up."

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Serving those students is the job of the district's 28 itinerant music teachers who instruct groups of up to 30 kids, some 400 in all, at five or more schools every week. Recently, I caught up with three: percussion instructor, April West; winds teacher, Harvey Tellinghuisen; and string man, Steve Luchs. Each wheels in their black bags and instrument case, teaches one or two ensembles for 50 minutes, packs up, and freeways on.

At Linda Vista elementary, a class of fifth-graders streams into the school auditorium. As they enter, West has her drum machine pulsing, an overhead projector ready to go. Dressed in black pants and a blue sweater, she carries a whistle, a plastic cowbell at her waist, and a constantly moving persona. Thirty kids arrange themselves in two parallel semicircles at drum stations, each with chair, drum pad, and sticks at the ready. West holds up a three-ring binder with musical terms that she asks them to demonstrate. She shouts, "Here's the beat. One, two, three, rest." On the overhead, she projects this rhythm in notation. Next she grabs her trombone (she's a multitasker extraordinaire) and plays the one-two-three while she beats the cowbell. Three quarter notes and a rest. Symbol (reading music) and sound (making music) are joined from the get-go.

Before she starts, I ask, How do they take to percussion? "Everyone loves drums," she says, speaking in measure-like snippets. "It's incredibly innate. Immediate gratification. You hit the pad, you get the sound. This is an easy job as far as motivation goes."

Learning is playing. Everyone's involved. Total teamwork, although it's clear that several kids still lack the knack for holding the sticks. This West tries to fix as she moves from kid to kid. In front of the 30 are three or four special-ed kids, whose job is to keep a steady beat on box drums with the drum machine. (Special-ed kids respond to playing a rhythm easier than they do to reading one.) As the children continue the beat (almost everyone wears jeans, a sweatshirt, and sneakers), West directs their eyes back to her visual cues. She whispers and shows the word "piano," and they quiet the beat. She gets loud and shows "forte," and they herald it back. Next, she shows a dotted half note and a quarter rest. They play the note, and she reminds them what a rest means: "Silence is not nothing."

Every so often, West lets them "go," that is, pound away on their own. The sound is tribal, cacophonous. Whistling to grab their attention, she refocuses on drills. She enforces discipline by alternating rest position, the kids standing one step back from the drum pad, and play position, the kids stepping forward and picking up sticks. She has them beat out "Jump, in the Mississippi," a phrase, which is accented on the one, that builds a swarming sound. Which, of course, they speed up. "You can't help it," she

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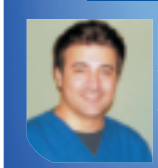
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says. "It's human to speed up. So you have to fight your human nature." Which brings about a quick lesson on "tempo."

Later, West alternates "Jump, in the Mississippi" with three visual cues: "soli," where a hand-picked few play; "tutti," where all play; and "improvise." What's "improvise"? She stops to explain. "Something simple or something complicated, but it has to fit with the beat." She illustrates by playing a dozen phrases, which, one by one, the students mimic ("shave and a haircut, two bits" is one), all in time with the beat. Back to the "soli" and the "tutti," and then she lets them loose to "improvise."

Fifty minutes soon rumble by, and my sense is that West has given them a group discipline that no other subject or activity, except, perhaps, sports and dance, allows them. Music helps kids access a learning mode the academic subjects do not allow. Maybe that's why music is so popular. The kids know better than we do the vicissitudes of learning.

As part of the district's "exploratory" program, West teaches at two schools a day, five schools a week, for nine weeks. Her cluster is followed or preceded by nine weeks with a wind, a brass, or a string instructor. Each unit exposes fifth-graders to hands-on music-making. Blow. Pluck. Pound. Bow. Plus the rudiments: tempo, dynamics, notation, rests, note values, meter, rhythm and beat (they are different), genres, and improvisation. The hope is that they'll choose an instrument, join an ensemble, take lessons (the winning formula is an excited kid and a supportive parent), and enjoy a respite from the daily five hours spent on English, math, science, and social studies. And blossom artistically, which is just as important, every music teacher tells me, as blossoming academically. Maybe more so.

At the beginning of each school year winds-and-brass instructor Tellinghuisen and string instructor Luchs hold an assembly for fourth-graders. The pair lay the instruments out on tables — flute, clarinet, trumpet, sax, and trombone, as well as the violin family. They show off the wonders of each — the

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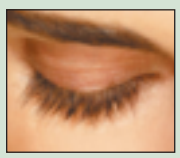
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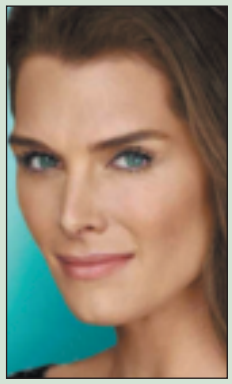
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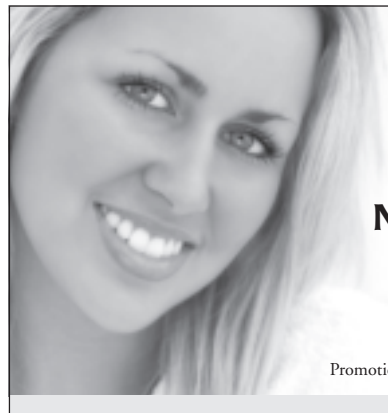
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slide punch of the trombone, the exuberance of a fiddle tune — creating a sort of Young Person's Guide to orchestra and band. "We bring the kids onstage, too," Tellinghuisen notes, "and let them try to make a sound. They see that it's not just us, but they can do it, too." Whoever wants to play plays, and hundreds choose instruments, which typically they rent from a music store. In an ensemble, students meet twice a week, learning basic technique and group playing and performance.

I sat in with both teachers at Hickman elementary in Mira Mesa. Tellinghuisen, who's been at this for a couple of decades, tells me he concentrates on a few notes at first, getting students to make a tone on a wind or brass instrument by "tonguing each note" on "Hot Cross Buns." As we talk, the class sets up their chairs and music stands, moistens lips and reeds; in a flash they're working into "Rock Star," Mozart's "Twinkle, Twinkle," renamed. "Clarinets, first measure, I want to hear you tongue the notes, one, two, ready, go." "Flutes, make sure I hear that tongue go 'tu.'" The lesson is regimented, a good thing for an ensemble with uneven strengths. Tellinghuisen conducts the class in one continuous meter, the steadily silent ticking of 4/4. It seems to pulse unheard even when he pauses. On occasion, he points at each of the four trumpet players to solo. From one, nothing comes out: "Got to oil your valves at least once a week." From another, the tone is too low: "Faster air, Matthew. Tighten your lips."

During Tellinghuisen's second hour, a higher-level ensemble practices a set piece — in a minor key and Russian-sounding — for that evening's Honor-band tryouts. He tells them with flat affect that they shouldn't be nervous. Just breathe naturally and everything will be fine. You will survive. "Remember, in all the years I've been a judge," he says, "at the end of the audition, I have never seen a dead body."

In contrast is raffish Steve Luchs, who teaches the Suzuki violin method. The Suzuki method gets kids playing the weird-to-finger-and-hold violin before they learn to read music: bowing, standing, fingering, all have to be coordinated. (How easy the piano is in this regard: everything is in front of you; just put your fingers on the keys and play.) Luchs has his group of 15 stand in two lines. When the kids aren't playing, they bob, energized by the activity. "Let's do 'Egg Roll,'" Luchs says, "which is also known as 'Allegro.'" Once they begin, enthusiasm is concentrated in that rather pinched sound, not unlovely, of 15 violins searching for intonation. When they finish, one student asks, "Can we play it again?"

With a visitor in the room, Luchs shows off their repertoire. "French Folk Song" and "Song of the Wind" are two pieces they recently performed with players from the San Diego Symphony, who put on a workshop at Hickman. Getting loose, Luchs, who accompanies every tune on piano, notices one small boy with excellent bow tech-

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nique, an unforced and fluid wrist. He has him play a solo and comments, "I'm going to call him 'The Boy with the Golden Arm.'" Laughs all around. He stops, grabs the violin, and announces they'll play "The Break," from "Cripple Creek." What this song is, he says, "is not Mozart," and he plays a Mozartean snippet. "It's not Bach," he says, and plays a fugal snippet. "It's fiddle music." He saws away with Appalachian abandon. That loosens them up. No surprise, there's a link between the teacher's enthusiasm and the kids' charging their batteries.

The most necessary trait of the grade-school music teacher is patience. Of the infinite kind. Patience for the years of hearing "Mary Had a Little Lamb" sourly intoned. For that scratchy sound of a violin bow too near the bridge. For the squeak of a clarinet or the honk of the trumpet. Patience. And then ringing approval with "Good!" whenever the group gets some portion of the lesson right.

I ask Tellinghuisen how many practice. He laughs and shows me a method book that has a log inside the cover. He used to require "practice reports" but found "it was an exercise in creative writing." He quit asking for the assignment after he noticed one too many kids marking in ten hours a day. He doesn't need a log. "You can tell if they're practicing."

Music's Effect on Learning

I ask each of the three itinerant teachers how music affects their pupils' home life, learning, and development. April West says that teachers tell her often that during music class, "they see their kids in a whole different light." Those that struggle in the classroom can be "the best ones" in music. For West, it may be that "their brains are wired that way."

What kind of music do they listen to at home? West says it's "almost all hip-hop. That's the culture. It's totally their lives and their parents'. It's everywhere. They heard it in the womb." Her mantra for teaching music is to "tap into what kids already know." Steve Luchs says they listen to the radio mostly. But if they hear "something classical or something they've played, it perks them up. They can't wait to come back to class and tell us." Once, his violinists learned to play a snippet from Dvorak's "New World Symphony." A few heard the work in performance by the San Diego Symphony, then told Luchs, who also attended the concert, about it. "And I say, 'But they didn't play it as good as you.' " The irony is not lost on these teachers that most classical music, and some jazz, are "new music" for their young musicians.

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have become advocates for their programs, speaking at board meetings, especially during budgetary talks. Such self-interest comes with the territory. West says that as an undergraduate in music education, she wrote three different papers for three different teachers, "defending my music program." Part of her training was to investigate how, if attacked by a scissors-wielding board, she might save the program she had developed. She also says that the board needs to hear from students and parents more than they do from teachers. Parents don't realize, she notes, how effective they can be when extolling or demanding arts programs for their children.

This spring, music teachers are regularly testifying at the Tuesday board meetings about the visual and performing arts program. On occasion, they bring their students to play, underscoring the tactic. Their goal as a group is to keep lobbing shots across the board's bow before they make hiring decisions. In January, elementary music teacher Lucille Park testified that she herself is a good example of music's power: "I was an ADHD kid, and music really helped me with concentration, focus, and self-discipline." Retired teacher Dean Hickman, an instructor for 33 years in San Diego, stated that without music in the schools we may see "our musical world become overpopulated with talent that is emblematic of the first round of *American Idol*." First-year elementary-school music teacher Lydia Cooley asked the board: "In an age of abbreviated texting and Facebook posting, are we not worried that kids will not know how to respond to art and music, to ballet and poetry?" At the five-hour-plus meeting, Tellinghuisen and other colleagues sat in the front row, supporting their fellow musician-speakers with "Save VAPA" signs.

Apropos of such continued enrichment, Luchs has a little test he likes to administer, ad hoc. "Next time you see your doctor," he'll tell a skeptical parent, "ask if he or she ever played a musical instrument. Next time you meet a gangbanger, ask the same question." Tellinghuisen agrees. He recently spoke with the father of a former student, a man who had nothing but praise for Tellinghuisen's teaching. Tellinghuisen asked what the son was now doing. "'He's about to graduate from medical school,' the man said. 'He credits music with all of his success because that's how he learned to discipline his time.' "

Band and orchestra teacher Matt Mulvaney is part of the success behind the creative performing media arts middle school, or CPMA. The magnet has

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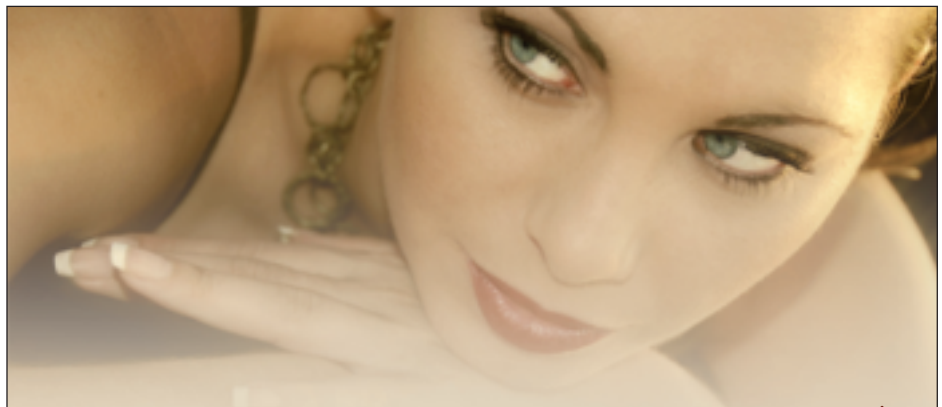
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had an astounding growth, beginning in 2002 with 216 grade 6 students; this year, having moved to a larger facility at what was Kroc Middle School in northeastern Clairemont, they now enroll more than 1100 students. In May 2009, when the visual and performing arts department was slated for severe cuts, Mulvaney and colleagues argued to the board in a letter that if districts want to be paid for student attendance, music and arts education is key. "Schools that offer more music education classes," the letter states, "have higher daily attendance rates when compared to similar schools without these opportunities.... Over time, weakened attendance rates and fewer draws [of students] to the district will result in lower ADA figures, and subsequently, reduced funding." In addition, because of the growth of magnets and private schools, if kids aren't "drawn" to their neighborhood school nowadays, they go elsewhere: "private schools, charters, home schooling."

The Eminently Cuttable Arts Budget

San Diego Unified's budgetary nightmares — of the past two years, and the one upon us this spring — are all too familiar. When school expenditures are pinched, the board siphons money from wherever they can, often from unrestricted funds. In February, Childress-Evans tells me that the district "swept" away her unrestricted arts budget of $188,921. The heist was possible, she says — her tone rising with equal parts blame and shame — because "the state legislature gave flexibility to categorical spending." The board takes Peter's money to pay Paul. She says that had the district followed her five-year strategic plan, which included its own rainy-day fund, she "would have gotten the arts through this hard time."

One bright light — the school board has, in recent years, Childress-Evans says, "refused to cut the VAPA department." One board member, Shirly Jackson, did vote against the visual and performing arts program. The four others have not. For Childress-Evans, the way in which the arts are now classified is a major headache. Yes, she says, the board has "consistently supported VAPA." But now district policy places the arts, no matter how successful or desirable they may be, into a "non-curricular" pool, or grouped priority. The board then ranks that priority lower than the non-cuttable curricular ones. Her program is dumped into the funnily titled, "rounded priority." This strategy for making cuts identifies programs neither by name nor by relative success but, essentially, by stigmatizing a program's usefulness as academic or not.

One bargaining chip for the visual and performing arts program is that if the board cuts their $3.4 million annual budget, the schools will lose some $5 million in materials, money, and programs that the students receive from donors and music do-gooders, which funds Childress-Evans and staff have already hustled up. "People think," she says defiantly, "that if they can get rid of this central office, VAPA, then the programs will continue to bloom and hold their own — no, they won't. Because if elementary goes, in three years you won't have [programs] in middle school, and you won't have [programs] in high school. Simple as that."

By March 15 of each year, school districts are required to tell teachers whether they'll be back in the fall. Of VAPA's 33 itinerant elementary music instructors, five were given a pink slip. The VAPA department notes that in years past they have been able to "rehire" those teachers by using discretionary money — as long as they are allocated some.

A Generational Problem

In the parking lot of Clairemont Mesa East's Madison High School, following an evening of tryouts for Honor band and orchestra — a program in which those who make it are placed, practice, and perform a spring concert within six weeks — Mark Nicholson tells me that he believes we are cresting a near 30-year wave, bringing music back to the schools. A former band leader at Madison, Nicholson has seen the photos and heard the stories from colleagues about the great era of marching bands in the 1960s, when uniforms, instruments, and daily rehearsals were a given at nearly every high school. Earlier, he and I visit all the tryout rooms — percussion, wind, string, brass. First stop is his old band room at Madison, where we watch percussionist Randy Parks audition kids on the xylophone. Above the instrument lockers that run along three sides of the high-windowed room are hundreds of trophies. These were won over a 50-year period of music competitions by various incarnations of the Madison high school band. It's not just sports that grab kids' competitive interests.

Today, with more than three times as many high schools as in the 1960s, there are only ten schools in the district with marching bands.

And yet Nicholson says that despite the historical decline and the current cutbacks, he can barely keep up with all the concerts and competitions, the tryouts and instrument repairs, the board meetings and the innovations in teaching that young teachers bring from their college programs. He tells me of a drum line, a percussion group, that went to the district office one day recently and "tore it up." He agrees with April West that the best advocates for keeping music in the schools are parents and students. "It's the parents' tax money that's paying for everything."

Most parents don't realize the quantity of music instruction they're paying for: Honor orchestra and band; a K–5 Suzuki school 5 at Crown Point elementary, a music magnet school; Oak Park Music Conservatory, another magnet elementary; the solo ensemble festival; the elementary Honor choral group; the Recorder Festival, the Improv Fest, Classics for Kids. Outside resources for music-making include the San Diego Youth Symphony, which recruits from and gives concerts in the schools. There are free school-based concerts offered by the choirs of Pacific Coast Harmony and San Diego Master Chorale, by Mainly Mozart, Orchestra Nova, and the Metropolitan Opera. And there's the just-launched Little Kids Rock program. This national group brings in musical instruments, mostly guitars, and instruction to schools, which, according to their website, focuses on the kids' "favorite popular musical styles, including rock, blues, rap, and hip-hop." Little Kids Rock is providing 400 guitars to teachers and students, valued at $170,000.

The abundance of these in- and out-of-school programs is impressive. But Nicholson complains that district higher-ups still seem unfazed, unwilling to identify music as a core subject. Nicholson, who sports a

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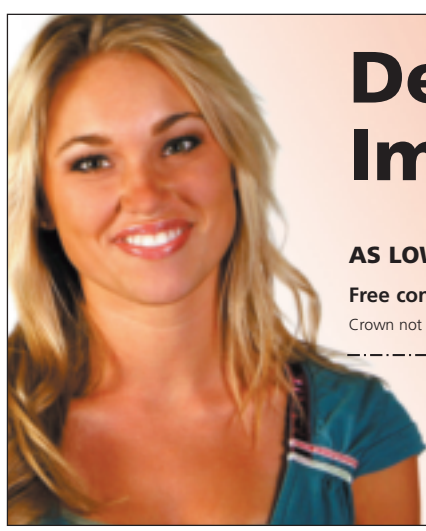
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Zen-like attitude toward the ups and downs of his administrator-advocate role, is flummoxed with music's lowered priority. Sure, he understands that he's motivated by the self-interest of his job. "But," he says, "the small amount of the pie that we do get makes such a huge impact on all 135,000 students in our district."

Nicholson and I watch dozens of kids go through the knee-knocking shakes of playing one-on-one for a teacher. Oh, the perils of sight-reading a new piece cold: when the piece your eyes see is nothing like what your fingers play! One father of a young girl, who is auditioning on violin, sits patiently in the back while his sixth-grader timorously bows "Twinkle, Twinkle." Quietly reading *Newsweek*, his calm may lessen the girl's nervousness, though she seems assuaged only when her kindly inquisitor intones, "That's enough, dear. Thank you."

Afterward, the father says that it's his daughter's decision entirely whether to play. There's no pressure at home, though he offers a quiet time and private space if she wants to practice. She doesn't take lessons. It may be the cost. It may be his reluctance to regiment her spark too soon. He hopes that just this small exposure to the violin will turn on the switch for her, the music gene he believes is set to unlock. Perhaps that's why he tells me that his father was a violinist, and that he has just died. "It's something," he says with a trace of sadness in his eyes, "he would have liked her to do." Maybe the girl's grandfather's wish will come true, as long as her school keeps paying a music instructor to guide her. ■

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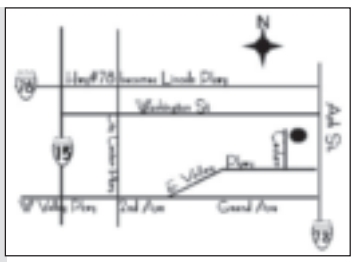
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But to me, the big story is the failure of any other newspaper to print anything about the lawsuit or the FBI report, which runs 63 pages and accuses the CEOs of a number of felonies. The mayor is heavily involved in protecting the CEOs. Obviously, protection of the mayor's reputation ranks above news reporting in San Diego. That's why you won't see a word in the *Union-Tribune, Voice of San Diego, San Diego News Network, San Diego Business Journal,* or the *San Diego Daily Transcript.*

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Children two to six are invited to visit with a "gentle bunny" and make Spring crafts, including bunny ears, necklaces, butterflies, and a bunny-shaped Easter basket, all to take home. Participants will parade through the garden, go on a "bunny hunt," and enjoy a "rabbit snack" — all at the San Diego Botanical Garden.
See **FOR KIDS**, page 69.

SIGNS OF THE TIDE

The San Diego Coastkeeper organization hosts this "world-café-style" public forum designed to "educate, engage, and empower participants in issues relating to the health of San Diego's coastal waters." A panel of experts will speak, followed by small-group discussion.
See **LECTURES**, page 70.

Friday | 2

RANUNCULUS RAINBOWS

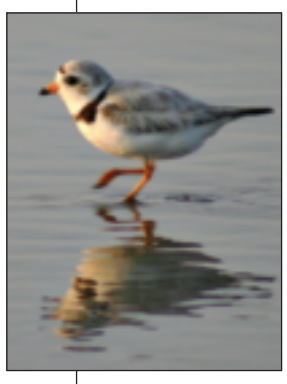
The Flower Fields — with nearly 50 acres of giant, vibrant ranunculus flowers — are in bloom again and open for tours. Visitors may stroll pathways or take a wagon ride to view the sweet-pea maze, the poinsettia display, and an American flag made of flowers.
See **SPECIAL**, page 66.

AN AMERICAN DUET: ELLIOT, A SOLDIER'S FUGUE

The Ion Theatre presents Quiara Alegría Hudes's drama about the legacy of war as seen through the eyes of three generations of a Puerto Rican family. Granddad served in the Korean War, Dad served in Vietnam, and Elliot is on leave from his post in Iraq. Directed by Sylvia Enrique.
See **THEATER**, page 110.

Saturday | 3

FOR THE BIRDS



Learn how to help protect and preserve the habitat of the Western snowy plover and other threatened nesting-bird species during the "Plover Patrol" volunteer training at the Tijuana Estuary. Topics to be covered: monitoring beach use, educating beach users, and interpreting beach rules for visitors.
See **OUTDOORS**, page 65.

SPRING FLING

Spend the day on the NTC Promenade. Family activities that include an Easter scavenger hunt, an Easter-egg hunt, face painters, lawn games, a performance by the Junior Ballet Company, and a concert by Rockola.
See **FOR KIDS**, page 69.

Sunday | 4

NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

It's "Easter at the Bistro" — no giant bunny suits here, just an old-fashioned egg hunt and Easter-brunch items on the menu at Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens. The youngest egg hunters get a head start, and "goodies for the grown-ups" will be hidden in eggs, too.
See **FOR KIDS**, page 69.

ALIVE AND WELL

The Old Globe Theatre presents the world premiere of Kenny Finkle's romantic comedy about a down-on-her-luck journalist and a Civil War reenactor who search for the Lonesome Soldier, the oldest living veteran of the War Between the States. Directed by Jeremy Dobrish.



See **THEATER**, page 110.

Monday | 5

M2P (THE MEANS TO PROTECT)

What can be done to reduce the duration of a large-scale, state-sponsored mass killing? Professor Christian Davenport of University of Notre Dame presents "Understanding What Shortens Genocidal Violence" at the University of California San Diego.
See **LECTURES**, page 70.

Tuesday | 6

CREDIT CARDS: TOOL OR TRAP?

Learn to understand credit scores and why they are so important, avoid mistakes that can lower your credit score, get out of credit debt, and almost everything else credit-card related at this presentation hosted by MiraCosta College San Elijo.



See **LECTURES**, page 70.

Wednesday | 7

A WEEKEND WITH PABLO PICASSO

The San Diego Rep hosts a workshop production of Herbert Siguenza's tribute to the first "rock-star artist." Go inside Picasso's *Le Californie* art studio and into his mind as he is given a weekend to prepare and deliver six works of art to a buyer.
See **THEATER**, page 111.

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Red flags and fascist goons

Buenos Aires, Argentina

By Adam Case

I'd heard about Buenos Aires in the spring, but I was apprehensive about the winter. I packed my bags like I was getting ready to go snowboarding: jackets, thermals, and beanies. It being July and the off-season, I could explore the city at my leisure.

Prices for lodgings were lower, and the streams of tourists were navigable, leaving me free to wander Plaza de Mayo during business hours as pigeons, businessmen, and workers all rushed through the park and onto surrounding streets.

While walking back from the Sunday-morning flea market in the San Telmo neighborhood (where I haggled with a vendor to sell me a handcrafted wooden maté cup and metal straw for five dollars), I was caught up in the Spanish Civil War: several blocks from the market, a movie was being filmed. Red flags, fascist goons, sandbags, and Model Ts decorated the Parisian-inspired architecture. I watched as actors took cover from a simulated air raid, culminating with a large explosion that spread dirt down the block.

I ended my day at a café on Avenida Independencia, eating a juicy steak for five dollars and listening to the crooning of Carlos Gardel on the radio. I think Porteños have an expression for this — *¡che baludo!*

Puerto Montt, Chile: Fresh Seafood

By M'Liss Hinshaw

Flapping fish tails, coiled seaweed, barnacles, and octopus fresh from the Chilean coastal town of Puerto Montt will soon become part of our gastronomical lunch.

At the southern end of the Pan American Highway (over 10,000+ miles from the top of Alaska to this scenic town) we met chef Richard Knobloch,



"We walked to the local fishmonger's."

serving locals and visitors his individually prepared gourmet meals.

We walked in the rain with Chef Knobloch to the local fishmonger's, and he selected the freshest fish while explaining the varieties and offered us a

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Other Adventures



Charvhernandez: Clear blue waters at a Maui Beach



Spark: The end of the day at Lake Louise, Banff National Park, Canada



Natasha: Discovering snow-capped peaks while hiking in Idyllwild



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OUTDOORS

Less Rain, warmer temperatures, and hazier skies coincide with the subtle onset of San Diego's spring season. By April's end, the alternating periods of rainfall and crystal-clear skies we've been having will likely be distant memories. The nocturnal, low overcast starting to hug the coast right about now will gradually build into "June gloom" — days-long episodes of perpetual overcast that can dog us through the late spring.

The Coastal Wildflower Bloom, one of the best in years, will continue through April. One of the best spots for viewing the greatest variety of flowers is Torrey Pines State Reserve. San Onofre State Beach, just north of Camp Pendleton, should have acres and acres of monkeyflower, with a half-dozen different shades, blooming on the coastal bluffs. On grassy hillsides in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve and in Mission Trails Regional Park (especially behind the Old Mission Dam), you will find carpets of California poppies, purple nightshade, pinkish owl's clover, blue-colored lupine, and scattered splashes of color due to a dozen or more other species of wildflowers. North County residents should check out the huge Daley Ranch preserve in northeast Escondido. Its rolling hillsides and grassy meadows are practically bursting with flowering plants right about now.

Mustard, a nonnative plant more like a weed than a wildflower, is blooming profusely on grassy slopes all along the coastline of San Diego County. An old story, probably apocryphal, tells of the padres scattering mustard seed along the El Camino Real so that the bright, yellow mustard blossoms would help them find their way in future spring seasons. More likely, the plant was introduced to western North America in the form of seeds carried in the hay used to feed livestock brought in by the early settlers.

Painted Lady Butterflies may be on the wing across San Diego County this month on what could be a significant migration from the Anza-Borrego Desert and northern Baja California toward the coast. Chances are you will see them winging west or northwest, toward greener, more succulent vegetation and away from the drying desert flora.

The Planet Mercury appears as a somewhat conspicuous "star" in the west at dusk on Saturday, April 3, but nowhere near as bright as Venus, which lies only three degrees to Mercury's left. For the next week or so, Mercury will be enjoying its best evening-sky apparition of the year.

"Discover Daley Ranch" Meet naturalist William Sherrard for moderately paced seven-mile hike. 760-839-4680. Tuesday, April 6, 7am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Exploring the Breeding Birds of Daley Ranch" Naturalist Sally Sanderson leads slow-paced bird walk of about two miles; learn about chaparral plants, search for wildflowers. Bring binoculars, water. Wear layers, walking shoes with good tread. Rain cancels. 760-839-4680. Sunday, April 4, 8am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Walk and Draw or Write" Naturalist Liz Goetz leads moderately paced three-mile hike with stops for reflecting on springtime beauty. No artistic experience necessary. Materials provided or bring your own. Magnifying glasses are handy. 760-839-4680. Thursday, April 1, 3:30pm; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

California Native Plant Society Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. Sunday, April 4, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Cottontails Along Sunflower Trails Take spring hike with trail guide naturalist "in search of all things native in nature." Identify, admire plants, reptiles, birds, bugs. 619-668-3281. Saturday, April 3, 9:30am; Sunday, April 4, 9:30am; Wednesday, April 7, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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

Explore Escondido Walking tour of South Escondido Boulevard led by Escondido History Center, starting at northeast corner of Escondido Boulevard at 5th Avenue. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, April 6, 6pm;

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EASTER SUNRISE

Where and when to go for a great view of the Easter morning sunrise.



San Diego sunrise

You trudge ever upward with steady footfalls, steering clear of barely seen rocks and roots. Night vision rules, monochromatic and flat, supplied by the light from a three-quarter, waning moon sinking in the west. As you climb higher, dawn's pale light awakens your retinal cone cells and color suffuses the landscape. On the chilly summit, you wait in silence. The rosy glow of pre-sunrise builds across the eastern sky. The blue wedge of Earth's shadow flattens against the ocean horizon to the west. At last it appears: the sun god Ra peeking over the mountains to the east; Helios on his golden chariot making ready for another trip across the sky; a pinpoint of light quickly growing into blinding intensity — a potent symbol of the resurrected Jesus Christ.

Whether or not you hold religious beliefs (Christian or otherwise), or you simply appreciate a fine, early-morning pilgrimage (Easter or otherwise), consider the following treks to high places around the county. Allow at least 30 minutes to cover each mile of upward travel for each, and be mindful that on this Easter Sunday the sun rises above the mountains to the east just after 6:30 a.m. Be sure you have a flashlight handy during the first part of each hike, in case the moon's light is not sufficient for you.

Piedras Pintadas Trail (south of Escondido): From the trailhead, on West Bernardo Drive just south of Interstate 15, walk two miles out on this interpretive trail to position yourself on a view-ful ridge overlooking brimming Lake Hodges. The sun comes up right over the shallow but shimmering east arm of the lake. Walk this trail first in the daytime before trying it at dawn.

Iron Mountain (east of Poway): From the intersection of Poway Road and Highway 67, walk the trail 1.5 miles east to a junction, then turn right on the trail leading another 1.7 miles to the summit. The rising sun will appear between the undulating ridgelines of the Volcan and Cuyamaca mountains. If the moist marine layer has invaded the coastal plain during the night, this site will likely be just above the clouds.

Kwaay Paay Peak (west of Santee): To reach this high ridge above Mission Gorge, drive west from Mission Gorge Road on Father Junípero Serra Trail to a closed (before sunrise) gate at the border of Mission Trails Regional Park. From there, follow a trail going southwest up and along a steep ridge. There's a very steep section near the end of the 1.3-mile ascent. As viewed from the Kwaay Paay summit, the rising sun often casts radial shadows across the mist-covered valley of Santee below.

Garnet Peak (Laguna Mountains): This favorite destination of sunrise-watchers lies on the edge of the mile-plus-high Laguna Mountain escarpment overlooking the desert floor. Find the obscure trailhead at mile 27.8 on Sunrise Highway and walk north for 1.2 miles to reach the rocky, windblown summit. Parts of Arizona may be visible if the skies are crystal clear. Again, this trailhead/route isn't one you'll easily find unless you are already familiar with it.

Soledad Mountain Park (La Jolla): Yes, you can drive right up to Mount Soledad's crest just fine in the dark, but there's a good chance that early-morning clouds or a thick marine layer will spoil the view this close to the coast. Check out the sky late the previous evening. If it's still clear well into the evening, then the prospects look good.

This article contains information about publicly owned recreation and wilderness areas. 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.

Chile

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sample of local sea urchin. Next we stopped at Juanita's organic farm and picked the day's best produce for our grand meal — including raspberries for dessert.

Knobloch, a transplanted German, cooked the meal in his restaurant, A Fuego Lento, a few miles away on the edge of the lake-resort town Puerto Varas. Settled by Germans in the 1900s, the town's Bavarian-style houses overlook the lake.

As the chef created his scrumptious meal of *ceviche* (barnacles, mussels, octopus, and seaweed), fish soup, and Chilean hake fish, restaurant owner Marisol prepared his specialty drinks of pisco sour and pisco avocado using handmade liqueurs.

For a fresh Chilean-fusion meal, contact Chef Knoblach at *Richard-Knobloch@vtr.net.*



Preserved by the Eagles' Don Henley

Walden Pond, Concord, Massachusetts

By Derek Ray

"Most men lead lives of quiet desperation." This thought was expressed by Henry David Thoreau over 160 years ago while living in the one-room cabin he built overlooking Walden Pond in Concord, Massachusetts.

Thoreau conducted his experiment of living in solitude at the pond from July 1845 to September 1847. The spot where he built and lived in the cabin is preserved and marked. A sign stands that reveals the thought process underlying his experiment: "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life — and see if I could not learn what it had to teach and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

The area is a state reserve protected from development, thanks to the aid of Don Henley of the Eagles. His Walden Woods project, a nonprofit founded in 1990, has helped preserve 462 acres of woods surrounding Walden Pond. A local developer had planned to construct a 139-unit condominium before Henley got involved. Instead of parking lots, miles of hiking trails snake through the woods surrounding the pond. It's a popular summer spot for vacationers from throughout New England.

Above the pond, just off the road that leads to the woods, stands a replica of the cabin Thoreau built. One can walk inside and imagine a two-year stay in the cramped space. A museum nearby contains some of the furniture used by Thoreau, including a green wooden writing desk and rocking chair. You can see carvings on the desk that Thoreau may have etched in moments of contemplation (or writer's block?).

The town of Concord, about 19 miles outside of Boston, played a significant role in American history and literature. Along with Thoreau, it was also the home of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Louisa May Alcott.

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free. Escondido History Center walk, Escondido Boulevard at 5th Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

For the Birds "Plover Patrol" volunteer training gets underway; help protect, preserve habitat of threatened Western snowy plover and other nesting species by monitoring beach use, educating beach users, "interpreting beach rules for visitors." Volunteers asked to contribute at least eight hours per month, commit to volunteering through Labor Day weekend. Registration: 619-575-3613 x330. Saturday, April 3, 9am; free. 18 and up. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Guided Nature Walk Learn about birds and plants of the area during outing beginning at "comfort station" on west side of park (5250 Regents Road). Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9961. Saturday, April 3, 9:30am; free. Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Genesee Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

History Walk Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures. 619-235-1121. Saturday, April 3, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Interested in Native Flora? Join Friends of the Point Loma Native Plant Garden, learn about native flora while caring for collection of rare, endangered native plants and trees. Watering, trail maintenance, invasive plant removal, other light gardening activities. Tools provided. Find garden next to GreenCliff Apartments, 4444 Greene St., Ocean Beach. 619-297-7380. Saturday, April 3, 9am; free. Point Loma Native Plant Reserve, Mendocino Boulevard and Greene Street. (POINT LOMA)

Learn 20 Native Plants California Native Plant Society hosts walk starting at end of Swallowtail Road. Wear sturdy shoes. 619-297-2957. Saturday, April 3, 10am; free. La Costa Canyon trailhead, Swallowtail Road and Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Return of the Least Terns San Diego Audubon Society invites volunteers to help prepare nesting site for endangered California least terns in Mariner's Point, part of Bonita Cove on Mission Bay. Help clear nesting site of invasive plants, set up least tern decoys and "protective condos" so terns may use site for nesting, rearing young. Wear work clothes. If you have them, bring work gloves, weeding tools, clippers. 858-273-7800 x103. Saturday, April 3, 9am; free. Bonita Cove, 1100 West Mission Bay Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

Roadrunner Park Loop Learn about chaparral plants, history of the area on walk along canyon following La Cuenta Drive ridge for a three-mile loop hosted by Canyoneers. 619-255-0171. Sunday, April 4, 8am; free. Roadrunner Park, La Cuenta Drive at La Cuenta Court. (TIERRASANTA)

Tracking the Easter Bunny Learn art of tracking wildlife through chaparral when tracking team and trail guide naturalist leads two hours of "dirt time" adventure. Wear long pants. 619-668-3281. Saturday, April 3, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Vernal Pool Walk Join naturalist Mike Kelly to explore rare vernal pool habitats. Meet "extremeophile" plants and animals living in this challenging environment. 858-484-3219. Saturday, April 3, 9am; free. López Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

Wake-Up Walk Naturalist Tim Phillpotts leads outing along "a trail based upon the wishes of the walkers, keeping in mind the spring flowers and fresh air." 760-839-4680. Wednesday, April 7, 8am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

SPECIAL

"Gardens Within Gardens" Don't pull weeds, pick flowers, or take cuttings during 2010 garden festival hosted by Town Council of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove, showcasing five unique gardens. Purchase tickets/maps at nursery on day of event. Saturday, April 3, 10am; $20-$25. 8 and up. Elfin Valley Nursery, Elfin Forest Road at Elfin Forest Lane. (ESCONDIDO)

"Save Green by Going Green" Eco Fair 2010 promises information booths, demonstrations from more than 25 local companies, government agencies, NGOs. "Environmentally friendly activities for families and children." 858-642-8383. Saturday, April 3, 10am; free. National University, 9388 Lightwave Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

"Spring Constellations" Local astronomer offers "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show. View real sky through telescopes after show (weather permitting) with San Diego Astronomy Association. 619-238-1233. Wednesday, April 7, 7pm and 8pm; $9-$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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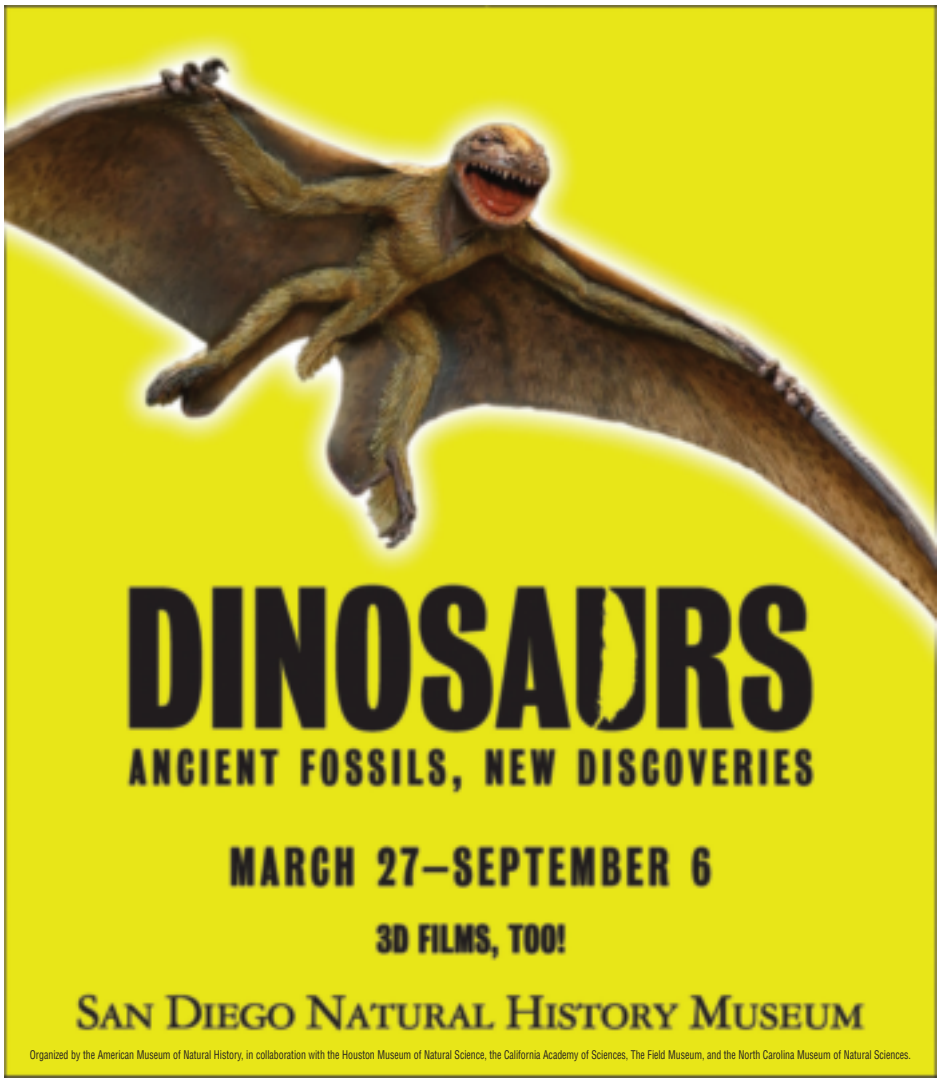
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of our time" during this first meeting in six-part series. Donation. 619-298-9978 x8014. Thursday, April 1, 6:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Ask the Horticulturist Enjoy informative tour through garden with horticulturist David Yetz. Bring your questions. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Sunday, April 4, 1:30pm; free. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Be a Grunion Groupie Scripps naturalists share "amazing tale of the elusive California grunion." Learn how these unique fish "run" up on local beaches, lay their eggs in moist sand. Watch baby grunion hatch. Included in aquarium admission. 858-534-FISH. Saturdays, 11:30am, 12:30pm and 1:30pm; Sundays, 11:30am, 12:30pm and 1:30pm; through Sunday, June 6, free-$12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Coffee with CCDC Centre City Development Corporation hosts discussion forum with information about downtown redevelopment, projects, plans. Center is located above CVS pharmacy. 619-533-7148. Friday, April 2, 8am; free. Downtown Information Center, 193 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

Collect Some Art San Diego Youth Services benefit art auction with artist Mark Jesinoski promises "over 20 original pieces" on offer. 435-770-8670. Wednesday, April 7, 6pm; $20. Mosaic Wine Bar, 3422 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

God Only Knows... P&R Discussion Group gathers to ponder "the future of Catholicism in the United States." 619-370-1027. Thursday, April 1, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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 Oceanography. Detect, listen to whale and dolphin sounds in real time using state-of-the-art research equipment from Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Dolphins, sea lions, marine birds make guest appearances. Registration: 619-234-4111. Thursdays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Fridays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Saturdays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; Sundays, 9:45am and 1:30pm; through Sunday, April 4, $15-$35. San Diego Harbor Excursion, 1050 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

House of India Program of ethnic songs and dances presented for lawn program at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, April 4, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Inclusion Festival and Cymer Fun Run/Walk Family carnival and one-mile run/walk alongside Lake Poway promotes "inclusion of individuals with autism within our community." Expect games, barbecue, Easter egg hunt, more. Tickets for attractions sold at door; fee for run/walk is $15 per person. 858-603-7344. Saturday, April 3, 1pm. Lake Poway, 14644 Lake Poway Road. (POWAY)

Karma Yoga Chinmaya Mission San Diego hosts Acharya Gaurang Nanavaty of Houston Mission. "The Discourses are a thought-provoking inquiry into the path of right action as presented in the *Bhagavad Gita*, chapter three." 858-549-2908. Saturday, April 3, 9am and 6pm; Sunday, April 4, 9am; free. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

KnitNight Gather with fellow fiber artists for social knitting, crochet, spinning. 760-806-6744. Tuesdays, 7pm; free. 18 and up. Clever Knits, 214 South Indiana Avenue. (VISTA)

Make Them, Take Them Home Learn techniques to make six different pierced earring styles during class led by Debra Hocking. Materials included. 619-280-8408. Thursday, April 1, 6pm; $30. 13 and up. Vintage Religion, 3821 32nd Street. (NORTH PARK)

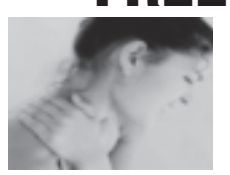
Middle-Eastern Drum and Belly-Dance Class Doumbek drumming class for all levels taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7pm), followed by tribal belly-dance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drumming (7-8pm). $12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6pm; $12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Partial to Plumeria? Southern California Plumeria Society hosts annual cutting sale in Casa del Prado room 101. Plumeria cuttings offered for sale by members (cash or check only). Members on hand to answer questions, demonstrate planting of plumeria scions. Sale includes plumeria culture books, items. 619-461-5942. Saturday, April 3, 10am; Sunday, April 4, 10am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Ranunculus Rainbows The Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours. Visitors may stroll pathways or take wagon ride ($5 general). Sweet pea maze, poinsettia display, American flag of flowers. Season passes available. 760-431-0352. Thursdays, 9am; Fridays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; Mondays, 9am; Tuesdays, 9am; Wednesdays, 9am; through Sunday, May 9, free-$10. Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

Smarts May Beat Speed Teams of two solve clues to find checkpoints where they must take photos or perform dares during Urban Dare San Diego. Racers are encouraged to call friends for help solving clues. Dares may be physical or mental challenges, such as running an obstacle course, puzzle solving, eating pepper poppers. Proceeds benefit breast cancer research. 202-285-4510. Saturday, April 3, noon; $45-$55. Maloney's Tavern, 777 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

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Spring Harp Fest XI Annual benefit show has helped in purchase of nearly 3000 harmonicas for kids at local Blues in the Schools presentations. Performers include Chet and the Committee, John "Whiteboy" Walden, 145th Street with Steve Bulger, Billy Watson and the International Silver String Submarine Band, James Harman with Nathan James. Bring blanket or beach chair. 619-263-6826. Saturday, April 3, 11am; free. Harry Griffen Regional Park, 9550 Milden Street. (LA MESA)



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's Falun Dafa? Learn during "meditation exercise workshop" focusing on this ancient Chinese *qigong* mind-body practice. All ages. 619-252-5256. Monday, April 5, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Yappy Hour Bring your dog to "mingle with some local pet pros"; Whole Dog Training, Sunnybrook Farm Holistic Pet Care, Holistic Dog Training, the Art of Dog representatives available to answer questions. Refreshments for people, pups offered. 858-792-3707. Wednesday, April 7, 5pm; free. Dexter's Deli, 1229 Camino Del Mar. (DEL MAR)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Early Music and Lunch Silverwood Trio performs for mini-concert. Bring your lunch! 858-454-5872. Monday, April 5, noon; free. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

Old Masters of Music and Art Courtly Noyse ensemble performs Renaissance vocal and instrumental music using period instruments. Included in museum admission (free-$12). 619-232-7931. Sunday, April 4, 2pm. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, April 4, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

There Will Be Singing! The Palomar Chamber Singers and Palomar Women's Chorus take stage for Concert Hour Series. 760-744-1150 x2316. Thursday, April 1, 12:30pm; free. Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10), 1140 West Mission Road. (PALOMAR COLLEGE)

DANCE

"Firehouse Fusion Dance Party" Evening begins with fusion dance workshop led by Meeshi and Alan (7:30-8:45pm), followed by live "downtempo/ambient" music from XIV (9pm-12:30am). DJ Jackie O provides tunes between live music sets. Tickets include lesson, dance. All ages. 858-395-6060. Thursday, April 1, 7:30pm; $10. Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

American Social Dance Party DJ plays ballroom, Latin, and requests for couples, singles of all ages. Argentine tango lesson (7-8pm); nightclub two-step lesson (8pm). 619-299-7917. Saturday, April 3, 7pm; free-$8. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Monday Night Swing Weekly swing classes include jump swing (7:30pm), sultry swing (8:30pm),









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practice time with DJ Meeshi (9:30pm), music for dancing by Lady Dottie and the Diamonds (10pm-1:30am). 858-395-6060. Monday, April 5, 7:30pm; free. 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Pick of the Lizard Martha Wild calls to music by this band during contradance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, April 2, 7:30pm; $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

El Muro USD's Trans-Border Institute hosts documentary film series based on border between U.S. and Mexico. Commentary by filmmaker Greg Rainoff. 619-260-4090. Thursday, April 1, 6pm; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Food, Inc. Truths revealed about what we eat and how corporations producing the food put profit above all else. Catch flick when it's screened for Sierra Club Movie Night. 858-569-6005. Friday, April 2, 6:30pm; free. Sierra Club, 8304 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #101. (KEARNY MESA)

***New Moon* Fun** Teens invited to *New Moon* movie party including video games, pizza, prizes, trivia contest. 760-753-7376. Thursday, April 1, 4pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

The Great Mouse Detective: Mystery in the Mist San Diego International Children's Film Festival presents screening of newly restored Disney family film. Adventure was inspired by stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author of the *Sherlock Holmes* mysteries. 760-805-9510. Saturday, April 3, 1pm; free. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

The Horse Boy Screening of Michel Scott's "journey of the heart." 619-236-5800. Wednesday, April 7, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

The Private Lives of Pippa Lee Rebecca Miller's "loopy diary of a mad housewife" with Robin Wright Penn, Alan Arkin, Winona Rider, Maria Bello, Keanu Reeves screens for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800. Monday, April 5, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Which Way Home Director Rebecca Cammisa's 2009 documentary "presents a harrowing tale of children in danger, subject to conditions beyond the capacity of their tender years…on their journey through Mexico" to reach U.S. 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, April 1, 8pm; $5-$8. Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Rhyme & Verse
4 Poems by Joseph Stroud

Homage to Rolf Jacobsen
The yellow jacket keeps crashing against the pane
trying to get out. All along it's only a matter
of opening the window, finding the words,
and you're out there — in the other, larger world.
To the dead, paradise is the sidewalk you stroll down
looking in windows, humming, stopping for coffee.

The Song of Divorce
Bitter the warmth of sunlight, and bitter the taste of apple,
the song and the stars and wheat fields, bitter the memory,
moonlight, the shine of the lake's surface in morning
like a sheen of pearl, bitter the hummingbird's throat
and gold pollen, all poems and their music, harp wood
and sandalwood, *bitter*, silk sheets, fire, the marriage.

Reading Cavafy Alone in Bed
I, too, remember the past, my room lit by candles,
and the night she entered and touched my face
with her face, with mouth and tongue and lips,
in the orchard night, in the odor of fruit,
her breasts — remember, body? — that room,
remember? — our cries, the flickering candles?

Lazarus in Varanasi
From a pyre on the burning ghat
a corpse slowly sits up in the flames.
As if remembering something
important.
As if to look around one more time.
As if he has something at last to say.
As if there might be a way out of this.

Joseph Stroud, born in 1943, is a California poet who spends half the year in Santa Cruz and the other half in a cabin in the Sierra Nevada. He is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize and a Witter Bynner Fellowship in poetry from the Library of Congress. These poems are from Of This World: New and Selected Poems, *published by Copper Canyon Press in 2009 and reprinted with permission.*



FOOD & DRINK

"Tasting Wealth 9" Wine Smarties host "Fruity and Floral Wine Tasting" with five different wines from around world. Fee includes "nibbles, wines, education." RSVP: 619-955-8884. Wednesday, April 7, 5:30pm; $30. 21 and up. Morgan Run Resort and Club, 5690 Cancha de Golf. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Breakfast with LeBeau Downtown YMCA hosts 49th annual Good Friday breakfast with guest speaker Carol LeBeau, who recently retired from Channel 10. Proceeds benefit Downtown YMCA's youth outreach programs. 619-232-7451. Friday, April 2, 7:30am; $10-$17. Doubletree Hotel San Diego, 7450 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

Don't Resist Timpano! Italian cooking series continues with creation of a timpano, one star of the movie *Big Night.* Participants make pizza dough, add pasta and "secret ingredients" to make dish, plus dessert. 858-449-0222. Tuesday, April 6, 6:30pm; $45. RB Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way, Suite H. (ESCONDIDO)

Healthy and Unforgettable! Vegan San Diego hosts healthy cooking demonstration with "recipes for entertaining every guest at every occasion" presented by "Sister Lang and her friend." Gift bags, food samples. 858-705-3987. Saturday, April 3, noon; free. Logan Heights Library, 811 South 28th Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Roasting and Stewing The "Basic Cooking 101" series continues with exploration of "art of roasting meats." Make a restaurant-quality roasted chicken, learn trick of stewing meats to bring out flavor without overcooking. 858-449-0222. Wednesday, April 7, 6:30pm; $45. RB Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way, Suite H. (ESCONDIDO)

FOR KIDS

"Easter Eggstravaganza" Enjoy a bonnet contest with prizes (10am); games, activities. Egg hunt at 11am. Requested donation: $3. 760-639-6151. Saturday, April 3, 10am. Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive. (VISTA)

"Easter mEGGa Hunt" Eight Easter egg runs, with starts every 30 minutes for age categories for those up to 12 years old, sponsored by City Bible Church. One thousand

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"Just for Kids!" Naturalist DJ Summers leads easy hike for children (and their parents). Craft session at picnic area follows. Bring a snack if you want. 760-839-4680. Friday, April 2, 10am; free. Daley Ranch — La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

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, April 1, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, April 2, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, April 3, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, April 4, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; $3-$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Avian Nature Adventures Kids of all ages (with an adult) learn about various San Diego bird species during class promising songs, specimens, craft, trail walk. 619-582-6261. Tuesday, April 6, 10am and 3pm; Wednesday, April 7, 10am and 3pm; free-$5. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Easter Eggs at the Amusement Park Easter egg hunt for kids, who will be divided into three age categories. Bring a basket. 858-560-4212. Saturday, April 3, 9:30am; free. Boomers San Diego, 6999 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Family Game Night Trek through museum during "one-of-a-kind scavenger hunt" promising "fun-filled adventure." Check-in at welcome desk for step-by-step guide to program (designed for children aged 6-9, though everyone is welcome). 619-233-8792. Thursday, April 1, 4pm. New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Kids at Lux Kids (6-12) invited for guided tour through studio, question-and-answer session with resident artist, sculptor Robert Lobe, hands-on art project. Reservations: 760-436-6611. Saturday, April 3, 10am; free-$20. 6 and up. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Lunch with Bunny Children 2-6 years old invited to visit a "gentle bunny," make some spring crafts. Participants will parade through garden, go on a bunny hunt, enjoy "a rabbit snack." Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x222. Thursday, April 1, 9:30am; $12-$17. 2 and up. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Nature Explorers Linda Hawley leads program for kids of all ages (with adult) to learn about variety of local bird species in class offering specimens of specialized beaks, feet. Bring flashlight for night hike. Meet at campground shade structure. 619-582-6261. Friday, April 2, 7pm; free-$5. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Now for Something Completely Different! Spend "Easter at the Bistro" — no giant bunny suits here — just an old-fashioned egg hunt, Easter brunch items on menu. Egg hunt at 9:30am, with youngest seekers going first; "goodies for the grown-ups hidden in the eggs as well." 760-471-4999. Sunday, April 4, 9:30am; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Pet Pals Kids Club Kids 6-13 have "fun with other animal-loving kids." Required reservations: 619-243-3432. Saturday, April 3, 10am; $15. 6 and up. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Spring Fling Activities for family include "Amazing Easter Scavenger Hunt," Easter egg hunt, face painters, lawn games, demonstrations, performances. Concert by Rockola. 858-735-0989. Saturday, April 3, noon; free. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

GALLERIES

"California Fibers: Liminal Spaces" Reception for exhibition of current work by 16 Southern California fiber and textile artists. View exhibit of weaving, sculpture, basketry, quilting, art-to-wear, mixed media pieces through Sunday, April 25. 619-546-4872. Friday, April 2, 5pm; free. Visions Art







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Quilt Gallery, NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, 2825 Dewey Rd., Suite 100. (POINT LOMA)

"Claiming Our Space" Opening reception for the Art Foundry at New Village Arts, with exhibit of work by all 12 resident artists. Exhibition continues through Saturday, April 17. 760-433-3245. Saturday, April 3, 5:30pm; free. New Village Arts Theatre, 2787-B State Street. (CARLSBAD)

"Move Along, People — Nothing to Feel Here" Exhibition reception, book-release party for third-year master of fine arts candidate Louis M. Schmidt in Visual Arts Facility Gallery (at corner of Russell Drive and Lyman Avenue). 858-822-7755. Friday, April 2, 6pm. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Bold and Loose Brushwork! Opening reception for exhibit of paintings by Catherine Grawin, who is known as a colorist. Closes Saturday, May 1. 760-765-1676. Saturday, April 3, 4pm; free. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, 30352 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

Haiti/Chile Benefit Art Show Opening reception for exhibit of work by Haitian artist Jean Paul and Chilean artist Guillermo Bert, promising Haitian and Chilean food and Haitian music. Sales of artwork from nearly a dozen local artists will also benefit earthquake victims. Show continues through April. 619-436-8312. Friday, April 2, 5pm; Saturday, April 3, 11am. Edgeware Gallery, 4186 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

Paintings by Imaginative Talents Reception for exhibition of new works by San Francisco artist Michael Brennan and San Diego-based painter Robert Treloar. In adjunct gallery, see group show with paintings, sculpture, mixed-media works by Susan Davidoff, Joseph Maruska, Will Robinson, James Shay. Through Sunday, May 30. 858-793-4442. Thursday, April 1, 6pm; free. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery, 415 South Cedros Avenue #160. (SOLANA BEACH)

IN PERSON

"Alternative: The Comedy Show" Thai Rivera of Comedy Central's *Live at Gotham* performs. "Check out some of the funniest LGBT comedians in America." 888-316-0722. Friday, April 2, 8pm; $10. 21 and up. Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard. (HILLCREST)

"Goin' Native: The American Indian Comedy Slam" Show features "legendary comedian Charlie Hill, who began his career on *The Richard Pryor Show*"; Larry Omaha; Pow Wow Comedy Jam members J.R. Redwater, Vaughn Eaglebear, Marc Yaffee, Jim Ruel. Also performing: Seminole Star Search winner Paula Bowers-Sanchez. 619-231-4343. Wednesday, April 7, 9pm; $10-$15. 21 and up. 4th&B, 345 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Superstar!" "Narrated musical Easter drama…for people of all faiths." Show features musical selections from *Jesus Christ Superstar, Godspell,* and *Les Miserables* performed by Roby Warren, Ric Henry, Angel Travis, Jamie Lula. 858-320-0090. Friday, April 2, 7:30pm; $20-$25. Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 5820 Oberlin Drive #108. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

"Why People Believe in God" Get some answers when "An Evolutionist Explains Religion's Incredible Hold on Humanity" presented by Craig A. James, author of *The Religion Virus.* Books available for purchase, signing. 619-335-0206. Saturday, April 3, 2pm; free. South Chula Vista Library, 389 Orange Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Contemporary Fantasy Author Patricia Briggs visits Galaxy to sign *Silver Borne.* 858-268-4747. Wednesday, April 7, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Meet the Kellermans Playwright/author Jesse Kellerman signs *The Executor;* suspense author Jonathan Kellerman signs *Deception: An Alex Delaware Novel.* 858-268-4747. Thursday, April 1, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Open-Mike Night Happy Ron's open mike for all types of performances — music, comedy, poetry, more. 619-299-9360. Sunday, April 4, 7:30pm; free. Java Joe's at Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Poets, INC Featured poet Una Nichols Hynum joined by Seretta Martin for Poets INC (Inland North County) reading. Bring a few poems or short written pieces for open reading to follow. 760-480-4101. Sunday, April 4, 1pm; free. Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Stand-Up Sundays Easter comedy show with entertainment by R.T. Steckel and Esau McGraw, host Aida Rodriguez. 619-708-7975. Sunday, April 4, 8pm; $10. 21 and up. Prospect Bar & Lounge, 1025 Prospect St., Suite 210. (LA JOLLA)

Starring You! San Diego Shakespeare Society hosts open reading of "best scenes from Shakespeare." This time, focus on final scenes from *King Lear.* Anyone can join in, or just listen. 619-232-4855. Tuesday, April 6, 6:45pm. Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House, 835 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Stranger Than Fiction Ruth Simkin, M.D., shares her "story of being wrongfully institutionalized in an American mental hospital" and discusses her new book, *The Jagged Years of Ruthie J.* 858-538-8158. Friday, April 2, 11:30am; free. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Up-and-Coming Comedy "Stress-Free Tuesdays" comedy show by Eric Andre, Karl Hess, Kanisha Buss, host Byron Bowers. No cover before 7:30pm. 888-316-0722. Tuesday, April 6, 7pm; free-$5. 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

LECTURES

Credit Cards: Tools or Traps? Learn to understand credit scores, why they matter; avoid mistakes that lower credit scores; improve credit scores; get out of credit debt; use credit successfully during presentation in conference rooms A and B. One-day parking permit required. 760-757-2121 x7782. Tuesday, April 6, 1:30pm; $1. 18 and up. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

"Crossover Composers" David Amos and Erica Miner of classical radio station XLNC1 examine "different genres in which Beethoven, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky worked." Series begins with look at Ludwig van Beethoven's "Leonore Overture No. 3" and *Florestan*'s act two aria, as well as symphonic and chamber works with similar "heroic" themes. 858-454-5872. Monday, April 5, 7:30pm; $12-$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Loving the Skin You Are In" Scripps La Jolla dermatologist Darrell Gonzales, MD, offers discussion of skin cancer and sun damage prevention, as well as newest procedures, products "to rejuvenate your skin." Registration: 800-727-4777. Thursday, April 1, 6pm; free. Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, 9888 Genesee Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"M2P (The Means to Protect)" "Understanding What Shortens Genocidal Violence" presented by Christian Davenport of University of Notre Dame. What reduces duration of large-scale, state-sponsored mass killing? Consider this question for our time in Eleanor Roosevelt College Administration Building room 115. 858-822-5297. Monday, April 5, noon; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Oil and International Institutions Does abundant wealth from oil and gas impact demand for international institutions? Find out when Erik Voeten of Georgetown University speaks in Social Sciences Building room 104. 858-822-5297. Thursday, April 1, 12:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"The Creation of the Bible: Why We Should Know" Literary review with Reverend Kathleen Owens — the beginnings, Hebrew and Christian Testaments, today. First in three-part series. Donation. 619-298-9978 x8014. Sunday, April 4, 6:30pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"Toss the Turf: Less Water, Less Grass, More Fun!" Vickie Driver presents short course in turf removal. Tips for evaluating soil, tuning up irrigation system, ideas for "a beautiful low-water landscape in lieu of lawn." Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, April 3, 10am; $20-$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Artist Lecture Andy Hunter and Rizzhel Javier plan slide lecture about their artwork for series. 760-757-2121 x6268. Monday, April 5, 10am; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Curator Talk Guillermo Santamarina, chief curator at Museum of Contemporary Art at National Autonomous University of Mexico, talks about "Transurbaniac" exhibition at UCSD's University Art Gallery and artists selected for inclusion. Talk offered in UCSD's Center Hall room 212. Park in Gilman parking structure, walk up hill on Gilman; Center Hall is on right. 858-534-2107. Wednesday, April 7, 6:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Early Child Development Seminar Robert Titzer, creator of the Your Baby Can Read! program, presents "insight into children's brain development and early literacy." How can early learning impact a child's life in academics and beyond? Question and answer follows. RSVP: 949-720-7062. Wednesday, April 7, 7pm; free. Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center, 3557 Monroe Street. (CARLSBAD)

Energy-Saving Measures Sustainability seminar on "Energy-Efficient Upgrades and Energy Star Benchmarking" features Mark Jewell, founder of RealWinWin energy-efficiency consultancy. Explore "most time-efficient and cost-effective approaches to identifying energy-saving measures for your building," more. 800-613-8970. Wednesday, April 7, 7:30am; free. Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

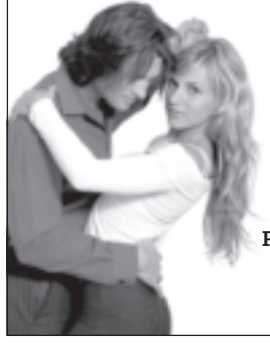
Journalist, Suffragette, Investor, and Philanthropist Molly McClain, USD associate professor of history, explores Ellen Browning Scripps's career as journalist and her social advocacy, emphasizing importance of women in philanthropy for annual humanities lecture. 619-260-4545. Tuesday, April 6, 5:30pm; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

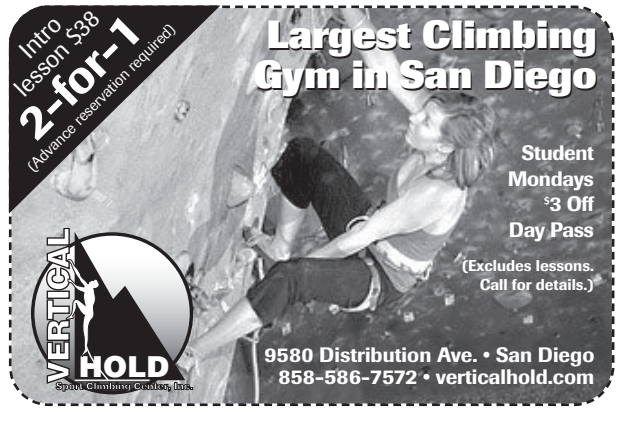
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lating to San Diego's water, focusing on science education in schools." 619-758-7743. Thursday, April 1, 6pm; free. Elementary Institute of Science, 608 51st Street. (ENCANTO)

Suffer from Mental "Writer's Cramp"? Licensed hypnotist Sara Lewis Murre helps writers overcome mental "writer's cramp" by relaxation, suggestion. Learn tips on how to keep writing flowing when Murre addresses Sisters in Crime. All welcome. 760-585-5383. Thursday, April 1, 6:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

Depression and Discrimination Helen Ofield presents "*The Grapes of Wrath* and its Connections to Lemon Grove's 1931 School Desegregation Case" for Lemon Grove Historical Society's "History Alive" lecture series. Steinbeck's book was set in California during Great Depression, "the desperate period that helped to trigger acts of discrimination against Mexican Americans, as in the 1931 case." 619-460-4353. Thursday, April 1, 7pm; free. H. Lee House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive. (LEMON GROVE)

SPORTS

Now Bike This Join Knickerbikers for (roughly) 25-miler starting in La Jolla Strip Club parking lot. Participants decide route, lunch spot (bring money). 619-787-7427. Sunday, April 4, 9am; free. La Jolla Strip Club, 4292 Esplanade Court. (LA JOLLA)

Derby Double Header San Diego Wildfires take on Atlanta Roller Derby, Angel City Derby Girls meet up with Atlanta on flat track. 619-206-9711. Saturday, April 3, 5:15pm; free-$20. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

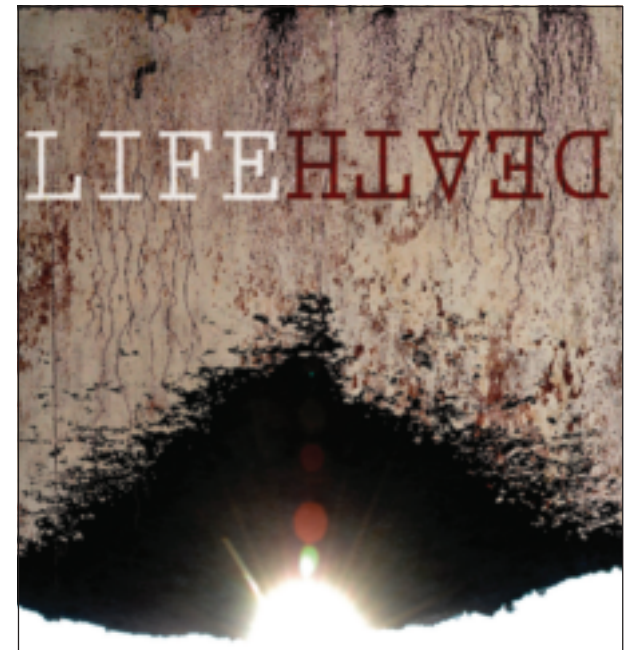
Field Hockey Fun USA Field Hockey hosts AtaHolding Women's World Cup Qualifier. The USA team welcomes "traditional Pan American rivals Canada and Mexico, as well as Korea, Belgium, and France." Three games each day. Tournament winner qualifies for 2010 Women's World Cup in Argentina. 719-866-4339. Thursday, April 1, 10am; Friday, April 2, 10am; Saturday, April 3, 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. Thursday, April 1, 8am; Friday, April 2, 8am; Saturday, April 3, 8am; Sunday, April 4, 8am; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

National Start! Walking Day Put on sneakers, join American Heart Association for trek through downtown. "Brisk walking for just 30 minutes a day has been proven to decrease your risk of stroke, reduce your cholesterol, and lower your blood pressure." Participants receive free lunch from Subway; appearance by Mayor Jerry Sanders, health screenings, live entertainment. 858-410-3849. Wednesday, April 7, noon; free. San Diego Community Concourse, 202 C Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Ride the Fallbrook Hills Join up with San Diego Bicycle Society riders for 75-miler starting in upper parking lot at Third and C. Bring money for deli lunch. 619-561-3846. Sunday, April 4, 8:45am; free. Moonlight Beach, 200 B Street. (ENCINITAS)





Easter Sunrise Service

at The Flower Fields in Carlsbad

Sunday, April 4, 6:30 am

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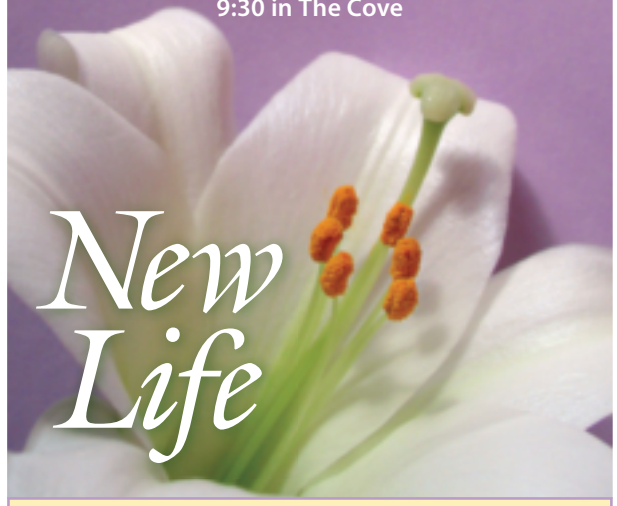
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Holy Thursday · April 1
7:30 p.m. • Communion, Draping of the Cross
Contemporary Singers, hand bells, flute, piano & organ

Good Friday · April 2
12:10 p.m. • Music for meditation at 11:45 a.m.
The Chancel Choir, vocal duet and organ

Easter Vigil Prayer Pilgrimage · April 3
Saturday, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Self-guided interactive journey – all ages

Easter Sunday · April 4
8:00, 9:30, 11 a.m. • The Chancel Choir and organ
The Water's Edge contemporary service
9:30 in The Cove



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LOCAL EVENTS

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum The museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil-drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. 2040 North Santa Fe Ave., 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. 9050 Memory Lane, 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum 1095 Barona Rd., 619-443-7003. (LAKESIDE)

Birch Aquarium at Scripps The "Spring EGGS-travaganza" (running through Sunday, April 4) promises activities highlighting "wonders of reproduction in the sea." Participants see egg-laying marine animals including squids, fishes, sharks. Create a shark egg craft, listen to stories, take party in an activity.

What makes the seahorse a fish, though it doesn't look like one? How do male seahorses get pregnant, give birth? "There's Something About Seahorses" explores biology, adaptations of these creatures. Exhibit includes more than a dozen species of live seahorses and their relatives, including pipefish, shrimpfish, sea dragons. Continues through December 2011.

Facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobbegong sharks. 2300 Expedition Way, 858-534-3474. (LA JOLLA)

California Surf Museum "WOW: Women on Waves," on view through Monday, January 31, 2011, "explores many aspects of feminine wave-riding." Show documents highlights of women's contributions throughout the sport and culture of wave-riding, chronicling beach fashions women endured or created, milestones they hit, and "oft-overlooked influence the feminine mystique has had on surfing." 312 Pier View Way, 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Campo Depot State Highway 94 & Forrest Gate Rd., 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chula Vista Nature Center Interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors use a bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 1000 Gunpowder Point Dr., 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art Why are Navy SEALs called frogmen? Who were some of the streets of Coronado named after? Find out in "Coronado: We Remember," combining stories, historical vignettes of artifacts, photographs, textiles, documents from archives of Coronado Historical Association. Closes Tuesday, June 1.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. 1100 Orange Ave., 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

Flying Leatherneck Museum Museum is dedicated to Marines who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Miramar Road (Marine Corps Air Station), 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Heritage Museum An interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park. 14134 Midland Rd., 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum More than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus. 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West, 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library Museum and library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. 2116 Tavern Rd., 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum Located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. La Mesa Boulevard and Spring St., 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. 258 Beech St., 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Mingei International Museum "Fisch Out of Water — Sea Creatures of Arline Fisch" is the designer craftsman's first major installation. The more than 150 objects crocheted from color-coated copper wire are life-sized re-creations of specific jellyfish species and objects suggesting sea anemones and coral. Fisch is professor of art (emerita) at SDSU, where she founded its program in jewelry and metalsmithing in 1961. Through Sunday, May 16.

"Transformed by Fire" is a career-spanning exhibition of 90 objects by June Schwarcz, considered the nation's premier enamelist. Also on view: "Fifty-Six Chinese Hat Boxes — And One Hat!" Exhibition of 56 Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) hatboxes created to hold officials' hats boasts boxes made of wood, lacquer, paper, leather, all from late 19th or early 20th Century. The hat in question is a summer hat. Both exhibits close Saturday, July 3.

"¡Viva México! — Heroes and Artisans" celebrates 200th anniversary of Mexican independence (1810), the 100th of Mexican revolution (1910), and folk art "that colorfully and vitally expresses the nation's spirit." Exhibit featuring works drawn from Mexico's federal patrimony and from Mingei's collection includes 105 objects on loan from Mexico. Closes Sunday, January 2, 2011.

"Sonabai: Another Way of Seeing" continues through Sunday, September 5. The self-taught artist lived in enforced isolation for 15 years in a remote village in central India, developing an innovative art form that she later taught to other artists. Exhibition includes 33 sculptures by Sonabai and her family as well as 38 works by four artists trained by Sonabai. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla "Pleasure Point: Celebrating 25 Years of Contemporary Collectors" boasts "major highlights of the acquisitions" group has made possible during past 25 years, including works by Tony Oursler, Doris Salcedo, Nancy Rubins. Closes Sunday, May 16. 700 Prospect St., 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

SINGLES









Museum of Making Music "Waves of Inspiration: The Legacy of Moog," on view through Friday, April 30, highlights inventor Bob Moog's career, impact it had on world of music. See rare vintage synthesizers, other related Moog instruments and memorabilia from Bob Moog Archives and private collections. Exhibit explores numerous musicians, engineers, colleagues who played vital roles in evolution of Moog sound. Instruments featured trace history of Moog's work.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. 5790 Armada Dr., 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Oceanside Museum of Art "Plastic Fantastic: Allison Renshaw" explores contrast between McMansions, plastic surgery, and artificiality of high-end living with SD's seaside, weather, and natural beauty. Renshaw's new mixed-media paintings may be seen through Sunday, June 20. "While seemingly random and difficult to decipher, 'Plastic Fantastic' references today's open-source culture of sampling and recycling."

"Honor: Marine Portraits" by Stathis Orphanos offers glimpse into private lives of young Marines. Orphanos was granted "restricted access to Camp Pendleton…to photograph major base activity." Closes Sunday, May 2.

"The Things They Carried: World War II Trench Art," closing Friday, June 4, "offers something tangible to the investigation of the human spirit during times of war." Many objects were created by soldiers from metal and scrap detritus during time in hospital, prisoner camps, or in trenches. Expended artillery shell casings; bullets; shrapnel; ship, tank, and aircraft parts are transformed into "emotionally charged souvenirs such as jewelry, model planes, and personalized cigarette cases and lighters." 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

Olaf Wieghorst Museum Displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghorst and features exhibits of other artists' American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20x20-foot reproduction of Wieghorst's painting *Navajos at Castle Creek,* and original restored home Wieghorst lived in for many years starting in 1945. 131 Rea Ave., 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum Complex of historical buildings includes the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunkhouse, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex. 645 Main St., 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum The 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. 2384 San Diego Ave., 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Museum of Art "Joaquín Torres-García: Constructing Abstraction with Wood" explores work of one of the most influential artists to have emerged from Latin America. Exhibition includes more than 80 wooden constructions, or *maderas,* largely dating from 1920s-1940s, such as small-scale boxes, abstract male and female figures, masks, assemblages. Small selection of Torres-García's oil paintings and drawings accompany show, continuing through Sunday, July 18.

"Brutal Beauty: Drawings by Hugo Crosthwaite" boasts works with an emphasis on figure drawings, said to "reveal the brutal beauty of humanity and demonstrate a keen understanding of the historical tradition of figure drawing." Exhibition features the two Crosthwaite works in museum's permanent collection and several loans from local private collections. During exhibition, Crosthwaite will create a new work to complete this installation, become part of museum's permanent collection. Through Sunday, July 18. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum "Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries" explores world of modern paleontology. Based on American Museum of Natural History's latest dinosaur finds, including an array of feathered dinosaurs, exhibition shows how advanced technology allows scientists to look at fossils in new ways. Exhibit with major fossil finds, computer simulations, life-size models closes Monday, September 6.

See "Fossil Mysteries," a permanent exhibition. From dinosaurs to mastodons, discover the rich fossil history of our region. Current "giant-screen film" is *Ocean Oasis.* 1788 El Prado, 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

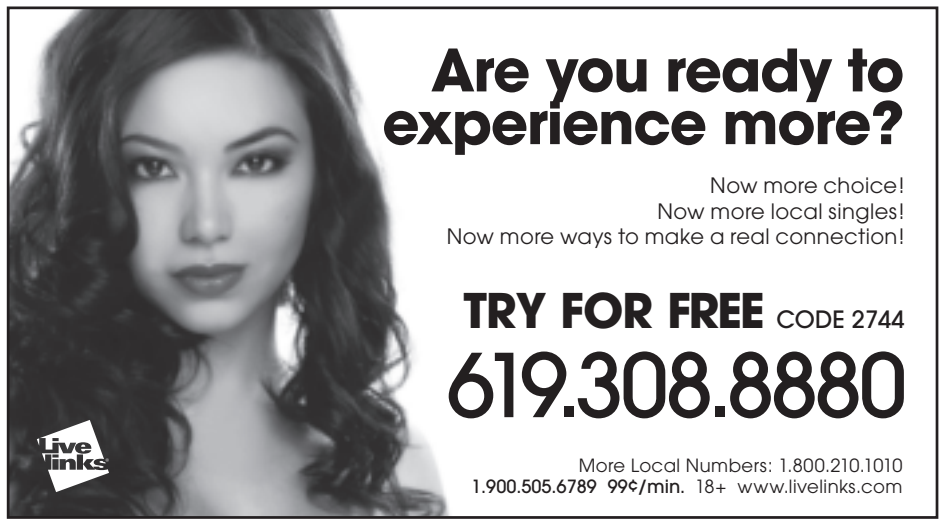
USS *Midway* Museum Permanent exhibits include 25 restored aircraft. Former World War II pilots and other veterans share personal stories with guests in front of a restored SBD Dauntless dive bomber on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays. Navy knot-tying demonstrations and activities for youngsters offered most weekends. Self-guided audio tour narrated by former *Midway* sailors. 910 North Harbor Dr., 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

Veterans Museum and Memorial Center "Japanese Americans in the Military" tells stories of men and women of Japanese descent who have served in U.S. armed forces. Exhibition draws from historical society's photograph and artifact collection. Sections are devoted to Japanese nationals volunteering for service around 1900, heroism of Japanese Americans who served during World War II, stories from home front, differences between segregated armed services and what was later experienced by Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars veterans. Closes Monday, May 31.

Memorial to men and women who served in U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine. Located in the former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel, the museum features original service-inspired stained glass, as well as historical murals painted by Richard DeRosset. Main exhibit hall features displays, exhibits of historic artifacts, documents, photographs, memorabilia, artwork honoring men and women who served. Museum is also home to San Diego Vietnam Peace Memorial and Veterans Memorial Garden. 2115 Park Blvd., 619-239-2300. (BALBOA PARK)

Wells Fargo History Museum Museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House. 2733 San Diego Ave., 619-238-3929. (OLD TOWN)

SINGLES







Early Report: High Dive



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

House-made charcuterie, pickles, and condiments emphasize local ingredients.

DINING REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

The menu calls Quality Social "a bar with food." It'd be more accurate to say "a serious casual eating place with a bar." You could call the menu "pub grub," but that'd be like calling foie gras terrine "chopped liver." It's mainly "blue collar" food uplifted to exigent standards of ingredient-quality and craftsmanship. Had I known how serious the food would be, I'd have waited a few months and come back with a party of six to really wring it out. But the management's faux-cavalier attitude fooled me: I thought a quick scout with a buddy would do it. It won't, and I'll be back, and meanwhile, people looking for good food at relaxed prices in a relaxed atmosphere will get the word that they can find some tasty eats here in this most unlikely setting.

The chef, Jared Van Camp, calls it a "next-generation dive bar." (Sorry, I've sampled enough dive bars to say this ain't one.) It occupies the cavernous 9000-square-foot space at the southeast corner of Sixth Avenue and F Street, previous home to Exy (the lame self-hating Greek restaurant/disco) and before that a nice Nevada-based steakhouse. No exterior signage identifies it; the signs say only "Food" over an X formed by a crossed knife and fork. Currently, the website is one big "help wanted" ad, but the chef responded to an early Chowhound post with "We have an irreverent list of rules about no name-dropping, no tribal tattoos, no douchebags, no star-f#*&ing, no Ed Hardy, no fist-pumping, no disco, no Affliction, no ironic mustaches, no wtf/lol/omg, no shiny shirts." The menu also bears crossed circles indicating "No Bottle Service" and "No Disco." Like, "If you're looking for Stingaree, head south right this minute!" Given the food and the 'tude, it sounds as if it belongs more in North Park than the Gaslamp.

There are two large rooms. At my visit, the right-hand room was dark, illuminated only by a bar against the back wall. The cozier (but still huge) room to the left has a large wraparound bar in the middle, the main source of lighting. Raised black leatherette booths on a low platform line the north wall. That Sunday evening, the barstools were well populated by couples in their 20s or 30s, a hopeful sign for a Social future in this difficult location. "I can't believe it — no flat-screen TVs!" said my buddy Sam. "Even little sushi bars have them now!" My joy at this discovery was unbounded. Nothing ruins a date or a good conversation like TV, even muted — all male eyes are mesmerized, more interested in the stupid sports scores than in possibly "scoring." The sound level's pretty loud, though, even though the music wasn't awful. Seemed to be mainly what Sam called "bad British boys making noise" and dipped into several decades (nearly all post-'60s).

We began with a quartet of raw oysters farm-raised in Carlsbad, perfectly shucked but very salty. I liked the complex sweet-tart house cocktail sauce, which was not much like the conventional ketchupy version. Bacon-wrapped dates (not commercial bacon but house-cured pork belly), stuffed with blue cheese and minced walnuts, are a total treat, rivaling the paragons at Whisknladle. Deviled eggs are truly devilish, dyed red with hot smoked paprika. And "boquerones" prove a manly man's version of the classic Spanish tapa, substituting local sardines for anchovies and curing them in a fiercely acidic mixture so they taste like strong bottled herring.

The house-made charcuterie assortment was the initial attraction for me — because I love pâtés and smoked or cured meats, am awed by the effort it takes to make them, and, especially, because these various meats are the basis of most of the house sandwiches. With a choice of 12, I slanted toward the French selections because (unlike the Italian ones) I know how they're made and how they should taste. The pork pâté *de campagne* (country-style) is classic in fat-to-lean texture, wrapped in thin slices of belly-pork and served atop lightly toasted baguettes thinly

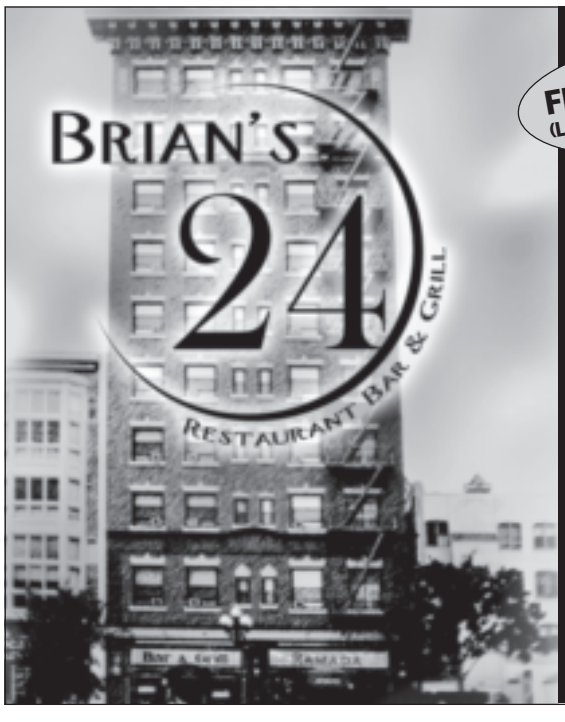
Quality Social
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HOURS: Weekdays 5:00 p.m.–2:00 a.m.; Friday–Saturday 11:00 a.m.–2:00 a.m.; Sundays 11:00 a.m.–midnight.
PRICES: "Bar snacks," $2–$5; house-made charcuterie, $4 ($15/plate of five); artisanal cheeses, $3–$4 ($15/plate of four); starters and light entrées, $6–$15; hotdogs, burgers, sandwiches, $6–$13; sides, $5–$6.
CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Creative, artisanal "pub grub" with mainly local seafood and vegetables, house-made ingredients. Long list of beers and booze, but pitiful choice of wines at present.
PICK HITS: Stuffed dates; pâté *de campagne*; Fisherman's Stew. Good bets: Most of the menu, including local asparagus salad; duck wings; Brandt beef burger "our way" with egg, cheddar, aioli; Chicago-style "our way" house-made hotdog; sandwiches with house-cured meats (e.g., reuben, Italian sub).
NEED TO KNOW: This review is a "scout" rather than a full work-up; many dishes yet untasted. Exterior signs on restaurant say only "Food X." Hip metrosexual ambience. Loud music (rock of ages, though mainly recent), dim lighting except at bar, no TVs, no bottle service, no disco, no "shiny shirts," gobsmacked footballers, women named after booze varieties stronger than sherry, or women named Kardashian. Mainly carnivorous, a few lacto-vegetarian selections.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambience, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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spread with butter and coarse mustard. It has chunks of *cornichon* pickles cooked into it (in France, these are served on the side), along with green peppercorns. The soft, fatty chicken-liver mousse resembled the one I ate recently at Blanca, but for a major technical slipup: livers for mousse are ideally sautéed to a dark rosy pink before they're puréed. Although the interior of the mousse was the proper pink, some of the livers must have been overcooked brown, leaving a faintly bitter, liverish flavor and a gritty texture, calling for a push through an ultra-fine sieve. The potted rillettes were also the texture of mousse (rather than the classic chopped-up meat or poultry). They consisted of shredded mystery-meat (pork? duck?) thoroughly embraced by duck fat.

On the Italian side, I couldn't resist trying the whipped *lardo* ("Italian butter," the menu calls it) spread on toasted baguette croutons — my first chance to fully experience this trendy favorite in quantity enough to learn what it actually tastes like. It tastes utterly delicious — but it's got to be the fattiest fat in the known world. It fills you up in two bites. And later in the night, you crave more. It tastes like…a distilled essence of pork, sweet and friendly, sly and meaty, like no other meat.

As for Finnochiona (more typically spelled with a single *n* in the first syllable), it's a salami flavored with fennel seeds. Served in large, thin rounds, it's fatty, salty, slightly lacy. To my tastes, it really wants an accompaniment of a rich, assertive cheese such as fontina or provolone — or perhaps one of the California goudas on the cheese list. (It must be terrific in the Italian sub sandwich here.) The charcuterie comes with grilled bread and house-made sweet bread-and-butter pickles. We also ordered a "pot of market pickles," which included carrots, beets, green tomatoes, each with a different cure. This seems like an apt-enough moment to mention that each table receives an assortment of a half-dozen house-made condiments poured into empty gourmet beer bottles — coarse mustard, barbecue sauce, ketchup, et al. Can't say I'd know when to use them, since most items seem pretty well condimented in advance.

Had to try a side dish of macaroni and cheese made with stilton blue, cheddar, and gruyère, topped with buttered breadcrumbs. I love mac 'n' cheese and keep seeking a great restaurant version, always encountering disappointments. The blue cheese raised my hopes, the dish itself dashed them — buttery and mild, with gruyère up front and the stronger cheeses suppressed. The pasta is a thick, hearty type (e.g., penne or ziti) and could handle more bite from strong cheese.

For our grand finale, Sam and I shared a wonderful Portuguese Fisherman's Stew that blended hunks of salt cod with shrimp, mussels, Carlsbad clams (which, like the Carlsbad oysters, are very salty), *piquillo* peppers, and minced *chistorra* sausage, all in a lively, thin tomato-based broth, topped with a slab of bread coated with boldly garlicky aioli. We were both pleased by the lightness of the tomato presence and especially by the tenderness of all the seafood.

"I wish I had enough appetite left to try the charred octopus," said Sam, "seeing that the kitchen's good with seafood." "Or the Belgian mussels in ale," I added. But we also wanted the local asparagus salad with "45-minute egg," an indication of slow-poaching *sous-vide*. And we'd love to try the duck wings in *harissa* (Moroccan spice paste) with cucumber-mint *raita*.

The hamburgers are made from semi-free-range, near-local Brandt beef (from Brawley), and "ground daily" is the signal that the meat is probably safe to order pretty rare, indicating no weird, germy ankle-trimmings from Brazil, Bolivia, et al. The "our way" version, dressed with that delicious aioli, includes cheddar, house-made bacon, and a fried egg, plus the usual veggies, As for the hotdogs, they're made from scratch! Served "our way," they're topped Chicago style with pickle relish, onions, tomatoes, and sport peppers.

Among the sandwiches, the BLT is made with pork-belly confit, arugula, fried green tomatoes, and aioli. The reuben has house-made pastrami. The Italian sub has a house-cured *salumi* mixture plus provolone, et al. Even the grilled cheese sounds like grown-up bliss, with Sonoma Cheese Company cheddar on a brioche with a creamy tomato soup "back."

There's also an exciting selection of artisan California cheeses. Only problem: cheeses go best with wines. (Okay, some go with beers or ales.) I've read that somewhere in the realms of darkness here, there are wine vaults — but they're apparently still largely empty. When we asked for a wine list, our waitress dashed to the bar and came back with a handwritten list of four California reds by the glass (including a pink zin), none of which Sam or I had ever heard of. I stuck with weak $10 margaritas, Sam experimented with various artisan beers. I presume that wines are on their way. (I'd also like to suggest that the creative-but-lean cocktail choices expand a bit into tropic trendy-land, e.g., caipirinhas, hurricanes, mojitos, maybe even something silly, like a "Blue Hawaii," which is easy to make and not all that frou-frou. Being a "dive bar" doesn't mean your cocktail list has to echo some godforsaken joint in Lubbock, Texas, circa 1975. I've already done enough Jack back in real dive bars before it was safe to order Chardonnay west of Chicago or east of California. I want fun drinks now, and I don't wear no damn shiny shirts since a long, long time ago.)

In sum: difficult location, good place. Wish they'd taken over South Park Grille instead; that'd be more apropos for the menu and the attitude. "Serious casual food" is an oxymoron, but that's precisely what's happening here. As I said earlier, this was just a scout — Sam and I both want to come back and dive into the burgers, dogs, and sandwiches — but so far we like it lots. ■





Seagull Management

She's the kind of bustling, mothering, chatty gal men love to have fussing over them.

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I feel this warmth in the palm of my hand. Oh, great. It-Bit "Washtub" Boots McGee has just peed into my hand. He's a couple of months old, max. Golden Lab pup. Looks like a wind-up velveteen toy. Belongs to Stinky Pete and his band, who are whackin' out a great song called "Hobo Stew," right here where they're sitting on the sidewalk. Stinky Pete's face is young, but his voice is old — he sounds like Tom Waits. The band? Basically Charlie Baby, a bright gal in a squatty top hat, like the one Justin Timberlake wears, and playing a, yes, saw with a violin bow; and Pete on percussion, tapping an empty penicillin pill bottle that happened to be handy. A piece of blue cardboard in front of them suggests donations: "Fruit, ice cream, tobacco, coffee," or "cool shiny stuff." Did I mention we're in O.B.?

I leave some cool shiny stuff and head for someplace where I can rinse It-Bit off my hand. And also, eat.

I don't have to go far. "Breakfast Specials, served from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.," reads a sign. The place is all blue and white, with "Old Townhouse Family Restaurant" painted on the giant windows. I head inside. You can tell most customers have been coming in for years by the way they sit and talk, sort of like they own the place. Blue booths on the left, cream Formica counter on the right, Tiffany lamps dangling. I head for the washroom first, scrub-a-dub, then come back and hoist myself aboard a counter chair.

Guy in a yellow baseball cap is pouring tomato juice, adds one, two, three shots of vodka, flick of Worcestershire sauce, some pepper, then a stick or two of celery. Hands it to a gent along the counter. Lord. Bloody Mary at 11:00 in the mawnin'? Hair of the dog? Charges $4.25.

"Like one?" says this gal, Caryn.

"Uh, coffee," I say. She brings the coffee urn over and pours. She's the kind of bustly, mothering, chatty gal men love to have fussing over them. I know she'll be back to top me up every second slurp. It's that kind of place.

I'm dog-hungry. Worked three hours already on an empty gut. I check out the big-board comfort-food menu. Breakfast prices start at $4.50 for three eggs, any style, with toast and hash browns. Add ham, bacon, or sausage, and it's $6. Or with a pork chop or a chicken-fried steak, it's $7.75. Pretty good deal. Oh, lookee here…you can get one biscuit with gravy for $3.50. With two eggs, you still pay only $4.25. Omelets, like the bacon, mushroom, and cheese, average $6.50.

Think I'll order me up that BMC omelet. But then I see four specials, just below. They're all $7. Biscuits and eggs, with sausages or bacon. Corned-beef hash and eggs. French toast with three eggs, sausage or bacon, and hash browns. Or three eggs, two pancakes or one waffle, sausages or bacon, and hash browns.

This last one hits the spot. For starters, I'll get to eat a waffle, which I never seem to do. And I can drown everything in syrup. Cholesterol city, but considering the number of buses I run for, I'll use up those carbs by nightfall. So that's what I order.

Oh yes, it's bad. But in the mornings, you're immortal. I do have the eggs poached, and with lots of ketchup. (Don't they claim ketchup's good for you now?) And waffles and pancakes, I've heard, are some of man's oldest forms of bread — if it was good enough for our cave brothers, we're just honoring tradition here.



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You can tell most customers have been coming in for years.

Caryn says that Ted, the Bloody Mary mixer, is the owner, also son of the original owners. Ted says his parents had to learn restauranting on the trot. "They were born in Greece. But they met in Canada. Dad was a highly skilled aircraft mechanic. He came down and worked at Convair during the time of JFK and the space race. It was pretty exciting, but he left because of the bureaucracy. And then he found this place, in 1973. No restaurant experience. Stole menus. Learned how to cook. Somehow made it. Mom's the glue. She still comes in every morning at 6:30 to prep. Old men turn up just to see her. She has fans."

And his dad? "Dad specializes in 'seagull management': he comes in, he shits on everybody, and leaves."

Ted breaks out laughing. "Kidding. He gave us our chance in life. And they're both good to everyone around here. Staff and customers. The homeless, the schools. They won't let us stop that, even though business has been down 10 percent compared with last year. Even though my wife Kathy and I have pretty much taken over now."

And is *he* into seagull management? "Well, I leave my staff alone. My joy is giving our customers a hard time."

Stinky Pete's still playing as I head out for the number 35 bus. Just make it in time. Except, there's a girl getting on ahead of me. *Kerplink, kerplink.* She's paying her bus fare in dimes, 23 of them. I swear it takes her five minutes. 'Course, this is O.B. Nobody minds. ■

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Alpine

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Rd., Alpine, 619-445-9902. Tasteful, ambitious little trattoria with scenic patio dining. The pizzas are outstanding with airy, silken crusts. Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. Expensive.

Baja

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

Big Boy Restaurant Boulevard Agua Caliente #9892, Tijuana, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food and big gringo breakfasts, this Big Boy knock-off draws a cross-section of Baja's big shots. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive.

La Espadaña Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10813, Tijuana, 664-634-1488. This place does great oven-cooked leg of lamb, tasting like wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its juices with oregano. Terrific flame-grilled beefsteaks, too. Moderate.

Mercado Sobre Ruedas Colonia Lucio Blanco (from Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third), Rosarito. This huge flea market materializes every Sunday (morning to mid-afternoon); food booths offer a carnival of authentic dishes like barbecued mutton, savory Jalisco-style goat stew, street tacos. Rock-bottom prices; cash only.

El Rincón del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Tijuana. Kid for breakfast? You scoop the juices and meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey — like deer or buffalo. Inexpensive.

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 664-686-5640. Steak haven with Old West decor. Entrée price includes soup of roast beef juices, beans, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, and a beef-liver medley with any cut of steak you want. Or try the *parrillada,* a multi-meat BBQ sizzling on a tabletop grill. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Tacos el Francés Paseo de Playas de Tijuana #2553, Tijuana. Cisco the cook flaps the cloth open, pulls a tongue out, plonks it on the chopping block. Chop chop chop. Your first cow-tongue quesadilla? Inexpensive.

Vallarta Natural Boulevard Agua Caliente #1252 (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), Tijuana, 664-686-1560. Smoke-free, lacto-ovo-vegetarian haven, making their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, salsas, and wheat-gluten-free fake meats. Wonderful juices, breakfast scrambles, excellent soups like the filling *caldo tlalpeno.* Inexpensive.

Banker's Hill

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Ave., 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open eatery offers a panoramic city view with a casual-chic, romantic ambience and fine modern French cuisine. Expensive.

Inn at the Park 3615 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-291-0999. Despite a touch of mango here, chipotle there, it's the nice, conservative, meat-and-potatoes comfort food that the regulars here prefer. Wilder hits include calamari fritto misto, duck breast, and coconut-lime crème brûlée. Moderate.

Bonita

Romesco 4346 Bonita Rd., Bonita, 619-475-8627. Sophisticated Mexican food, including smoked marlin carpaccio, grilled duck breast, escolar. The whole menu is worth exploring, full of surprising treats. Moderate to expensive.

Carlsbad

Armenian Café 3126 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, but even better are the owner's mom's *kibbe* (nut-filled lamb meatball) and rosewater-scented *kashta lea* dessert. Lovely elevated patio. Moderate-plus.

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. Fresh California cuisine in a luxurious hotel dining room. Moderate to expensive.

Nozomi 3050 Pio Pico Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-7877. Gorgeous Japanese inn–style premises with food ranging from simple *nigiri-zushi* to party rolls to fusion grazing dishes and entrées (including genuine Wagyu beef) and back to Japanese standards. Don't miss the *ankimo* (monkfish liver pâté). Moderate to expensive.

Carmel Valley

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-755-1454. Also 1355 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-233-1422. Flash-cooked steaks of USDA Prime, topped with butter and parsley, are the hallmark of this chain. Side dishes are à la carte. The broiled tomatoes are a delight. Very expensive.

Chula Vista

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 E. H St., Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. This chain prides itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it's adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." Moderate.

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. The tasty happy-hour specials make a visit worth the trip: Have a 1/2-pound hamburger with french fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Inexpensive.

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Down-home dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Inexpensive.

City Heights

African Spice Restaurant 4348 54th St., City Heights, 619-342-5945. Fascinating Somalian food, just seven dollars — as much rice, salad, spaghetti, goat meat, beef, chicken (lamb and tilapia when available) as you can fit in your polystyrene box, along with a banana to break up and mix in, Somali-style. Inexpensive.

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Ave., City Heights, 619-283-4352. The Vietnamese do French baguette sandwiches better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. Inexpensive.

Taste of Africa Cuisine 5241 University Ave., City Heights, 619-583-5788. At this gathering place for Somalis, the cuisine combines African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences, emphasizing fish, lamb, and goat meat. Start with a *fadareshin,* a mixed sampler plate of meats, spaghetti, rice, and veggies. Inexpensive.

College Area

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-229-9050. Classy atmosphere, tame spicing. You'll have to ask for "hot." Chicken *mussaman* is delicious with taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Health treat: *som tum,* green papaya salad. Inexpensive.

Coronado

1500 Ocean 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-522-8490. Modern Cal cuisine with a blissful bay view and superb ingredients, so finely cooked you'll be thrilled to eat your veggies. Expensive.

Café 1134 1134 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-1134. Interesting omelets, salads, and *panini* (e.g., roast beef and bleu-cheese crumbles) from a local reincarnation of a Left Bank café to hang out, chat, think deep thoughts. Inexpensive.

Candelas on the Bay 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-4900. Same serious Mex cuisine as the downtown branch in blissful bayside surroundings, with great happy-hour grazing bargains in the bar. Otherwise expensive.

Costa Azul 1031 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3525. Enjoy people-watching on the patio, with tasty Mexican seafood like coconut crunchy shrimp, swordfish tacos, lobster burritos. Higher priced: flat-iron steak with Gorgonzola, baby back ribs, garlic Mexican shrimp. Inexpensive to expensive.

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Star of India 3860 Valley Centre Dr., Del Mar, 858-792-1111. Also 423 F St., Downtown, 619-234-8000. The lunch buffet can lead you by the nose into Punjabi food. Pick among vegetable *pakora* fritters, eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, *palak paneer* (spinach with curry). Inexpensive to moderate.

Downtown

Bay Café 1050 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-595-1083. If famished at the ferry landing, you can eat decent burgers, good clam chowder, or other basic fare in the bare-bones interior, or tote it upstairs to a serene bay-view terrace. Inexpensive.

Blue Point 565 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-6623. In a handsome, plushy, noisy dining room, pristine seafood and Prime-grade steaks and chops. Expensive.

Brian's 24 828 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-8410. Open 24/7, it has a fabulous peanut butter burger with bacon. Plus a gothic bar with Joan Crawford's heel marks denting it where she danced. And bargain breakfast and lunch specials. Inexpensive to moderate.

Currant Sofia Hotel, 140 W. Broadway, Downtown, 619-702-6309. Parisian-chic brasserie decor with light, seasonal "American brasserie" cuisine that's often uneven but can include a glorious five-onion soup with short ribs and marrow that beats the French classic, and creative desserts to finish with. Moderate to expensive.

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-231-6771. Civilized oasis for tasty "retro" favorites, popular for pre- or post-theater grazing, including lush mussel bisque, creamy crab hash, perfect fried-oyster salad, plus heavy pastas, grilled meats. Moderate to expensive.

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-5818. The pub was handcrafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. There's a fine corned beef and cabbage, plus Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, and grilled fish. Moderate.

The Fish Market 750 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-3474. Additional locations in Solana Beach and Mission Valley. The sushi bar downtown is superb, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. Otherwise, a noisy barn with plain cooking. Moderate to expensive.

Gourmet India 810 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-7967. Rare regional delicacies include appetizers of crunchy *sev poori* (wheat wafers with a fresh spicy topping), *bel poori* (India's railway snack), and Chennai's *uttapam*, pancakes. Entrées include *mirchi tikka*, tender tandoori chicken steeped in spicy lime-juice marinade. Moderate.

Grant Grill 326 Broadway, Downtown, 619-744-2077. Now thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup) with nods to the "slow food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce. Very expensive.

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Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus and Horseradish Cream, Herb-Roasted Leg of Spring Lamb with Natural Jus Lie and Mint Sauce, Bourbon-Glazed Ham with Orange Currant Sauce
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Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Dr., Downtown, 619-298-6802. Amazing bay-view venue with delicious steaks and roast beefs, plus chef Deborah Scott's creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Very expensive.

Kansas City Barbecue 610 W. Market St., Downtown, 619-231-9680. The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are smoky, cooked over an oak-fueled fire, although some diners complain of toughness. Good happy-hour deals. Inexpensive to moderate.

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine sometimes shares the same chefs and serves the repertory of "northern Indian cuisine made easy." Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 pm.

Nobu 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-814-4124. Imaginative Japanese-based fusion from international celeb chef Nobu Matsuhita, ranging from miso soup and classic sushi to moderate-priced Nihon-Peruvian grazes to caviar-topped tartares and Wagyu beef (at "market price," meaning "if you have to ask…"). No reservations for sushi bar. Upper-moderate to expensive.

Sally's Seafood on the Water One Market Place at Manchester Grand Hyatt, Downtown, 619-358-6740. Great view, and an appetizer sampler makes delicious grazing, as does a raw tuna and salmon Napoleon. Black cod with miso-orange broth is a sensuous entrée. Expensive.

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Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-4194. Credible Creole cooking in airy café. Sandwiches include an outstanding oyster po' boy (big juicy oysters, light batter) and a fine, fully packed approximation of a muffaletta. The jambalaya is okay, too. Inexpensive.

Stingaree 454 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-544-0867. The Mediterranean food, sized for grazing or gourmandizing, features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic vegetables, served in a glitzy, clubby setting. Very expensive, but special three-course menu is just $40.

Top of the Market 750 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Expensive.

East Village

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar 410 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-531-8869. Hipster atmosphere, late-night hours, and thin-crust Connecticut pizzas, which include toppings like mashed potato with bacon and cheese, or Little Neck clams. Inexpensive.

Café Chloe 721 Ninth Ave., East Village, 619-232-3242. Parisian atmosphere, creative cooking, e.g., breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle beurre blanc. Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include lavender lemonade, root beers, an intelligent wine list. Moderate.

Cowboy Star Restaurant and Butcher Shop 640 Tenth Ave., East Village, 619-450-5880. A Western-themed restaurant specializing in great steaks and game meats, where the food is as good as the decor, and the decor is more fun than a rodeo clown. Expensive.

The Mission 1250 J St., East Village, 619-232-7662. Also 2801 University Ave., North Park, 619-220-8992. Eco-conscious big breakfasts and Chino-Latino lunches in arty surroundings are halfway between health nut and old-time diner fare. Great eye-opener: bounteous chicken-apple sausage and egg platter. Inexpensive.

Salad Style 807 F St., East Village, 619-255-6731. Original salad concoctions for lunch include Scott's Grilled Skirt Steak, with organic greens, tomatoes, smoky mushrooms, hearts of palm, bleu cheese, red meat. The Totally Vegan, a golden volcano of quinoa and snowy tofu slabs, should be in a gallery. Inexpensive to moderate.

El Cajon

Chen's Golden Palace 530 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-442-2541. A Lao-Chinese family serves mostly basic Chinese cuisine, plus a few Southeast Asian dishes like Thai spicy shrimp noodles — and good fish 'n' chips. Inexpensive.

Palms Family Restaurant 1255 E. Main St., El Cajon. Traditional Middle Eastern eatery and social center for Iraqis, Syrians. Which means excellent food, especially appetizers like eggplant and tabbouleh. Mideast videos. Inexpensive.

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage), smoky but uneven in texture. Good fried catfish, fried green tomatoes, ham breakfast. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Encinitas

El Callejon Restaurant 345 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. Great atmosphere in a hacienda with multiple rooms and patio spaces, serving zesty mainland Mexican cooking with unusual dishes like shrimp *zarandeados* with sauce of chiles, beef in cilantro sauce, and a *parrillada* (mixed grill) to serve two. Moderate.

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Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlán 290 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Also 248 Main St., Vista, 760-758-4531. The food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlán, a small city near Guadalajara. Their specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up by the plate or by the pound. Open late weekends. Inexpensive.

Kealani's 137 W. D St., Encinitas, 760-942-5642. At any hour the food is Hawaiian "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig — zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork. Inexpensive.

The Original 101 Diner 552 First St., Encinitas, 760-753-2123. The down-home cooking includes all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top-sirloin steak and eggs. A bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo, or try spinach salad. Inexpensive.

Vigilucci's Ristorante & Pizzeria 505 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. Also in Carlsbad, Coronado, Oceanside, and La Jolla. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni), the staff spirited. Pastas moderate, entrées expensive.

Escondido

Centre City Café 2680 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-489-6011. Classic American fare, including exemplary chicken-fried steak with a crackly crust and smooth, peppery cream gravy. USDA Choice steaks offered at rock-bottom prices. Huge portions, low prices.

O-Nami North County Fair, 240 E. Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. Also Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North, 619-295-9774. These Japanese buffets offer fresh, artful dishes, including *sunomono* (cucumber salad), teriyakis, sashimis, and sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll, tempura shrimp, guacamole roll, veggies, green tea ice cream. Moderate.

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-740-5963. Recipes are from all of Europe for breads with great textures and depths of flavor. A treat: breakfast on the front porch with cup of espresso and scones. Inexpensive.

Sand Crab Café 2229 Micro Pl., Escondido, 760-480-2722. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked in a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Margarine's the dip, but you can BYO butter and they'll melt it. Inexpensive to moderate.

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Golden Hill

Krakatoa 1128 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. Ghost-ridden coffee house and neighborhood hangout offers garden seating and light eating, mainly breakfast or lunch sandwiches named after the volcanoes of the world (get it?). Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth St., Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. A narrow, ever-crowded room with a long menu offering a familiar regional Italian potpourri, including reliable veal in a brandy cream sauce, "straw and hay" pesto pasta, shellfish pasta. Moderate.

Baja Betty's 1421 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-269-8510. Extensive cocktail, margarita, and tequila list and regular Cal-Mex food in a lively atmosphere. Inexpensive to moderate.

Bombay Exotic Cuisine of India 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here — lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads and meats, rich and complex but mildly seasoned. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-5555. Moderate.

Ciro's Pizzeria 1202 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-296-2476. Also 534 Market St., Downtown, 619-696-0405. This small pizza parlor has that "back East" feel about it: old-time photos of baseball fields, New York City. Best combo: chicken bacon pesto. Inexpensive.

Jimmy Carter's Café 3172 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery at the edge of Balboa Park has Indian breakfasts — try chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal,* and chutneys). Good Mexican and decent Chinese food, too. Inexpensive.

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. In Chef Deborah Scott's cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest. Good choices include mussels in chipotle cream sauce; spicy, sweet-sour layered jerk chicken; and the signature Skirts on Fire — a tender, grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Extremely noisy. Moderate.

La Posta de Acapulco 3980 Third Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. Several San Diego locations. The carne asada burritos are rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with carne asada. Inexpensive.

Saigon on Fifth 3900 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-220-8828. Urbane, French-tinged cuisine of colonial-era Saigon and Hue. Distinctive house specialties include a smoked oyster omelet, coconut shrimp served in the coconut shell, and *bún,* a refreshing spicy noodle salad. Low-moderate.

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Find standard Americanized Szechuan-Mandarin fare. Want spicy? Ask for heat. Tangy, crisp Szechuan garlic shrimp tops the 12 house specialties for good reason. Szechuan orange fish is also recommended. Inexpensive to moderate.

Imperial Beach

Lydia's Café and Nightclub 1628 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. Easygoing dancing/eatery (since 1957) offers sporadically available entrée platter of *birría en su jugo* (goat in its juices) and filling snacks like taquitos *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream). Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

China Max 4698 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. Local Asians flock here for authentic Hong Kong cooking, including seafood in live tanks (black cod, Dungeness crab, abalone), dim sum daily, superb Peking Duck. Even homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Inexpensive to exorbitant, mainly moderate.

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant 3709 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Among the best Chinese restaurants in the county, local Asians go here for family dinners, dim sum, and Hong Kong specialties. Mainly moderate, with splurges like live fish and Peking duck balanced by down-home dishes. Inexpensive.

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Additional locations in Poway, Encinitas, and Vista. The Apple Pancake is a batter-filled, five-egg puffed-up paradise with slices from two Granny Smith apples. The German Pancake or Dutch Baby are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the filling mushroom omelet. Inexpensive.

Suzuya Japanese BBQ 5447 Kearny Villa Rd., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-0611. Japanese BBQ — called *yakiniku,* similar to Korean BBQ (minus the free side dishes) — offers cook-it-yourself over tabletop grills. Kobe boneless short ribs and tongue are the superstars here. Japanese tapas, noodles, tempura, etc. fill out the bill. Inexpensive.

Tofu House 4646 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. Korean tofu dishes, flavorful and healthy, but with meat, too. Try *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Inexpensive.

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-488-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Inexpensive.

Kensington-Talmadge

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for seasonal California cuisine. Early-bird three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate to expensive.

La Jolla

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Bl., La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Great Cove view, with best food at breakfast/brunch: Coast Toast, the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with orange flavor. Coffee is excellent. Moderate to expensive.

La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Solid food, like the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian stout) or the roasted potato. Best of all, the hefty, low-cholesterol buffalo burger. Inexpensive to moderate.

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Moderate.

Pannikin Coffee & Tea 7467 Girard Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Additional locations in Del Mar and Encinitas. Cute cottage decor. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and breakfast burrito. For lunch try chicken curry or fresh, generous "pannwiches" like ham or tuna. Inexpensive.

Tapenade 7612 Fay Ave., La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Major French chef Jean-Michel Diot presides at this bistro featuring sunny Provençal flavors, where the dishes balance creativity and rigorous technique. Some bargain early-bird dinners. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive (and worth it).

Whisknladle 1044 Wall St., La Jolla, 858-551-7575. This kitchen bakes its own bread and makes charcuterie/salumi from scratch. Among the pleasures are roasted bone marrow, chorizo-and-date fritters, pristine "simply grilled" sustainable fish, and delicate *panna cotta.* Moderate to expensive.

La Mesa

Johnny B's 4728 Fourth St., La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real '50s place with burgers and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. On Sundays (1 to 7pm only), their ten-ounce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat. Inexpensive.

Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-433-0180. Comfort food in generous quantities. All the omelets are four-eggers, with sides like biscuits and gravy. Evening meals include meat loaf, liver and onions, stuffed pork chops, whole (head-on) fish. Inexpensive.

Mystic Grill and Bakery 6990 University Avenue (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-461-1985. Former pizza joint now offers exciting Middle Eastern revelations. Top ingredients (Halal Prime beef, fresh baby chickens) and skilled



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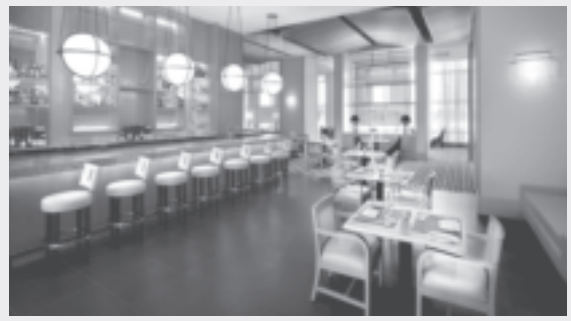
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cooking from scratch create flawless falafel, thrilling *kibbe* (Mediterranean schnitzel), lemony spinach pie, sensitively grilled seafood and *shawarma*, and sublime desserts. (Also basic takeout pizzas.) No alcohol. Inexpensive.

West Coast Barbecue 6126 Lake Murray Bl., La Mesa, 619-462-3663. Pit-smoked Texas-style "Q," but more like the Bushes of Crawford than the soulful South. Best bets are full-flavored ribs, chicken wings, and authentic Texas bean-free chili with classic fixins. Low-moderate.

Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Café 6792 University Ave., La Mesa, 619-582-4024. A bike museum with food offers tasty toasted *panini* and cold sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Leucadia

The Calypso Café 576 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. The cuisine is French, ranging from warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. Mussels are the specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Upper-moderate.

Linda Vista

Sab-E-Lee 2405 Ulric St., Linda Vista, 858-650-6868. Tiny eatery serving authentic, fiery, fabulous food from northeast Thailand, as spicy as you want. Don't miss onion-rich *tom yum* soup or amazing liver salad. Look for "Linda Vista Food" awning. Cash only, BYO, no reservations, waits at primetime. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Anthology 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. User-friendly, modern-American cuisine (local produce, natural meats, wonderful breads) in huge, chic jazz nightclub. Expensive on up, if you drink anything but tap water.

Logan Heights

La Doña 1784 Newton Ave., Logan Heights, 619-233-4939. This historic café serves home cooking, Mexican style, with super-spicy salsa and meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans, *chicharrones, pozole,* and menudo. Inexpensive.

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main St., Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Several San Diego locations. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. Inexpensive.

Midway District

Hancock Street Café 3354 Hancock St., Midway District, 619-296-2060. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll throw in a bottle of red wine. Inexpensive.

Mardi Gras Café 3185 Midway Dr., Midway District, 619-223-5501. N'awlins-style food to eat in, to go, or to have catered at your party. Deli-grocery also sells the ingredients, including ready-made roux, Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage in season. Inexpensive.

Mira Mesa

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. Hospitable chef-owner Kim Trang makes excellent *pho bo* (beef noodle soup) but also offers hundreds of other items, all cooked home style. Inexpensive.

Miramar

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Rd., Miramar, 858-695-6229. Vegetarian cuisine of South India, centering on stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp, crepe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams.* (Try the last with the delicious, not-too-spicy chili-onion stuffing.) Inexpensive.

Super Buffet 8998 Miramar Rd., Miramar, 858-566-1888. Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays.* The fresh sashimi — such as salmon or tuna — is scrumptious. Don't miss the chicken feet. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

Jake's Tiki Bar at Mission Bay Deli 1548 Quivira Way, Mission Beach, 619-223-5056. This everyday deli does the usual sandwiches, burgers, and dogs for boatyard crews — but on Sunday afternoon don't miss the scene at the palapa with beer and live music. It's one of this town's best-kept secrets. Deli daily till dusk. Inexpensive.

Saska's & Saska's Sushi 3768 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. Service till midnight or later. Moderate.

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Rd., Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy fish 'n' chips platter. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Izakaya Masa 928 Ft. Stockton Dr., Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. Friendly spot serves interesting Japanese tapas. Among the hits: crunchy, spicy *chuka kurage* (jellyfish salad); fried oysters (*kaki*); ethereal fried tofu in broth; and *kara-age* (spicy fried chicken). Inexpensive to moderate.

Saffron Thai Grilled Chicken 3731 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-0177. Saffron Noodles and Saté is sit-down, all about Thai noodles and saté. Next door, take-out only, owner Su-Mei Yu serves skewered grilled chicken marinated in garlic, ginger, and spices. Delicious green curry, too. Inexpensive.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. English pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing). Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

All American Grill 7510 Hazard Center Dr., Mission Valley, 619-296-9600. This huge indoor-outdoor sports pub offers genuinely good food from a wood-fired oven and grill. The gifted chef highlights seasonal American ingredients (many local) in creative mini-pizzas, grazes, hearty entrées, smart desserts. Muted TV's sound turns on for game Sundays. Low moderate.

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. Or try the Bully Burger, French dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Ikea Restaurant 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166. Healthy Swedish food amidst Nordic housewares: meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. Inexpensive.

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. Generously sized entrées come with soup or salad and two hefty side dishes. The menu changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Moderate.

National City

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-474-5546. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut) and *tom yum* (hot and sour), are good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

McDini's 105 E. 8th St., National City, 619-474-6771. Open continuously since 1890 in various locations, now under a new owner who spiffed up the room. The eats are hearty diner-style food like Irish breakfasts, meat loaf sandwiches, roast beef. Inexpensive to moderate.

Normal Heights

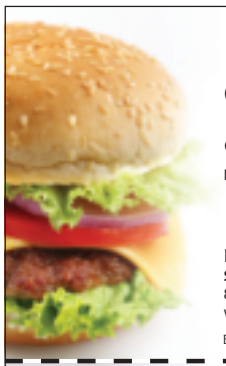
Jyoti Bihanga 3351 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Bengali-tinged vegetarian health food from Sri Chinmoy devotees can be delicious. Chutney-topped Neatloaf bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, Infinite Blue (brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing). Inexpensive.

North Park

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th St., North Park, 619-295-1720. The ultimate is Lefty's "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, 8-pound monster that needs one hour "make and bake" time. They do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

The Linkery 3794 30th St., North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. The focus is on sausages. Some of the best include the juicy "super bison Mexi-dog," the linguisa, and the Polynesian pork. Moderate.

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-297-4007. Georgian food sings with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. Don't miss the world-beat-



10% off entire bill, anytime

Not valid with any other offer.

Bangin' Burgers
San Diego: 7070 Miramar Rd.
858-578-8000
www.bangin-burgers.com

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Two sushi rolls $7.25

Sixteen pieces of sushi. Choose from ten rolls. Dine-in only. Cannot be used with any other offers.

Jump Tokyo Sushi House
Mission Valley: 10450 Friars Rd. Ste. R • 619-280-4043

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free burrito

Buy a Monster Burrito at regular price and receive any burrito of equal or lesser value free! Valid at San Diego County locations only. One coupon per customer. Not valid with any other offer.

Los Primos
Visit **losprimosmexicanfood.com** to find a location near you!

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Thai dinner for two $20

Pick one appetizer and two entrées. Served all day. Ask for menu options. Not valid with any other offer. Some restrictions.

Basil Thai
College: 5157 College Ave.
619-582-THAI
La Mesa: 8680 Navajo Rd. #104
619-460-THAI

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Thai entrée

Purchase one dinner entrée and two beverages, get a second dinner entrée of equal or lesser value free. Maximum value $10.95. Dine-in only. Some restrictions.

Taste of Thai
Del Mar: 15770 San Andres Dr.
858-793-9695
Hillcrest: 527 University Ave.
619-291-7525

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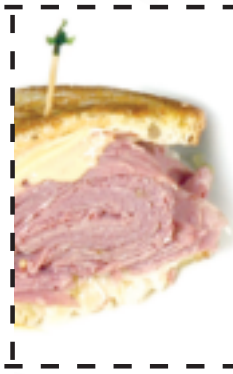


$7.99 Indian lunch buffet

11 am-3 pm. Reg. price $8.99. Limit one per customer. Buffet includes Paneer Tikka Masala, Tandoor Chicken, Beef Boti, Naan and more.

Village Indian Cuisine
San Diego:
9187 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
858-874-3663

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free NY style deli entrée

With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Some restrictions.

Elijah's Restaurant
La Jolla: 8861 Villa La Jolla Dr.
858-455-1461

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free 12" cheese pizza

With purchase of large pizza at the regular price of $15. Not valid with any other offer. Valid with coupon only. Some restrictions.

Pizza Pronto
La Jolla: 7556 Fay Ave.
888-895-5606

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Lunch $5.99
Dinner $8.99

All-You-Can-Eat
Limit up to 4 people per coupon. Not valid with any other discount. Clairemont location only.

VIP Oriental Buffet
San Diego:
5541 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
(In Madison Sq. Plaza, west of 805)
858-571-8473

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Extreme Pizza

Buy one pizza and get a second pizza for 50% off.

Extreme Pizza
La Jolla: 834 Kline St.
866-264-0533
Pt. Loma: 3555 Rosecrans #114
866-243-9746

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free French or Italian entrée

with purchase of second entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Cannot be combined with other offers or specials.

Babbo Grande
University Heights: 1731 University Ave. • 619-269-8038

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free mini yogurt

with purchase of $3 or more. Toppings not included. No stamp cards. Originals only accepted. One coupon per customer. Not valid with any other offers.

Paradise Yogurt
Mission Valley: 5664 Mission Center Rd. • 619-295-9648

Expires 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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

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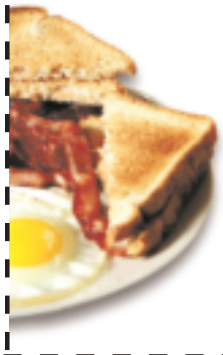


Free Sizzler entrée

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 4-22-10 • 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

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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 4-22-10 • 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. #105 • 619-280-4048

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free special sushi roll

Buy one special roll and get a second of equal or lesser value free.

Our special rolls include the rainbow roll, fire roll, caterpillar roll and more!

Convoy Sushi & Fish Market
Kearny Mesa: 7905 Engineer Rd.
858-634-3233

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



$1 off Indian buffet

Limit one per customer.

Sher Punjab Indian Cuisine
Mira Mesa: 9254 Scranton Rd.
Ste. 102 • 858-458-2858

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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 4-22-10 • 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

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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 4-22-10 • 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.
619-660-7362

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Italian dinner for two $16.95

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

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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

Expires 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



$11.99 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Nigiri & Sushi rolls

23 nigiri and 36 sushi rolls to choose from.

Sushihana
San Diego: 9869 Carmel Mtn. Rd.
858-484-5300

Expires 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Two Sunday champagne brunches $20.95

Includes champagne, mimosas, coffee or orange juice. Some restrictions.

Murrieta's Fine Mexican Food
Bonita: 5170 Bonita Rd.
619-479-8024

Expires 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • 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 4-22-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

ing beefy, herb-jungle borscht, the lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout. Moderate.

The Ritual Tavern 4095 30th St., North Park, 619-283-1618. A quiet, civilized tavern serving Niman meats, Jidori chicken, locally grown organic vegetables, and a mouth-filling, étouffée-thick Saddlebrush (Yankee) gumbo that's not remotely Cajun or Creole (it's got carrots but no okra or filé). Moderate.

Sicilian Thing Pizza 4046 30th St., North Park, 619-282-3000. Sicilian-style pizzas are inch-thick, bready, but lighter than Chicago deep dish. When you order, they add sauce, cheese, and put it back in the oven to double cook. Open late. Inexpensive.

El Sol Mexican Restaurant 2037 University Ave., North Park, 619-298-0874. Miguel "Nacho" Madera does breakfasts and Mexican food, including seafood (ceviche tostada is great). But if you want *the* burger, ask for his Clintonburger with cheese and bacon. Inexpensive.

Ocean Beach

3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro 2265 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Also 897 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-942-2104. Eclectic dishes designed to go with wine until late evening, with bottles a pittance over retail. Low-moderate.

Portugalia 4839 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. The menu is split between the homeland and Brazil, including coconut-milk-swathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia rarely found locally. Enjoy salt cod fritters, fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp, codfish with chickpeas. Moderate.

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Bl., Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also 3910 30th St., North Park, 619-574-1288. Healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in a tropical setting. A big plus: zero attitude. Top picks are the seafood dishes and the house-made mole sauce with a zillion ingredients. Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-0124. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced over salad, and the gyros mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials and meaty burgers. Inexpensive.

Old Town



El Agave 2304 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-220-0692. Serious Mexican food highlighting mainland regional cuisines, including five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas). Moderate.

Pacific Beach

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. Try the Road Kill sandwich (grilled chicken breast with hot sauce and cheese) or the huge, baroque Aussie Burger. Inexpensive.

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475-C Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. Tempting dishes delivered to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. The sushi chefs have the panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls and spider rolls are tasty too. Inexpensive to moderate.

Karinya Thai 825 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. Try *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup), a meal in itself served over a charcoal fire at your table, or *pad talay,* sautéed seafoods in spicy sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont St., Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. P.B.'s most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold Mex/Asian/Cajun flavors. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. Moderate.

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí,* the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast, adding your choices of granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces. Inexpensive.

Point Loma

The Pearl 1410 Rosecrans St., Point Loma, 619-226-6100. The fare is California-eclectic and emphasizes grazing, with local produce and sustainable meat and fish. Candied pork belly, "deconstructed" shrimp nachos, wings du jour, and salmon with skin are among the hits. Moderate.

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-223-3030. Vintage waterside eatery serves seafood and steaks of uneven quality. Start with clams on the half-shell or clam chowder. Coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure; finfish fare less well. Low-moderate.

Solare Ristorante Lounge 2820 Roosevelt Rd., NTC Promenade, Point Loma, 619-270-9670. Northern Italian cuisine with Asian-fusion touches like a sea bream carpaccio with lychees. The chef cooks from scratch with mainly local or organic ingredients, including Brandt beef. Pastas moderate, entrées expensive.

Solana Beach

California Pizza Kitchen 437 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999. Additional locations in Mission Valley, Carmel Mountain, University City, Vista, Chula Vista. The Original BBQ Chicken Pizza, the chain's first hit, is their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. Inexpensive to moderate.

Fidel's Little Mexico 749 Genevieve and 607 Valley Avenue (two entrances), Solana Beach, 858-755-5292. Old-line place where the Del Mar race crowd goes for a "safe" Mexican experience. Yet, alluring. Look for happy hour deals. One fat taco will almost fill you up. Inexpensive to moderate.

Sorrento Valley

Corner House Café & Pizzeria 11815 Sorrento Valley Rd., Sorrento Valley, 858-755-3183. You lunch outside in country-style gardens, hidden inside a glossy business park. Sandwiches reign: try the Ironman (chicken, avocado, cheese) or Sorrento's Choice (turkey, cream cheese, sunflower seeds). Sophisticated pastas, too. Inexpensive.



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- *Eggs Benedict until 12 noon*
- *Chicken Cordon Bleu after 12 noon*
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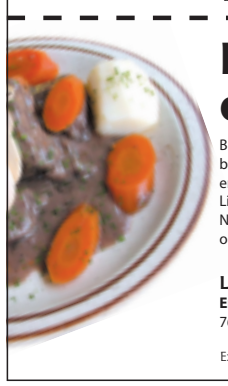


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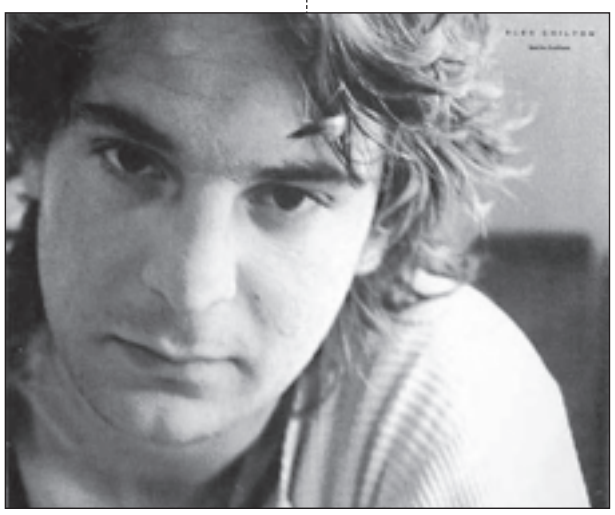
Mike and Mike's Music Site Frogger Dogger is the name of a new music blog, and from the outset, one gets the sense that its content providers, three ex–music writers from the *Union-Tribune,* are on something of a crusade. "Where music still matters," announces the blog's masthead.

David Coddon, T. Michael Crowell, and Michael Kinsman, all 25-year-plus *U-T* veterans, were laid off in recent years during the newspaper's presale downsizing. This February, Crowell and Kinsman launched Frogger Dogger. Crowell says that David Coddon joined the team later.

"We have our own niches," says Kinsman, who also produced the now-defunct San Diego Blues Festival. "I do blues, roots rock, and '60s rock. Mike Crowell covers jazz and Americana. David Coddon covers classic rock and singer-songwriter things."

A quick perusal of recent posts turns up a remembrance of Rory Gallagher's debut album, an Alex Chilton obit, a plug for blues guitarist Nathan James, and stories about Nick Curran, the Monterey Jazz All-Stars, and a rereview of Weather Report's *Heavy Weather.*

"It's not something," admits Kinsman, "that's gonna have a real broad readership." Later he says, "It's a quirky site. There's no agenda. There's no editor. There's no one calling the shots. Contributors write whatever, and Mike [Crowell] and I read them over."



FROGGER DOGGER PAID TIMELY RESPECT TO ALEX CHILTON

But, Frogger Dogger? "It's a name my daughter calls our dog," Crowell says. "We both wanted a name that was fun and not literal…not 'Mike and Mike's Music Blog.' "

Their collective eye, he says, is focused on an older demographic. "That's who we are. That's who we want to write to. That's what we want to write about." He says the content is weighted toward what he calls legacy artists. "But we're looking at pop artists, too. Fountains of Wayne," he says. "That's a great little band that's been around a long time." Crowell says they are not genre-phobes. "We're just looking for good music that appeals to us."

Kinsman says they plan to post interactive content that would award prizes such as tickets to upcoming shows.

"That way," he says, "clubs are going to want to drive traffic to us." He says they are talking to clubs now but doesn't want to spill the beans prematurely on which ones they are negotiating with. "We haven't approached them all, frankly because we don't know what we have. We just want to write it and see what it becomes, what it feels like, and then go from there."

You can check out Mike and Mike's music blog at *froggerdogger.com.*

— Dave Good

Apes Break Out The Apes of Wrath just returned from South by Southwest, calling the four-day music festival in Austin, Texas, "overwhelming, daunting, and extremely exciting all at the same time. Watching so many sets of music paired with playing our own set over and over has really helped [us] see ourselves outside of ourselves.

"In San Diego, it's really easy to fall into playing the same local venues since they are all so awesome," says Robert Kent. "We could happily play at the Soda Bar, Tower Bar, Ken Club, Beauty Bar, and Casbah circuit for all of our friends for forever, but over the past year we have finally ventured out.… With the way-overdue release of this album, we have something to take on the road with us that represents the past two years of writing. Some songs are as much as two years old, and others were written just before we went in to record as a three-piece."

"This last period of change for the Apes has been really emotional and exciting," says Jake Bankhead. "We have embraced a simplified songwriting approach yet kept our energy.… The new sound is more concise and has a strong punk energy, but the melodies and dynamics are still there."



TRIO GOT SIMPLER BUT STILL GOING APESHIT

"Less is more has been the mantra for a while now," continues Kent, "but it is definitely not how we started out. It is fun to challenge ourselves to write tricky arrangements and extensive riffage, but we've all come to agree that there is something special about bands who can quell the fire of technical ability with tasteful restraint and stick to themes in a song. We are still learning how to do this and find it much more challenging, but progress is being made.… All in all, the new sound of Apes of Wrath is not drastically changing again, but we are definitely exploring new territory constantly to keep things fresh."

The Apes are transplants who met in SD and have been together for three years. Robert Kent (lead vocals/guitar/bass) is from Irvine, CA. Jake Bankhead (bass/backing vocals/guitar) is from Atlanta, GA. Dustin Elliott (drums/backing vocals) is from Vienna, Austria.

The Apes of Wrath are touring the West Coast this May with Hotel St. George.

Album release is this Saturday, April 3, at the Ken Club. Ten dollars gets you admission and the new full-length.

— Chad Deal

Da Bears Remodel da Den One year after Da Bears lost four of its six members, what they refer to as a "total band transformation," the San Diego surf-pop act says their metamorphosis is nearly complete. During the past year, the two founding members (guitarist-vocalist Ryan Solomon and guitarist E.J. Binns) scoured the city in search of

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the missing pieces. They finally found those people in bassist Justin Smith, guitarist Trung Ngo, and pianist Garrett Irving. "It's been crazy," said Binns during a March 18 phone interview. "There's always people to play with, but finding the people you *want* to play with and are ready to tour is tough."



PHOTOGRAPH BY WES MITCHELL

NO REST FOR THIS SLOTH (DA BEARS)

While most of the pieces are in place, the band's search for the right drummer hasn't been as productive. "Drummers from San Diego can be a bit sketchy sometimes. They can't seem to sit for too long."

Without a permanent drummer, they haven't played a show since January, and recording their new EP and upcoming split 7″ with San Diego art-punkers the Apes of Wrath has been difficult. So far, the band has used four different drummers as well as an electronic drum machine on the five tracks they have laid down. "There's a difference," says Binns. "Some songs have big-sounding drums, and others have electronic drumbeats. It's been a hindrance so far, but we have to make do with what we've got."

In early March, drummer Mike Murdock agreed to sit in and see if it's the right fit for both him and the band.

But Binns isn't saying the transformation is complete: "As far as the drummer goes, nothing is set in stone.… The search continues."

Da Bears will play Tin Can Ale House on April 3.

— *Dorian Hargrove*

Now You Know: D/Wolves "Look at that guido in the parking lot," says Patrick Scafidi, bassist of D/Wolves. His brother Brian (drums) and bandmates laugh with him, exuding a relaxed, adolescent vibe as they sip coffee outside a shop in Hillcrest. With three members still in high school and the oldest at 20 years old, D/Wolves have definitely got a head start. They have played several venues around town and have gotten exposure on 94.9 as well as reviews in *Mesa Press* and the blogosphere.

"The bars are cool, but we get kicked out right after we play," says Jessie Cuevas (synth, samples).

"They draw the hugest Xs on our hands, and all the other kids think we're straight edge," adds guitarist Alex Pitta.

The group formed last summer and recorded a five-song EP in their garage, which was pressed last Saturday by noise label Little Fury Things. They are currently working on a full-length to be put out this year by Removador Records (founded by Jim James of My Morning Jacket).

D/Wolves (the name is a *Dune* reference) define a genre, if anybody ever gets around to naming it, best called something like post-spooky dreampop gypsygaze. Their Facebook calls it freakpop/mud/noise-fi.

"That's the hardest question," says Alex. "We don't write with a style in mind."

The band has been compared to the Shins, the Velvet Underground, Radiohead, Beethoven, and Animal Collective.



JIM JAMES SAYS YES TO D/WOLVES

They cite their (equally eclectic) influences as the Soft Machine, Daedelus, My Bloody Valentine, Outkast, the Mars Volta, and CKY.

Guitarist Joel Williams and Jessie use laptops to trigger synth patches and samples of homemade circuit-bent Casios, pedals, and even an electronic parrot.

"We were using pedals with really brutal names like Black Death Metal Blood and Hot Monkey Screamer, just rewiring them, licking our fingers and touching the circuit boards," says Jessie.

"We sing about ghosts and girls," Joel says. "We stay up a lot, for, like, a couple days straight. That's how we write our songs."

"We are inspired by the paranormal," says Jessie. "We were sponsored by Lucha Libre to find the Blue People in Proctor Valley. We have it all on videotape."

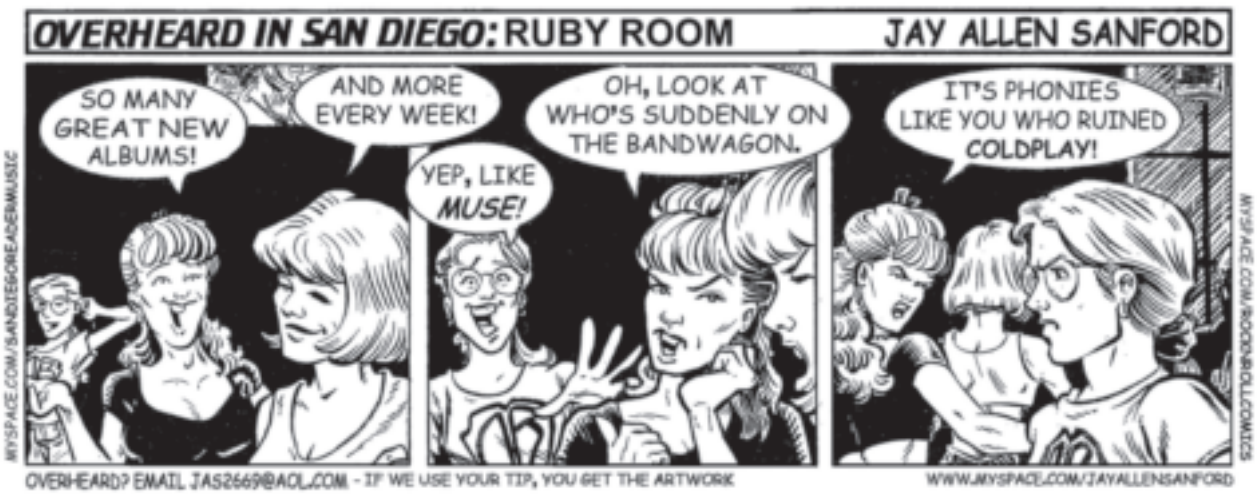
When asked if they have seen a *chupacabra,* Alex replies, "We haven't, but we believe they exist."

D/Wolves plan to tour the West Coast with Paper Forest and Primitive Noyes this summer.

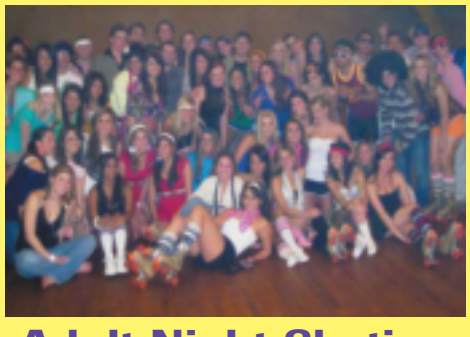
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— *Chad Deal*



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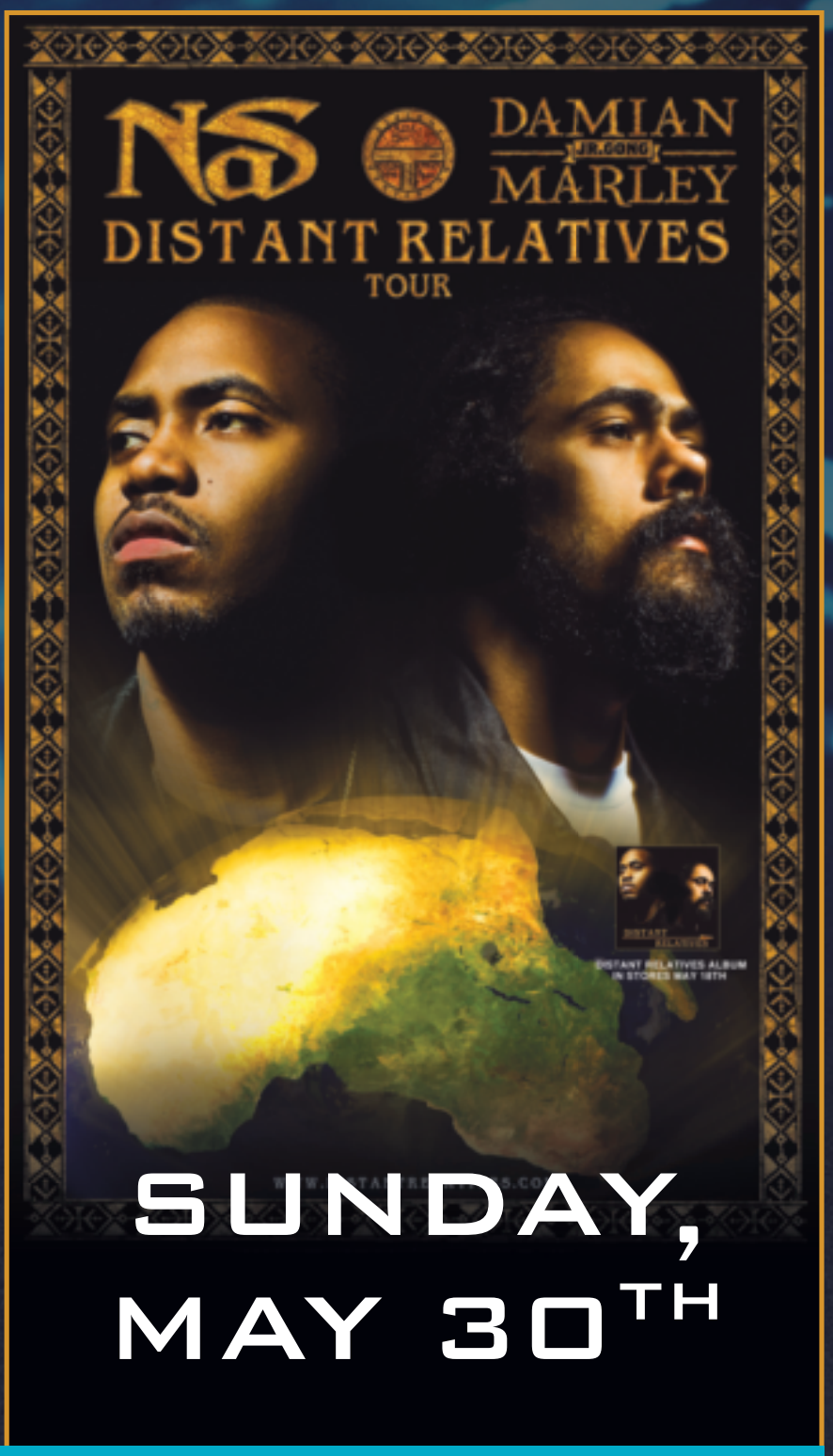
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Under the name Brian E, he also releases full-on synthesized dance music, ranging from disco to old-school electro.

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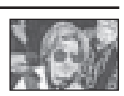
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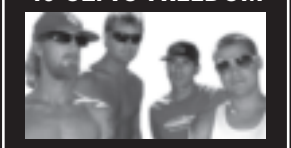
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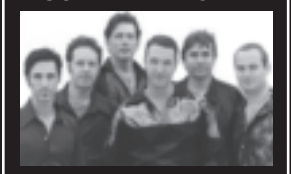
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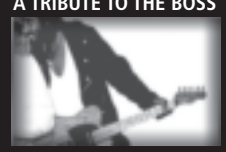
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- 4/19 FM 94.9 pres. The Temper Trap — SOLD OUT
- 4/20 BFD presents 4:20 Party
- 4/21 John Brown's Body & Toubab Krewe
- 4/22 Nanci Griffith
- 4/24 Lisa Keeping Benefit – matinee
- 4/24 Reggae Nights pres. by Boogie Nights
- 4/25 Steve Kimock Crazy Engine feat. Melvin Seals
- 4/26 Club Kingston – Shinehead, DJ Carlos Culture, TRC
- 4/27 Rogue Wave
- 4/28 John Mayall
- 4/30 & 5/1 Dark Star Orchestra
- 5/2 The Buick Wilson Band – matinee
- 5/2 Needtobreathe w/Stephen Kellogg
- 5/4 The Hold Steady
- 5/5 Reggae de Mayo – Stranger & The Devastators
- 5/6 Martin Sexton
- 5/7 Stanton Moore Trio with Anders Osborne and Robert Walter
- 5/9 Marcia Ball
- 5/10 Club Kingston – Jah Mali w/DJ Carlos Culture
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- 5/23 Kaki King
- 5/24 Nada Surf
- 5/25 Shelby Lynne
- 6/4 & 6/5 The English Beat
- 6/6 Mumford and Sons — SOLD OUT
- 6/7 Sage Francis w/Free Moral Agents feat. Ikey Owens of the Mars Volta
- 6/18 Young Dubliners
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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.
Saturday — Stranger. Reggae.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Thursday, 7:30pm — Beausoleil. With Michael Doucet. Cajun. $7-$36.
Friday, 7:30pm — Lao Tizer. With Chieli Minucci and Karen Briggs. Jazz. $10-$24.
Saturday, 7:30pm, 9:30pm — The Perfect Age of Rock 'n' Roll Blues Band. With Pinetop Perkins, Hubert Sumlin, Sugar Blue, Steady Rollin' Bob Margolin, Willie "Blue Eyes" Smith, and Bob Stroger. $22-$28.
Sunday, 7:30pm — The Church. New wave/rock. $10-$28.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Tomasz Stanko. Jazz.

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Tuesday, April 6
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Saturday, 9pm — San Diego Soul Revue. With Greg Belson (U.K.), Andy Cobb (U.K.), and Monster Mike (San Diego). $5-$8. 21 and up.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday, 9pm — The Howls. With the Heavy Guilt and Heavy Glow. Rock. $8.
Saturday, 9pm — Dead Man's Party (Oingo Boingo tribute band). With Generator (tribute to Bad Religion). Rock. $13-$15.
Monday, 9pm — Louie Culture. With DJ Megga (of Culture Blend Sound System), Roman Virgo, and DJ Carlos Culture. Reggae. $14-$16.
Tuesday, 8pm — Riddle the Roar. With Greg Friedman and Nate Donnis. Alternative/indie. $8.
Wednesday, 8pm — Buddy Akai. With DJ Gabe Vega, DJ Leif and live art by David Gough and Ale Garza. Electronica/rock/DJ. $8-$10.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836.
Wednesday, 7pm — Kenny Werner and Mike Wofford. Duo jazz piano concert. Lyric Opera and KSDS members receive $5 off. $27.

BlueFire Grill: 2100 Costa del Mar Rd., Carlsbad, 800-854-5000.
Thursday, 6pm — David Patrone. Jazz. Free.

Boar Cross'n: 390 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-2989.
Thursday — Mad Traffic. With the Good Bites and NeoToledo. Alternative/indie.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Thursday, 8pm — Civet. Punk/rock. $10.
Friday, 7:30pm — Da Limelite Boiz. With Double Dragon, Submission, Diego Style Music, Chase Dreams Ent., and D-Stats. Hip-hop. $10.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Blow Me Down. With Opus Dai and Bluebloodred. Rock.

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.
Wednesday, 4pm — The High Society Jazz Band. Additional 7pm show.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday — The Wedding Present. With Ringo Deathstar. Alternative/indie/rock. $15.
Saturday — Gram Rabbit. With Blackout Party and Wirepony. Alternative/indie/rock. $10.
Sunday — The Dabbers. With Braaiins, Myth, DJ Nightrocker, and Punch and Judy Puppet Show. Rock/hip-hop/alternative. $8.
Monday — RJD2. With Happy Chichester. Alternative/indie. $20.

Chico Club: 7366 El Cajon Bl., La Mesa, 619-465-4190.
Saturday — Social Spit. Punk.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.
Friday, 8pm — Trash Axis. With Eskera, Divergent, and Nuclear Tomorrow. Benefit for Partners in Health, Haiti. $5.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
Thursday, 6pm — The Blues Brokers. Rock/blues.
Friday, 6pm — Jerome Dawson. Jazz.
Saturday, 6pm — Eight Twenty Band. Latin/rock.
Sunday, 5pm — Jazz Smoketet. Jazz/soul/blues.
Wednesday, 6pm — Scott Carter Duo. Reggae/R&B.

Dizzy's: Harbor Club Towers, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Friday, 8pm — Charlie Chavez & His Afrotruko. Latin jazz/world. $10-$15.
Saturday, 8pm — Gilbert Castellanos & His New Latin Jazz Quartet. $10-$15.
Tuesday, 7pm — SDSU Jazz Ensemble. Under the direction of Bill Yeager. With the Salpointe Catholic High School Jazz Band from Tucson, Arizona. $10-$15.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.
Thursday, 8pm — Random Gibberish. $6.
Sunday — Boxcar Bandits. With Plow. Bluegrass.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.
Friday, 9pm — Washing Matilda. Covers/standards. Free. 21 and up.
Saturday, 9pm — Deminishing Device. With the Filthy Fucks, Doc Brown, and Systematic Abuse.

Galley at the Marina: 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714.
Saturday, 6pm — Joey and the Sting Rays. Blues/country/rock.

The Harp: 4935 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-0168.
Tuesday, 7pm — Ocean Beach Blues Pro Jam. With Chet and the Committee. Free. 21 and up.
Wednesday, 9pm — Rip Carson and the Carcinogenics. Rockabilly. Free.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.
Friday, 8pm — The Bill Magee Blues Band.
Saturday, 8pm — Makai. With DJ Van. Blues/soul/covers/funk.

Hennessey's Tavern: 2777 Roosevelt St., Carlsbad, 760-729-6951.
Thursday, 9:30pm — Cowboy Jack. Country/rockabilly. Free.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.
Thursday, 7:30pm — The Alkaline Trio. With Cursive. Alternative/indie-rock. $17-$21.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Panda. Rock/pop. $25-$27.
Wednesday, 8pm — Five for Fighting. With Matt Wertz. Rock. $25-$45. 21 and up.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
Thursday, 7pm — Ruby and the Red Hots. Blues/rock. $5.
Friday, 9pm — Rockola. Classic rock. $12.
Saturday, 9pm — Dennis Jones. Blues/rock. $12.
Sunday, 8pm — Willovealot. Blues/soul. $12.
Monday, 7pm — Blue Monday Pro Jam/Blues Party. With Chet Cannon and the Committee. Free.
Wednesday, 7pm — The Soul Persuaders. R&B/soul. $5.

Java Joe's at Café Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360.
Thursday, 8pm — Gregory Page & Cindy Wasserman. Acoustic/alternative/jazz.
Friday, 8pm — Carlos Olmeda. Acoustic/alternative.
Saturday, 8pm — Gregory Page. CD release. Acoustic/alternative.

Javanican Coffee House: 4338 Cass St., Pacific Beach, 858-483-8035.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Combover Halo. Acoustic.

Larry's Beach Club: 1145 S. Tremont St., Oceanside, 760-439-6646.
Friday, 4:30pm — The California Rangers. Country. Free.

Last Call: 4977 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-287-9505.
Wednesday, 8pm — Taters Invaders. Blues/funk/jazz. Free.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.
Wednesday, 8pm — Gretchen Parlato. Jazz. $5-$16.

Manhattan Cocktail Lounge: 400 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-6641.
Friday, 9pm, *Saturday*, 9pm — Stone Wolf. Rock.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
Friday, 9pm — RadioStar. Covers/rock.
Saturday, 9pm — Hear No Evil. Rock.

Moxie at Rolando Theatre: 6663 El Cajon Bl., Suite N, College Area, 858-598-7620.
Friday, 8pm, *Saturday*, 8pm — A Night of Doo Wop. With the Choice Entertainers, the Royals of San Diego, and the Fabulous Earrings. Acoustic/covers.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, 760-438-5996.
Friday, 7pm — Mark Jackson Band. Country. $10.
Saturday, 1pm — Rack of Bones Trombone Choir. Ensemble from Coastal Communities Concert Band plays marches, music from movies, Broadway, and big band era. Donation. Free.

Music at Mueller College: 4603 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-507-7223.
Friday, 8pm — Daryl Shawn, Brenda Xu, & Seaholm Mackintosh. Alternative/acoustic/rock. $8.

O'Harleys Sports Bar & Grill: 13437 Community Rd., Poway, 858-486-7422.
Saturday, 9pm — Myron and the Kyniptionz. Blues/soul/rock.

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077.
Friday, 5pm — The Rhythm Jacks. R&B/soul. Free.

Patrick's Irish Pub: 13314 Poway Rd., Poway, 858-486-0764.
Friday, 9pm — West of 5. Classic to current rock.
Saturday, 9pm — Ramshackle. Rock. Free.

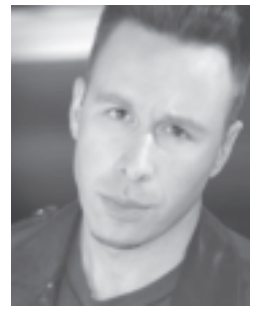
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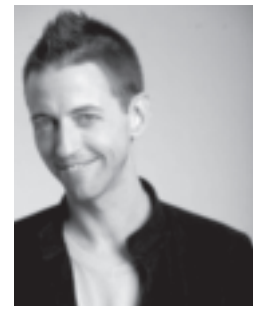
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WEDDING PRESENT

There was a time in the '80s when British indie bands had a predictable pattern: First become press darlings in the U.K., slowly conquer the hearts of suburban American teenagers, and then hit the big time with a song on a John Hughes movie soundtrack. Sometime after the Smiths broke up, the pattern stopped working and British and American music became isolated from each other in the '90s.

One of the great British bands that never really made the leap Stateside during that time was the Wedding Present. Led by David Gedge — the only constant member through the band's rocky 25-year history — the Wedding Present was beloved in the U.K. The Weddoes, as they were known in the press, had the jangly guitars and romantic lyrics of mid-'80s British indie, but rather than a skinny, androgynous guy standing center stage, they had Gedge, who looked and sounded like an affable, ordinary guy and would do affable, ordinary things such as name an album after soccer star George Best.

Gedge would also do strange things like record an album of Ukrainian folk songs or a cover of the theme song from *Twin Peaks*. More importantly, he'd write simple-but-heartbreaking songs such as "My Favorite Dress," about a lover's infidelity: "A stranger's hand on my favorite dress/ That was my favorite dress, you know/ That was my favorite dress."

Gedge switched gears in 1997, forming the mellower Cinerama, and in 2004 he rebranded Cinerama as the new lineup of the Wedding Present. Today, Gedge melds the more professional sound of Cinerama with the exuberance of '90s-era Wedding Present. And his lyrics are just as romantic as ever.

WEDDING PRESENT: Casbah, Thursday, April 1, 8:30 p.m. $15. 619-232-4355.

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.
Thursday — Reggae Jam.
Friday — Flock of '80s. Covers/pop/rock.
Saturday — Stepping Feet. A tribute to Dave Matthews Band. Alternative/rock.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Bl., Normal Heights, 619-284-3323.
Thursday — Red Hand. With Dot and Desert Air. Rock.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
Friday, 7pm — Otep. With Bury Your Dead, Through the Eyes of the Dead, Destrophy, Loot-N-Rok, Drownswerve, Lord of War, and Fight the Shark.
Wednesday, 7pm — Eluveitie. With Holy Grail, Within the Swarm, and Shining Sword. Metal/hardcore.

Rancho San Diego Library: 11555 Via Rancho San Diego, Rancho San Diego, 619-660-5370.
Tuesday, 6:30pm — Dean Ratzman. Swingin' with Dean. '40s swing through '50s and '60s tunes. Piano, trumpet, trombone, and vocals. Free. 3 and up.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
Thursday, 8pm — Serengeti Rocks! With the Beautiful View, Bella Novela, and Gun Runner.
Friday — Pauhana. With Island Reggae.
Sunday, 8pm — Singer-Songwriter Night. Hosted by Dave Booda.
Monday, 8pm — Sailor Jerry Night. With the China Clippers and live art. Rock. Free.
Wednesday — Sam Hears.

San Diego Maritime Museum: 1306 North Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-234-9153.
Saturday, 7pm — Dannicus Live. At the *Star of India*. With the Pirates Charles, the Dread Crew of Oddwood, and Pirates of the Black Swan. Acoustic/punk/rock. $30-$60.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.
Saturday — The Black Eyed Peas. With Ludacris. Hip-hop/dance.





Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown.
Sunday, noon — Tommy Budd Presents the Rhythm Masters. Blues/soul, funk, rock. Free.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
Tuesday — Kasey Anderson. Acoustic.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
Friday, 6:30pm — Pierce the Veil. Alternative/rock. $20.

Sushi Performance & Visual Art: 390 11th Ave., East Village, 619-235-8466.
Tuesday — Kenny Wollesen. With Bombshell. Experimental/noise. $10-$15.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
Friday, 8pm — U-Melt. Rock. $8.

WorldBeat Cultural Center: 2100 Park Bl., Balboa Park, 619-230-1190.
Saturday, 7pm — Dave Stringer and C.C. White. Kirtan gospel. $15.

UPCOMING SHOWS

4th&B: 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343.
April 9 — Firehouse.
April 11 — The Prescription.
April 17 — Assassin.
April 19 — Jeff Beck.
April 24 — Sprung Monkey.
May 8 — Too Short.
May 21 — Queensrÿche.
June 4 — Enrique Bunbury.
June 24 — A Flock of Seagulls.
August 28 — Lost 80's Live.

AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
April 10 — Jimmy Webb.
April 17 — Houston Jones.
April 26 — Rory Block.
May 1 — Neil Innes.
May 8 — Dave Alvin.
May 14 — Michael Chapdelaine.
June 1 — Crooked Still.
June 17 — John Keawe.

Adams Avenue: 32nd Street & Adams Ave., Normal Heights.
April 24, April 25 — 37th Annual Roots Fest on Adams.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
April 9 — Colin Hay.
April 11 — Brandon Saller of Atreyu.
April 13 — Anthology House Band: Motown Revue.
April 14 — Bill Frisell.
April 16 — Floyd FX.
April 20 — Anthology House Band: Motown Revue.
April 22 — Earl Thomas.
April 24 — Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. Band.
April 27 — Anthology House Band: Motown Revue.
April 30 — Raul Midon.
May 15 — Richie Havens.
May 28 — The Average White Band.
June 11 — Greg Laswell.

Balboa Theatre: 868 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.
April 11 — Elvis Costello.
April 21 — Monterey Jazz Festival.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
April 8 — The Mutaytor.
April 9 — 40 Oz. to Freedom.
April 10 — Spencer Fox Benefit.
April 10 — Super Diamond.
April 11 — Patty Griffin.
April 12 — Michael Rose.
April 14 — Cheap Trick.
April 15 — Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros.
April 16 — Thunder Road.
April 19 — The Temper Trap.
April 21 — John Brown's Body.
April 22 — Nanci Griffith.
April 23 — Stepping Feet.
April 27 — Rogue Wave.
April 28 — John Mayall.
April 30, May 1 — The Dark Star Orchestra.
May 2 — NeedToBreathe.
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.
May 13, May 14 — Groundation.
May 15 — The Lieutenant Dan Band.
May 17 — Midnite.
May 23 — Kaki King.
May 24 — Nada Surf.
May 25 — Shelby Lynne.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836.
April 30 — Eddie Palmieri.
May 5 — The Graham Dechter Quartet.
May 11 — Los Campesinos.
May 14 — The Album Leaf.
May 15 — Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band.
June 2 — The Terell Stafford Quartet.
July 7 — Denise Donatelli.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
April 8 — The China Invasion Tour.
April 9 — Unit F.
April 10 — Raise the Guns.
April 11 — The Dwarves.
April 16 — Voice in the Dark.
April 17 — The Amalgamated.
April 20 — The Koffin Kats.
April 21 — Marcy Playground.
April 24 — The Circus Junkies.
April 30 — Bankers Hill.
May 29 — Nashville Pussy.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-839-4438.
April 14 — The Guthrie Family Rides Again.
April 18 — Tribute To Glenn Miller.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
April 8 — Bostich & Fussible.
April 9 — Blowoff.
April 10 — Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite 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.
May 1 — The Heartless Bastards.
May 2 — The Ponys.
May 4 — Eluviam.
May 6 — Mono.
May 9 — Red Sparowes.
May 12 — The Besnard Lakes.
May 13 — The Ruse.
May 14 — Cash'd Out.
May 15 — Bob Long III.
May 18 — Horse Feathers.
May 19 — Jonathan Richman.
May 20 — Caribou.
May 21 — John Meeks & the Donkeys.
May 22 — Frightened Rabbit.
May 24 — Patrick Watson.
May 27 — Frog Eyes.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
April 11 — Los Tres.
May 23 — The Eagles.
June 2 — Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers.
June 4 — Tim McGraw.
June 6 — The Bamboozle Roadshow 2010.
June 13 — Sting.
June 17 — Country Throwdown 2010.
July 9 — Kings of Leon.
August 20 — The Dave Matthews Band.
August 29 — American Carnage Tour.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1161.
June 15 — Jeremy Camp.
June 16 — Dennis DeYoung.
June 18 — KC & the Sunshine Band.
June 23 — Kenny Loggins.
June 24 — Switchfoot.
June 25 — Julio Iglesias.
June 26 — Gospel Festival.
June 29 — Uncle Kracker.
June 30 — Lonestar.
July 4 — Joan Jett and the Blackhearts.

Dizzy's: Harbor Club Towers, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
April 8 — Jaeryoung Lee.
April 9 — The Irving Flores Latin-Jazz Quartet.
April 10 — Jazz Pianist Richard Thompson.
April 17 — Paul Seaforth with Mo'Sax.
April 22 — Gladstone High School Jazz Band.
April 23 — Women in Jazz.
April 24 — Azucar Azul.
April 26 — San Diego Youth Symphony Jazz Band.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.
April 10 — Whiskey Dick Rebellion.
April 20 — Antiquark.
May 8 — Heavy Metal Parking Lot.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.
April 30 — Snoop Dogg.
May 16 — Earth, Wind & Fire.
May 28 — Heart.
July 10 — Peter Frampton & Yes.
July 17 — Gladys Knight & Smokey Robinson.
July 24 — Ziggy Marley.
August 14 — B.B. King & Buddy Guy.
August 28 — Huey Lewis & the News.
September 10 — Gary Allan.
September 26 — Willie Nelson.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Ramble John Krohn, also known as RJD2, listens to so many new albums in a week that he uses Post-it notes to keep track of what is useable. Krohn, a former club DJ, is now a composer-producer and a laptop artist.

"Then I rank them using exclamation points," he laughs. "When I was doing *Deadringer*," he recalls of his 2002 release, "I won't say that I had a photographic memory, but I was very good at cataloging things in my mind. But it wasn't as efficient as the new method." Krohn loads everything he likes into a digital sampler, and that's where the real work begins.

"It's not like traditional songwriting, where you have a blueprint. You don't have a goal; it's an exploratory process. You don't know where the song's gonna end up going." That is dictated, he says, by the elements that are sampled and by his frame of mind at the time. "Paramount to me is to make sure the process of making music and recording it is fun and enjoyable."


RJD2

These new composers rerecord music into new, albeit recycled, compositions that bear little resemblance to their origin. In the case of RJD2, the finished product moves and pulses with energy not unlike that of chase-scene music from '60s television flicks.

As for his prolific output? "One of the things I consider to be a contributing factor to the fact that I record a lot is that I don't do any drugs. I don't like to be inebriated. I'm not a big-time waster. You'd be amazed how much time there is in a day if you're not wasting it doing dumb shit."

RJD2: Casbah, Saturday, Monday, April 5, 8:30 p.m. $20. 619-232-4355.

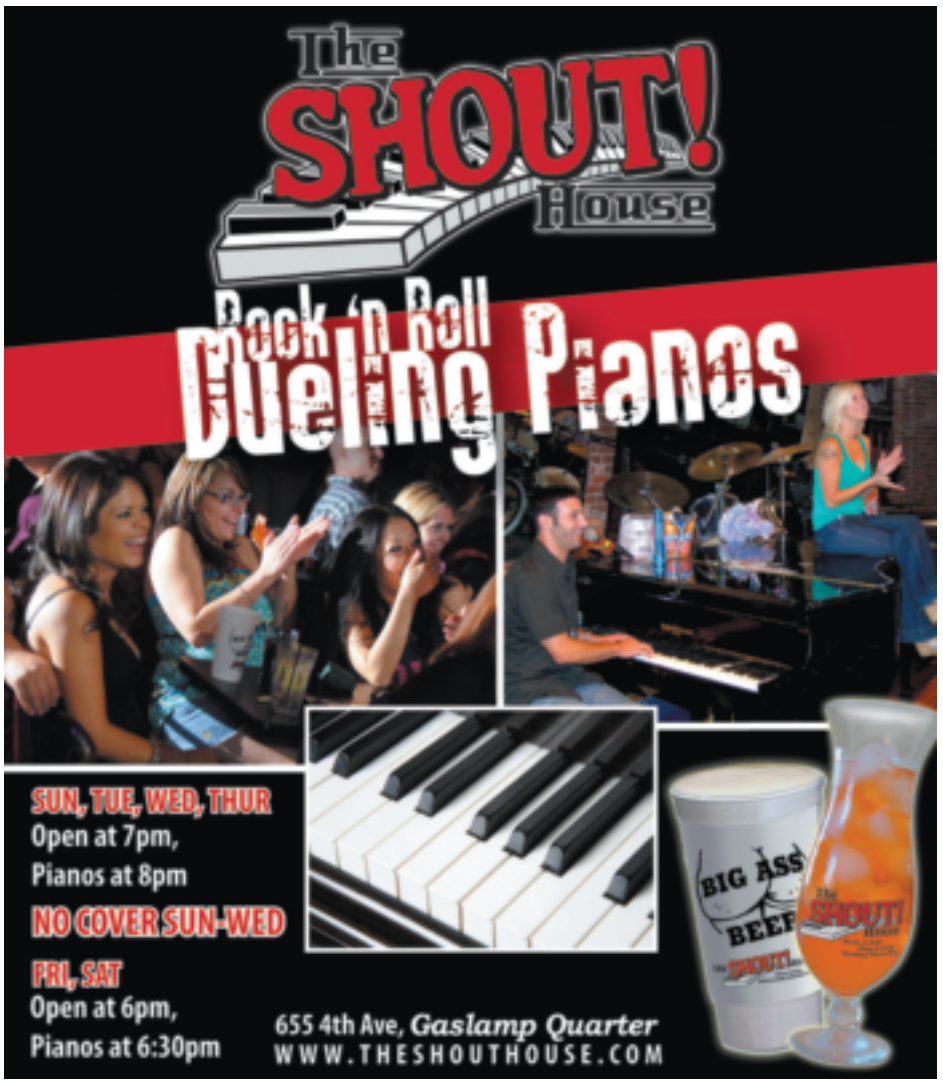
April 23 — Jason Castro.
April 24 — Iration.
April 25 — HIM.
April 29 — The Avett Brothers.
April 30 — LA Riots.
May 2 — Emily Osment.
May 5 — Mastodon.
May 6 — The Drive-By Truckers.
May 7 — The Kottonmouth Kings.
May 11 — Ben Folds with a Piano.
May 15 — Steel Pulse.
May 19 — Rock to Stop Violence.
May 20 — The John Butler Trio.
May 21 — Jordan Sparks.
May 22 — OK Go and the Shout Out Louds.
May 27 — Angels & Airwaves.
May 31 — The Strange Days Tour 2010.
June 2 — Bone Thugs-N-Harmony.
June 10 — Miyavi: Neo Tokyo Samurai Black World Tour.
June 18 — Led Zepagain.
June 19 — The Original Wailers.
August 14 — Reverend Horton Heat.
October 2 — Kamelot.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
April 8 — 80'z Allstarz.
April 9 — Quino.
April 10 — Makai.
April 11 — Patrick Yandall.
April 12 — LA Jones.
April 14 — Bill Magee.
April 15 — Metro.
April 16 — Federal Funk.
April 17 — Detroit Underground.
April 18 — Reggie Smith.
April 19 — Blue Monday Pro Jam/Blues Party.
April 20 — Blow by Blow.
April 21 — The Soul Persuaders.
April 22 — The Karl Marx and the Beach Funk Revolution.
April 23 — Siren's Crush.
April 24 — Viva Santana.
April 25 — T-Fox & the Fox City Band.
April 26 — Michele Lundeen.
April 29 — Jesse Davis.
April 30 — Rising Star.

Java Joe's at Café Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360.
April 8 — Gregory Page & Jason Fry.
April 10 — Kelsea Raelittle.
April 15 — Gregory Page & Get Back Loretta.
April 16 — Dave Humphries.
April 17 — Veronica May.

Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center: 4126 Executive Dr., La Jolla.
April 10 — A.J. Croce.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-8497.
April 11 — Sleep.
April 12 — As Tall As Lions.
April 27 — Where I'm Calling From.
April 28 — Luminance featuring Marie Digby.
May 7 — Charlie Hunter.






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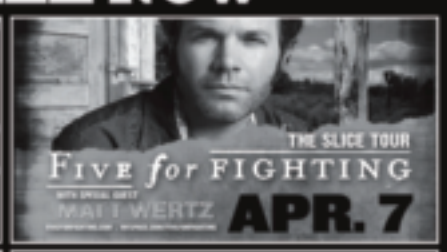
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5/19 :: STEEL PULSE
5/20 :: JOHN BUTLER TRIO
5/21 :: JORDIN SPARKS
5/25 :: TALIB KWELI
5/27 :: LANCE LOPEZ-SALVATION ALLEY STAGE-FREE SHOW!
5/27 :: ANGELS AND AIRWAVES
5/30 :: CLUB VICTORY PRESENTS THE BLOCK PARTY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
5/31 :: TECH N9NE
6/2 :: BONE THUGS-N-HARMONY
6/10 :: PEPPER
6/18 :: LED ZEPPGAIN
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April 16, 17 — Fifth Annual Oceanside Jazz Festival.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.
April 9 — The Cameltones.
April 10 — American Rock Experience.
April 17 — The Arrowhead Band.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad, 760-438-5996.
April 9 — 9th Annual Spring Reverb.

Neurosciences Institute: 10640 John Jay Hopkins Dr., La Jolla.
April 14 — The Anthony Wilson Trio.
May 3 — Anat Cohen.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252.
April 18 — Tony Bennett.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
April 15 — Mark Knopfler.

Poway Center for the Performing Arts: 15498 Espola Rd., Poway, 858-748-0505.
April 24 — Leon Redbone.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
April 9 — Denim and Leather.
April 10 — Fear.
April 21 — David Allan Coe.
April 24 — Public Jones.
May 7 — 1349.
May 8 — RPM Fest.
May 15 — Hypocrisy.
May 28 — Warbringer.
June 2 — Pat Travers.

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Music Reviews from Our Readers

Slayer: *World Painted Blood*

CD Review
by Michael Caldwell

With *World Painted Blood*, Cali thrash-metal band Slayer continues to push buttons. However, they don't push the musical envelope. Here, the quartet has plagiarized their own work, but they were wise enough to choose their best album and decade for inspiration. Kerry King, one of the group's guitarists and songwriters, acknowledges as much: "The new music has an '80s vibe to it."



World Painted Blood **"has an '80s vibe to it."**

The blistering hornet nest that is "Unit 731" harkens back to 1986's "Postmortem." "Beauty Through Order," with its single-string guitar runs and 16th notes played on the bell of the ride cymbal, sounds reminiscent of *Reign*'s signature cut, "Angel of Death."

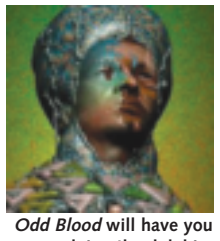
Slayer mixes things up slightly with a melodic, catchy number about the plague called "Human Strain." Lead vocalist/bassist Tom Arya even sings for a fleeting moment. But the group hasn't gone soft. The crooned lyrics, in true Slayer fashion, are disturbing. "Skinless resurrection/ from the bodies of the dead/ Sickness is increasing/ as the oceans turn red."

Yeasayer: *Odd Blood*

CD Review
by Rollo Cabeza

Odd Blood, the new LP from Brooklyn band Yeasayer, doesn't sound new at all. It's a transporter to the '80s of big hair and keyboard scarves.

The album starts off with dark, rumbling, experimental tune "The Children," in which Chris Keating's voice is drenched in effects. This is Yeasayer's experimental side, the side that takes the backseat of the Camaro to their more polished '80s dance tunes, like "Ambling Alp," where Keating's lyrics would fit a John Hughes flick: "Stick up for yourself son, never mind what anybody else has done."


Odd Blood **will have you doing the dolphin.**

On "I Remember," Keating starts off in a high-pitched voice only to bust into a Simon Le Bon–inspired howl: "You're stuck in my mind all of the time."

Whereas on "O.N.E.," the beat and the music would be a perfect fit for a Culture Club reunion album.

This album will have you "backing the bus up" or doing the "dolphin" out on the dance floor.

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Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
April 8 — Ride the Sun.
April 9 — Cattle Decapitation.
April 10 — Mashtis.
April 12 — Andrews Avenue.
April 15 — Prize Country.
April 16 — Astra Kelly.
April 22 — Red Hands.
April 23 — Shat.
April 28 — Mother Mary Mood.
April 29 — Parachute Musical.

San Carlos United Methodist Church: 6554 Cowles Mountain Bl., San Carlos, 619-464-4331.
April 11 — Charlotte Diamond.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.
May 7 — Celtic Women.
May 21 — Sara Geronimo.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.
May 1 — Daughtry.
July 21 — Alejandro Sanz.

Santee Street Fair: 100 RiverView Parkway, Santee.
May 29 — The Santee Street Fair.

Second Wind (Navajo): 8515 Navajo Rd., San Carlos, 619-465-1730.
April 10 — Outta Sync.
April 22 — Off the Wagon.
May 29 — Ramshackle.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
April 8 — Owl City.
April 9 — Bleeding Through.
April 16 — Strung Out.
April 17 — Authority Zero.
April 20 — Lower Definition.
April 23 — Tan Sister Radio.
April 24 — Love Beats War.
May 1 — A Day to Remember.
May 14 — Brokencyde.
May 15 — Bullet for My Valentine.
May 21 — As I Lay Dying.
May 22 — Minus the Bear.
May 29 — 3OH!3 & Cobra Starship.
May 30 — Cute Is What We Aim For.
June 12 — Tribal Seeds.

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500.
April 21 — Pat Metheny.
April 24 — Norah Jones.
May 23 — The National.

Sushi Performance & Visual Art: 390 11th Ave., East Village, 619-235-8466.
May 7 — Fields Have Ears.





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Music Reviews from Our Readers

Live from Bellingham

Concert Review
by Wate Charles

It's just before ten at the Radio Room and Fkenal's ending their set. A dude with long hair bums me a Top rolled cigarette. His name is Andy and his band Sugar Sugar Sugar is touring from Bellingham with friends Lozen. A few dates in Chihuahua, Mexico, then to Austin for SXSW.

Radio Room looks like an artsy dungeon. "What'll it be, my man?" The bartender cracks open a Pabst. Andy launches into their set on bass. Lupe on drums stabs at the high-hat pedal with bare feet, her fists thrusting to the sky. Sugar Sugar Sugar licks the sweaty spot between the mammaries of Black Sabbath and T. Rex.



"This one's for the ladies. You know who you are."

Lozen, a badass chick duo, starts a song: "This one's for the ladies...you know who you are." A shuffle of indie Western licks, chugging metal riffs, and chord-heavy bass jams that sound like something a world-class *matadora* would cue up on the record player while stirring a tequila sunrise after a close brush with death in the ring.

Locals SecretFunClub sounds like a dying prehistoric beast — Athletic Automaton, Lightning Bolt. Drummer Sal, cofounder of Three One G records, says: "Here we go. It's quick."

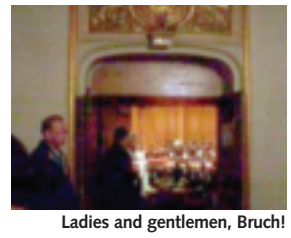
Concert: Fkenal, Sugar Sugar Sugar, Lozen, SecretFunClub
Show date: March 9
Venue: Radio Room
Seats: none

Bell on Brunch

Concert Review
by Michell Thitathan

Friday's concert at Copley Hall offered music by Dvorak, Bruch, and Tchaikovsky. If many in the audience weren't familiar with Bruch before, they left the show humming his tunes.

Philip Mann opened the show with an hors d'oeuvre of two selections from Dvorak's Slavonic Dance Opus 72, which were briskly dispatched without leaving much of a Slavic flavor in the air. It was just as well since virtuoso violinist Joshua Bell then took the stage and transported the auditorium to raw and beautiful Scotland with his singing violin.



Ladies and gentlemen, Bruch!

The artist is worth his hype. His playing of Bruch's "Scottish Fantasy" rubbed off on the orchestra, which suddenly sprang into life and engaged in a lively musical dialogue with Bell's solo. Kudos to principal flutist Demarre McGill for his exquisite match-up with Bell in their in-piece duet. The audience's standing ovations were rewarded by a solo encore of Vieuxtemps's virtuosic variation on "Yankee Doodle."

The night ended on a sluggish note with a leaden-handed performance of Tchaikovsky's C major string serenade. Anti-climatic is an understatement.

Concert: Joshua Bell with the San Diego Symphony
Show date: March 12
Venue: Copley Symphony Hall
Seat: U38

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Swedenborg Hall: 1531 Tyler Ave., University Heights.
April 17 — The Royals of San Diego.

Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400.
April 16 — The Whispers.
May 15 — Lisa Lisa.
June 12 — The Temptations.
July 9 — Boyz II Men.

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Bar Dynamite: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Dynamite Thursdays. Sound Selectors Smoovgroovs, Hobbs One, Eclektic, and Thumbprint. Hip-hop/soul/dancehall. 1808 W. Washington St., Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Tuesdays*, 7pm: Basic Tuesdays. Art, fashion, and music. Free. 410 Tenth Ave., East Village. 619-531-8869.

The Brew House at Eastlake: *Saturdays*: Brew 30 DJ. Dance. 871 Showroom Pl., Chula Vista. 619-656-2739.

Café Sevilla: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ New Yo Rican. Salsa. *Tuesdays*, 10pm: DJ Israel. Bachata. 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-233-5979.

Camel's Breath Inn: *Fridays, Saturdays*: Live DJ. 21 and up. 10330 Friars Rd., Mission Valley. 619-281-1722.

Candelas: *Fridays*: Sessions at 420 Third Avenue. DJ Chris Renzulli and DJ Eric B. Adult/contemporary. 416 Third Ave., Downtown. 619-702-4455.

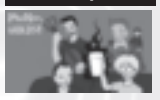
Celebration Center for Spiritual Living: *Saturday*: T-18. With DJ Bryan Pollard, DJ Necrotica, DJ Pet M1. Industrial/goth/darkwave. $4. *Saturday*: Therapy 18. Industrial/electronica/darkwave. $4. 18 and up. 5820 Oberlin Drive #108, Sorrento Valley.





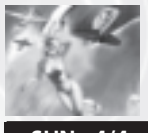




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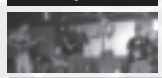
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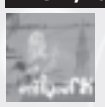
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Confidential: *Fridays*, 10pm: DJ Henry Diaz. With Tone Capone and Omar. Electronic/hip-hop/lounge. 901 Fourth Ave., Downtown. 619-696-8888.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: *Thursdays*, 10:30pm: 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.

El Cajon Grand: *Fridays*, 8:30pm: DJ Neko. Spins classic rock. *Saturdays*, 8:30pm: DJ Chuck. Spins classic rock. 351 W. Main St., El Cajon. 619-444-0949.

Fannie's Nightclub: *Thursdays*, 8pm: DJ Mick B. Spins hip-hop tunes. *Thursdays*, 9pm: DJ Undaground. With guests Hip-hop/rap/reggae. *Sundays*, 9pm: DJ Demond. '80s/hip-hop/pop. Free. 21 and up. *Mondays*, 9pm: DJ Undaground. With guests Hip-hop/rap/reggae. *Wednesdays*, 9pm: J & Biko. Hip-hop/reggae. 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley. 619-698-2204.

The Flame: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Cookies with DJ Dirty Kurty. 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

The Fleetwood: *Saturdays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. 639 J St., Downtown. 619-702-7700.

The Flying Bridge: *Fridays*, 9pm: DJ Ricardo. Reggaeton/salsa. *Saturdays*, 9pm, *Sundays*, 9pm: DJ Waistline. Hip-hop/R&B. 1105 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside. 760-722-0081.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Thursdays*, 8pm, *Fridays*, 4pm, *Wednesdays*, 8pm: C-Phish. 868 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-239-3339.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Hot Like Wasabi Wednesdays. With DJ Matty A. Electronic. 3964 Harney St., Old Town. 619-295-3272.

Harrah's Rincón: *Thursdays*, 8pm: Noche Latina. With DJ Don Jose. Electronica, Latin. 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center. 760-751-3100.

Hawthorn's Restaurant: *Wednesdays*: DJ Kiki. 2895 University Ave., North Park. 619-295-1688.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: *Fridays*, 9pm, *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. *Friday*: Underworld. Old- and new-school industrial/goth/electronica with DJ Bryan Pollard, DJ Necrotica, DJ Pet M1. Free. 21 and up. 4696 30th St., North Park. 619-640-2500.

McDini's: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: '90s Throwback Tuesdays. Hosted by Zerland of Pali Roots. 105 E. 8th St., National City. 619-474-6771.

The Office: *Sundays*, 10:30pm, *Sunday*: 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.

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.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: *Mondays*, 6:30pm: Metal Mondays. Metal all night long. 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-2827.

RT's Longboard Grill: *Mondays*, 9pm, *Wednesdays*, 9pm: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030.

Ramada Inn: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Dance Party. Hip-hop/reggae/dancehall. DJ. Free. 5550 Kearny Mesa Rd., Kearny Mesa. 619-985-5168.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: *Saturday*, 7pm: Audio Invasion. With APX One (Ghetto Life, Tonz of Drumz), MK Ultra, BLE3K & Crossbed with MC AGEZ, Dr. Greenthumb, 1979, Destroyer & Gloworm, Werd, Arkai, Ages, and Moses 1. 626 Main St., Ramona. 760-789-7008.

SIN Niteclub: *Sundays*, 9pm: Reggae Sundays at Sin. With DJ Ez Doe, DJ Hektik, and DJ Winston T. Dancehall, reggae, hip-hip, and soca. 526 West F St., Downtown. 619-232-4746.

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Rasta Nation Posse. Reggae. 4076 Bonita Rd., Bonita. 619-470-8000.

Satin Lounge: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Hot Latin Beats. Reggaeton, salsa, and merengue. 18 and up. *Fridays*, 8pm: Funky Fresh Fridays. Hip-hop/mash-ups. 18 and up. *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Dizzy D. Spins hip-hop, old skool, and techno. 18 and up. *Wednesdays*, 9pm: Blazin' 98.9 Night. With guest DJs. 6195 University Ave., College Area. 619-544-1177.

Seau's: *Thursdays*, 7pm: DJ FOS. Hip-hop/jazz. 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-291-7328.

Side Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Ruby Thursdays. *Wednesday*, 9pm: Industry Night. With DJ Carlo w/Rob, Burkey and Geoff (members of Vokab Kompany). 21 and up. 536 Market St., Downtown. 619-696-0946.

Sixty-Seven Bar and Grill: *Thursdays*: Tattoo Thursdays. With DJ Viktor and DJ KB. *Saturdays*: DJ Girth. Spins hip-hop and rock hits. *Mondays*: Latino Mondays. With DJ Power. *Wednesdays*: Beer Pong. With DJ Power. 10109 Maine Ave., Lakeside. 619-561-6767.

Soda Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Expressway to Yr Skull. Punk/rap/rock. Free. 21 and up. 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights. 619-255-7224.

Static Lounge: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Club Backbeat. Hip-hop/rap. $15-$20. 18 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-1609.

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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.

U-31: *Thursdays*, 8pm: DJ Artistic. With Cros 1. '80s and '90s hip-hop. 21 and up. *Fridays*, 9pm: Feel the Noise. With Gabe Vega and Saul Q. Dance/indie/rock. 21 and up. *Saturdays*, 9pm: Dance Party Mash-Ups. 21 and up. *Sundays*, 9pm: Tribe of Kings. Featuring DJs Jestor, Peril, Dash Eye, Unite, and Rashi. Reggae. 21 and up. 3112 University Ave., North Park. 619-584-4188.

Whiskey Girl: *Fridays*, 9pm, *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Marc Thrasher. Mixes music videos. *Mondays*, 9pm: U-Call-It Mondays. With DJ Marc Thrasher. 600 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-236-1616.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Sundays*, 9pm: Too Many Creeps. With DJ Mario O and guests. Post-punk. 21 and up. 2236 Fern St., South Park. 619-284-6784.

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Avenue 5: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-8pm: $2 off bar food, $2 off wines by the glass, $3 drafts, wells.

Azuki Sushi Lounge: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $5 large Saki, $5 large Sapporo. $4 sushi rolls, discounted specialty rolls and appetizers.

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Pizzicato: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $3 pints, house wine; $6 pizza slice + pint or wine.

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Bay Park Fish Company: *Every day*, 3-5pm: $2 fish tacos, 20% off sushi rolls, 25% off draft beers, wines by the glass, and appetizers.

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Beach House: *Every day*, 4-7:30pm: $2.95 draft, domestic. $3.95 margarita, Bloody Mary, mai tai, house wine.

Besta-Wan Pizza House: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-6pm: $1 pint, glass of house wine. $3 pitcher.

Chart House: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-7pm: $3 domestic drafts, $4 premium drafts, wells, glass of wine, $5 cocktails, $6 martinis.

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

Argyle Steakhouse/Golf Clubhouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Drinks priced by the hour (4-5pm: $4, 5-6pm: $5, etc.), offering wine, beer, premium liquors.

Bellefleur: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $3 domestic beer, happy hour wine, well highballs.

Bistro West: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: Discounted wine, draft, well, specialty martinis, bar appetizers.

Boar Cross'n: *Every day*, 7am-8pm: $2.50 domestic bottles, $3.50 premium bottles, $2.75 wells.

La Costa Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: $4 wells, house wines, $1 off calls & premiums. Appetizers reduced.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $3 wells, beer, margaritas. $3 off appetizers. 10pm-midnight: $3 beer, wine, well drinks. *Saturday-Sunday*, 10pm-midnight: $3 beer, wine, well drinks.

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

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

Mr. Peabody's: *Monday-Friday*, 10am-6pm: $2.50 domestic beer, wine, spooli shots, wells + juice. $3.50 margaritas. Free taco bar 3pm to 6pm with drink purchase.

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Conway's Irish Pub: *Monday-Saturday*, 10am-8pm: $2.50 domestic bottles. $2.75 wells (short). $3.25 wells (tall).

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

Twenty/20 Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $2 off any drink. $2 off appetizers.

CHULA VISTA

905 Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.25 Bud Light, Corona, $4.50 large Kirin, Sapporo, sake. 1/2-off appetizers.

Achiote Restaurant: *Every day*, 4-7pm: Two-for-one drinks.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

BJ's Brewhouse: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: $1 off beer, cocktails, 1/2-off mini pizza, $2 off appetizers.

Black Angus: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wells, drafts, appetizers.

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.

Brigantine: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $1 off draft, $4 house champagne, $4.75 house margarita, $5 house red, $5.75, house Chardonnay.

Chili's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $1 off drafts, house margaritas; $4.99 premium margaritas. $.50 wings.

D'Lish Gourmet Pasta: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: $2.50 domestic beer, house wine, pizza slice, Texas-brisket slider, three St. Louis ribs.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2 beer, margaritas. $1.50 tacos.

Veni Vidi Vici: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $1 off all drinks.

CLAIREMONT

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 wells, Bud draft, Michelob bottles, Drifter Pale Ale. Discounted appetizers.

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint: *Every day*, 4-7pm: Discounted draft beer. $3.50 house wine.

Bullpen Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, $2 off all domestic bottles and drafts, .75 off all premium drafts, $2 off well liquor, $2 off all appetizers.

Cucina Italiana: *Wednesday*, 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Don Patrons Mariscos Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 2-7pm: $3 domestic drafts, wells; $4 imported drafts, specialty shots. 1/2-off appetizers: chicken wings, nachos, sliders.

Fat Tony's Pizza: *Thursday*, 5pm-midnight: $2 drafts.

Joe's Pizza: *Thursday*, 6-9pm: $2 any tap or bottled beer, glass of wine.

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

COLLEGE AREA

4.0 Deli: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7:30pm: $6.75 Stella, $5.75 Uncle Jesse/Shock Doc/Hefeweizen, $4.75 Bud Light.

California Kebab: *Every day*, 4-8pm: $2 Heineken, Sam Adams, $5 Coors Light pitchers, $6 sangria carafes.

Casa Machado: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6 pm, $2.50 margaritas, $2.50 domestic drafts, $3.50 imports.

Cucina Fresca and Sons: *Every day*, 3-5pm: $1.75 domestic beer.

Marie Callender's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $1.95 draft, $2.50 well, $3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price appetizers (in bar only). *Saturday-Sunday*, $2 Bloody Mary/mimosa w/ purchase.

Pal Joey's: *Every day*, all day: $3 personal pitchers.

Satin Lounge: *Thursday*, 9pm-close: $1 Bud drafts.

CORONADO

Beach 'n' Diner: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 beer, wine. $2 off shakes, floats, malts, appetizers. All day: $3 beer of the month.

Bistro d'Asia: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $3 domestic beer, $3.75 draft beer, $4.50 house wine. $1 off hand rolls.

Brigantine: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $1 off Brig brew, Karl Strauss IPA, featured red and white wines, $4.75 house margarita, $5.50 house Chardonnay, $5.75 house red wine, $7.50 Cuervo Gold margarita.

Candelas on the Bay: *Every day*, 4-6pm: 1/2-off drinks & bar menu.

Chance Bistro: *Monday-Friday*, all day: $4 or $5 wine by the glass. $7.99 burger/fries/drink.

Clubhouse Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic drafts. $3 domestic bottles, wells, house wine.

Coronado Boathouse 1887: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 5-6:30pm: $2.50 domestic beers, $5 wine by the glass, $7 specialty martinis.

Costa Azul: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6:30pm: $3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. $3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. $3.75 drafts. $6 margaritas, mojitos. $2.95 tacos, $3.50 shrimp, $5.95 nachos.

Danny's Palm Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 domestic drafts, $4 wells.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 beer, wine. $1 off appetizers, $1.50 sliders. All day: $3 beer of the month.

Primavera Ristorante: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $2 off all drinks; $2 off daily food specials. *Wednesday*, 5-7pm: Wine night: 1/2-off all bottles, incl. champagne.

Village Pizzeria: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 beer, wine. $3 slices, 1/2-off appetizers. All day: $3 beer of the month.

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Tuesday, April 6
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Wednesday, April 7
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DEL MAR

Brigantine: *Every day*, 4-6pm: $1 off Kenwood wines; $5.50 Georgia Peach Mezzacorona, Chardonnay; $4 Alaska white ale, Brig Brew golden ale; $4 house margarita.

Bully's Del Mar: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: $3 bottle beer, $3 domestic pints, $4 microbrew pints, $4.50 wells, $3 house wine by the glass, $6 wine by glass. 1/2-off appetizers.

Clubhouse Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off draft beer, wine by the glass.

Shimbashi Izakaya: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $5 cocktails, $5 glass of wine, $3 draft beer. Sake & appetizer specials. *Saturday-Sunday*, 12-6pm: $5 cocktails, $5 glass of wine, $3 draft beer. Sake & appetizer specials.

DOWNTOWN

400 West: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $4 domestic, $5 wells, imported beer, appetizers.

923 Dive Lounge: *Wednesday-Saturday*, 8-10pm: $2 wells/drafts. All night Thursday: $2 Manhattans, martinis.

Altitude Sky Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $4 domestic drafts. $5 premium wells. 1/2-off Artesian flat bread.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: $1 off drinks, appetizers (only in the lounge).

Asti Ristorante: *Every day*, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

Athens Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30 pm: $5 appetizer menu, $4 shots, Jameson, Jack Daniel's, Jäger, José Cuervo Gold.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: *Friday*, $6 pomegranate martini. *Saturday*, $6 cosmos.

Bella Luna: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $5 house wine, 1/2-off appetizers.

Bice: *Every day*, 5-6:30pm: $5 house wine, wells, draft Moretti.

Blue Point: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks, select appetizers; discount on caviar; $1 oysters.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar: *Every day*, 2-6pm: $3 Buster's pale ale, amber; $3.50 mai tai, margarita, Long Island Iced Tea.

Café Sevilla: *Monday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. *Tuesday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. *Wednesday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price martini. *Thursday, Sunday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangarita. *Friday-Saturday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price garabato.

Candelas: *Every day*, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2 price.

Chianti: *Every day*, 4-7pm, 9-11pm: $5 martinis, house wine.

Currant: *Every day*, 4-7pm:, 10pm-midnight: $5 wells, sangria, house wines. 1/2-off entire bar menu.

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.

Dobson's: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2 drafts. $4 margaritas. $5 wells. $8-$11 appetizers: fried calamari, steamed mussels, mussel bisque, brie.

Downtown Johnny Brown's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 domestic bottled beer, $3.50 pints of the day. 40% off appetizers.

Dublin Square: *Every day*, 2-7pm: $3 wells, drafts, bottles. 1/2-off appetizers.

Dussini Loft Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-6:30pm, 10:30pm-close: $1 off draft beer, house wine & wells. 1/2-off select tapas. *Saturday*, 10:30pm-close: $1 off draft beer, house wine & wells. 1/2-off select tapas. *Sunday*, all day: $1 off draft beer, house wine & wells. 1/2-off select tapas.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: *Friday*, 5-9pm: $5 menu cocktails. *Saturday-Sunday*, 7-9pm: $5 menu cocktails.

Elephant & Castle Pub and Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $4.50 20-oz. drafts, house wine, well liquor; $1 off appetizers.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: $3 domestics, $4 imports. *Saturday-Sunday*, open-5pm: $3 domestics, $4 imports.

The Fish Market: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: $3.75 draft, $3.95 wells, $2.95 domestic beer. $.95 oysters, $4 fish tacos, $5.75 mahi mahi sliders.

The Fleetwood: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6pm: $4 calls.

Funky Garcia's Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday*, 3-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks; $1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos. *Wednesday*, all day: 1/2-off all drinks; $1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 drafts, house wine, wells. Appetizer specials.

La Gran Tapa: *Tuesday-Thursday*, 5-7pm: $3 cask wine, sangria, draft.

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm; 10pm-midnight: $2 Bud Light/Coors Light drafts, $3 margaritas, wine, wells, sangria. 1/2-off seafood bar and appetizers.

Horton's Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 drafts, $5 wells, $6 house wine, $7 margaritas/cosmos; $7 potato skins/mozzarella sticks; $7.50 nachos grande/buffalo wings.

House of Blues: *Every day*, 2-7pm: $2 drafts, $3 wells & wines, $4 martinis, 1/2-off select appetizers.

Jsix: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: 1/2-price wine by the glass, $2 off bottle & draft, including local brews.

The Local: *Monday*, 4pm-close: $3 Bud Light, Miller Lite. $6 burgers. *Tuesday*, 4pm-close: $3 Corona, Pacifico, Dos Equis. $2.50 chicken/steak tacos. $3 lobster/fish tacos. *Wednesday*, 4pm-close: $10 big pitchers. $2 BBQ pork slider, corn dogs. *Thursday*, 4pm-close: $3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. $3 lobster tacos. *Friday*, 3-7pm: $1 off wells, wine, drafts. *Saturday*, 8-10pm: $5 premium liquors.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini, large Sapporo, house wine. $5 sushi roll specials, pu pu specials.

O'Brothers: *Every day*, 3:30-6:30pm: $3 bottled beer, $5 glass of wine. $7 sliders with fries.

Ocean Room and Lounge: *Every day*, 4-6pm, 9pm-midnight: $3 drafts, $4 house wine, $6 martinis. 1/2-off sushi, $1.50 oyster shooters, $5 crab cakes, popcorn shrimp, calamari, spring rolls.

Patrick's II: *Every day*, 10am-8pm: $2.50 bottle beer, $3 wells, Bud Light pints, $4 calls, margaritas, Bloody Marys.

RA Sushi: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-7pm: 1/2-off select sushi & appetizers; $1 hot sake, $2 domestics, $3 wells, imports, $4 specialty cocktails and wine, $5 Kinn with sake.

Rock Bottom Brewery: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: $3.50 pints, wells, house wine, $4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3.50 margaritas. $4 Long Islands. $3-$5 drafts.

Sally's Seafood on the Water: *Monday*, 2:30-5:30pm: $3 local beer on tap. *Tuesday*, 2:30-5:30pm: $4 margaritas, $3 Mexican bottled beers. *Wednesday*, 2:30-5:30pm: $3 hot sake, $3 Japanese bottled beers. *Thursday*, 2:30-7pm: $3 drafts, $5 wells/house wine.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-8pm: $5 house wine, wells, $7 Christopher's Cuvee. Noon-9pm: tasting flights.

Stage Saloon: *Every day*, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Stout Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $3 bottled beer, $4 premium pints, $4 wells, $5 cosmo, appletini, margarita; 1/2-price appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday*, till 6pm: $3 domestic and Canadian bottled beer, $4 wells, Bloody Mary, $5 mimosa.

Suite & Tender: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: $20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

T.G.I. Friday's: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: $3 large domestics & bottled beers, $4 well/wine, $5 Ultimate Long Island Iced Teas & Ultimate Margaritas. 1/2-off appetizers.

Tabule: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday*, 2-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-8pm: All drinks two-for-one.

Tequila 100: *Monday-Wednesday*, 8-11pm: $2 draft, $4 margarita, mojito, glass of wine, $5 Patrón shot. *Thursday-Sunday*, 3-7pm: $2 draft, $4 margarita, mojito, glass of wine, $5 Patrón shot.

Tivoli Bar: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $1 off pitchers, $.50 off liquor.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $3 house wine, domestic/import.

Urban Bar & Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-7pm, 9pm-close: $3 drafts, $4 wells, $5 signature cocktails, $5 house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Wolffy's Place: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: Two-for-one all beers, $4 wells & house wine. 1/2-off all appetizers.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-8pm: $3 wells, drafts. $2 off wine. $2 off appetizers.

Yard House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3.50 domestic pints, $4 craft/import pints, $4.50 goblets, $4.25 wells, $5.75 house martinis, $2 off wine by the glass. $6.50 sliders, 1/2-off select appetizers & pizzas.

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $5 mason jar Russian standard vodka, $3 carafe, beer, $6 wine. Complimentary Basic pizza.

Café Chloe: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $4 verdejo, Côtes du Rhône, oatmeal stout; $5 white Bordeaux, Monte Bucciano, blonde ale; $6 Chardonnay, Zinfandel, Trapezoidale.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-7pm: $3 drafts, wells, wine. $4 premium drafts, margaritas. *Friday-Saturday*, 11pm-close: $3 drafts, wells, wine. $4 premium drafts, margaritas. $4 Jäger, Bacardi, Svedka.

Hive Sushi Lounge: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $2 domestic, $4 micro, $2.50 sake, $3.50 well, $4 house wine. Miso, edamame, $.99.

Hotel Indigo: *Every day*, 5-8pm: $4 domestic & local bottles, wells, wines.

Jewel Box: *Wednesday*, 6pm-2am: $5 Jäger bombs; happy hour all night w/military ID. *Thursday*, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. $3.75 calls.











HAPPY HOUR

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $.50 off all drinks.

The Broken Piñata: *Wednesday-Sunday*, 11-6pm: $2 wells, $3 drafts.

Calypso: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2.75 bottled beer (12oz). $3.75 beer (22oz). $7.50 pitcher.

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $2.50 domestic beer, $3 wells. *Saturday-Sunday*, $5 20-oz. Bloody Mary w/ jumbo shrimp.

Flinn Springs Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $2 domestic drafts, $2.25 domestic bottles, $3 wells.

Main Tap Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: $1 off 16-oz. drafts, $2 off pitchers, $3 calls. $5 nachos.

ENCINITAS

Boston Gourmet Pizza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: $1 off pint, $2 off schooner. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: $1 off pint, $2 off schooner; $5 Bloody Mary, screwdriver.

Bullpen Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: $1 off draft beer, $3 off pitcher, $2 off wine.

El Callejon Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic, $2.75 imported, $3 house margarita. $2-$7 appetizers: pork tacos, fried calamari, grilled shrimp skewer.

Cap'n Kenos: *Monday-Friday*, 6pm-midnight: $2.50 drafts, wells. Free appetizers.

D Street Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2 wells. $2.50 domestic drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers.

When in Rome: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: Two-for-one all wine by the glass.

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3:30-7pm: $1 off draft beer, $4.75 house margarita, $5 red wine, $7 Krista vodka cosmo, $7.50 margarita.

El Galeon Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: Two-for-one draft beer, margaritas.

Holiday Wine Cellar: *Monday*, 5:30-7:30pm: $5 for five wine tastings.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: $3 domestic, $9 pitcher; $4 imported, $12 pitcher; $1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: *Friday-Sunday*, noon-4pm: $1 off all beer/wine/spirits. $5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

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

HILLCREST

The Alibi: *Every day*, all day: $3 dipper, wells.

Baja Betty's: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $3 bottled beer, salsa margarita, wells, house wine, sangria, quesadillas.

Bangkok Thai Bistro: *Every day*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, appetizers.

Bite Bistro and Wine Bar: *Monday-Saturday*, noon-2pm, 5-7pm: $3-$4 bar menu. $4.50 glass of wine or champagne, 25% off champagne bottles.

CJ's Club: *Every day*, 5-7pm, 9pm-midnight: All wells $2.75.

The Caliph: *Every day*, noon-7pm: $4 wells, $3 domestic bottles.

Nami: *Every day*, 5-7:30pm: 1/2-off sake, beer, $3 house wine. 1/2-off sushi rolls, appetizers.

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.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 domestic bottled beer, $3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Churasan: *Monday, Sunday*, football special: $4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-8pm: $4 large Japanese beers.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6:30pm: $1 off draft, glass of wine. *Saturday*, 3pm-close: 1/2-off bottles of wine.

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.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Beauty Bar: *Wednesday-Thursday*, 3-7 pm: $5 wine. $6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Kensington Cafe: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $3 all beers, $4-$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under $5.25.

The Kensington Club: *Every day*, 10am-6pm: $2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

LA JOLLA

Alfonso's of La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3.25 drinks, bar appetizers.

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 draft, well; $5 Cabernet, Chardonnay. Special prices on margarita, sangria, wine cooler.

Bird Rock Pizza & Sports: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $3 pint, $12 pitcher; $7.50 pint with appetizer, $15 pitcher with appetizer. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: $3 pint, $12 pitcher; $7.50 pint with appetizer, $15 pitcher with appetizer.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $2 Bud/Bud Light; $3.50 wells, Bull & Bear wine.

Burgundy Grill & Wine Bar: *Monday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price on all wine bottles, glasses, wine flights. *Tuesday*, 4-7pm: $10 wine flights. *Wednesday*, Happy hour prices all day. *Thursday*, 4-7pm: $10 off any bottle of wine. *Friday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: $8 bottle of wine (any wine that we don't serve by the glass). *Sunday*, 4-7pm: No corkage fee.

Clay's La Jolla: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $3 drafts, $4 wells, $5 sangria, $6 house wine.

Crab Catcher: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 domestic beer, wine, champagne by the glass, margaritas. $5 select specialty martinis. 1/2-off select appetizers. $1.50 oyster shooters.

Edo Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, all day: Buy one saki, get one half off. 3-6:30pm: 25% off select nigiri and maki rolls.

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.

The Melting Pot: *Every day*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

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.

Roppongi: *Every day*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off Asian tapas & sushi rolls.

La Sala: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 4-7pm: $3 bottled beer, $4 drafts. $5 house wine. $7 specialty cocktails.

The Shack Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $1 off wells, domestic taps.

The Shores Restaurant: *Sunday*, 3-7pm: Red/white sangria: $7 glass, $25 pitcher.

The Steakhouse at Azul: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $1 off beer, $2 off wine by the glass, $6 appletinis, lemon drops, cosmos, margaritas. 1/2-off lounge, patio appetizers.

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.

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

Banbu Sushi Bar & Grill: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 2:30-6:30pm: $2 off drafts, wells, house wine, California/Philly/veggie roll, gyoza, calamari, shrimp tempura.

Brigantine: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $4 pint, single wells, house-blended margarita, glass of CA sparkling wine; $5 glass of Mezzacorona Chardonnay, glass of Rosemount Cabernet Shiraz; $6.50 double wells.

Casa de Pico: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: Free appetizer with purchase of bar drink. $3.95 margarita.

Centifonti's Restaurant: *Monday-Thursday*, all day: $2 tap beer. *Friday-Sunday*, all day: $2 tap beer. $1 mimosa with entrée purchase.

Charcoal House: *Every day*, 11-7pm: $.75 off all drinks, $1 off all appetizers.

Chico Club: *Every day*, all day: $3 big-ass beer (23 oz).

Hearth House: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $2 domestic beers, $3 premium beers, wine & wells. $2 bratwurst & fries, $3 burger & fries.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: *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.

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LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: *Monday-Friday*, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: $2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: $1.50 12-oz. drafts, $6.50 60-oz. pitchers.

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: $2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 4-7pm: $2.75 wells. $2.50 domestics. $3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperial.

The Calypso Café: *Every day*, 5:30-7pm: $4 wells, sangria, margaritas. $4 house wine. $3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $2 domestic drafts. $1 off appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: $1 drafts. $1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Bull's Smokin' BBQ: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 3-6pm: $2.50 bottled beer, $3 draft pint, $10.50 domestic pitcher, $12.50 import pitchers, $2 sliders.

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

Anthology: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: $6 wells, wine, featured beer, martinis, margaritas.

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 drafts, $8 pitchers, $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.

Bamboo Hut: *Every day*, 3-6pm: Buy large beer, get small house sake free. $2.75 small beer, $3.25 house wine.

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 house beer, domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine, $1 off appetizers.

Mira Mesa Lanes: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic pints, $7 pitchers. $3 import pints, $10 pitchers. $2.50 wells. $3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

MIRAMAR

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q: *Every day*, 3-6pm: $2.49 small sandwich, $1.99 hot link, $2.49 pint Bud, $2.99 Hefeweizen, Shiner Bock.

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-Friday*, all day: $2.75 select beer of the month. 5-7pm, 1/2-price appetizers (some exclusions).

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

Sandbar Sports Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 domestics/drafts, wells, $1 off premium beers/wine by the glass, $3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. *Friday*, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

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.

Cafe Bleu: *Every day*, 4-6pm: $5 select wine by the glass; special prices on starters, hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches.

Emilianos Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2pm-5pm: $1 of all beer, select margaritas; $2 off all appetizers.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $4.95 imported 20-oz. beer, $3.75 well drinks, $1 off bottled beer and house wine by the glass.

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: $3 drafts, wells, $1 off other. *Sunday*, all night: $5 mules. $15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: *Wednesday*, $3 wells, 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. *Tuesday*, 4-7pm: $3 house wine, $2 draft beer, $3.50 wells. $2 tacos. *Wednesday*, 4-7pm: $5 any martini, $3 house wine, $2 draft beer, $3.50 wells. *Thursday*, 4-7pm: $3 house wine, wells, $2 draft beer. *Friday*, 4-7pm: $1 off any tequila shot, $3 house wine, bottled beers, $2 draft beer, $3.50 wells. *Saturday*, 4-7pm: $3 house wine, $2 draft beer, $3.50 wells.

Bully's East: *Monday-Friday*, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-close: $2.50 domestic, draft; $3.50 wells, $5 wine: Chardonnay, Merlot, Jacob's Creek Cabernet.

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

Lai Thai Restaurant: *Every day*, 4-6pm: $2 Thai beer.

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.

Triple Crown Pub: *Saturday*, noon-5pm: $1 off all pints, $2 off beer pitchers. *Sunday*, noon-2am: $1 off all pints, $2 off beer pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7:30pm: $1 off everything, $2.50 domestic bottle, $3.50 draft.

El Comal: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 beer, $4 wells. Two-for-one mixed shots.

Crazee Burger: *Every day*, 3-6pm: $2.99 drafts, $15 pitchers, $3.99 select glasses of wine. $2.99 bratwurst, $3.99 turkey burger.

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, $3.50 wells, $5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: *Every day*, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 11am-6pm: $2.75 wells, domestic bottles.

Toronado: *Every day*, 11:30am-5pm: $1 off drafts.

True North: *Monday*, noon-close: $1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Tuesday-Saturday*, noon-7pm: $1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Sunday*, 7pm-close: Industry Night, $3 calls.

West Coast Tavern: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $1 off all drinks.

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.

Cheswick's West: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $3 wells, $6 domestic pitchers.

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.

Harney Sushi: *Thursday*, $5 specialty cocktails.

PCH Sports Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2 domestics, $1 off premiums, $3 house wines. *Saturday*, 2-8pm: $2 domestics, $1 off premiums, $3 house wines. *Sunday*, 2pm-close: $2 domestics, $1 off premiums, $3 house wines.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 pints, wells, $4 wines, margaritas, $5 Long Islands, 25-oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters. *Saturday-Sunday*, 9pm-close: $3 pints, wells, $4 wines, margaritas, $5 Long Islands, 25-oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $4 wells, house wine. $1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers, $1 soft taco, $3 draft beer, $3.50 well, house wine, $3.95 house margarita.

Alamo Mexican Cafe: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

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 draft beers, $4 specialty shots, $4.95 Coyote drinks, $5.95 flavored margaritas, flavored shots, $2 assorted tacos.

Casa Guadalajara: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Free appetizers. $3.50 well drinks, margaritas, drink specials.

Fred's Mexican Cafe Old Town: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: $3 12-oz. house margaritas, $5 20-oz. house margaritas, $2.50 14-oz. domestic drafts, $3.50 20-oz. domestic drafts.

Harney Sushi: *Wednesday*, $5 specialty cocktails.











HAPPY HOUR

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.

Bare Back Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 Miller Lite, amber ale, well drinks.

Big Kahuna's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $2.50 beer, wine.

Bub's Dive Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 drafts, $10 pitchers. 1/2-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.

Dave's Tavern: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $2 domestic draft. $3 mimosas. $3.25 wine. Free pool.

The Dog: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, $6 pitchers.

Johnny V: *Tuesday*, 4pm-close: $3 wells, drafts, selected wines. $1.95 street tacos, $3 off appetizers. *Wednesday*, all day: $3 wells, drafts, selected wines. *Friday*, 4-9pm: $2 drinks. Complimentary appetizers. *Saturday*, all day: $2.50 Bud Light bottles, Absolut, $3 margarita.

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.

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

Sinbad Café: *Every day*, 4-8pm: $1 drafts, $1.50 wells, shots, $2 imports. $3.50 appetizers. 11am-8pm: $12-$15 hookahs.

Society Billiard Cafe & Bar: *Monday, Wednesday, Sunday*, all day: $3 wells/Bud Light pints, $4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints, Herradura tequila shots. *Tuesday, Thursday*, all day: $8 12-oz. bottle of beer and a shot, $3 pints of Bud Light. *Friday-Saturday*, noon-10pm: $3 Bud Light pints, $4 flavored Smirnoff, premium draft pints.

Tavern at the Beach: *Monday-Saturday*, noon-7pm: $3 drafts, bottles, wells, wine. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: Industry Night: $3 domestic beers, $2 make your drink a double, $3 calls for industry. Pay stub required.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 5-7pm: $3 cask wine, sangria, draft. $3 tapas selection.

POINT LOMA

The Boathouse: *Every day*, 2:30-5pm: $1.99 house margaritas ($3 Cuervo Gold), $3 beer of the month, $4 wine of the month.

Brigantine: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $4 Brig brew, Alaskan amber ale, house champagne; $5 featured Cabernet; $7 Brigantine 40th anniversary Chardonnay, featured Cabernet; $7.50 margarita, pomegranate margarita.

C-Level: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-5:30pm: $3.50 Bud Light, Karl Strauss, Stone IPA, $5 specialty drinks, wells, house wine. $5 crispy calamari, ahi tuna poke, steamed Fox River mussels.

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.

Extreme Pizza: *Every day*, 4pm-7pm: $6 craft-beer pitchers.

Fiddler's Green Restaurant: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $4 house wine and house beer, $5 well drinks and margaritas.

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: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $2.50 Bud drafts, $3 microbrew drafts, house wines. $.99 sliders, $1.99 fish tacos.

Point Loma Sports Grill & Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers.

Riley's Music Lounge: *Every day*, 4-8pm: $1 off everything, $2 beers.

POWAY

Brigantine: *Every day*, 3-6:30 pm: $1 off draft beer, $3.50 champagne, $4.75 house margarita, $5.75 Chardonnay, red wine, $7.50 Cuervo Gold hand-shaken margarita.

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

Bernard'O Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday*, 4:30-7pm: $4 wells, $2.75 domestic, $3.50 imported/specialty, $4.75 house margarita, $5 house wine.

Café on the Park: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: $3 wells, $4 house margaritas, 1/2-off house wine by the glass, $1 off beer. Complimentary cheese & crackers, 1/2-off appetizers.

Capri Blu: *Every day*, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu food.

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 Coronas, $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

Delicias: *Every day*, 4-6pm: $5 draft beers, house wines, wells.

SAN MARCOS

Alfresco's Italian Buffet: *Every day*, 5:30-7:30pm: All drinks 1/2 price.

Back Alley Grill: *Every day*, Everyday: $3 domestics. $4.50 imports. $4 house wines.

Cow Shed Bar and Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $3 domestic. $3.50-$4 wells.

Dalton's Road House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $1 off house wines, wells. $5 margaritas. 1/2-off appetizers: cheesy fries, potato skins, buffalo wings.

The Jumping Turtle: *Monday*, 11am-close: PBR $2.75/pint, $6.75/pitcher. *Tuesday*, 11am-close: $2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. *Wednesday*, 11am-close: $4 drop drinks. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: $3 Jäger, $2.50 Bud Lime. *Friday*, 5pm-midnight: $5 Long Islands. *Saturday*, 11am-close: $3 Orange Patrón, Tanqueray. *Sunday*, 11am-close: $2.50 Bloody Marys.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, $2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. $3.50 mimosas, Bloody Marys.

SOLANA BEACH

Chief's Burgers and Brew: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2.50 domestic, $3.50 microbrew. 1/2-off appetizers.

The Fish Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: $3.50 wells, $3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. $.95 oysters, $4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, $4.95 mahi mahi sliders. *Saturday-Sunday*, 11am-4pm: $3.50 wells, $3.95 drafts, domestic bottles, house wine. $.95 oysters, $4.25 smoked trout quesadillas, $4.95 mahi mahi sliders.

Pacific Coast Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $5 gold margaritas, $1 off draft, wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine bottles.

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

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).

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Gulf Coast Grill: *Every day*, 4:30-6:30pm: $3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $2 domestic. $3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

VISTA

Chili Coast Burgers: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $.50-$.75 off tap beer.

Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexicali Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic, imports, $2.75 margaritas, $3 wells, microbrews, $4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: $1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.













But I Am No One

The interrogation moves from casual chat to hard-nosed torment.

THEATER REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

How do you prove you aren't an "interesting human being"?

Since he broke up with his girlfriend, Khaled's lived in a dinky, book-clogged studio where he starts but can't finish short stories. He's got writer's block so bad he doesn't "feel solid" about anything. Enter two men in suits, without a warrant. Claiming to be government agents, they ask friendly questions (like how to pronounce his name: in the "back of the throat"). While one talks, the other snoops under the bed (that a porn mag?), in a chest of drawers (a well-used passport, hmmm...), the bathroom. They joke and describe their methods ("this is not an ethnic thing," says Bartlett, the older of the two). In no time they make, to them at least, telling discoveries.

Along with books by international authors (a thick collection of Borges, the latest Pamuk), the duo spots a copy of the Koran and two texts in Arabic. But Khaled said he doesn't know Arabic. In the minds of these carte blanche xenophobes, that puts him "neck deep in doo-doo" for an unnamed, 9/11-type disaster. Khaled, who shifts from amiable to paranoid, talks about having rights and wanting a lawyer. Neither Bartlett nor Carl blinks.

Yussef El Guindi's *Back of the Throat* draws an invisible line down centerstage. Khaled went to the Eiffel Tower Club. People spotted him with Asfoor, who recently committed the terrorist act. Khaled's ex-girlfriend, the least reliable witness on the planet, suspects collusion, either that or he was cheating on her. Whichever: give him the third degree. The agents revel in their ability to generate volcanoes from anthills. Thus the invisible line: Was Khaled involved or suffering guilt by propinquity? And thus his need not to be an interesting human being.

The interrogation moves from casual chat to hard-nosed torment. Bartlett and Carl play smiley agent/thug agent and unearth what may, or may not, be evidence. They make "homeland security" an oxymoron. Also, like today's slash-and-burn media hacks, who jumped from trashing one black genius, Michael Jackson, to trashing another, Tiger Woods (but, of course, that wasn't "ethnic" either, was it now?) they see "right to privacy" and read "enquiring minds need to know." They brim with information entitlement.

Back of the Throat runs in repertory with *Elliot: A Soldier's Fugue* in Ion Theatre's new space. The company knocked out a back wall, installed a chevron of seats and sophisticated lighting, and, as both plays demonstrate, created a handsome, flexible black-box theater.

Much of the play has a haunting, it-couldn't-happen-here quality. But it also has an unreal level of comedy. Among other things, Bartlett and Carl are a clown act. They banter like wannabe vaudevillians. Thanks to Sara Beth Morgan's smart direction, neither Walter Ritter (Bartlett) nor Tom Hall (Carl) overplays the shtick, but it detracts



Overplaying the shtick?

Back of the Throat *by Yussef El Guindi*
Ion Theatre, *3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest*
Directed by Sara Beth Morgan; *cast: Brian Abraham, Rhys Greene, Tom Hall, Walter Ritter, DeNae Steele; scenic design, Matt Scott; costumes, Courtney Smith; lighting and sound, Claudio Raygoza*
Playing through April 10; *Thursday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. 619-600-5020.*

Alive and Well *by Kenny Finkle*
Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre, *Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park*
Directed by Jeremy Dobrish; *cast: Kelly McAndrew, James Knight; scenic design, Robin Sanford Roberts: costumes, Shelly Williams: lighting, Michael Gottlieb: sound, Paul Peterson*
Playing through April 25; *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.*

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from their otherwise strong, menacing work.

Brian Abraham makes Khaled an appropriately tough read, treading the invisible line throughout (he also has one of the play's most telling lines: "20 degrees of separation makes everyone a suspect"). Rhys Greene does a fine cameo as Asfoor's slowly seething ghost, and DeNae Steele plays several women, one of whom does a pole dance in a club to Neil Diamond's "America."

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Alive and Well, in a world premiere at the Old Globe, is neither. Kenny Finkle's lightweight, relentlessly talky play pits a Yankee journalist, Carla, against rebel Zachariah, a Civil War reenactor. Zach's convinced that the "Lonesome Soldier" — the last living Confederate (either a ghost or he's found the Fountain of Youth) — hangs out somewhere along General Lee's westward retreat from Petersburg to Appomattox. As they rough it and lose their way, differences (she's cold and always right; he's romantic and weepy) dissipate.


"I'm not drunk, Ms. Keenan, I'm pacified."

The writing's occasionally funny. After a quaff or twain of moonshine, Zach assures Carla, "I'm not drunk, Ms. Keenan, I'm pacified." But like so much of the Old Globe's timid play selection of late, it's almost all surface and merely aims to please.

Except for an air-conditioning system that still overcompensates — shivering patrons cover floor vents with their programs — the new Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre struts its stuff with *Alive and Well.* Robin Sanford Roberts's set, lit from numerous angles by Michael Gottlieb, is a bas relief topo map of the Blackwater River area around Lynchburg. Mesas become tables and chairs; at other times Carla and Zach loom over the land like symbolic giants. Shelly Williams's gray Confederate uniform for Zach and Union navy blue for Carla look authentic (and appropriately itchy).

Kelly McAndrew and James Knight sustain a nice byplay as the unlikely couple. But, except for a funny game of comebacks, the weak second act dwindles into two long speeches in which the pair blurs differences. In a third, equally facile speech, both gaze at sunlit Appomattox and hope the country can accept differences as well.

Next time: Cygnet's *Sweeney Todd:* hottest show in town. ■





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The Abbey Road Band
The nationally touring Beatles tribute band performs Sundays at the Welk Resort Theatre.
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 18.

Alive and Well
The Old Globe Theatre presents the world premiere of Kenny Finkle's romantic comedy about a down-on-her-luck journalist and a Civil War reenactor who search for the Lonesome Soldier, the oldest living veteran of the War Between the States. Jeremy Dobrish directed.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 7PM WEDNESDAYS, 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 25.

An American Duet: Elliot, a Soldier's Fugue
Someone said, "History doesn't repeat itself, but it rhymes." The three-generation Ortiz family, including Pop's wife Ginny, is both close and far apart, since the elder men never shared their war stories with Elliot. In Iraq, he replicates his father's Vietnam experiences almost exactly. For Ion Theatre, under Sylvia Enrique's subtle direction, monologues meld and tug apart, as in a fugue. Goyo Flores and John Padilla give Grandpop (who fought in Korea) and Pop hard-edged, disillusioned dignity; Steven 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." *Elliot* runs in repertory with *Back of the Throat.*
Worth a try.
ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM WEDNESDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 10.

Back of the Throat
Ion Theatre stages Yussef El Guindi's tale of a Muslim-American man and a seemingly friendly visit by two government officials —

at first. Sara Beth Morgan directed. *Back of the Throat* runs in repertory with *Elliot, a Soldier's Fugue.*
ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 10.

Boeing-Boeing
Bernard, as the saying goes, "has it all," in triplicate: plush Parisian digs, a country home, and three fiancés — stewardesses all — whose visits he juggles like an air traffic controller. Three lovers, no waiting. *Boeing-Boeing,* a French farce both sexist and screwball, runs almost three hours and plods more than it produces laughs (the 90-minute first act's one long setup, and the second has more down time than up). Taking place in a '60s Neverland of pastels and slow jets, the play exploits stereotypes. The cast (who received a standing ovation on opening night) dives into roles, and a broad style of acting, that would drive their teachers and PC friends up a wall. They begin scenes emotionally (especially Caralyn Kozlowski's frog-throated and funny Gretchen) where actors would fear to end them. Joseph Urla's Robert, a country bumpkin, almost steals the show. As scenes progress he becomes Stan Laurel — even his hair sprouts Laurelesque spikes — doing a crash course in assertiveness training.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 18.

Faith County II
New Vision Theatre stages Mark Landon Smith's comedy about the time the people of a small Arkansas town staged *Romeo and Juliet* and things went quickly awry. John Kalb directed.
SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 N. COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE. 760-529-9140. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 18.

Goin' Native: The American Indian Comedy Slam
For one night only, the National Indian Gaming Association and LOL Comedy host a live engagement of Showtime's comedy special. Also on the program: Seminole star-search winner Paula Bowers-Sanchez.
4TH&B, 345 B ST., DOWNTOWN. 619-231-4343. 9PM WEDNESDAY.

The Heidi Chronicles
New Village Arts stages Wendy Wasserstein's dramedy about Heidi Holland. She grows from an insecure student in the '60s to a successful art historian in the '80s. Amanda Sitton directed.
NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787-B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 25.

House of Ill Repute vs. Virtuousness
In North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe's annual melodrama, two questions linger: Will Cupcake be reunited with her children? And will Chastity Chase find true love?
NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE AND CANDY SHOPPE, 2031 EL CAJON BLVD., NORTH PARK. 619-647-4958. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 25.

Legally Blonde
OMG — Elle's in town! The musical (Laurence O'Keefe, Nell Benjamin, Heather Hach) about a sorority star's rise from Delta Nu to Harvard Law comes to San Diego. Jerry Mitchell directed.
SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN. 619-570-1100. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 1PM AND 6PM SUNDAY.

National Comedy Theatre
The National Comedy Theatre presents a 100-minute improv comedy show based completely on audience suggestions. The show is "appropriate for all audiences."
NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE, 3717 INDIA ST., MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. 7:30PM AND 9:45PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM AND 9:45PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Night of the Laughing Dead...We're Dying to Cast You!
Mystery Café Dinner Theatre celebrates its 20th season with Victoria Velasco and James Pascarella's interactive comedy. An eccentric director is doing a live broadcast of his full-length horror film, and the audience is encouraged to audition. Velasco directed.
MYSTERY CAFÉ, 505 KALMIA ST., BANKER'S HILL. 619-544-1664. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

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 THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 7:30PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 11.

The Pirates of Penzance
The Welk Resort presents the Gilbert and Sullivan classic about the Pirate King and a young lad who wants to break free. Ray Limon directed and choreographed.
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1:45PM WEDNESDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 1:45PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 2.

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 FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH APRIL 4.

Speech and Debate
Diversionary 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." Jason Sutherland directed.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BLVD., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 11.

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
Cygnet Theatre stages Stephen Sondheim's musical about "barberism and culinary crime." Sean Murray and James Vasquez codirected.
CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 25.

Triple Espresso
For four weeks only, San Diego's longest-running show comes to the Lyceum. Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Coca Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate his anniversary, got stuck in the '70s (they're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary ones"). And hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. The story line's straight from *Forever Plaid,* and the performers are far too talented to play inept characters (one's a whiz at the piano, another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician). The trio's so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight, show.
Worth a try.
LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 11.

A Weekend with Pablo Picasso
The San Diego Rep hosts a workshop production of Herbert Siguenza's tribute to the great artist. Picasso has a weekend to prepare and deliver six works of art to a buyer on Monday morning.
LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 7PM WEDNESDAYS, 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH APRIL 11.





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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 reverse 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)



Greenberg — Sort of like a Woody Allen without the polished one-liners.

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. 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. 2009.
★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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.
★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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. Jason Sudeikis, Christine Baranski, Peter Greene, Siobhan Fallon, Jeff Garlin. 2010.
● (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)



Broken Embraces — Almodóvar, as is his wont, gives you splatters and splashes, swatches and swaths, of vibrant color, and he gives you the occasional rock-you-on-your-heels image (a teardrop on a ripe tomato, lovers writhing within a white-sheet cocoon), and he gives you deliberately over-the-top domestic melodrama played steadfastly straight: a blind filmmaker (shades of Woody Allen's *Hollywood Ending*, albeit darker shades), a kept woman turned movie starlet, a manipulative millionaire, his conniving gay son, etc. He doesn't, however, give you much to believe in, except in this instance the undoubted radiance of Penelope Cruz, who in her mid-thirties would appear to have yet done nothing surgically to disfigure herself. It's a sad comment on our times that that's worthy of comment about an actress of her age. With Lluis Homar, José Luis Góez, Blanca Portillo. 2009.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/2)

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.
★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 7)

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: a suspicious wife sics a high-end escort onto her husband as a temptation, a test. True, the escort's oral reports have a graphicness 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 limitation 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 Attentions* 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. 2010.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Clash of the Titans — Epic adventure in 3-D, starring Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson, and Ralph Fiennes, directed by Louis Leterrier.
(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; FROM 4/2)

Cop Out — By-the-book buddy comedy about black and white NYPD partners whose apparently unrelated cases involving Mexican drug runners and a stolen baseball card conveniently dovetail. The sneering and snarling bad guys are played murderously straight, but they're still funnier than the smirky white (Bruce Willis, on automatic pilot) and buffoonish black (Tracy Morgan, almost incomprehensible at a bellow, and indeed he spends a lot of his time bellowing). This is director Kevin Smith's first time out as a hired gun, strapped with 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, Marc Forster, Lisa Cholodenko, among others, Radha Mitchell appears hell-bent on getting us used to the idea. 2010.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 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; GASLAMP 15,





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MOVIES

FROM 4/2; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/1)

Diary of a Wimpy Kid — The live-action adaptation of Jeff Kinney's popular series of cartoonishly illustrated "tween" books 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 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. With Rachael Harris, Steve Zahn, and Devon Bostick. 2010.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)



How to Train Your Dragon — **A movie awash in wishfulness.**

The Ghost Writer — A literary hack (Ewan McGregor) — "You name it, he ghosts it" — lands the plum assignment of, for a cool quarter of a million, polishing up the memoirs of a Tony Blair-ish former British Prime Minister (Pierce Brosnan), stepping into the shoes of the previous silent collaborator who has unaccountably left his car on the ferry and washed up on shore: accident? suicide? And is it only a coincidence that the ex-P.M. is just now coming under fire for alleged human-rights violations in the War on Terror? The adaptation of a Robert Harris political potboiler really doesn't amount to much: standard portions of knee-jerk paranoia and mechanical plotting, to say nothing of the so-what final revelation that feels as concocted as it feels anticlimactic. But director Roman Polanski proves himself a masterful judge of the material, pacing himself prudently, walking a razor's edge between anxiety and mirth, allowing the plot to unfold without rush, getting to know the cast of characters as palpable human beings — Olivia Williams a standout as the politician's astringent wife — and keeping the bedrock of political piety pretty well buried. When at last he elects to turn up the heat — the brilliant device of following a preprogrammed computer route in the dead man's car to a destination unknown, the prickly interview that awaits at that destination ("A less equable man than I," rasps a pedantic Tom Wilkinson, "might begin to find your questions impertinent"), and the black sedan with tinted windows lurking outside afterwards — the effect is delectable. A sustained tingle. It may not hold all the way to the end, but it comes close. Kim Cattrall, Timothy Hutton, James Belushi, Eli Wallach. 2010.
★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; 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 — 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, ditzy, dishraggy appeal. With Rhys Ifans and Jennifer Jason Leigh (Baumbach's wife, who co-wrote the story with him). 2010.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

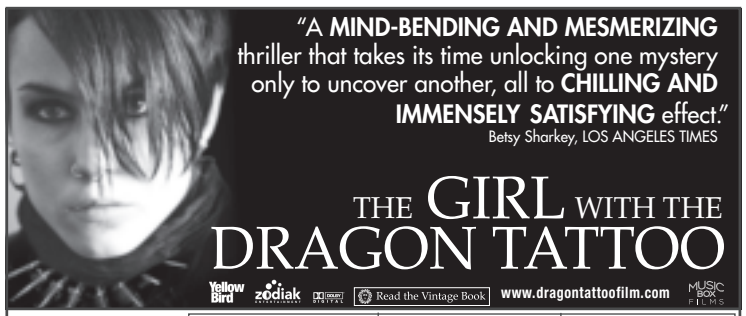
Green Zone — Topical war film feeds off and into the widespread cynicism, which is to say the widespread enlightenment, as to the motives behind the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003. Matt Damon, maturing into an actor of spartan economy and vigilant interiority, plays the army officer charged with running 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.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Hot Tub Time Machine — Guy-jinks involving three middle-aged buddies and a nephew who, for R&R, repair to a rundown mountain resort, the playground of their salad days, where a malfunctioning hot tub transports them magically (as opposed to science-fictionally) back to 1986. They still look middle-aged to us and themselves, but everyone else sees them as their younger selves, excepting the already young nephew, who looks no younger. So we get all the raunch and all the grossness of guy comedy, and all the slobby appearance in photography and set design, plus all the irrationalities of time travel into the bargain. And what sense does it make for one time traveller to tell the dwellers in 1986 that "John Lennon gets shot"? John Lennon got shot six years earlier. With John Cusack, Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson, Clark Duke, Chevy Chase, Crispin Glover, and Lizzy Caplan; directed by Steve Pink. 2010.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

How to Train Your Dragon — Computer-animated, seemingly computer-written, Viking tale, revolving around a twiggy little lad named Hiccup, "different" from his stout fellows, odd, aberrant, queer you might say, who rather than slay dragons, gets to know them, understands them, negotiates for peace between the species, yet still proves his mettle as a "real" Viking in a cataclysmic climactic battle against a unifying monster beyond all understanding. A movie awash in wishfulness. Available in 3-D. With the voices of Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler, Craig Ferguson, and America Ferrera; directed by Dean DuBlois and Chris Sanders. 2010.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; 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 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 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 Last Song — Domestic drama from a Nicholas Sparks novel, with Miley Cyrus, Greg Kinnear, and Liam Hemsworth, directed by Julie Anne Robinson.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 4/2)

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 synopsized 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, THROUGH 4/1)

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, THROUGH 4/1)

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 unknowing bastard spawn of Poseidon, teamed up *ad hoc* with a same-aged demigoddess and semigoat ("'The politically correct term is satyr"), to retrieve his mother from Hades (located beneath the Hollywood sign), solve the mystery of the missing bolt, and avert an apocalypse. Under these circumstances, the language is appallingly banal even for a movie populated with teenagers and targeted to their juniors: "Check this out," as an example, gets spoken no fewer than three times during the visit to Medusa's lair and twice more in its immediate sequel. The computer-generated Fury, Minotaur, Hydra, etc., interject only technology, no magic. Logan Lerman, Brandon T. Jackson, Alexandra Daddario, Catherine Keener, Joe Pantoliano, Pierce Brosnan, Uma Thurman, Steve Coogan, Rosario Dawson. 2010.
● (GASLAMP 15; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Prodigal Sons — Filmmaker Kimberly Reed, née Paul McKerrow, takes her digital camera back to Helena, Montana, ostensibly to document her twentieth-anniversary high-school reunion — the star quarterback now a transsexual — but the spotlight is stolen, the course of the movie altered, by her unstable brain-damaged adoptive brother Marc, revealed to be the biological grandson of Orson Welles and Rita Hayworth(!). It's a bizarre, fascinating, frustrating, unfinished family portrait — a third brother is gay — and there are some acutely uncomfortable moments in front of the camera. 2009.
★★ (KEN, THROUGH 4/1)

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.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 9:50; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:55) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:15, 1:45, 2:45) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:45, 7:20; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 10:05; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:20, 3:40) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:50) 4:15, 7:15, 9:35; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:40) 7:20, 10:10 Sun. (10:50) 10:10; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30) 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:35p.m. Sun.

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:25, 7:00, 9:45; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:25) 4:10, 7:05, 9:30; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 12:30, 2:20, 3:05) 4:55, 5:40, 7:45, 8:30, 10:20, 11:05 Sun. (11:45, 12:30, 2:20, 3:05) 4:55, 5:40, 7:45, 8:30, 10:20; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:35) 4:10, 7:00, 9:35; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:40) 4:40, 7:35, 10:25; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 10:00; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:30) 4:20, 7:30, 9:50; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:25, 9:55; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 11:25, 1:05, 1:50, 3:30) 4:15, 5:45, 6:40, 8:15, 9:10, 10:30; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 4:35, 7:15; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 12:20, 1:55, 2:55) 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40 Sun. (11:20, 12:20, 1:55, 2:55) 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:30

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Brooklyn's Finest (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:20; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:20; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 3:00) 4:35, 5:30, 7:05, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 12:30, 2:05, 3:00) 4:35, 5:30, 7:05, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:20; **A Prophet** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:20) 6:30, 9:35; **The Red Baron** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:00; **Remember Me** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:00, 9:40; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:20, 3:25) 4:45, 5:45, 7:10, 8:05, 9:30, 10:25; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:15) 6:25, 7:25, 9:25, 10:15; **A Single Man** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 7:15, 9:45; **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55, 10:35; **The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 4:30

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (11:20, 1:50, 4:20) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:50) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; **Avatar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:45) 6:30, 9:55; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:15; **Chloe** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:00, 4:25) 7:25, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:00) 4:25, 7:25, 9:45; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30) 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **The Crazies** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:50, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. (11:15, 1:55, 4:30) 7:15, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:55) 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; **Hopkins vs. Jones Fight LIVE** (Not Rated) Sat. 6:00p.m.; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 12:15, 1:40, 2:40, 4:10, 5:10) 6:40, 7:40, 9:10, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 12:15, 1:40, 2:40) 4:10, 5:10, 6:40, 7:40, 9:10, 10:10; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35 Sat. (11:35, 2:05) Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:05) 7:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:05, 7:45, 10:20

KENSINGTON

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Secret of the Kells (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (5:30, 7:30, 9:30, Sat. & Sun. (1:30) 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; **The Room** (R) Fri. & Sat. 12:00 midnight

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland (PG); **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13); **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13); **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG); **Greenberg** (R); **Green Zone** (R); **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R); **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG); **The Last Song** (PG); **She's out of My League** (R); **Shutter Island** (R)

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)
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MISSION HILLS

Cinema under the Stars
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) Fri. & Sat. 8:00

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland (PG); **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13); **Chloe** (R); **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13); **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG); **Green Zone** (R); **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R); **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG); **The Last Song** (PG); **Remember Me** (PG-13); **She's out of My League** (R); **Shutter Island** (R); **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated)

Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Clash of the Titans (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:15; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Wed.: (11:45, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30; Thu.: (10:00, 11:45, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (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, 9:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:00; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Tue.: (2:00), 7:45; Wed.: (2:00); Thu.: (2:00), 7:45; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **Brooklyn's Finest** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00), 4:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00), 4:30; **Care Bears: Care Bears to the Rescue** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (10:15) 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15, 12:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:15) 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:45, 4:35, 7:15, 10:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 2:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:10; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 11:55) 12:35, 2:00, 2:40, 3:20, 4:45, 5:25, 6:10, 7:30, 8:10, 9:00, 10:15, 11:00, 11:50 Sat. (11:15, 11:55) 12:35, 2:00, 2:40, 3:20, 4:45, 5:25, 6:10, 7:30, 8:10, 9:00, 10:15, 10:55 Sun. (11:15, 11:55) 12:35, 2:00, 2:40, 3:20, 4:45, 5:25, 6:1; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:40; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 1:00, 3:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:20, 7:45; **Hopkins vs. Jones Fight LIVE** (Not Rated) Sat. 6:00p.m.; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. (11:10, 11:50) 1:40, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 6:45, 7:35, 9:20, 10:20, 11:55 Sat. (11:10, 11:50) 1:40, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 6:45, 7:35, 9:20, 10:20 Sun. (11:10, 11:50) 1:40, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 6:45, 7:35, 9:20; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50 Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:55, 10:30 Sun. 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:55; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (10:40) 1:20, 3:55, 6:35, 9:10, 11:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:20, 3:55, 6:35, 9:10; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri. (10:10, 10:50) 12:50, 1:30, 3:35, 4:20, 6:20, 7:00, 9:05, 9:45, 11:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 10:50) 12:50, 1:30, 3:35, 4:20, 6:20, 7:00, 9:05, 9:45; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 5:05, 10:35 Sun. (11:40) 5:05, 10:25; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri. (11:45) 3:00, 6:15, 9:25 Sat. (11:05) 2:05, 10:05 Sun. (11:45) 3:00, 6:15, 9:25; **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (10:05) 12:10, 1:05, 3:10, 4:15, 6:25, 7:20, 9:30, 10:25 Sun. (10:05) 12:10, 1:05, 3:10, 4:15, 6:25, 7:20, 9:30

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Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Vincere (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55, Sat. & Sun. (11:00) 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **Broken Embraces** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:00) 6:50, 9:35, No 6:50 pm show Thu., 04/08/10, Sat. & Sun. (10:30) 1:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35; **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; **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; **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

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Dolphins** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00; **Hubble** (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; **The Greatest Places** (Not Rated) Fri. 4:00, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Clash of the Titans (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:50, 2:40, 5:25) 8:05, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:40) 5:25, 8:05, 10:45

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:35; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:35, 3:40) 5:45, 7:50, 9:55; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:30, 3:50) 6:05, 8:25, 10:40; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:30; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:05) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:05) 6:30, 9:35; **Clash of the**

Titans (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 12:10, 2:20, 2:50, 5:05) 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 12:10, 2:20, 2:50) 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:45; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 1:55, 4:40) 7:30, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:55) 4:40, 7:30, 10:20; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 4:35) 7:25, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:35, 7:25, 9:55; **Green Zone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25) 10:05; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:25, 5:10) 7:55, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:10, 7:55, 10:35; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (11:50, 12:20, 2:30, 2:55, 4:55) 6:40, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 12:20, 2:30, 2:55) 4:55, 6:40, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (11:25, 2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 12:05, 2:05, 2:45, 4:50) 7:05, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 12:05, 2:05, 2:45) 4:50, 7:05, 7:35, 9:45, 10:15; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri. (4:45) 7:15 Sat.-Sun. 4:45, 7:15; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 6:50, 10:25; **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:00) 7:20, 10:10 Sun. (12:00, 3:00) 7:20, 10:20

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Alice in Wonderland (PG); **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13); **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG); **Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

Clash of the Titans (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:30, 7:00; Mon.-Thu.: 4:30, 7:00; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu.: (3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00 , 1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.: (11:00, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu.: 4:30, 7:15; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30; Mon.-Thu.: 4:45, 7:30; **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.-Thu.: 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.-Thu.: (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.-Thu.: 3:30), 6:00, 8:15; **Repo Men** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45), 5:00, 10:15; Sun.: (11:45), 5:00; Mon.-Thu.: 5:00 pm; **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.-Thu.: (3:45), 6:15, 8:30; **She's Out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun.: (2:15), 7:30 Mon.-Thu.: 7:30 pm; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: 11:15, (1:45), 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.: 11:15, (1:45), 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Thu.: 4:15, 7:00; **Care Bears: Care Bears to the Rescue** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Otay Ranch 12
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05 Sun. 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 6:45; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40) 1:35, 4:10, 6:35, 9:10; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 1:05, 3:45, 6:30, 9:05; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 1:55, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45) 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 4:00, 9:30; **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (10:35) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:10

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland (PG); **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13); **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13); **Cop Out** (R); **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG); **Green Zone** (R); **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R); **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG); **The Last Song** (PG); **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13); **Repo Men** (R); **She's out of My League** (R); **Shutter Island** (R); **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated)

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland (PG); **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13); **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13); **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG); **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R); **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG); **The Last Song** (PG); **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13); **Repo Men** (R); **She's out of My League** (R); **Shutter Island** (R); **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated)

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Clash of the Titans (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:45, 10:35

FALLBROOK

River Village 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

Clash of the Titans (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu.: 5:00, 7:45; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu.:4:30, 7:15; **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.-Thu.: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.-Thu.:4:15, 7:00; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15), (3:30), 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:00; Mon.-Thu.:5:45, 8:00; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:15), 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.: (11:45, 2:15), 4:45, 7:30; Mon.-Thu.: 4:45, 7:30; **Care Bears: Care Bears to the Rescue** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

Clash of the Titans (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15), 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Tue.: (11:15), 1:45, 4:45, 7:30; Wed.: (10:00, 11:15, 1:45), 4:45, 7:30; Thu: (11:15), 1:45, 4:45, 7:30; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (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.-Thu.: (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.-Thu.: (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.-Thu.: (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.-Thu.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:45), 6:00, 8:30; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15; **Care Bears: Care Bears to the Rescue** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
Clash of the Titans (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:45) 7:10, 9:50; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:10, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:25) 7:05, 9:45; **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:15, 10:10

VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40, 5:15) 7:55, 10:30; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:50, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 12:25, 1:45, 3:00, 4:20, 5:35) 7:00, 8:10, 9:35, 10:40 Sun. (11:10, 12:25, 1:45, 3:00, 4:20, 5:35) 7:00, 8:10, 9:35; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10 Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 4:45) 7:05, 9:25; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:00, 5:30) 6:30, 8:00, 9:00; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 11:50, 1:50, 2:30, 4:30, 5:10) 7:10, 7:50, 9:50, 10:25; **She's out of My League** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15p.m.; **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Clash of the Titans (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:25; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:35; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:10, 12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:30, 9:45

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun. Tue: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00; Wed.: (10:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00; Thu.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:30, 1:00, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:30, 1:00, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (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.-Thu.: (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.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:15; **Green Zone** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45), 5:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (12:45), 5:45; **She's Out of My League** (R) Fri.: (10:15, 3:15), 8:15; Sat. &. Sun: (3:15), 8:15; Mon.-Thu.: (10:15, 3:15), 8:15; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:30; **Care Bears: Care Bears to the Rescue** (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.-Thu.: (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.-Thu.: (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.-Wed.: (10:30, 1:15, 4:00), 7:00; Thu.: (10:30, 1:15, 4:00); **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (Män som hatar kvinnor)** (NR) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 1:00), 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 1:00), 4:15, 7:30

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
Shutter Island (R) Fri. 6:00, 9:00 Sat. (3:00) 6:00, 9:00 Sun. (4:00) 7:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00a.m.

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Clash of the Titans 3D (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:30, 7:00; Wed.: (10:00, 2:00), 4:30, 7:00; Thu: (11:30, 2:00), 4:30, 7:00; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:15; **Alice in Wonderland** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:30, 1:15), 4:15, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Wed.: (10:30, 1:15), 4:15, 7:30; Thu.: (10:30, 1:15), 4:15, 7:00; **Care Bears: Care Bears to the Rescue** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

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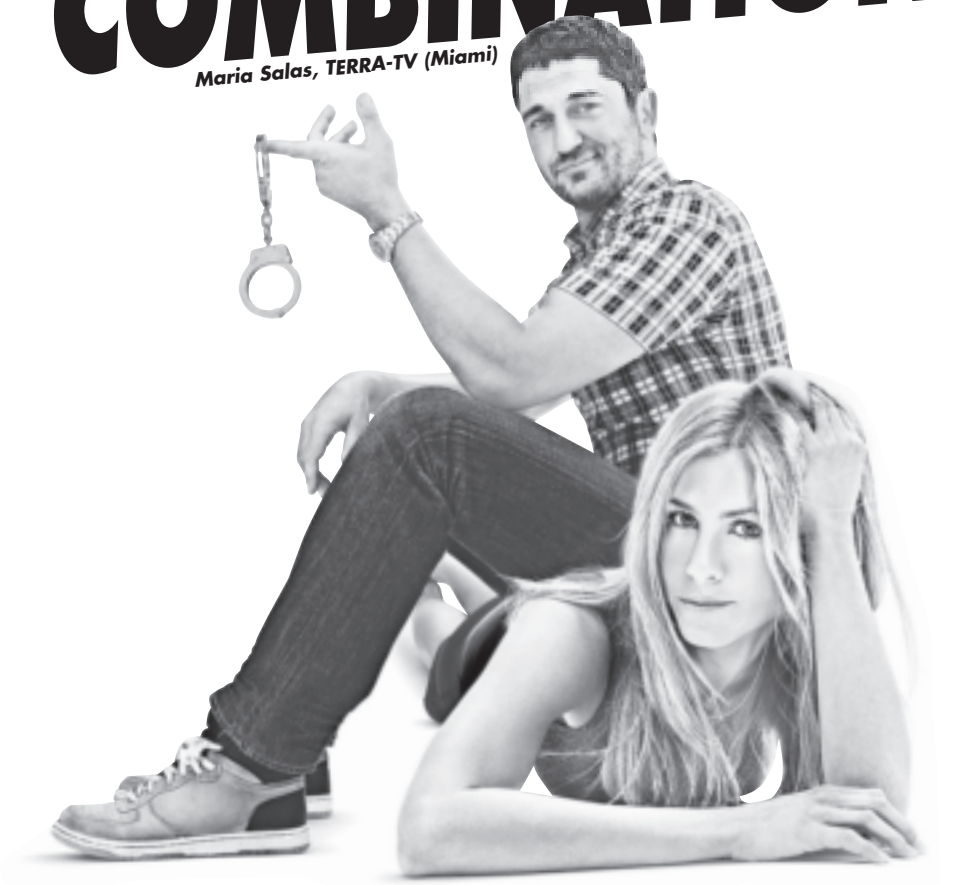
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I first saw *The Blues Brothers* when I was in my early teens and was amazed by the juxtaposition of musician, crusader, and criminal married to an incredible soundtrack and eclectic, relevant cameos that helped to frame an invaluable era of influential music in a new world that had seemingly passed it by. Although it's an obvious comedy, there lies beneath an amazing story that captured the imagination of a young man and has inspired an amazing journey so far.

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THE BLUES BROTHERS (USA) 1980, Universal
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Townes Van Zandt: Be Here to Love Me

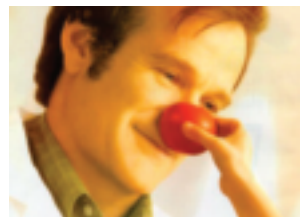
DAVID MATT GREEN
Associate producer and technical adviser, *Return to Dwight and Nile: The Crash of PSA Flight 182; ShyCloud.com*

Harlan Ellison and Townes Van Zandt are genius American writers whose work I've admired since the 1970s. *Harlan Ellison: Dreams with Sharp Teeth* tells the story of a Jewish kid from Ohio who got beat up for having a big mouth but worked hard and became a prolific and much-honored author of speculative fiction. Still going strong in his 70s, Ellison is famous for his surly manner and bad temper, so I'm proud to say he called me once in 1981 and told me I was stupid!

Townes Van Zandt: Be Here to Love Me shows us a legendary songwriter best known for "Pancho and Lefty," which Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard turned into a number-one country song in 1983. Tragically, Van Zandt got into sniffing glue as a teenager, then spent much of his adult life hooked on drugs and alcohol. He died of heart failure in 1997 at age 52.

HARLAN ELLISON: DREAMS WITH SHARP TEETH (USA) 2008, Docuramafilms
List price: $26.95

TOWNES VAN ZANDT: BE HERE TO LOVE ME (USA) 2005, Rakefilms
List price: $24.98



Patch Adams

DAVID FERNANDEZ
Actor, *actordavidfernandez.com*

I would like to recommend *Patch Adams,* starring Robin Williams as a man who believes laughter can heal; and *Life Is Beautiful* starring Roberto Benigni as a Jewish man who takes a unique approach to surviving the horrors of a concentration camp. I love these two movies because of their powerful messages! I feel the movies have great symbolism, a positive approach and attitude toward life. They just show how ordinary people live extraordinary lives.

PATCH ADAMS (USA) 1998, Universal
List price: $5.98

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (Italy) 1997, Miramax
List price: $19.99

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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.
★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 4/2; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/1)

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)

Repo Men — Grisly vision of the future, where artificial organs are sold on the installment plan and are repossessed by force when the recipients fall behind in their payments, and where one such repo man receives a transplant of his own and grows a conscience. The ending is terrible from several angles and from a long way back, almost from the beginning. With Jude Law, Forest Whitaker, Liev Schreiber, and Alice Braga; directed by Miguel Sapochnik. 2010.
● (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Secret of Kells — Medieval-period animated fantasy out of Ireland, co-directed by Tomm Moore and Nora Twomey.
(KEN, 4/2 THROUGH 8)

Sherlock Holmes — Horrors! A Sherlock Holmes for the 21st Century, a man of action, a martial artist, more of a 19th-century James Bond or alternatively an urban *Wild Wild West*-erner, with a pretty-boy Dr. Watson (Jude Law) and a megalomaniacal archenemy (Mark Strong) who foretells "a journey that will twist the very fabric of nature," not to mention the re-colonization of America. The worst of it, worse than the hero's unseemly number of brushes with death or his embarrassing gullibility to feminine wiles, worse even than the blanketing darkness and the teeth-rattling sound and music imposed by director Guy Ritchie, is the insouciance of Robert Downey, Jr. (never mind his bad accent) in the title role. In a rare bow to discretion, he at least lays off the cocaine. Rachel McAdams, Eddie Marsan. 2009.
● (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 4/2 AND 3, 8 P.M.)

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; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20; 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)

Vincere — Marco Bellocchio's dramatization of the secret life of Benito Mussolini, with Filippo Timi and Giovanna Mezzogiorno.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/2)

Why Did I Get Married Too? — Conjugal comedy written and directed by, and starring, Tyler Perry, with Janet Jackson, Jill Scott, Malik Yoba, Michael Jai White.
(CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; FROM 4/2)

The Young Victoria — And the young Albert. (Psst, wanna see the Queen in her teddies?) The story of the first occupant of the spanking new Buckingham Palace is a story of protofeminist liberation — "Even a palace can be a prison" — and a testament to the capacity of British thespians, specifically Emily Blunt, Rupert Friend, Paul Bettany, Miranda Richardson, Mark Strong, Harriet Walter, Jim Broadbent, among others, to play any dry and droning history lesson as if it were Shakespeare. The rather bland love story ultimately nudges out the pungent family relations, and the only goose bumps come courtesy of Handel and high volume. Directed by Jean-Marc Vallée. 2009.
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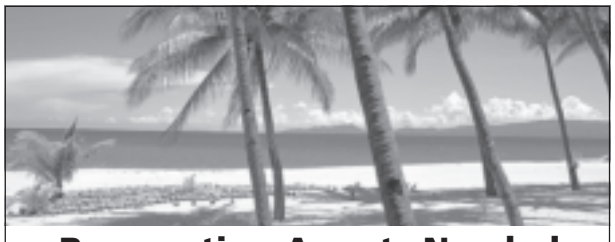
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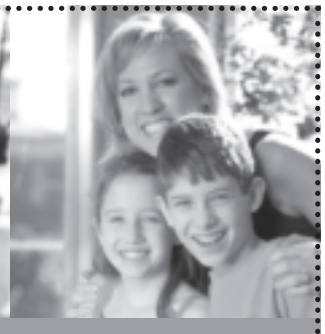
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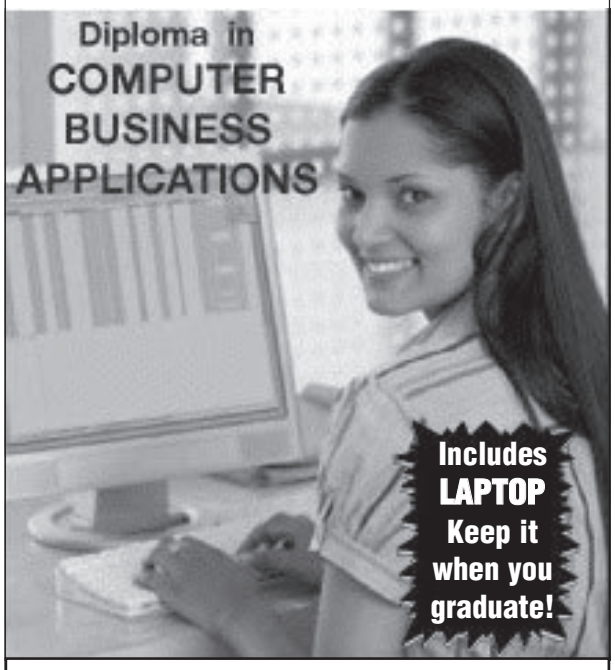
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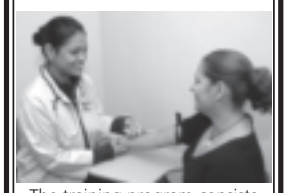
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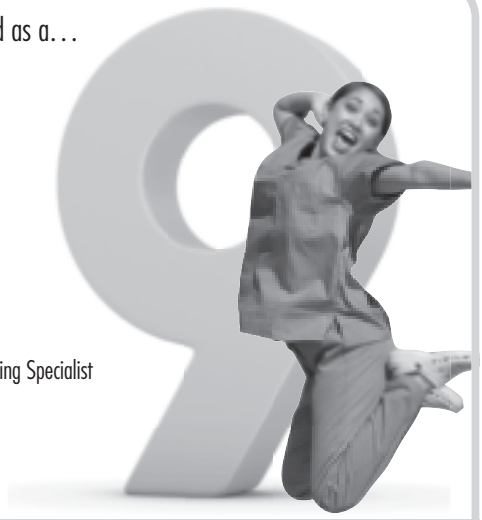
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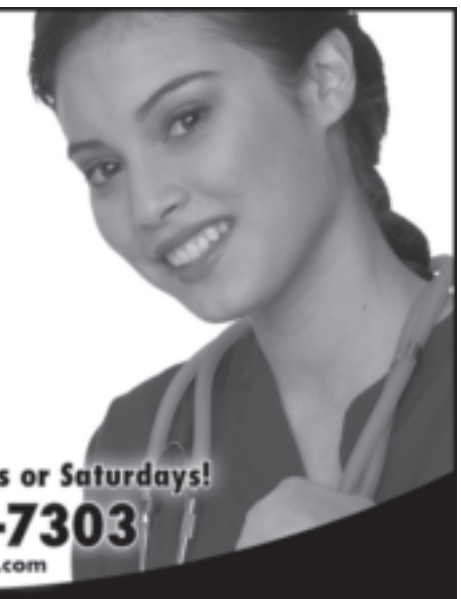
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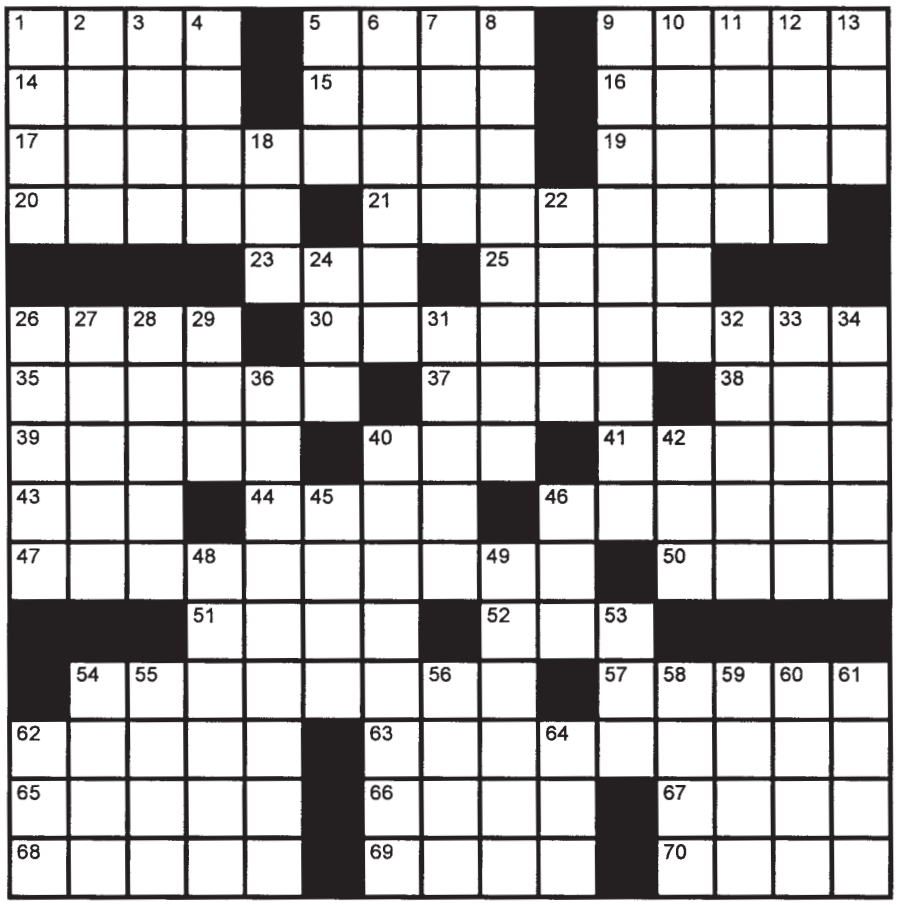
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51. Natural flavoring
52. Zenith competitor
54. Spot overlooking center court, say
57. "Holy smokes!"
62. Three-line poem
63. You're doing one in English
65. A lot of assessments?
66. Six-sided state
67. "The Alexandria Quartet" finale
68. Where VapoRub is often rubbed
69. St. Louis' ____ Bridge
70. Be ____ in the ointment

Down

1. Bugs
2. Cop's target
3. "The ____ Love" (1987 REM hit)
4. Old Test. book
5. Counselor's area
6. Knows about
7. Spanish artist Joan
8. National Institutes of Health location
9. "Bring it on!"
10. "Am not!" response
11. Bog
12. TV actress Roseanne
13. Al Green's "____-La-La (Make Me Happy)"
18. Word "used to suggest the sound of snoring," according to the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary
22. Ancient Peruvian
24. George Harrison's "____ Mine"
26. Org.
27. Last choice on a questionnaire
28. Reeves of "The Matrix"
29. It begins in Mar.
31. Words with profit or phrase
32. Harden
33. Jack who ate no fat
34. ____ & Young (accounting firm)
36. Tinker Bell sprinkling
40. Family reunion activity
42. It commonly follows a verb: Abbr.
45. Major League VIPs
46. "High School Musical" actor Efron
48. Forgets one's lines, e.g.
49. "The Wind in the Willows" amphibian
53. Morning hrs.
54. Nasty wound
55. River to the Seine
56. "Thou ____ votary to fond desire": Shak.
58. Org. that used the slogan "In Service for the Girls of the World"
59. It's full of holes and traps
60. Sportscaster Hershiser
61. "It's now or never" time
62. "____ Ramsey" (1970s TV western)
64. Sounds from a librarian



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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

☛ **Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 12.** *Here comes the sun at last*
Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 12. *SDSU- one game at a time*
Eric Cash, Escondido, 12. *Evan's final four bracket is awful*
Leslie Chase, Campo, 12. *Greetings from Seneca, South Carolina.*
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 12. *Honestly, my verisimilitude is sometimes lacking.*
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 12. *Time for Manishevitz and Cadbury eggs-yum!*
William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 12. *Check out "She and Him" Zooey is the bomb.*
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 12. *Happy birthday, Andrew!*
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 12. *Thanks for the help, Ronnie.*
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 12. *There's no one fighting for our children's chance.*
John Pertle, Santee, 12. *God is love. God loves you. Jesus Christ is savior.*
☛ **Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 12.** *I wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter*
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 12. *Well, this one should separate the sheep from the goats.*
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 11. *Obamanomics-Rob Peter, pay Paul, then take back from Paul!*
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 11. *"We gonna handle this stuff like Bidnessmen"*
George Jackson, Oceanside, 11. *I need Obamacare because watching it pass made me sick.*
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 11. *Hi*
Ron Meyer, Santee, 11. *Honey I do love you and miss the cuddling.*
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 11. *Please don't burn the surf club*
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 11. *Maybe the Easter Bunny will bring me fame.*
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 11. *Raptures from Ramona, CA*
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 11. *Awsome person!*
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 10. *Be a wheeler-dealer. Ride your bike.*
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 10. *Don't it always seem to go...*
Don Romero, La Mesa, 10. *I-o-v-e you sweet Mei Ling!*
Craig Curtis, Escondido, 9. *Wedding bells for Cherngar. Congratulations — We love you both! CNR*
John L. Drehner, North Park, 9. *A loser: A gigolo with chapped lips*
John Pilch, San Carlos, 9. *Kudos to the Lady Aztecs.*
☛ **Kaye Benton, San Diego, 8.** *Happy birthday to me! April 6*
☛ **Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 8.** *Caution! I brake for no good reason.*
David Tomasin, San Diego, 8. *Better late than never.*
Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 8. *Happy Easter.*
Dean and Bob Bekken, San Diego, 7. *Please, see this message in real italics.*
Irvin C. Gavidor, Golden Hill, 7. *Flowers for your sweety? Need a card? India Ink Papers.*
Joe Musser, Encinitas, 7. *In this dark March — don't hang back with the brutes.*
Robin Serfass, Leucadia, 7. *Meet me in the land of hope and dreams*
Jon Christianson, El Cajon, 6. *Hi Sal!*
Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 6. *I love you my Larry! Hi to all my friends!*
☛ **Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 6.** *Happy Easter.*
Joseph Gold, San Diego, 5. *Jewish ice cream — ice cream Cohen*
Ellen Bourne, San Carlos, 2. *I'm Famous again!*
Rebecca Barnett, Clairemont, 1. *Better the pain of discipline than the pain of regret*
Vince Cusso, San Marcos, 1. *Fat kids always win at see-saw*
☛ **Laura Stanger, Santa Cruz, 1.** *The jerk store called — the're running out of you!*

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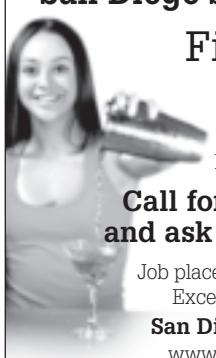
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6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

EASY:

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EVIL:

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EASY:

Don Bowman, Santee, 12. *Numbers are my game... easy going*

John Pertle, Santee, 12. *Jesus Christ provides reconciliation with God through faith in him*

☛ **D. Stiewig, Santee, 12.** *Smile*

Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 11. *Peace and Easter blessings to all!*

Sebastian Certik, Bonita, 6. *Hi, mom!*

Josie Ranches, San Diego, 6. *Ola amigos!*

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 6. *It is kindness in a person, not beauty, which wins...*

Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 4. *Go Padres!*

Peter Mound, Santee, 4. *Only wimps are afraid to go to Tijuana*

Pauline OMalley, San Diego, 4. *Love my son, Allen Omalley, Irish name*

Belimda Russell, El Cajon, 3. *I did it*

Nicole Tui, East Lake, 3. *Why Can't I have more of your spider?*

Phil Brockman, Spring Valley, 2. *Spring has sprung*

☛ **Sally MacKenzie, Rancho Penasquitos, 1.** *Happy birthday, sister!!!*

MEDIUM:

Dave Small, San Carlos, 12. *Dime a dozen*

Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 11. *It's the Fartsy you've got to worry about*

Linda Bible, El Cajon, 11. *Thank you so much. I love my Reader T-shirt!*

Henry Chung, San Diego, 11. *Submitted on Sunday at midnight!*

Willam Stiewig, Vallejo, 11. *I'm coming home*

David Tomasin, San Diego, 11. *Where do I go for my free health-care?*

Dr. Dave Spera, Point Loma, 9. *Happy Easter Serpa family*

Hans Butikofer, Mission Beach, 7. *This week medium is hard*

Vicki Flora, Bonita, 6. *Hi, Sebastian!*

Robyn Johnson, Vista, 6. *Thank you for all your help! Michelle and Rodger!*

Dennis Jardim, Oceanside, 5. *I did evil...April fools*

Ed Rull, San Diego , 5. *It will be summer before you know it*

Steve Schorr, Encinitas, 5. *My bracket is broken*

Mitchell Hamilton, Golden Hills, 4. *Barbara flowers for a queen puss o kram*

Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 4. *Another medium*

Todd Wilkins, San Diego, 4. *Let's play ball!*

Edwin Salvador, Spring Valley, 3. *You're not done*

Jose Villanueva, San Diego, 3. *I finally have the money to pay for my GED...*

Leslie Wittman, Seattle, 3. *Laparoscopy only!*

☛ **Phil Brockman, Happy Valley, 2.** *Would a leap of faith clear the happy valley!*

Robert Lindahl, College Area, 2. *We get better-n-better every time we meet. Love...*

Duane D. Tremaine, E. Village, 2. *one threw nine?*

☛ **Ellen Bourne, San Diego, 1.** *I'm lovin this!*

Genevieve C. Coleman, San Diego, 1. *Sorry that the wooing is over. I think you got...*

Michelle Gerona, Chula Vista, 1. *Hello to Benton and my kids Rachelle and MaryRose*

Nester Mendiola, San Diego, 1. *Don't push me to far!*

Kathy Terrell, San Diego, 1. *Get well Nancy and Tany and Ilu*

Chris Thelen, Planet Earth, 1. *"God" is a lable used to personify supreme energy. Agnosticism*

Jeanna West, San Diego, 1. *Ezekiel 23:20*

HARD:

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 12. *Hi Miss Revels enjoy your vacation!*

Esther Hays, La Mesa, 12. *I love my husband, he is the greatest!*

☛ **Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 12.** *We shouted "Yes we can" and then let it pass!*

Skully, San Diego, 12. *Monkey-boy's glad to be home! He loves his kitten bunches!*

Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 9. *Happy b-day Murphy, have a great day luv u! Mom*

Stephen Loughrane, Bankers Hill, 7. *Spring hopes eternal*

Wayne Ameele, Peñasquitos, 6. *Chihuahuas are great dogs*

A.T. Certik, Bonita, 6. *Alles Affenscheisse!*

Marjie Souza, Ocean Beach, 5. *Oh glorious spring!*

Nel Cristobal, Chula Vista, 3. *Got God? Repent*

Greg Boss, San Diego, 2. *... Binden says Obama is a cool ...*

☛ **Robb Dusa, Rancho Peñasquitos, 2.** *Happy birthday Jennifer and Kevin*

Obie Fox, Escondido, 2. *Happy birthday I love you Mary Gordon!*

Hiroshi Miyazaki, San Diego, 1. *Glenn see you tomorrow*

EVIL:

☛ **Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 12.** *Sometimes sausage making becomes gourmet fare- just give it time!*

Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 12. *I'm eating a "Califonia cutie"! Chill it's a Costco tangerine*

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 12. *Relaxing Easter weekend at Ocotillo Wells, hope weather cooperates!*

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 12. *Cell phones are for slaves- live free sometimes*

Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 12. *See no evil*

Roger Doughman, San Diego, 12. *Proverbs 16:3-4*

Butch Hays, La Mesa, 12. *Good times are here again :-)*

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 12. *My "evil" score should have been an 11 last week not a 1*

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 12. *Time to crunch some ears! Happy Easter!*

Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 12. *Ssave gas- bicycle*

John Strauch, Point Loma, 12. *Walked Tulipan Way. Climbed Dawns Peak*

Susan Williams, North Park, 12. *I was omitted last week #12 now?*

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 12. *Final four week- the best event in sports*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

Mark Xitco, San Diego, 12. *Thanks Angel!*
Larry Clark, Clairemont, 11. *Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Chosin Reservoir, Khe Sahn, U.S. Marines*
Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 11. *Read Revelations.*
Michelle Dutra, Serra Mesa, 11. *Spring break!*
Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 11. *Didn't see my name last week explain!!*
Raymond Land , Escondido, 11. *You are not punished for anger, but by your anger*
David Lowenkron, San Marcos, 11. *Why was last week's solution not added to my total?*
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 11. *Does Mary Bently still play Dominoes? Please call.*
Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 10. *When times are tough the tough get Lotto tickets*
Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 10. *Thanks for the t-shirt*
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 10. *...That you don't know what you've got till it's gone.*
Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 10. *Trip to Prague dropped my rank! Should be 11 now*
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 10. *Happy birthday Brendan! Hi Kiera! Hi Bodo!*
Stuart Lester, Santee, 10. *Alexander Charles Brooks is the best!*
Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 10. *Both 2h's are gone. The end of an era :(*
Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 10. *This is too easy!*
Tom Norris, Santee, 10. *One man gathers what another man spills...*
Roy Respress, Carlsbad, 10. *Evil is a foot here, for real!*
☛ **David Schwartz, Clairemont, 10.** *No rest for us evil- doers.*
Jorge Castro, Alpine, 9. *It's better late than never*
Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 9. *My religion is against buying insurance if it allows abortion*
Tess C. Sutton, San Diego, 9. *God loves us all!*
Joi Taylor, Mission Valley, 9. *Joe Murphy's number one in states ricky!*
David Holbo, San Carlos, 8. *Shame on the House and Senate!*
Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 8. *Don't keep all your (Easter) eggs in one basket.*
Joe Selig, San Diego, 8. *Dad 93 Mom 90. Larry 62. Linda 65. John 60*
Greg Boss, San Diego, 7. *Ignore Sarah Palin. Todd does vote for ID Arizona*
Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 7. *Keep on keepin' on*
George Elam, Vista, 7. *Can't we just be pols and not act like kids*
Christine Hennes, San Diego, 7. *Love is my Religion*
Rob Welder, El Cajon, 7. *Here's Johnny!*
Carolyn Woodbury, Chula Vista, 7. *Take time to recycle. Your grand children will thank you*
P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 6. *Thanks for the shirt. Next time — black*
J. Gorman, UTC, 5. *Nuts!*
Charles Reader, Del Mar Heights, 5. *Reader reads Reader*
Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 4. *Thank you Jeff Loeb for sending me the puzzles*
David Bruce, Hillcrest, 4. *Mee Shim Fine Art- San Diego's best*
Joan Hubert, Clairmont, 4. *To listen is a great art*
Art Spencer, Oceanside, 4. *Just saw 1st orange blossom*
Debbie Schultz, El Cajon, 3. *Hi Russ!*
Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 2. *Midevil!*
Matthew Evans, Encinitas, 2. *Show love and compassion to all*
Bill Grant, Hillcrest, 2. *Bridge turnament at Town and Country!*
☛ **Andy Ngo, Vista, 2.** *Happy Easter*
Stephen Nobiensky, San Jacinto, 2. *I love you sweetheart get well soon*
Eddie Faria, Point Loma, 1. *Good to be back*
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 1. *Life is short do something*
Kitten, Coronado, 1. *I missed my Monkeyboy. He's home and all's right again!*
Brittany Hayes, Poway, 1. *Happy spring!*
Roy E. Leeper, Chula Vista, 1. *Nailed it*
Bob Rickman, Carlsbad, 1. *How about 8 per week?*
Paul Roder, Pacific Beach, 1. *Have fun in the Philippines Emma!*
Alain R Sanchez, Chula Vista, 1. *Roxxy Caffe rocks*
Madison Tucker, Escondido, 1. *I love you mommy- Masson xxx*
Lindsey Wray, El Cajon, 1. *Too easy, Drill Srgt, too easy!*
L. Yakut, Temecula, 1. *Vote*

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Brainstorms

by Don Rubin

How Does Our Garden Grow?

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Karel Čapek
The Gardener's Prayer

You can identify the various members of this little plant community by filling in the spaces in the answer key.



1. Asparagus fern *(Asparagus sprengeri)*
2. Boston fern *(Nephrolepsis exalta bostoniensis)*
3. Corn plant *(Dracaena fragrans massangeana)*
4. Dumb cane *(Dieffenbachia)*
5. Fatsia *(Fatsia japonica)*
6. Holy basil *(Ocimum sanctum)*
7. Jade plant *(Crassula argentea)*
8. Japanese maple *(Acer palmatum)*
9. Marijuana *(Cannabis sativa)*
10. Mother spleenwort *(Asplenium bulbiferum)*
11. Peperomia
12. Philodendron selloum
13. Poison Ivy *(Toxicondendron sprengeri)*
14. Rubber plant *(Ficus elastica decora)*
15. Snake plant *(Sansevieria trifasciata laurenti)*
16. Spider plant *(Chlorophytum elatum vittatum)*
17. Umbrella tree *(Schefflera)*
18. Wandering jew *(Zebrina pendula or tradescantia)*
19. Weeping fig *(Ficus benjamina)*

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



10 *dafi duc* (Daffy Duck)
3 *Aerlinia americana* (American Airlines)
7 *Beneannus latex* (Goodyear Rubber)
24 *Shinola variens* (Kiwi Shoe Polish)
17 *Videocolora extinctus* (NBC Peacock)
1 *Avis magnus* (Big Bird)
15 *Avis tweeti* (Tweety)
22 *Heclus (et leculus) cro* (Heckle & Jeckle)
20 *Falco-bogartus maltens* (The Maltese Falcon)
12 *Pax woodstoci* (the Woodstock peace symbol)
16 *Pitnibowes stampus* (Pitney-Bowes)
8 *Draecus caecus* (Drake's Cakes)
14 *Postofficium americanus* (US Post Office)
4 *Ionothanus livingstones* (Jonathan Livingston Seagull)
2 *Avis autoexpensus* (T-Bird)
5 *Avis-occulus clarens* (Birdseye)
9 *E pluribus unum* (The Great Seal)
18 *Beepus beepus* (The Roadrunner)
11 *Unitus farmus* (United Farm Workers)
6 *Natio-recuperus administraus* (National Recovery Administration)
25 *Penguina pittsburgens* (Pittsburgh Penguins)
21 *Cardinales sanctalouisii* (St. Louis Cardinals)
19 *Turci alcoholis* (Wild Turkey)
23 *Oulus potatorius* (Wise Potato Chips)
13 *Oulus-blancus cigare* (White Owl Cigars)

BRAINSTORM PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

1) Submit one completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online at *sandiegoreader.com*. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803 or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy or scanned and e-mailed to: Puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

5) 10 *Reader* T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 4. *Thanks Pete and Downtown Library.*

Everett Conrad, San Diego, 4. *I wonder what #2 is?*

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 4. *Thanks for the T! Best odds ever.*

Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 4. *Peter, congratulations on your persistent pursuit of puzzle perfection.*

Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 4. *Aves of a feather flock together.*

Ed Barno, San Diego, 3. *Number 2 must have been Avis Fordo Boomboomo*

A.T. Certik, Bonita, 3. *Alles Affenscheisse!*

☛ **Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 3.** *Birds of a feather...*

☛ **Richard Hutchings, Santee, 3.** *Tricky! 25 Images and only 24 pseudo-scientific names!*

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 3. *Ca-caw!! How fun are the birds- now we know.*

Ted Scafidi, San Diego, 3. *Hi Mom!*

☛ **Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 2.** *Just like the old Reader puzzles! What fun!*

☛ **Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 2.** *Happy birthday Brendan! Hello Kiera and Bodo!*

Donn Larson, San Diego, 2. *Fly fast, fly a mooney.*

Barbara Larson, San Diego, 2. *I'll fly away Oh glory.*

☛ **Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 2.** *More to love*

Michael Carchini, Chula Vista, 1. *One in the hand is worth 2 in the bush.*

☛ **Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 1.** *Hi*

John Pertle, Santee, 1. *Consider the birds*

☛ **Susan Williams, North Park, 1.** *Birds of a feather!*

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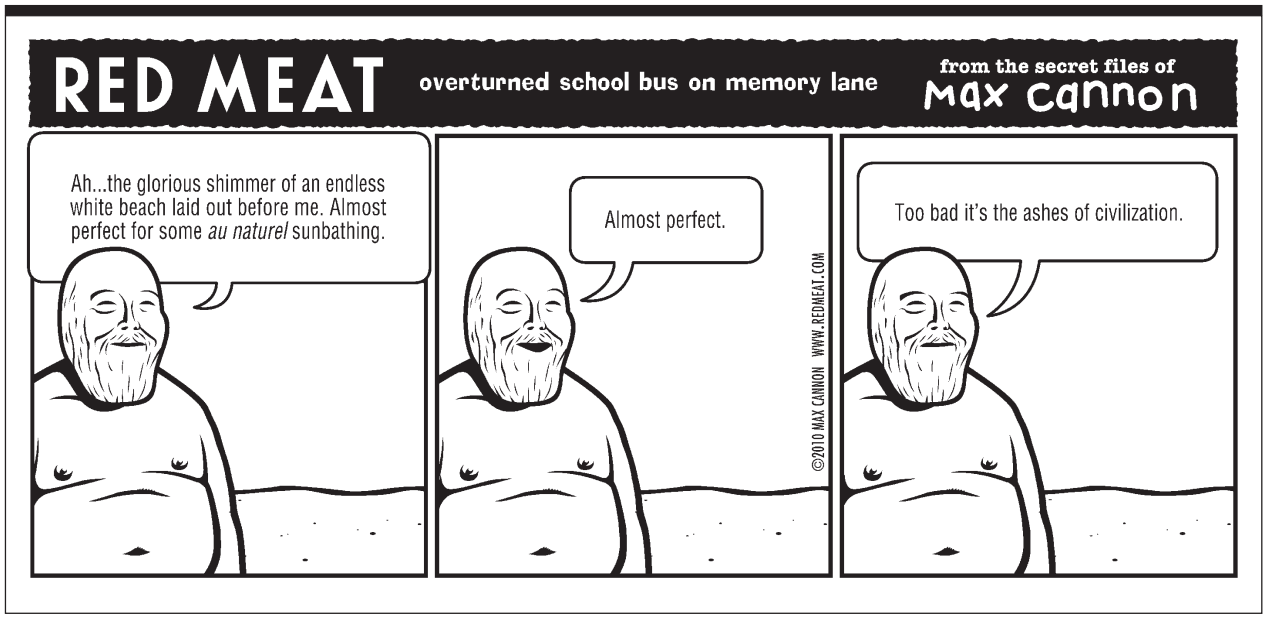
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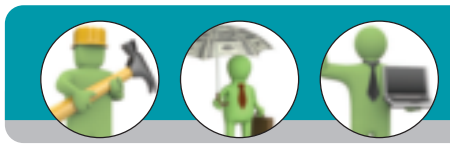


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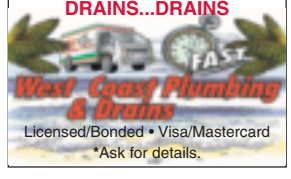
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OFF THE CUFF by Jane Belanger

What would people be surprised to know about you?



Kevin Ramos

Program Coordinator

Vista

That I want to be Tumblr famous! Tumblr is like blogging. I have this Tumblr that my friends don't know about with all these weird pictures on it that I think are funny or that I think are interesting that no one really knows that I have. I'd love to share it, because I'd love to be Tumblr famous.



Catherine Rodman

Legal Service Attorney

South Park

I'm a pretty ordinary person, so I don't know if there's anything people would be surprised to know. People that I know professionally may be surprised to know that I play poker online. I finished number one out of 10,000 people once. I started with 1500 chips and ended with more than three million. But it's just pretend. I would never do it for real because I wouldn't want to lose the money. I'm a pretty pedestrian person.



Manuel Vasquez

Production Supervisor

La Mesa

I like country music. People probably look at me and they judge me — they probably think I like rap or something like that, but I like country music. I just listen to it on the radio — it's kind of a recent thing, so I don't really know the artists or their names, but I like Brad Paisley. Friends at work turned me on to it.



Ashlea Dawn Morris

Assistant Stylist

Sherman Heights

Maybe that I come from a really big family and that I come from a Christian family, because I look so crazy. People don't know that I was actually a missionary in high school. I went to the Dominican Republic and Haiti. I'm still a Christian, but I don't really go to church that often because I'm gay, so they don't really accept me that much. I kind of stopped going when I was, like, 18 — I no longer had to go because I was out of my parents' house. I still have my same beliefs; I just don't really do that anymore. I believe what I believe, and I go about my life. I have compassion for the community and for people. I'm a big humanitarian.



Nubia Martinez

Valet

North Park

I ride a motorcycle. It's a street bike, an R1. I go to San Diego State, and it's hard to find parking — a motorcycle's a lot easier. That's the main reason I got it. I actually got it when I started school because parking was so bad that I didn't want to deal with it. I was, like, *I'll just learn!* There is a place in Chula Vista that teaches you how. They lend you the bike — just, like, a little kid's motorcycle — but it teaches you how to do it. And once you pass the class it's half of your DMV test. So you just have to go to the DMV and pass the written test, and then you get your license. I don't have a car — I sold my car to get a motorcycle. It's good and bad; it's good in the summer, but when it's cold I have to call a friend.



Therese Ackman

Carlsbad

Student

I was in the World Body Surfing Championships this summer and got third. That was in Oceanside. I actually haven't been in a competition before but I went — and apparently I'm good! I've been bodysurfing for a while just for fun, then I heard about this through Junior Guards. A lot of my friends were doing it, so I was, like, *Okay I'll go.* Then I went and beat a couple of my friends. I felt bad because they've been doing it forever and here it was my first competition and I was, like, *bam!*

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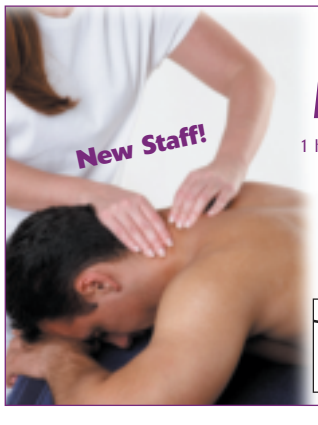
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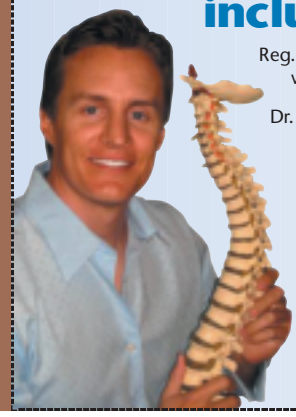
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Heal Your Body, Get Fit, Clear the Mind of Stress. Thursday, April 1, Tuesday, April 6. 5pm: Fitness class — Core strength, stability and conditioning mat class. 6pm: Yoga–Hatha Vinyasa mix. 7:30pm: Alternative Wellness Clinic–Acupuncture/ Massage/ Energy Medicine learn meditation healing and more. $10 donation for the entire evening. Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, San Diego 92116. 619-884-2662, prakasheffulgence@yahoo.com.

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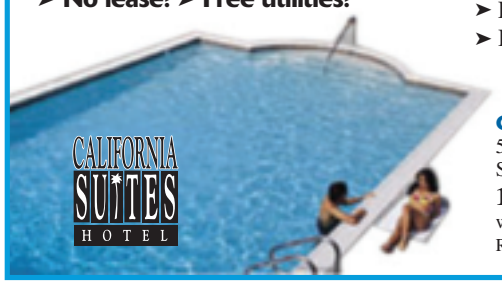
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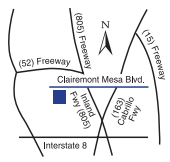
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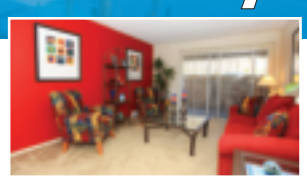
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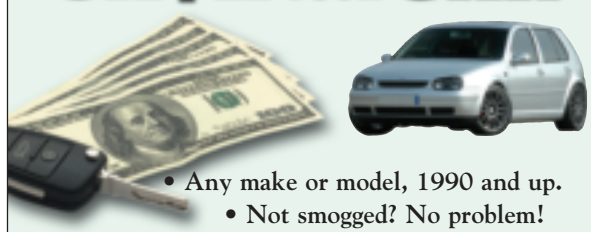
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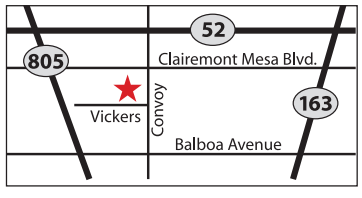
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— A day spa for dogs ("Wag Style") in Tokyo offers sessions in a hyperbaric oxygen chamber, supposedly easing doggy arthritis, healing wounds, and halting aging. (Some racehorse owners are certain that the chambers help with equine muscle and joint problems, but an academic researcher told a *BoingBoing.net* writer that evidence of benefit is "anecdotal.")

Compelling Explanations

— At first, Rev. Fred Armfield's arrest for patronizing a prostitute in Greenwood, S.C., in January looked uncontroversial, with Armfield allegedly confessing that he had bargained Melinda "Truck Stop" Robinson down from $10 to $5 for oral sex. Several days later, however, Armfield formally disputed the arrest, calling himself a "descendant of the original Moro-Pithecus Disoch, Kenyapithecus and Afro Pithecus," a "living flesh and blood being with sovereign status" and someone who, based on his character and community standing, should not be prosecuted. Also, he claimed that any payment to "Truck Stop" with Federal Reserve notes did not legally constitute a purchase since such notes are not lawful money.

— Glenn Armstrong, 47, had a defense ready when police accused him of taking restroom photographs of boys in Brisbane, Australia, in January. He said he was having an ongoing debate with his wife and was gathering proof that most boys are not circumcised.

— Sheriff's deputies in Austin, Texas, arrested Anthony Gigliotti, 17, after complaints that the teen was annoying women by following them around in public and snapping photographs of their clothed body parts. Gigliotti told one deputy that he needed the photos because the sex education at his Lake Travis High School was inadequate.

Ironies

— In February, the trade group Mortgage Bankers Association announced the sale of its Washington, D.C., headquarters for $41 million. The association had purchased the building in 2007, at the peak of the real estate bubble, for $79 million.

Our Litigious Society

— Craig Show, 49, filed a lawsuit in January against the Idaho State Police and the Bonner County Sheriff's Office, demanding compensation following his DUI arrest in August. Show said the cops had seized a "medicine bag" on his motorcycle and, in opening it for inspection, permitted the "mystical powers" inside to escape. The bag was blessed by a "medicine woman" in 1995 and, Show said, had been unopened since then.

— Sabrina Medina filed a lawsuit against the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort in Hawaii in January, claiming that an employee had caused her husband's death. The late Humberto Murillo had swiped two 12-packs of beer from a store at the resort, but the manager pursued and confronted him. Murillo started punching, and bystanders came to the manager's aid, restrained Murillo, and held him down. Murillo, who was bipolar and had marijuana in his system, passed out, and asphyxiated.

— Teacher Karen Hollander filed a lawsuit in November against the New York City Department of Education after taking a fall on "slippery foreign substances," including condoms, on the floor at the High School of Art & Design. Since schools distribute condoms on campus, she said, the department is responsible when students open them and discard them during the lunch period, littering the floor.

Least Competent Criminals

— Myesha Williams, 20, and a friend walked into the police station in DeLand, Fla., in January and demanded to know why their photos appeared in local crime news on TV. Following questioning, police decided Williams was the woman on their surveillance video robbing a beauty shop and arrested her (but since Williams's friend had left before the actual robbery, she was not charged).

— The burglar who stole already-filled prescription orders from the West Main Pharmacy in Medford, Ore., in January limited his take to the pickup-ready packages filed under "O." Police guessed that the burglar must have been after the commonly stolen Oxycodone and was unaware that outgoing prescriptions are filed by customers' last names, not their medications.

Recurring Themes

— Last May, a 13-year-old boy in Galt, Calif., became the most recent inadvertent beneficiary of foolish behavior. Acting on a dare, the boy had chugged eight shots of tequila and lost consciousness. A routine CT scan at the hospital exposed an until-then-unrevealed brain tumor, and the boy is slowly recovering from his lifesaving surgery.

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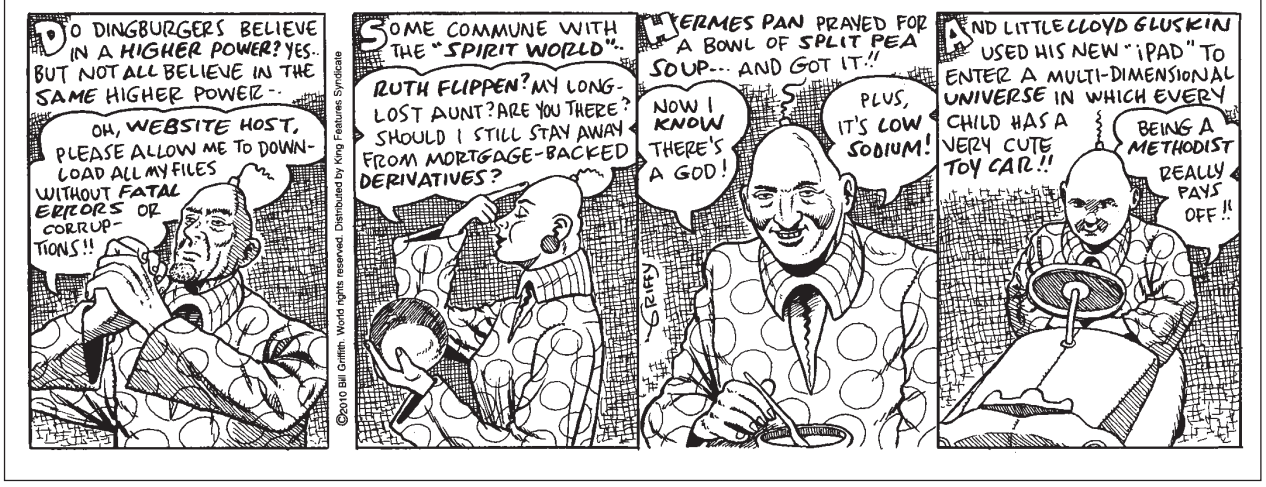
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SAN DIEGO TEXAS

By Isabel Moreno

What's Going on Here? Accusations of election improprieties abound after recent elections in Jim Wells County. San Diego residents Tracy Lopez and her husband, Mark Anthony Lopez, accuse Mark's stepmother, Cindy Lopez, of forging a mail-in ballot in her husband's name. The *Alice Echo-News Journal* details the similar actions of election canvasser Norma Lopez (no relation to Tracy, Mark, and Cindy), who allegedly collected and hand-delivered (and may have even filled out) absentee ballots on behalf of residents who claim not to have voted at all. In a third election-related story, Eddie DeLeon of Jim Wells County was turned away from the polls because "he'd already voted" via mail-in ballot. The next day, when election officials showed DeLeon a copy of "his" ballot, DeLeon denied its legitimacy. "That's not my signature," he said. "What's going on here?"

Groom That Heifer Zachary Arnold of Orange Grove won a $1250 certificate to purchase a registered beef heifer after winning the calf scramble at the Houston Livestock show. Arnold was the first of 28 competitors to capture a calf and pull it into the winner's square. He will groom and feed his new heifer for a year and then enter it into competition at the Houston Livestock Show in 2011.

Beyond Strong At the Region V Power Meet at Welasco High School, Justin Garcia placed second in the 181-pound division, with a total of 1350 pounds. The Alice High School senior's statistics for the competition included a 540-pound squat, a 310-pound bench-press, and a 500-pound dead-lift. The score qualifies Garcia for the Texas High School Powerlifting Association State Championships in Abilene, Texas.

Stung Duval County officers and U.S. Marshals, working alongside Texas state troopers and the San Diego and Freer police departments, ended a six-month sting operation during which undercover agents and criminal informants bought marijuana, cocaine, and heroin from local drug dealers. The operation ended with the arrest of 13 individuals on drug-related charges. "For us, it's a huge victory," says José Martinez, chief deputy for the Duval County Sheriff's Department. "Where there's drugs, you're going to have burglaries and vandalism because [drug addicts] don't have jobs and they need to support their habit."

Thick as Thieves San Diego police, Alice police, and Jim Wells County sheriffs arrested several alleged members of a burglary ring operating in and around San Diego. Isauro Franco III, Federico Juarez Sr., and Joel Salinas (all of San Diego) face multiple charges, including burglary, grand theft, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Police blame the ring for more than 20 break-ins during the first three months of 2010, including attacks on the Big Taco restaurant, Rosie's Corner Store, and several automotive repair shops.



Zachary Arnold (middle), winner of the calf scramble

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Congregation size: 1200
Staff size: 45 (including school)
Sunday school enrollment: 125
Annual budget: $1.8 million
Weekly giving: $34,000
Singles program: no
Dress: mostly formal
Diversity: mostly Caucasian, some Asian
Sunday worship: 8:45 a.m. (contemporary), 10 a.m. (traditional)
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 10 minutes
Website: *villagechurch.org*

It was perhaps odd to see people dressed in their Sunday finery sitting on folding chairs in the pale gray utilitarian confines of a fellowship hall. But I learned quickly that the oddness would not endure. Next Sunday, on Easter, the congregation would take its seats for the 8:45 and 10:30 services in the new, just-finished sanctuary across the courtyard.

The oddness that *would* endure provided the theme for the service: the oddness of being a Christian. The oddness of people in a well-to-do 21st-century American suburb crying out during the call to worship, "Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your King comes to you"; of those same people apologizing for "turning to gods of our own making and following pathways of our own choosing"; of choir and congregation thundering forth a song lyric full of contradiction:

"Ride on, ride in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die/ Bow Your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, Your power and reign."

Again, it was perhaps odd to hear Reverend Scott Mitchell acknowledge in prayer that his congregation, successful by most worldly standards, "must stand in opposition to the world's ways." To hear him ask for courage "to stand up for Jesus Christ.... To minister to the outcast and the desperate. To work for that very same supernatural peace that everyone everywhere longs to have — that can only come from You. Help us not to scatter and leave You alone. May we take courage, remembering that You have conquered the world."

How do we know that Jesus has conquered the world? Because He said so, in the reading taken from John's Gospel: "In the world, you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!"

Reverend Jack Baca's sermon asked the obvious question: if Jesus has conquered the world, why is courage necessary for Christians? "Normally," he said, "the focus on Palm Sunday is on that very joyful moment in Jesus' life when he came into Jerusalem, welcomed by the cheers of the crowds.... But if you skip from Palm Sunday straight over to Easter — which so

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SHEEP AND GOATS CONTINUED

many of us want to do — we miss one of the most crucial elements of the whole story about Jesus.... My fundamental premise and promise to you throughout Lent has been that following Jesus is about joy. But what about Jesus'...torture and excruciating death? We have said that the joyful life of following Jesus is about seeing Jesus for who He is, and learning the truth from Jesus, and loving each other as Jesus loves us, and making sure that we walk in the power of the spirit of Jesus. But we have to talk about suffering, and even agony, as we are learning about the joy way."

Baca talked about the suffering of the early Christians, persecuted by Jews and Romans and "the general public, who looked at them as strange people who followed a crucified Savior, who practiced weird rituals of eating His body and drinking His blood, who went against the flow of normal culture. Serving Jesus, he said, was serving "someone whose very life is an indictment of the world's values and twisted systems and the broken promises of the empty gods of this world."

Besides the particular sufferings that arise from following Jesus, he added, Christians also share in the sufferings of "a fallen world...full of disease and hunger and war, where families fight and children are abused. It's a world filled with pain. Every one of you has brought the pain of your life and the pain of the world into this place of worship today. We are captive to a world of sin and brokenness. Every human being — made for living in perfection — experiences pain because we are alien citizens in this place that was meant to be our home." In short, if Christians are odd, it's because the world was odd first, and Christ came to address that oddness.



Palm Sunday procession

As Baca said, "We follow a savior who conquers the suffering...by remaking the world in Himself, in His resurrection, and then offering the power of His resurrection to any who would receive it." This, he said, "instills a deep joy in us, in spite of the pain and troubles. It's not the way of denial, or of ease. But whether your life today is a proud parade or an agonizing crawl, take courage because Jesus — and we — conquered the world."

And choir and congregation rose up again in song: "Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most/ I sacrifice them to His blood."

What happens when we die?

"I believe the good Lord takes us to be with Him in heaven," said Baca.

— Matthew Lickona

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Dionysus: Myth and Cult
Walter F. Otto

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Walter Fredrich Hermann Gustav Otto (1874–1958) was a German scholar of classical literature whose major works focused on the meaning and influence of ancient Greek religion and mythology. His major work is The Gods of Greece *(1929). Otto's work is marked by a "rational" approach to ancient mythology, whereby he saw Greek faith in the gods as a "religion of objective knowledge."*



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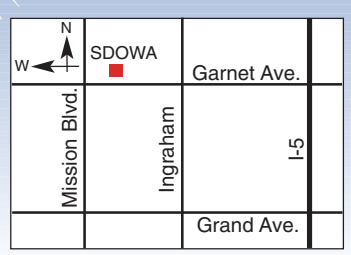
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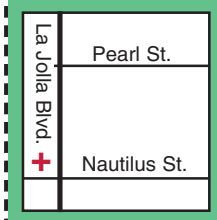
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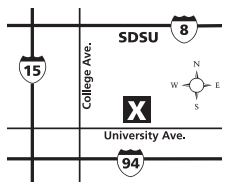
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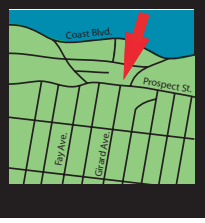
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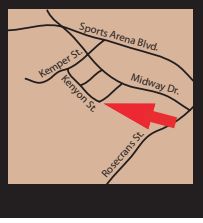
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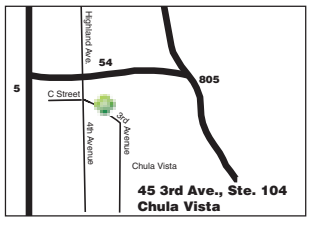
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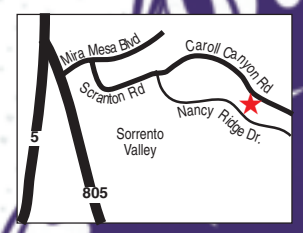
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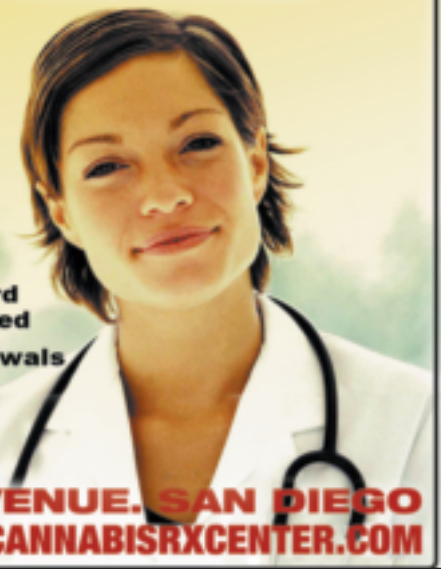
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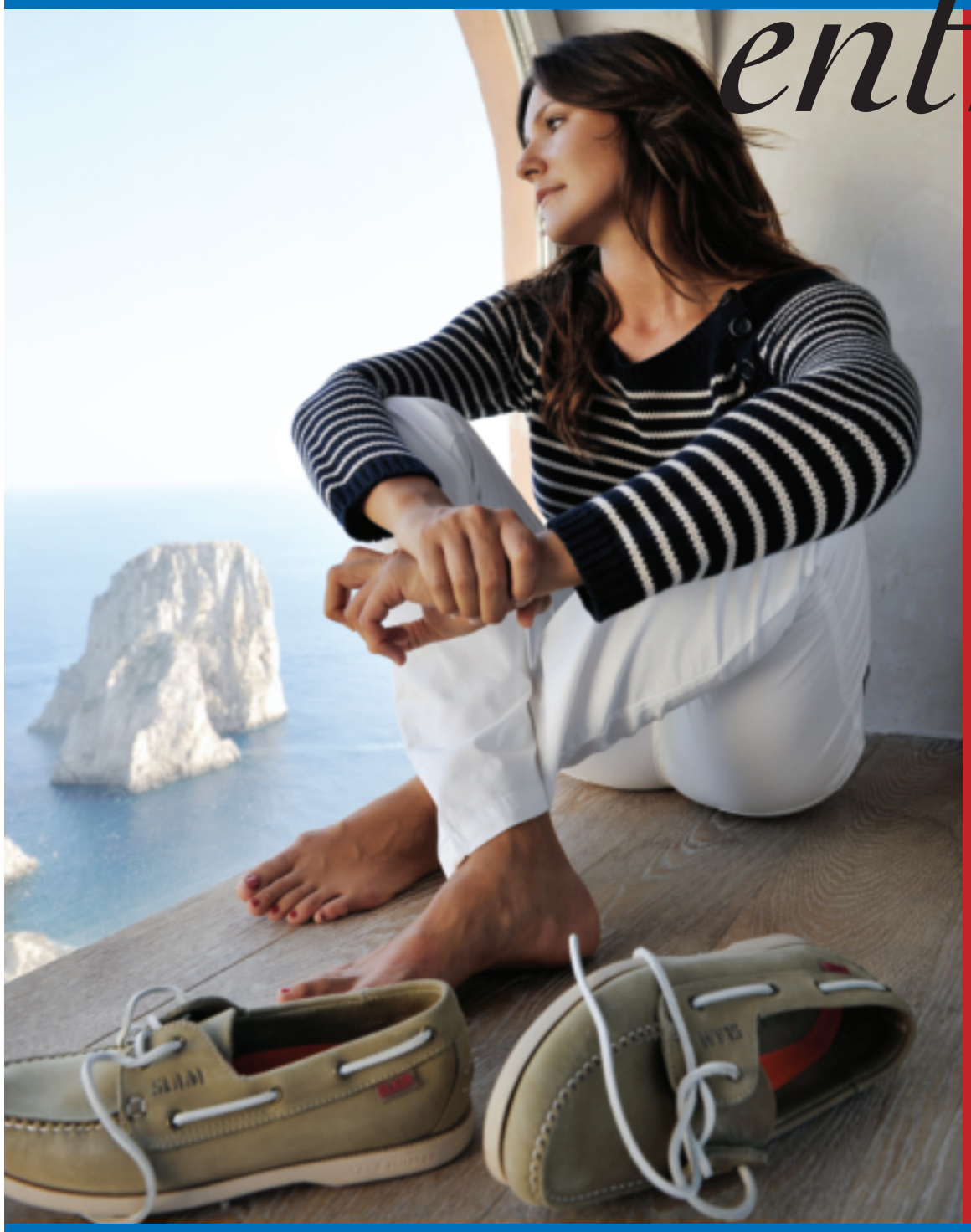
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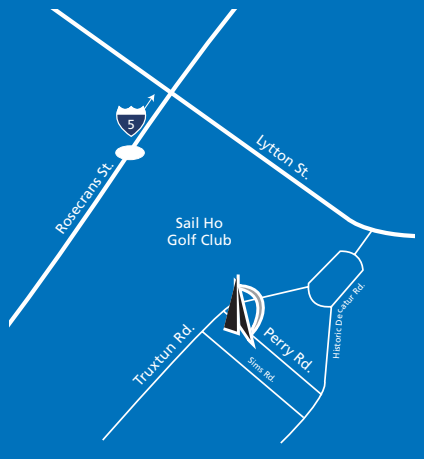
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