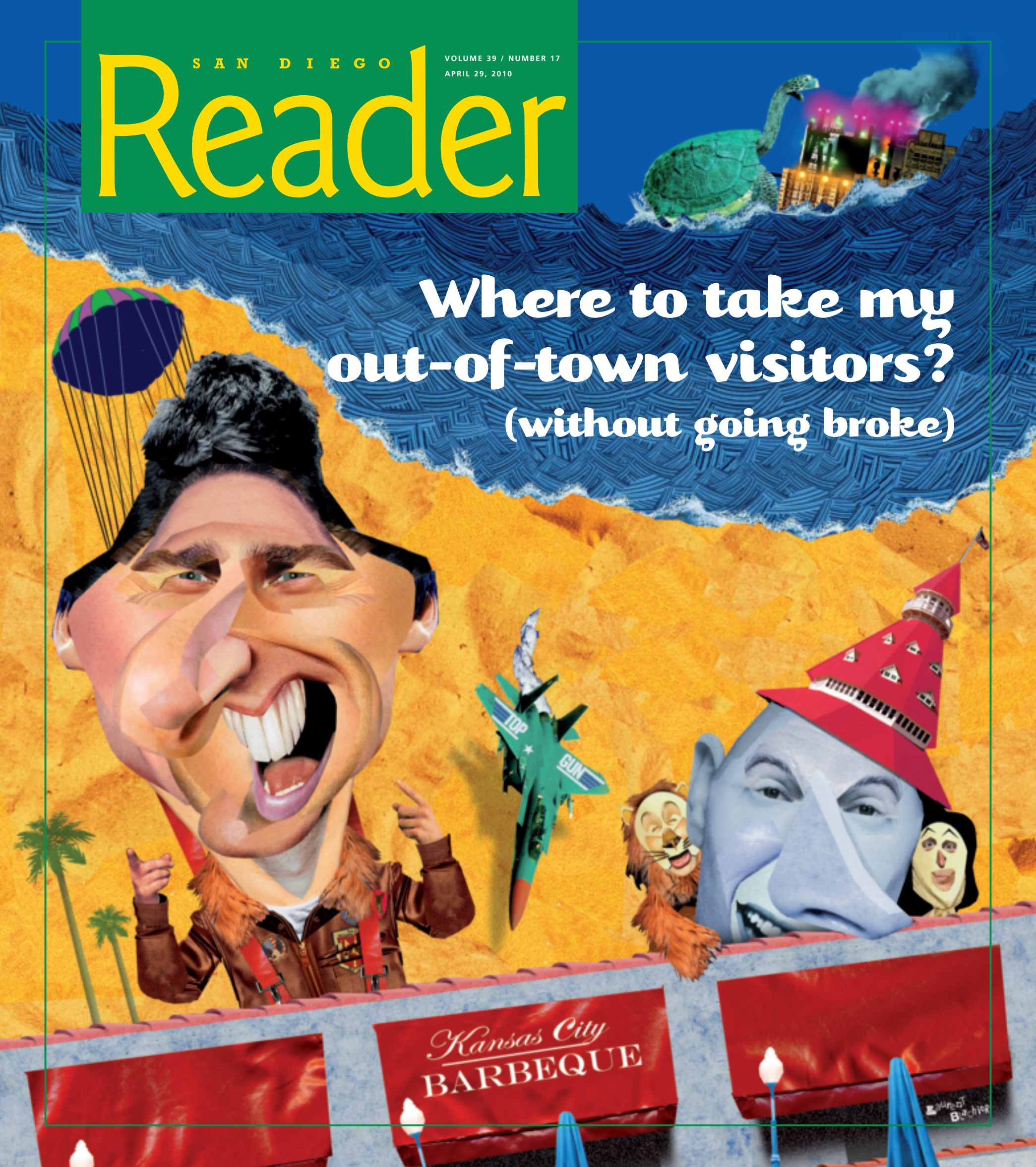


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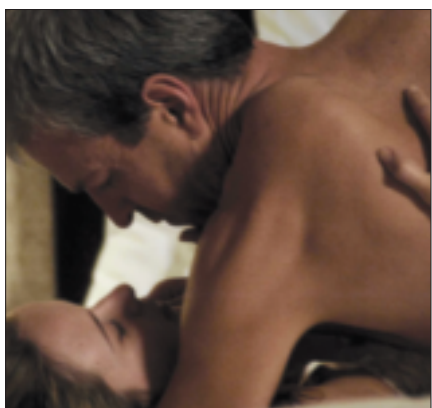
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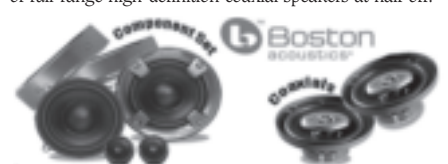
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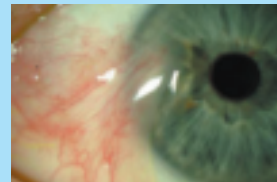
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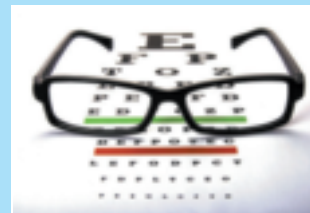


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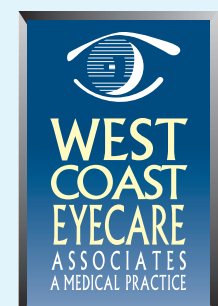
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UNDER THE RADAR

Casting call Hopes were high for California's Citizens Redistricting Commission last December, when nearly 30,000 applications poured in from all over the state for a seat on the 14-member board that is to draw up new boundaries for state assembly, senate, and board of equalization districts. By April 22, a few days

after the final deadline, the state auditor had announced that almost 9000 of the initial applicants had submitted supplemental application packages and letters of recommendation, required to qualify for consideration. The commission, created by the passage of Prop 11 in November 2008, is to be made up of 5 Democrats, 5 Republicans, and 4 members of neither party. A 3-member applicant review panel will narrow the number of finalists to 60. Legislative leadership can cut 24 of those at will; from the remaining list, the state auditor will choose 8 members at random, and those 8 will then pick the final 6 members.

Some of the applications include lengthy essays recounting past glories. Mesa College professor **Carl Luna**, who declined to state his political party, recalled a 2002 project he'd undertaken to make peace between Russia and its breakaway province Chechnya. "After months of effort, regrettably, the project foundered when the Russian participants — probably under pressure from the Russian government — withdrew from the process." Luna also cited his role in **Bill Clinton's** impeachment trial. "I wrote a legal brief of the argument and forwarded it to Professor **Laurence Tribe** of Harvard, who then connected me with **Greg Craig**, the lead counsel on President Clinton's impeachment defense team. Mr. Craig ultimately used my brief in his closing arguments on the floor of the United States Senate on January 21, 1999."

Democrat **Ardyth Shaw**, former executive assistant to ex-*San Diego Union-Tribune* editor **Jerry Warren**, responded to a question about impartiality by recalling an experience she'd had hosting a radio program. "One example would be the witch I booked over the phone for a Halloween show. When she showed up, my engineer and I were so frightened we made a promise to support one another through the show. I'd like to think having a live, one-hour, serious discussion, on the radio, with a witch, would be a good example of impartiality."

Jeffrey Schwall of Rancho Santa Fe, retired

president of Time Warner Cable San Diego and another "decline-to-state," said he lived in South Africa following the Soweto riots. "At one point I was asked by a tribal council of elders to be the judge in a violent dispute between my housekeeper and her boyfriend. I had to find a solution that would keep one or both of them from being subjected to severe physical punishment. I found that solution."

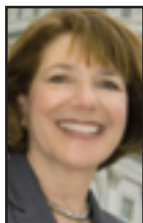
Asked to describe his "appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography," Republican **Charles Rosen** of San Diego, a retired electrical engineer, wrote: "One winter day, my wife and I drove to the mountains for breakfast in historic Julian. By forenoon we dropped down into the desert at Borrego Springs to enjoy the warmth and sunshine. By mid afternoon we were tromping in the snow atop Mount Palomar. The evening ended with a meal at a favorite Mexican restaurant on the beach at Cardiff-By-The Sea. Where else could this be done except in San Diego County!"

Fun raising Politics can be fun and profitable at the same time. Just ask GOP congressman **Duncan Hunter**. On March 29, his reelection campaign offered special seats at a Bon Jovi concert held at Verizon Center in Washington, D.C., to political action committees that kicked in \$2000 each. Democrat **Bob Filner**, chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, threw two April fund-raisers, a breakfast at the Tortilla Coast restaurant near Capitol Hill and a "gala reception" at the Mission Bay Hilton. Admission for each ranged from \$1000 to \$5000 per person. In March, Filner's fellow Democrat **Susan Davis** offered "home-cooked-to-order omelets" at her house on E Street Southeast in Washington, D.C., where admissions also ranged from \$1000 to \$5000.... On March 29, the San Pasqual Indian Band won its case in federal court against Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** over how many slot machines it could install at its Valley View casino. On April 14 and 15, according to campaign disclosure records, the tribe's San Pasqual Casino Development Group gave a total of \$37,500 to the gubernatorial effort of Democratic state Attorney General **Jerry Brown**.

— Matt Potter



Duncan Hunter



Susan Davis



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Orgy of Self-Congratulation

By Don Bauder

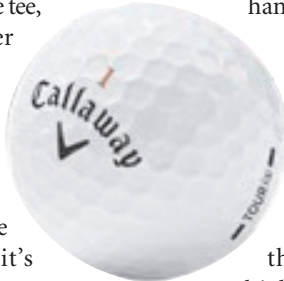
Fore!! Callaway Golf — the big maker of golf clubs, balls, and other accoutrements — has hit an errant shot that may plunk its

shareholders on the head. The blog *Footnoted.org* says Callaway is "taking a mulligan," but that may be a little harsh. In golf, a mulligan is a do-over: if you make a lousy shot off the tee, you hit another one without losing a stroke. It's against the rules, of course, but if the friends in your foursome don't object, it's okay.

What Callaway has done is hardly illegal, but shareholders attending the annual meeting May 18 at the company's Carlsbad headquarters may ask about it. Like

many companies, Callaway claims that it ties executive compensation to performance. But when performance stinks, Callaway finds another pretext to pay executives handsomely.

In its latest proxy statement, dated April 1, Callaway boasts, "Corporate governance is the system by which corporations ensure that they are managed ethically and in the best interests of the company's shareholders. [Emphasis mine.] The company is committed to maintaining high



standards of corporate governance."

The proxy states, "A significant portion of total compensation should be related to performance," and that's particularly true of senior management. But also, "Compensation levels should be sufficiently competitive to attract and retain the executive talent needed."

You can see the loophole here. The company pledges to pay its executives based



Callaway CEO George Fellows; \$6.26 million in 2009, \$5.51 million in 2008

on performance. But it also pledges to pay them based on retention incentives. Thus, when the performance is poor, the board can always shift focus and hand out bonuses as incentives to keep

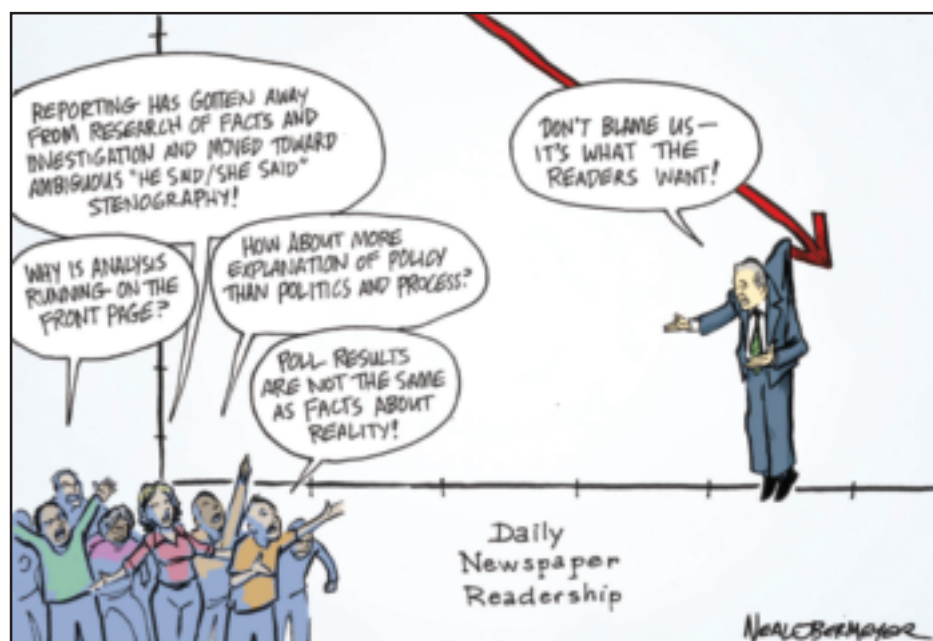
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Historic Papers in the Wind

By Jeanne Schinto

Bidders at the auction of the now-disbanded James S. Copley Library, held at Sotheby's in New York City on April 14,

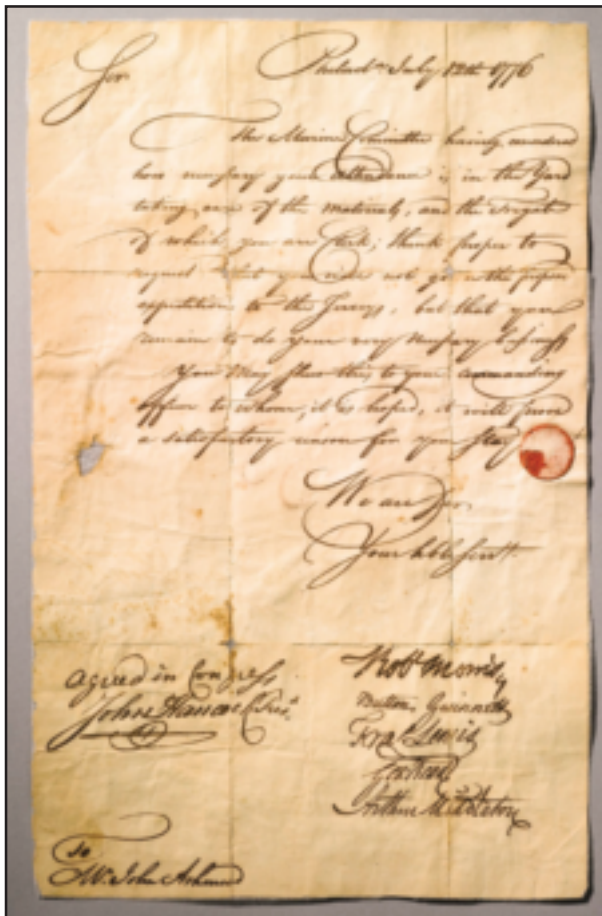
drove the price of a 75-word letter signed by one Button Gwinnett to a phenomenal \$722,500. That's \$9633.33 per word — and the obscure member of the Continental Congress from Georgia didn't even pen the letter himself. A scribe wrote the message; Gwinnett and others merely signed it on July 12, 1776. But his signature is the most sought after by members of a very small club, who collect examples of signatures by each of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence.

A Sotheby's spokesperson said there were only two bidders, but at an auction that's all it takes.

A collector's personality is often revealed in what he or she chooses to collect, but Jim Copley didn't begin seriously collecting early Americana until less than a decade before his death, using a Copley executive named Richard Reilly as his scout. After Copley died,

the collecting, like his newspaper empire, continued under the direction of an entirely different personage — his widow Helen — with, by some accounts, the help of her son David. So there's no real sense in analyzing the library contents — some 2000 letters, documents, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, broadsides, maps, etc. — on the psychological level. Besides, the collection and its dispersal have other stories to tell.

The consignor of the James S. Copley Library is Copley Press Inc., with Gurr Johns Inc. acting as its agent — i.e., for doing the deal and handling the logistics, the "Valuers and Fine Art Consultants" get their percentage, just as Sotheby's gets theirs. The reason for the sale, according to a prepared statement by Gurr Johns president Elizabeth von Habsburg, was the library's "wish to share" the historical wealth "with a



This letter, dated July 12, 1776, sold for \$722,500 at Sotheby's, which is auctioning the contents of the James S. Copley Library. The single sheet bears the signature of Button Gwinnett, along with other signers of the Declaration of Independence, including John Hancock.

broader audience." But if that were the goal, the library could have done it much more effectively in other ways. Just one idea: elimination of the requirement, stated on the library's former website, that any poten-

tial visitor needed to submit "letters of recommendation from two people of recognized standing in the academic field who can testify to his or her qualifications as a scholar."

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STRINGERS

Six Bars Left

Tourist Safety Issues Causing Bars to Close

Baja — Tourist-tempting bars along TJ's Avenida Revolución have been shutting down, one by



Floundering bar at 55-year-old Nelson Hotel

one, in rapid succession. This remarkable phenomenon is due to warnings issued by the U.S. State Department regarding the public safety aspects of a visit to Tijuana, according to Andres Mendez, coordinator for the merchants of the *avenida*.

Right now, he says, only 6 bars remain "abierto" on "La Revu" out of a flourishing 24 taverns. Nightlife has been especially affected, added Mendez, but so has the bottom line of more placid watering holes such as the 55-year-old Nelson Hotel and La Placita, both of which offer fine dining.

A couple of large bars have opened off the thoroughfare on Calle Sexta

claiming to feature exotic international beers, but they never seem to be open.

Source: *Frontera*

By T.B. Beaudeau
Saturday, April 24

**Chula Vista Drag
Teens' Stolen-Car Drag
Race Ends in Crash**

Bonita — A 17-year-old

male's joyride ended in a clash with police and a crash at a golf course just before midnight on April 20.

The owners of the stolen blue Volkswagen Passat hadn't reported the vehicle stolen before the juvenile caught the attention of a Chula Vista Police officer. The officer noticed the Passat and another suspect in a black Nissan Sentra in the area of East H Street and Auburn Avenue as both vehicles were speeding in tandem.

Both vehicles sped up upon spotting the police car making a U-turn toward them. They refused to yield as it pursued them northbound on Otay Lakes Road, where they reached speeds approaching 80 miles per hour down the two-mile stretch.

According to CVPD, the suspect in the Passat failed to negotiate the right turn at the bottom of the hill at the Bonita Road and Otay Lakes T-intersection. Instead, the vehicle headed



End of the line for teen car thief

straight into the Chula Vista Municipal Golf Course, where it crashed into a chain-link fence adjacent to the course's duck pond.

The car flipped over, and the suspect attempted to flee the scene on foot but was apprehended by the officer.

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Part of the exhibition of Copley Library items at Sotheby's in New York City. INSET: An oil portrait of James S. Copley by Peter Hurd hung at Sotheby's when items from the library were on presale exhibit. According to the auction house, the painting is not for sale. Note that the newspaper on the desk is the *San Diego Union*. The headline reads, "Blizzard Cripples Northeast Cities."

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top brass on the payroll.

That's what happened at Callaway last year. Sales plummeted from \$1.1 billion in 2008 to \$951 million. Earnings per share plunged from \$1.04 to a loss of 33 cents. The stock, which had traded in the \$30s in the late 1990s, dropped as low as \$4.66.

Callaway had given the chief executive, George Fellows, along with four other officers, performance awards going back to 2006. One award was stock options that they could exercise at around \$14, but that wasn't going to happen with the stock so depressed. Last year, "All outstanding stock options were underwater and had no intrinsic value," laments the proxy statement. Indeed, all options granted since 2006 were worthless.

That's what performance rewards are all about: you don't perform, you don't get your emolument. So the board shifted its emphasis: it began focusing on *incentives* — paying the executives enough to retain their services.

Says the proxy, "Following a lengthy and diligent process, including numerous meetings and conference calls, the compensation

committee [of the board]...ultimately determined to make a special retention incentive grant consisting of phantom stock units." In Fellows's case, all the board members except him joined in the decision.

Phantom stock, sometimes called "shadow stock," really isn't stock. It consists of cash payments that go up and down with the price of the company's stock. Fellows was granted 254,130 units of phantom stock. He can cash half of them in after two years and the other half after three. Callaway puts a value of \$2 million on that phantom stock given Fellows. The other officers were awarded from 44,473 to 69,886 units of phantom stock.

Let's start adding this up. On January 29 of 2009, the board agreed to give Fellows 135,881 shares of Callaway stock free. The company valued those shares at \$1.07 million. On the same day, Fellows got an option to buy 900,521 shares at \$7.85. Those aren't underwater; Callaway stock has rebounded and late Monday was trading at a shade under \$10. The company puts a value on those shares of \$2.13 million. Then there are those 254,130 phantom shares that Callaway says are worth \$2 million. Fel-

lows has a base salary of \$925,000. In addition, he gets \$136,105 for life insurance, travel expenses, country club dues, free golf clubs and balls, and other so-called privileges of rank.

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So on page 41 of this year's proxy, Fellows's total compensation for 2009 — that lousy year — should turn out to be \$6.26 million, says Callaway, up from \$5.51 million in 2008, a good year, and \$4.45 million in 2007, another good year. Of course, we don't know exactly what that 2009 total compensation will be because we don't know what future Callaway stock prices will be. But we have to go with the value that Callaway puts on these grants.

Eric Struik, vice president of finance, explains that the so-called incentive grants "are intended to cover what

had been lost since 2006. We're trying to compete effectively; these grants restore the retention incentive."

Yes, but they also erase losses suffered from poor performance. Fellows's ear-

lier stock options may be underwater, but the so-called incentive grant should make up the difference, according to Callaway's own valuation.

So whatever happened to compensation "related to performance," as the proxy brags?

The Callaway proxy says that the phantom stock awards "further align the interests of the executive officers with the company's shareholders." Oh? What about those shareholders who are down more than 60 percent? Eyeing the phantom shares granted to Fellows, *Footnoted.org* comments, "Can

ordinary shareholders get the same deal?" Of course not.

Callaway's board "seems to have this orgy of self-congratulation, and for what I don't know," says former San Diegan Graef Crystal, now of Las Vegas, generally considered one of the world's ranking experts on executive compensation. He is a contributor and consultant for Bloomberg News. "By any financial measurement, they had a crappy year, so they gave [Fellows] both options and free shares. I don't know what's going on with these guys."

"It looks like a clever way to reprice options," says San Diegan Bud Leedom, who heads California Equity Research and has always followed golf stocks. Incentive grants are pulled out of a hat when performance sputters, says Leedom. "Over and over, companies try to out-clever one another."

Callaway has many things going for it: golf's darling, Phil Mickelson, uses the company's clubs and balls. The company says its first-quarter earnings will more than double to 25 cents a share this year. "However, a lot of golf courses are underwater. You'll see golf courses turning fallow, the land converted to homes. People aren't play-

ing as much golf as they used to," warns Leedom. Callaway stock has made an excellent run this year "but may be ahead of itself."

Struik, Leedom, and Crystal agree that other companies use such maneuvers so that executives don't get punished for poor performance. But that doesn't make it right. It's out of bounds. ■

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Undoubtedly, the sale is part of Copley Press's continuing campaign to raise cash by selling its assets, even in down markets.

When asked last month for a list of researchers who had made use of the library, a spokesperson said the registry had, just hours earlier, been hauled away to be destroyed, along with other library records. After all, the building that had housed the collection in La Jolla since 1982 was itself on the market.

That the library would be jettisoned by David Copley isn't all that surprising. He is known for his passion for collecting such things as motion-picture fashion illustrations — e.g., Cecil Beaton's original sketches for the costumes Audrey Hepburn wore

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in *My Fair Lady* — not for any love of scribbles by our Founding Fathers. Still, the library was his parents' pride.

By one estimate, it took 22 years for the library to complete its collection of all 56 Declaration of Independence signers. It took only a couple of hours to disperse the bulk of it (a few signatures were held back for future sales), along with 188 other historical documents, including letters by George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin, as well as items either handwritten or signed by others who loom large in the early history of this country.

Someone paid \$5313 for an Abigail Adams thank-you note. Another bidder spent \$7500 for a love letter by Benedict Arnold. A third plunked down \$25,000 for

a letter by John Hancock discussing, among other things, employment for his brother. The final bid for a letter by Declaration of Independence signer Joseph Hewes of North Carolina was \$53,125. The price for an example of writing by another North Carolinian signer, William Hooper, was \$206,500.

All told, the final take for this first of four scheduled sales at Sotheby's was \$4,362,884. Not an inconsiderable sum, it was still below what the auction house predicted the sale would bring. That's because about a dozen key lots (including a number of George Washington items) didn't sell at all, while a letter signed by Abe Lincoln, which had been expected to sell for \$500,000 to \$700,000, fetched "only" \$482,500.

Asked to characterize the sale and its results, a prominent antiquarian-book dealer who attended the auction said, "I'd say the overall results were not bad but that over-

estimating and overreserving of lots hurt the sale because it reduced participation by potential bidders."

Translation: "Reserve" is the term for the price below which a consignor won't allow an item to be sold. Reserves are invariably employed at auction houses like Sotheby's, while smaller houses may use them only on their biggest-ticket items. Reserves are tied to estimates, which are expressed in a range of low to high and made public in a sale's printed catalog, while reserves are not. But reserves are generally understood to be about two-thirds of an estimate's lower number.

One would think that bidders would know what they wanted to spend on something by the time an auction begins, and for the most part they do, but they also like to play the game. They like to bid. If a reserve is too high, requiring them to start their bidding at or near the level where they expect to end up, they may rebel by refusing to play.

Remember, we're talking here about little pieces of paper, not anything that anyone actually needs.

Why Copley Press chose to be hard-nosed when offering these items, when it has been willing to sacrifice so many other assets, not the least of which was the *Union-Tribune*, is anybody's guess. In any event, the dealer added, "Despite [the unsold lots], the sale did quite well."

Surely, he was thinking above all about the Gwinnett signature, whose buyer chose to ignore its \$500,000 to \$700,000 estimate, willing to pay slightly above.

Incidentally, the letter's provenance — i.e., its chain of custody going back to its beginning — has an ironic link, bonding forever Helen Copley with another rich widow. Here's the story.

The letter's recipient — the person to whom Gwinnett was writing in the first place — was John Ashmead, clerk of the Revolutionary War-era frigate *Randolph*. (He was also a member of an infantry company, and Gwinnett wanted him to remain at sea instead of joining that company. He complied.) The letter was handed down in Ashmead's family, spent some time stored in a box in an outhouse (if the lore is to be believed), and eventually found its way to

an auction for the first time in 1927, where it sold for \$51,000. More than 20 years later, in 1948, that owner sold it for an unknown sum to the widow of oil tycoon Edward L. Doheny, who was implicated in, but acquitted for, his role in the Teapot Dome scandal of the 1920s.

Like Helen Copley, Carrie Estelle Betzold Doheny was a second wife, and like her, she held an office job before her auspicious marriage. Helen was once Jim Copley's secretary; Carrie Estelle was a telephone operator. Carrie Estelle and Helen had something else in common: rare books. While Helen took up rare-book collecting where Jim left off when he died, Carrie Estelle began a rare-book collection from scratch, in her dead husband's honor. Each also built a library building.

Carrie Estelle's was the Edward Laurence Doheny Memorial Library at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, California. Like Helen, Carrie Estelle, who died in 1958, expected her library to be permanent. Instead, the Doheny Library contents were sold on behalf of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in a series of seven sales at Christie's in New York City, London, and elsewhere between 1987 and 1989.

At the Doheny sale in New York on February 22, 1989, the Copley Library got its Gwinnett (thereby completing its set of signers) for \$209,000. The return on that investment, then, has obviously been considerable, showing the Copley Press has made at least one good deal lately — except, of course, it was never intended to be an investment. And one has to wonder if Helen, in plucking that document from the dissolved Doheny collection, sensed a foreshadowing — or else swore to herself that what had happened to Carrie Estelle would never happen to her.

Some years earlier, on July 23, 1983, on KGTV's program *Eye on San Diego*, Richard Reilly, the library's erstwhile scout, then curator (and now

its curator emeritus who, like the library spokesperson, declined to be quoted for this report), told the program's moderator, John Beatty, "The James Copley Library is really a love story. It's the story of a man's love for his books and manuscripts and a love story of Helen Copley for Jim Copley and her wish that all of his books and manuscripts would be preserved forever and housed in this building."

Reilly was speaking shortly before he had completed a book about the library. Published by Copley Press, it was called *A Promise Kept: The Story of the James S. Copley Library*. The title refers to the fact that Helen not only kept collecting but also built the building as a kind of monument to Jim. In fact, many of the library's best pieces were bought by her long after Jim's 1973 death, and that includes the Gwinnett autograph.

The last line of Reilly's book is this: "One wonderful aspect to the story of the James S. Copley Library is that, seemingly, it has no end." Well, now it has.

Many citizens of San Diego have expressed regret that the city "lost" the library. But they forget that, despite the historical importance of the material and the proprietary feelings such artifacts engender, the library was never theirs. It was a private entity, owned by a corporation that could do with it what it pleased. Still, one can imagine they'll feel even more regret when a future sale offers material relating to the settlement of California, going all the way back to the Jesuit missionaries. One piece, a list made by Father Junípero Serra on March 1, 1777, of all the missions he founded in Alta California, is estimated to fetch \$250,000 to \$350,000. Another California item, dating from 1782, is expected to sell for \$300,000 to \$500,000. Drawn by the Spanish explorer Juan Pantoja y Arriaga, name-sake of a small downtown park, it is one of the earliest surviving maps of the Port of San Diego. ■



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He was taken to Juvenile Hall with no injuries and the Nissan got away.

By Joe Links
Friday, April 23

Tipping Them and Tipping Them

No Booze for Parents at Little League Park
Chula Vista — During their April 20 meeting, the Chula Vista City Council approved the posting of signs prohibiting the use of alcoholic beverages at Rienstra Park. The issue first came forward from members of the South Bay Little League and Pony League.

"The adults are getting

too carried over drinking after the Little League games, and they're staying there at the park," said Little League Board member and parent Ed Lopez. "They're just tipping them and tipping them...eventually it's going to create a problem." Lopez believes that the alcohol could eventually lead to brawls between angry, inebriated parents.

By Nathaniel Uy
Saturday, April 24

Craigslist Tips Them Off

Tandem Bike Thief Caught after Posting Ad
El Cajon — A suspected burglar was arrested after a random tandem bike ride in El Cajon on April 22.

The 35-year-old parolee allegedly marketed the stolen bicycle on craigslist after the owners reported it stolen from a Rancho San Diego trailer, along with several other items on April 18.

Detectives from the Lemon Grove sheriff's sta-

tion followed up on a lead from the owners, who said they saw an ad for their bike on the website. While conducting surveillance on Graves Avenue, detectives spotted two women riding the tandem bike and a man following closely behind on another bicycle.

Deputies from the San tee sheriff's station tried to help detain them, but the male suspect fled to a nearby apartment complex where he was located hiding in a bedroom.

By Karina Hernandez
Saturday, April 24

What in the Worm?

Strange-Looking Sea Worm Found on Beach
Mission Beach — On April 14, while walking at the edge of the water in Mission Beach, I came across a strange creature that had washed up on the sand. Unsure as to whether or not this purple-veined thing was poisonous (and envisioning alien projectiles reaching out to grab my camera upon touching it),

I decided against picking it up. Instead, I gently poked it with a stick to see if it was soft or hard. It was soft and had a white funnel-like protrusion at the end not visible in the photo. I snapped a few photos just before the next wave embraced it and pulled it back to sea.

I spent the next several days trying to figure out what I had seen. I stopped several lifeguards as they drove by me on subsequent walks. I showed them the photo. "Can you tell me what this is?"

"Hmm....never seen that before...the oceans are changing," said a Mission Beach lifeguard.

I then emailed the photo to Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Two days later, I got this response from Fernando Nosratpour, assistant aquarium curator at the Birch Aquarium:

"I believe the animal in your photo is a peanut worm," said Nosratpour. "I'm not sure what species. I'm guessing — because the animal you found is exposed to air — it's probably pretty stressed and

has retracted into a ball shape. This shape may help it conserve water until the tide comes up. Normally, these guys live under the sand and siphon water/food through their tube burrow. The one you found is quite a bit larger than the more common ones we find locally."

Google images seem not to support Nostratpour's peanut-worm designation. Can you help solve this marine mystery?

By Carolyn Grace Matteo
Monday, April 19

Wreck the Rec?

Council Looks at Ways to Reduce Deficit
Lemon Grove — In recent months, the Lemon Grove city council has looked at ways of reducing the deficit. Projected revenues for fiscal year 2010-11 are \$11.8 million, while expenditures are projected to be \$12.7 million.

On April 20, the city council reconvened inside the community center for another budget discussion. On the agenda for the night: should the city continue to offer youth recreation services?

Currently, Lemon Grove subsidizes three recreation programs for children, explained Mike Hale, director of recreation services. Those programs include organized youth sports, such as soccer, flag football, and basketball; a summer and spring day camp; and an after-school "drop-in" program, where kids in grades kindergarten through fifth grade can go

from 2 to 6 p.m.

The city pays nearly \$95,000 per year to fund the youth activities, but Hale presented a plan that would bring that down to \$17,000. The plan increases the children-to-staff ratio, raises fees, encourages utilizing volunteers for some youth sports activities, and includes implementing a daily fee of \$2 for the after-school drop-in program.

The city manager offered one additional alternative: ditch the cost-savings plan and try to get the Boys and Girls Club to take over.

"I don't believe it is our job to provide after-school care for kids," said Mayor Mary Teresa Sessom during council comment.

By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, April 21

Earth Lovers and Baby Killers


Pro-Lifers Protest at Earth Day Fair

Balboa Park — Thousands of people flocked to Balboa Park on Sunday, April 18, to celebrate EarthFair 2010, billed as "The world's largest annual environmental fair" by event producer San Diego Earthworks. Educational exhibits, music, and earth-friendly food were offered alongside a dose of shock and controversy: anti-abortion activists protested near the Planned Parenthood booth.

"Three hundred and seventy-five dollars! Best money you could ever spend. No child support. No kids running around," shouted Jeff White sarcastically while holding one of many giant signs depicting aborted fetuses. He and other pro-life advocates made their voices heard just a few feet from pro-choice supporters who offered information on safe sex, birth control, and abortion.

Many people walking by expressed their disapproval of the use of the

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venue for the debate as tensions ran high between the two groups. Upon her arrival to help staff the Planned Parenthood booth, a volunteer said she was confronted by a member of the Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust, who said, "Here comes someone who's found her place on Earth. She's a baby killer." The woman later reflected on her experience by saying, "It was pretty disturbing, but, because of their antics, tons of people came to talk to us."

*By Barry Meyer
Tuesday, April 20*

Watch for the Blondes

Female Burglars Seen Breaking Into Home
El Cajon — Two women broke into a home in Fletcher Hills on the morning of April 8. While the neighbors were on their way to work, two blonde women driving a white Ford F150 with gold Eddie Bauer trim walked to the back of the home, broke the glass on the door, and entered the home of Susan and Tirrell Payton.

They took several cameras, as well as costume jewelry and an empty purse.

"I used the cameras for my business and had only just bought the nicest one," said Susan Payton of the theft. "We just moved here, and I can't believe that someone would rob us in broad daylight."

*By Susan Payton
Saturday, April 24*

Someone's Gotta Do It

Homeless Man Wants to Help Clean Up Waste
Downtown — Jeff Trevethan, a man living homeless in San Diego, appeared before the city council to comment on his personal difficulties with trying to remove human waste and animal feces that remain uncleared in the streets

of downtown.

According to Trevethan, he was threatened with arrest while picking up dog feces on April 10 at Fifth Avenue and C Street. "I have a lot of time on my hands and I figure that's a

good way to use it. People don't seem to want to pick it up themselves," he said.

Trevethan says he has called Clean & Safe on "multiple" occasions to aid in his attempt to clean

up the specific area.

"I would like to volunteer or help out without being threatened with arrest for picking up [waste in] the city."

*By Nathaniel Uy
Thursday, April 22*

Is This Thing On?

Skepticism of Community Plan Update Meeting
Golden Hill, North Park — On Monday, April 26, San Diego's City Planning and Community Investment Department is sponsoring

a "Community Plan Update Open Mic Meeting" in the Balboa Park Club.

While community organizations are encouraged to "share their knowledge" during the event, commu-

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nity leaders and neighborhood preservationists are calling the gig a "dog and pony show."

"The community plan updates for Uptown, North Park, and Golden Hill will define the new development for the next 20 to 25 years," writes Tom Mullaney, president of neighborhood preservation group Friends of San Diego. "The question is, will these three communities be able to preserve the features that the residents cherish, or will their neighborhoods be bulldozed to make room for new high-density development?"

Mullaney's assumptions appeared to be spot on when his request to present at the open-mic night event was denied by the event organizer.

Mullaney objected to San Diego senior planner Bernie Turgeon and chair of the Uptown Planners Leo Wilson, and he lodged additional complaints to city planners. A day later, William Anderson, San Diego's director of city planning and development, responded with assurances that Mullaney and the Friends of San Diego will be allowed to present at the open-mic meeting.

Despite the City's capitulation, Mullaney and other community activists remain skeptical about the process.

"Many of us get the feeling that community input is being sought as a formality, while the City Planning Department and their hired consultants work on their design for our communities," writes Mullaney.

By Dorian Hargrove
Thursday, April 22

Begged for His Life
Man Robbed at Gunpoint
by Fellow Med Pot User
Vista — A Vista man who befriended a fellow mar-

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ijuana user reported being robbed by his new acquaintance in Vista on Thursday.

Officers were called to the 1200 block of Buena Vista Drive shortly before 6 p.m. to investigate a report of a home burglary with shots being fired, Sgt. Art Wager said.

The victim, 32, told authorities he met "Phil" on Tuesday at the "Cal Med 420 Medical Marijuana Dispensary" on Rosecrans in San Diego.

He invited the man to come to his home to smoke the weed, which the victim said he needs to use for unspecified medical problems.

The victim told investigators that when he went to his bedroom to get his pot, his "guest" pulled a handgun and fired off a shot that missed him but lodged in the wall, Wager said.

After "Phil" ordered him to the ground and demanded the man's medical stash, a second man arrived and began demanding "the money," Wager said.

The victim told authorities he begged for his life and handed over his cash. They also took an unspecified amount of marijuana and a bong.

By Steve Perez
Friday, April 23

Comments

1. And the police are really going to help him recover his weed?

I think we are beginning to see what sort of problems we are going to have with this "medicine." Most of the people in my community that I've heard from or talked to are firmly against having one of those "dispensaries" anywhere near here.

By CuddleFish 6:13 p.m.,
Apr. 23

2. That's unfortunate. I'm finding medical marijuana to be very helpful with an arthritic

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condition but am not sure what goes on around a dispensary, as I've not been actually in one.

By SDaniels 7 p.m., Apr. 23

Spirited Debate

Prop G Could Sideline Bayfront Development

Chula Vista — During last week's mayoral debate, a potential problem for developing Chula Vista's bayfront was revealed. In June, Chula Vistans will vote on Proposition G.

Proposition G wants to change the Chula Vista Municipal Code language to say, among other things, that in projects paid for by city or redevelopment funds the City cannot "become a signatory to a collective bargaining agreement" or be "required to make payments on behalf of employees to union benefit plans or other trust funds."

At the debate, mayoral candidate and councilmember Steve Castaneda interpreted the consequences of Proposition G by saying: "Proposition G will prohibit the City from investing in projects that have some sort of labor agreement...that doesn't necessarily mean organized-labor agreement — it could be contributing to a trust fund or pension fund. The language is so loose, our attorneys and those of the port district don't really know what it means. Right now, Pacifica companies has an agreement with organized labor for a hotel on the bayfront. If Proposition G passes, the City would not be able to contribute to the infrastructure for that project...which would essentially kill that project."

By Susan Luzzaro
Tuesday, April 20

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What An Insult

I was insulted by your article "Broken Skull, Broken Heart" (Cover Story, April 22). I was one of the physicians caring for Dorian. The derogatory depiction of his medical care and physicians in particular was in poor taste. Your readers have no idea of the time, skill, care, and interest myself and others had in trying to provide medical, advice, support for him and his family. It is clear he is and probably always was an insecure, angry, and

self-absorbed person. Trust, I had no economic gain in his care, and I am unsure I have ever been paid. Someone should have edited this article. He comes across as an immature, careless person. The article does nothing to educate the public about the social, personal, neurologic consequences of brain injury, which are substantial. The Reader missed a great opportunity to help the public understand this endemic problem but settled for a hit job on the medical community.

Name Withheld
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 via email

Thanks For Sharing

Dorian, your story was one of the best that I have seen in the Reader in a while ("Broken Skull, Broken Heart," Cover Story, April 22). My brother had a major head injury about 30 years ago, and reading your story and Aimee's experience during the time you were in a coma really touched me. It also answered a lot of questions I had about why my brother

acted the way he did after the accident. Thank you for sharing such an emotional and difficult time.

Laurie Murray
 via email

One Mind Changed

I was moved by Dorian Hargrove's account of his head injury and rehab after a skateboarding accident ("Broken Skull, Broken Heart," Cover Story, April 22). As the mom of a teenaged skateboarder, his story is my worst nightmare. Dorian states that "if I can persuade one kid to put on a helmet before skating then something good will have come from my misfortune." I would like him and his wife to know that my son read the article and has told me that it has changed his attitude about wearing his helmet. I believe this story will save lives. Thank you for sharing it, and I hope for continued recovery for Dorian.

Lynn Mariano
 via email

Disturbed

I just have a comment about your latest edition of the



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Reader ("Broken Skull, Broken Heart," April 22). The front-cover page is so disturbing to me that I had to take the first page off, and every time I look at that, it's very, very disturbing to have someone's head, like, cut in half — I don't know. It's just so disturbing to me. And it's not just disturbing to me. I showed it to my coworkers who don't want to even read that paper because of that cover, and that edition I will not be reading. It's very disturbing.

Mike
via voice mail

Too Rude For The Kids

Your cover art the last two weeks ("Want to Be Sent Home in Pieces?" April 8, and "Broken Skull, Broken Heart," April 22) has been too graphic to have in my home. We have small children, and we don't need yet another source of traumatic imagery for them to see. Please don't join the neo-barbaric movement that seems to dominate this culture ever since the advent of gangster rap and Middle East terrorism. Yeah, 300 was a great movie, but it shouldn't be a goal for the new world order. You could have used the photo inside for the cover — the one that shows the effect of the head injury on the young man's motor skills — instead of glorifying the injury as something heroic that he has endured. It was an accident, not a heroic victory over self-destructive behavior. Please, let's tone down the cover art so the kids don't have to see it out in public, so they can still enjoy some peace in this world. Yes, they are going to die someday, but don't tell them. (That's just rude.) For God's sake, let the children play.

Gregory J. Cobb
Point Loma

Just Too Ugly

The Reader cover page continues to get uglier and uglier. Last week's ("Want to Be Sent Home in Pieces?" April 8) was so bad that I couldn't even bring myself to take one to bring home. I realize you will not appeal to everyone with your cover stories — you never will — but when

the cover is absolutely hideous, my guess is that I am not the only one that opted not to pick one up. Not sure, but my guess is that advertisers would not be pleased to hear that. Of course, maybe you don't really care.

Lisa
via email

In A New Light

Stowe Biotherapy Medical Oasis in La Mesa was the featured story on 60 Minutes last night. I read the stories that appeared in 2008 by the Reader ("Best Buys," January 16 and 23, 2008). Would you say that you should revisit your report and shed some light on what is happening? If you think Stowe Biotherapy has duped you, then you owe yourself and your readers a further report based upon what 60 Minutes reported.

Peter Hepburn
via email

Eve Kelly responds: Thank you for your attention to "Best Buys" and for letting me know about the 60 Minutes story. I tried to be very careful in my column not to give credence to (or even include) any claims about reversal of any particular disease because I knew I was not competent to evaluate any such claims. Rather, those columns (and others) were intended to serve as an exploration of the general principles behind a branch of "alternative medicine" — in this case, energy and sound therapy. To my memory, Stowe and I never discussed stem cell treatments. I wouldn't say that I was duped, because I did not make or repeat any claims about Stowe's ability to cure disease. But if Stowe is swindling patients, I do deeply regret giving him publicity.

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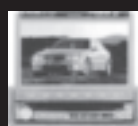
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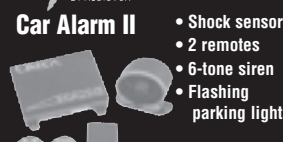
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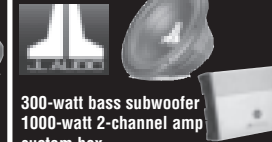
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Thirty-Five Years Ago

I am (choose one or more) appalled, outraged, amazed, mystified, annoyed; at the review of the recent Frans Brueggen/Alan Curtis concert, done by one J. Saville.

Although I could not attend the concert itself and thus cannot comment on the performance, I am concerned with some of the nonsense about

Baroque music which appears in the review.

— "LETTERS," Duane

Thomas, May 1, 1975

Thirty Years Ago

Confrontations between the police and the patrons of the Skeleton Club, a new-wave music venue located in what was formerly the Climax Ltd. Discotheque, have escalated to such a degree that the club may close its doors

permanently. At least six arrests and dozens

of misdemeanor citations have marred the weekly concerts since the club opened in its present location last December.

— CITY LIGHTS: "UNPLEASANTNESS AT THE SKELETON CLUB," Mark Orwoll, May 1, 1980

Twenty-Five Years Ago

There must be something about growing up in the Midwest that shapes a comedian's perception of the world — flattens it, dries it out, gives it a wry nasality. Think of Johnny Carson (Nebraska) or David Letterman (Indiana) and you think of humor that is smooth and soft in its consistency but with a bite to it, like the sharpest Wisconsin cheddar. Louie Anderson, a Minnesotan, is one of the latest in a line of Midwestern comics to head for the West Coast equipped only with a decent sport coat, a sardonic wit, and the conviction that his observations on the banality of life in the nation's midriff will get laughs everywhere else.

— "MIDWEST YOUNG MAN," John D'Agostino, May 2, 1985

Twenty Years Ago

Being a gay police officer in San Diego County means more than just living in the closet; to be on the safe side, many officers nail the door shut too. Although it is illegal for law-enforcement agencies to discriminate against gays — both in hiring and firing — no local agency has an openly homosexual officer. Nor can any agency provide employment figures for this particular minority. One estimate puts the total number at 27,

countywide. A surprise, no doubt, to many of those who were included in the count.

— CITY LIGHTS: "GAY COPS STAY UNDERCOVER,"

Brae Canlen, May 3, 1990

Fifteen Years Ago

In rehearsals, though [Jefferson] Mays felt secure in scenes with other actors, soliloquies

filled him with panic. "It's just me and that great big void of an audience out there. That's when, I was sure, dangerous thoughts would intrude."

But during actual performances, it was different. "Hamlet isn't just talking to himself. He's opening up his soul. During the soliloquies the audience became my best friend. I could tell them everything. Shakespeare must have

known this all along, how those speeches fuse the actor with the audience."

— "HIS ARMPITS SMELL OF VODKA," Jeff Smith, April 27, 1995

Ten Years Ago

A college friend of mine who hailed from England harbored both disgust and distrust toward burritos. He thought of them as seeping, seething sacks of food, secretive and primitive in an unappetizing way. I, however, was thrilled to discover such culinary delights and thought of them as one of the many advantages to receiving an education in sunny Southern California.

— BEST BUYS, Eve Kelly, April 27, 2000

Five Years Ago

I should have known better than to write about my boss. I listed her faults to my friends, explained in detail why her write-ups were bullshit and how she plotted and schemed like a witch to suck the most out of her employees' commissions. I also wrote of my weekend exploits, from clubs to drugs, omitting few details. I used my Yahoo! account instead of company e-mail. I wasn't aware that with technology that allowed her to see what was on each computer screen, my boss had been reading all my racy correspondence. *Oops.*

— DIARY OF A DIVA: "OFFICE ENEMIES," Barbarella, April 28, 2005

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hey, Matt:

My son and I were in the park the other day, and we heard this very, very loud peeping noise. We finally decided the peeping was coming from a squirrel. It just kept peeping and never shut up. My son said, "It sounds like he's got the hiccups." I suggested that squirrels don't get hiccups even though I didn't really know. Anyway, to set the record straight, did the squirrel have hiccups? Can squirrels even get hiccups? My son is still convinced that's what was going on.

— Just One Dad,
Carlsbad

A real wildlife adventure in the park, I'd say. First of all, you're right, the loud, irritating, endless peeping was coming from a ground squirrel. Your furry friend was fulfilling his duty to warn his friends that danger lurked nearby. The lurking danger, of course, was you and your son. Aggravating peeping is the ground squirrel alarm system.

The evenly spaced peeps might sound like hiccups. Pretty imaginative kid you've got there, Dad. And believe it or not, squirrels can get hiccups. We're just one more bunch of animals in the wild world that has hiccups in its repertoire. If an animal has a diaphragm as part of its breathing apparatus, it can get hiccups. Cows, kittens, mice, moose, all hic-susceptible. In domestic animals, hiccups seem to be related to digestive problems; usually, the pup or kitten ate too fast and sucked in a lot of air. It takes care of itself eventually. In an animal like a horse, the hiccup is heard in the belly, not the throat, and can be a sign that the large-animal vet should trot right over and check things out.

A hiccup is just an irritation of the diaphragm or esophagus. In people the reaction to the irritation starts with a big inhale, then ends with a hic noise caused by the epiglottis snapping shut. Different animals have different acoustic properties, so if they make a sound at all, it might not come from the throat. Your squirrel in the park wasn't hiccupping, but maybe if you force-fed it acorns for a while it would develop a good case.

Dear Mathew Alice:

Where does the word "fly" come from for men's trousers? I believe the WW2 dress blue trousers had "panels" in front. Do you know the significance of the number of buttons, if any?

— Walt in P.B.

It's a no-go on the button question. Just a design element, as far as I can tell. But the word fly has flown through much of history and landed right at the front of a man's pants. It's a sort of logical story. At least not as ridiculous as some word tales from the word nerds.

"Fly" is a very, very old word, originally meaning to float or flow along. Old English broke the word up into noun and verb forms; the verb began to mean "to fly with wings," then became linked with flags that now were "flown." Oddly enough, we can forget about the evolution of the noun form, which was attached to flying insects. So the pants-noun "fly" comes from the old verb, not the old noun.

Now think of a flying flag. A piece of cloth attached to a pole along one edge. I guess old-timey tailors didn't miss the connection when they began calling the flap of cloth covering the closure on the vital area of a man's pants "the fly." This happened sometime in the 1800s, when lots of even stranger things were going on. This is a stroke of vocabulary genius by comparison. I hope this buttons things up for you, Walt.

Dear Matthew:

Can you find out why, when I stick out my tongue, it sometimes shudders or vibrates or pulses and other times it doesn't? Am I the only weirdo with a shuddering tongue? It's not happening right now when I do it.... Ever happen to you?

— Donna MacKersie, via email

Yep. Often stick my tongue out at the elves. Sometimes it shakes, sometimes it doesn't. Seems to depend on exactly how irritated I am. This explanation is confirmed by physicians. Our tongues are a huge medley of muscles going in all sorts of directions. Stick your tongue out too far, and you strain these muscles and they can shimmy. But if it's an ordinary tongue-stuck-out event, then the shuddering can come from nervousness, fatigue, too much coffee or nicotine, anger, or other high emotion. A once-in-a-while event is probably nothing. Continual shaking can indicate a serious illness, and you'd better go stick your tongue out at your doctor. But, Donna, just how often do you stick your tongue out? So often that you can come up with this question, apparently. That might require a shrink instead of a neurologist.

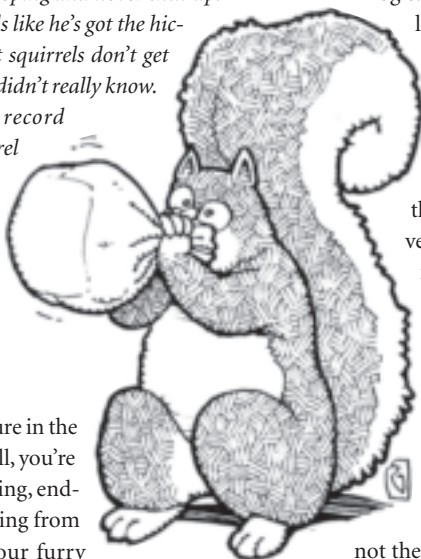


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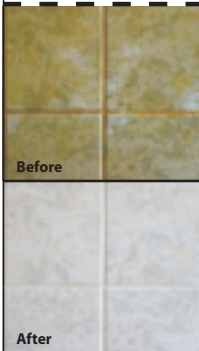


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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Stay There



American Goldfinch

I mentioned last week that I was on my way to Point Reyes. There's a birding festival headquartered in Point Reyes Station, a small, unincorporated town set next to the park.

Bird festivals are everywhere, literally. Every state, country, and continent. A Google search of "Bird Festival" turns up 3,180,000 hits. (San Diego Bird Festival is number 3.) I've only been to a few, but all of them have followed the same script. Every bird festival has a festival headquarters, this one is the Point Reyes Station Dance Palace (community center). There will be name tags, carpools, a gala dinner, and keynote address. I have yet to attend a gala dinner that measures up to the all-you-can-eat buffet at the old Mizpath Hotel & Casino in Tonopah, Nevada, but then, no one goes to a bird festival for the food. Speakers can be good.

I've signed on for "Spring Migration at Limantour Estero," "Egrets of Pitcher Canyon," "Spring Migrations at Bodega Bay," and the not to be missed, "Banquet with Keynote Address."

As I said, festival base camp is the Dance Palace, and early Friday afternoon, 15 birders, whose median age I'd put at 66, are in the Main Hall, standing in a circle like happy penguins. We are listening to our guide, a man on the long side of 50 — I'll call him Tommy — check off our names.

It's a 25-minute drive from the Busy Bee Bakery in Point Reyes Station to the crest of Inverness Ridge and first glimpse of the Pacific and Limantour Beach. We gather in the parking lot, count heads, and then walk down to a pedestrian bridge that spans a small marsh.

Limantour Beach is a spit, with a wide, sandy beach and Pacific Ocean on your left (walking upcountry), and the mudflats of Limantour Estero on your right. Dunes, marsh, mudflats, fresh water ponds, all placed in a temperate zone located on the

Pacific Flyway. The park service says 45 percent of all the bird species in North America can be found here.

We stop on the bridge, maybe one hundred yards in. This is standard bird world. Walk a little bit, stop and gawk a little bit, the guide points out several birds, birders gaze at pointed-out birds. And repeat. But not this time. This time, Tommy immediately begins his chant, "We've got to move along in order to get back by 4:30."

I never did find out why it was critically important to get back by 4:30, but it was, and so, almost immediately, within minutes, which counts as very immediately in birder world, Tommy tramps forward on a narrow pathway. "I'd like to make it to the pine trees before we stop," Tommy says, pointing to three pine trees oddly placed on the top of a dune way, way in the distance.

Tommy did stop along the way to look at Western Grebes out yonder on the mud flats. A few minutes pass, then, "We have to get moving." At the pine trees Tommy tells us, "You have to earn your birds here."

We make our way down to Limantour Estero; unnamed shorebirds are seen in the distance. Whoa, here's something, 18 American White Pelicans are resting on a sandbar. Close enough to get a good look this time. Stunning. Beautiful animals.

We're a couple miles out. Doubt if we've spent 20 minutes actually looking at birds. Tommy says, "I know we are going faster than some of you like, but we've got to keep moving."

I take off my daypack and sit cross-legged on the moss, drink some water, scoop a handful of trail mix out of a Ziploc bag, and soak up the gorgeous day.

The gang moves on. Not me. Instead, I turn to David Sibley's birding method, to wit: find a spot, stay there. All around me spring is exploding. Sunshine. Silence. Solitude. Ocean and mud flats. After a long while, I get up and begin to amble back, deeply satisfied with how the afternoon has turned out, if not the birding. No rush now, no pressure.

In due time I am back at the three-pine-trees-on-top-of-the-dune landmark. Here, the trail doglegs left and as I make the turn — *boom* — no more than six feet away, perched on a scrub bush, is a male American Goldfinch. He's in full breeding plumage — bright, bright lemon yellow feathers and a coal black cap (skull). Let me hasten to add, this is a common bird. What is uncommon is that the bird didn't move.

I notice no other birds. No other animals. No people. Just me, and six feet away, a sunlight yellow bird that just stays there. And stays there. And stays there.

So do I.

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BestBuys

—EVE KELLY

"It's hot," complained Patrick. "Ice cream?" I contemplated the calories. "You know," I said, "if I'm going to indulge, I'm going to indulge. I want something special."

I put in a call to Niederfrank's Ice Cream in National City (619-477-0828; niederfranks.com) and spoke with Patti Finnegan, who owns the store with Mary Ellen Faught.

Finnegan tells me that the shop, which opened in 1948, almost closed in 1995. "Nobody wanted to do the work it takes to make this kind of ice cream. But I came down here and fell in love with the place, and now I'm here about 12 hours a day."

"The machine we use to make the ice cream is 100 years old. It works just like a home-made ice-cream maker, except instead of salt and ice around the ice-cream tub, we have copper coils keeping things cold. And ours has two blades — one whips the ice cream one way, the other whips it the other way, and the machine freezes the cream as it whips. The blades naturally incorporate air into the ice cream as they whip. The modern way is to blast the ice cream full of air. That gives you more volume in your product, but, really, it's just less ice cream."

"We have our own dairy mix, just cream and sugar. If you watch my ice cream melt side-by-side with a commercial ice cream, you can see the difference. Mine will melt into an ice cream-shake consistency. Theirs will separate into a foamy top — that's the air — with the chemicals at the bottom."

Finnegan continues, "I blend my own chocolate and make my own fudge. Sometimes the flavoring goes right into the hopper with the cream at the start. Sometimes I'll whip it a bit first — say, if I'm making strawberry. I don't want the berries to be totally mashed; I like to see little chunks of berry in there. So, I let the ice cream thicken before I add them. Right now, the chai tea is my personal favorite — I steep the tea for two days before adding it to the ice cream. The store is selling a lot of French vanilla, strawberry, chocolate, butter-rum pecan, and papaya-pineapple. Most of my recipes are over 50 years old and come from the original owner, Elmer Niederfrank."

Cones sell for \$2.90 a scoop; \$4.90 for two scoops. The cones are "handmade roller cones from our own recipe. They're like waffle cones,

"We also make a lemon sherbet from Meyer lemons brought in by customers who live in the neighborhood."

but we started doing ours long before waffle cones came into the other stores." Hours are noon to 6 p.m. You can also find Niederfrank's ice cream in restaurants around town at places such as Roxy in Encinitas, Big Kahuna's in Pacific Beach, and Vinaka Cafe in Carlsbad.

Next I spoke with Dick Magana of Mariposa Ice Cream in Normal Heights (619-284-5197; mariposaicecream.com). "You've found San Diego's best-kept secret!" he exclaims. "We are a true 'mom-and-pop' store. I've been making ice cream for 60 years. I was raised on a dairy farm, and my dad, granddad, and great-granddad all made ice cream — that's where the recipes come from. Our machine has been preregulated to duplicate the old hand-cranked method."

Like Finnegan, Magana says his ice cream has less air whipped into it than commercial ice cream — half as much, in fact. "Ours has a creamier, thicker consistency. And because we use a third less sugar, it has a cleaner, more refreshing mouth-feel. When people complain that commercial ice cream leaves a sticky, filmy feeling in their mouths, they think it's because of the cream."

But it's not — it's because of the sugar."

Mariposa's most popular flavor is Mexican chocolate, followed by cookies and cream ("I use whole Oreos that I crush myself"), vanilla, raspberry, and almond fudge. "We also make a lemon sherbet from Meyer lemons brought in by customers who live in the neighborhood. Some people use egg whites to make their sherbet, but we use two-percent milk. Our sorbet, however, uses just fruit, sugar, and water."

The cost for a single cone at Mariposa is \$2.50; \$4 for a double scoop. "You can get commercial sugar or cake cones. Or, for \$1 more, you can have a homemade waffle cone — it's my wife Anna's recipe. You won't get a waffle cone like it anywhere else." Mariposa Ice Cream is open Wednesday through Saturday 1 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m.

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by Barbaraella

No great artist ever sees things as they really are. If he did, he would cease to be an artist.

— Oscar Wilde

See how calm that water looks? That's because it's a long exposure. Waves were crashing against that jetty, but the ghostlike mist between the rocks was all that registered on the film when he left the lens open for two minutes," I explained to the man. Having caught the authoritative tone of someone in the know, two women who had been walking by paused to listen in. The man had asked a technical question, but I felt compelled to explain the rest via a personal anecdote for the ladies' sake.

"David loved going to the beach at dawn because he found it peaceful. But when he tried to capture the feeling, the snapshots of waves crashing appeared chaotic, even violent, which isn't how he felt when he was there. He realized it wasn't the water alone he found so calming, it was also the strong line of the horizon, the vast expansiveness of the ocean, and the steady rhythm of the waves against the shore.

When he took a long exposure, the waves became placid, and finally he had an image that reflected his mood as he watched the water over time."

When I finished speaking, my audience had grown to five people. The group looked from me to the

black-and-white photos on the wall and nodded in appreciation. "Let me know if you have any other questions — after years of hanging around and listening to my man at events like this, I've memorized most of his answers." I smiled and turned to greet friends who were just arriving.

This was David's first exhibition at the Orcover Gallery in Solana Beach, but no matter where his work is shown, the questions are always the same — people want to understand more about the artist's creative process, the whys and hows behind the pieces. It was only after I'd absorbed David's approach to his own work that I began to consider not only the philosophies and methods of other artists but those of art buyers.

I didn't have much of an appreciation for art before I met David. Artists, yes — I've always loved to surround myself with creative people; they give off a certain buzz I find stimulating. That's one of the traits that originally drew me to David — a fine-art

photographer. But, Art? Not so much. Sure, I might've found myself in a museum contemplating a historic statue or a pretty painting, but no individual piece ever meant anything to me.

"If you couldn't tell the difference between a copy and an original work of art, would you still value the original more?" David asked our friend Mia, who, along with our friend Liz, had joined us for dinner at Pacific Coast Grill after the show.

"Yes, I would," Mia answered. When David asked why, she said, "Because it's worth more."

"But even if you couldn't tell the difference?" David prodded.

"Yes, even then. Maybe it's an ego thing, but I would want to know I had the original," said Mia.

"I don't think it has much to do with ego," I said. "I like having something original, even if it's a sketched study, because it's like possessing a piece of the artist — capturing a segment of time during their creative process. It makes me feel more connected to them."

I thought of my own modest collection, the handful of items adorning the walls in my home office. Each piece has its own story, and each conveys a message from the artist that speaks to me on three levels — visual, visceral, and intellectual.

When I lived alone, the walls in my apartment had been bare but for two items — a brush-varnished poster of Bouguereau's *Birth of Venus* in an ornate

frame that was worth way more than the poster itself, and a big sheet of white construction paper covered in varying shades of red lipstick kisses (upon moving in, I had taped the paper to the wall by my front door as a sort of decorative blotter). At the time, I considered "art" to be synonymous with "decoration." Now, I realize that though the two may overlap, as concepts they are decidedly different.

"My personal and unpopular opinion," David shared, "is that art is the communication of an idea or feeling through craft — the concept is art, and the execution is craft. We commit art."

"So anything can be art?" I asked.

"Well, yeah, if an 'artist' claims that it is, like, if she's trying to communicate some message through the work," said David. "But that doesn't mean it's good art. I think the measure of whether a work of art is good or bad is how successfully it communicates the intention of the artist."

"But you can also create art for yourself," said Liz. "My dad will never sell one of his pieces."

"I suppose it can also be a form of personal exploration," David said.

"But even exploration is a form of communication," I said. "The only difference is that you're seeking to communicate with yourself."

"Most artists want an audience for their art," said David.

"Then I guess it's up to the viewer to decide if that message is worth seeing," I

"Maybe it's an ego thing, but I would want to know I had the original."

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said. I remembered David's advice to a fledgling photographer: "Show me something I haven't seen before." Now I realized it's not just about what is seen — people want more than a surface understanding. That's why they stop to listen to the stories I have to share about David's work.

As stunning as an image may be visually, gallerygoers seem to appreciate it more when they learn, for example, that it took David three years to capture his ideal image of the jetty or that he braved a humid sky full of mosquitoes to photograph the unfinished pier while I played Scrabble on my phone in the comfort of an air-conditioned car.

"Why do you prefer to have an original piece over a copy?" Mia asked David.

"I get pleasure imagining the artist working on it," he said. "To think

that this exact physical object was formed by his or her hands during the creative process. It's a unique record of a period of creativity in the life of the artist. It's almost like owning a piece of that person's life — like Barb said, it feels like there's a connection there. I guess that's not so different from someone wanting to own a famous Mickey Mantle home-run baseball or a page from the flight log used by the Apollo astronauts during the first moon landing."

"I do have to admit,"

I said, cutting in, "that I like the fact that my favorite piece — my painting called *Writer's Block* — is the only one in existence. Would that be ego?" Three heads nodded in response. "Well, then, I guess that explains why limited editions are so popular," I said. "We value more what there is less of. But then we're getting into economics, and I'm going to need a lot more wine before I try to tackle that subject." ■

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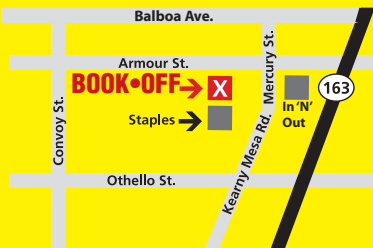
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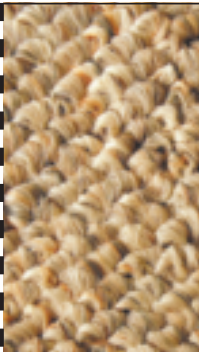
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"They're coming..."

Carla stares at the computer screen. Her face is like a little girl's.

"That they'd come all this way," she says, "just for my birthday. I can't believe it."

take my out-of-town visitors? (without going broke)

I'm reading the email over her shoulder.

It's from my English pal Geoff (not his real

name, don't

want to

impose on

the poor

boy), a friend

from back in the hitch-

hiking days. Asia. Middle East. Always kept in touch. Carla's gotten to know and love him

through years of emailing, the kind of intimacy that sometimes pops up online. Now Geoff

and his lady — let's call her, uh, Debby — are flying in from London, England.

"Oh, Ed," Carla says. "You've got to make enough money so we can entertain them

properly. Show them California. Not be ashamed..."

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"This town is so clean, shiny, new."

This all started when we were talking about a problem we have every December: Carla's birthday. It comes just five days after Christmas, when everybody's exhausted and broke and trying to gather their wits together to finance New Year's. And my record hasn't been that great in making it an occasion for Carla. Half the time, like last year, we've agreed silently to forget about it. Sounds bad, I know. But honestly, it's a tough time to get anyone aroused.

So, this year we decided to make up for past transgressions. Have a party. Not expensive, but, yes, we'd do it in Carla's beloved Coronado, at Costa Azul, and for maybe a couple dozen of her closest buddies. Why Costa Azul? 'Cause when we called all over the place, they gave us the best deal on a per-head basis, \$16.

That's when Carla zipped off the email to Geoff. "Come on over," she wrote, "to a real Californian par-tay! Get out of the snow! Stop shiver-

ing! Don't be English and reserved! Make your reservation!" 'Course we never expected they'd actually want to do it, right after Christmas and all. And it's not as if we embody the American Dream. Not with my chronic finances.

So, the first thought was, how fantastic that they'd send themselves and not just an online greeting. We felt awestruck, if you want to know the truth.

The second thought was: "How long will they be here?"

"Ten days," Carla says.

"Ten days? Jeez...wait, no, that's great. It'll give us time to show them around."

"You get the money, honey, we've got the time," Carla says. "But, darling, how can you stop working for ten whole days? And do you realize what they'll want to see? Do you know how much it will cost? Disneyland, Hollywood, Wild Animal Park, the 'World-Famous' San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld? Whale watching, Uni-

versal Studios, Scripps Aquarium, Viejas Casino... That's good for \$1000 right there. *Each.* Plus we've got to first get through Christmas, Hanukkah, Eid, Kwanzaa, and then — have we forgotten — my birthday?"

Carla is brooding now. "We'd better email them back right away," she says. "Nip it in the bud. I love Geoff, and it's the most beautiful gesture, but we'd be stripped naked for all to see. All those lyrical emails about glamorous California...-

we'd have to deliver..." "Look, sweetheart," I say. "We'll just show them everyday California, not California theme parks. We've got the real thing right outside. The desert, the beaches, the border, Big Bear, Balboa Park."

But the big question thumped in my brain: How do we show off California without busting the bank?

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Cut to ten days later, December 28. We drive

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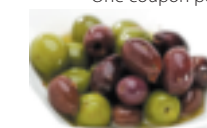
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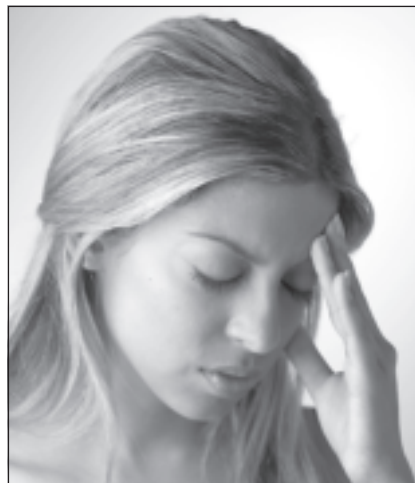
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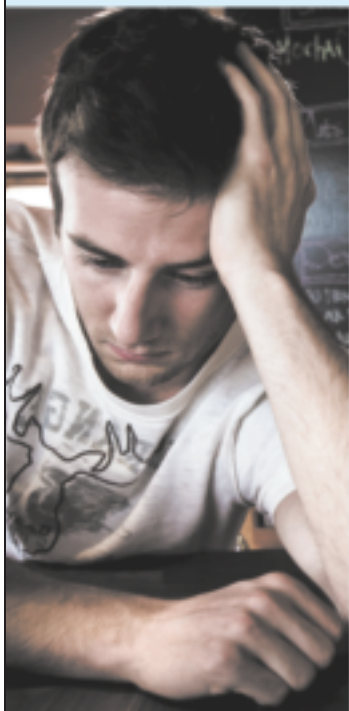
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It's around 8:00 p.m. Geoff and Debby missed the connection at LAX because their flight was delayed in London. Security, after the Christmas scare. Geoff almost canceled. He's a nervous flier.

I drop Carla at the terminal to watch for flight UA 6342, while I go looking for a place to park. I swear, when you're not doing this every day — like when you depend on stretch limos (okay, buses) to get around — it's real easy to get lost. After

three circles, I finally find the commuter parking, then sit waiting for the ticket guy to notice me. He's in the booth, on the phone, looking at a computer screen. Five minutes, and I'm about to get out and show him what I'm made of. I back up, so I can open the door... and notice the ticket-issuing machine. D'aagh, oh, right. I feel a bit like Rip.

Van Winkle, that is.

Upshot is, by the time I get to the luggage area, they're there. "Bedford, you'd lose your head if it wasn't screwed on," Carla says. She's holding Debby by the arm. Haven't met Debby before. Cute. Reddish-brown curly hair, green eyes, black-and-white driving jacket over a

fluffy pink sweater, with a big woolly black and white scarf wrapped 'round her neck. Tired as she must be, she has quick, lively movements and a ready laugh. Standing next to her is this suave-looking guy with a longish, English-style hairdo, oversized glasses, greeny-gray turtleneck sweater, and English tweed jacket. Neat. Makes you think of Clark Kent before he goes into the telephone booth. Or Bond, James Bond. Whatever, a real country gent, toff, veddy veddy English. Only thing missing is leather-patched elbows on his jacket.

He takes too long a moment to recognize me. Well, the last time we saw each other was in, what, 1982? We were in a

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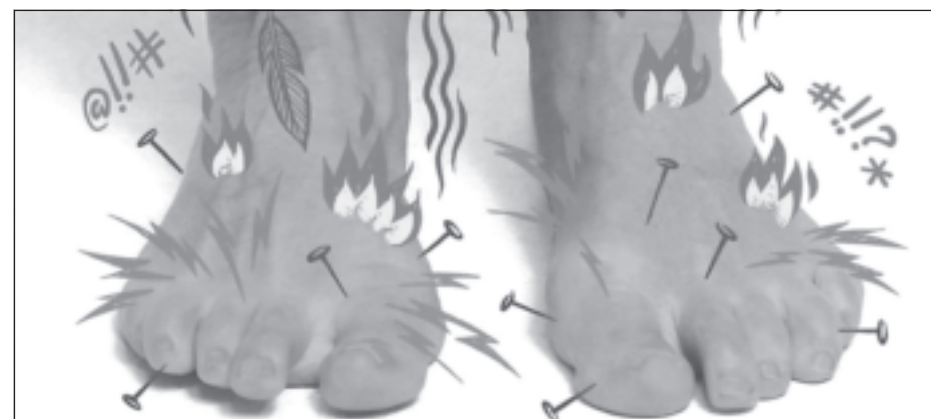
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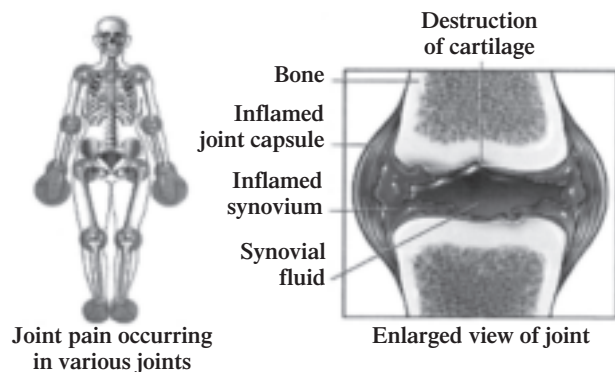
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drunken haze in some bar on Patpong in Bangkok. Or was it quaffing soft drinks in the Doha Club in Qatar? Whatever, we got around then. Sigh. What a difference a year or 20 makes.

"I'm afraid I just about pooped in my pants the whole way over," Geoff says, "looking for people removing their shoes."

Guess he's thinking shoe-bomber.

"But you made it," I say. "You're here. Fun starts now. Let's go."

* * *

"Clean!" says Geoff. "This town is so clean, shiny, new. And I never realized you were such a big city. These stupendous buildings."

It's about 9:30 now.

We're cruising south on Harbor Drive. Must say, you become acutely aware of everything with first-time visitors in the backseat. Debby

intro. The Santa Fe Depot and its Canary Island palms also key the atmosphere. With those two great ladies, the Hyatt and the Mar-

"I want to sit where Kelly McGillis sat," says Debby.

has done the East Coast thing, but this is Geoff's first moment in America. Ever. You wonder what it all looks like to them. So far, the city's doing all right. Seen at night, it's glowing, subtropical, mysterious. The yachts and the winking harbor lights on the right, just a minute from Lindbergh, make for one great

riott, looming high to starboard, it looks pretty impressive to me, too. Awesome and, yes, clean.

"My God," says Geoff. "I had thought of San Diego as a sort of folksy seaside town, like Brighton, but this is...grand. You lied to us, Bedford."

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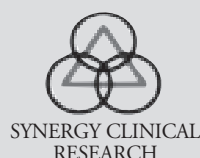


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“Look!” says Geoff. “Clean, shiny, red! Set in parkland. London is a great city, but, well, scruffier in places. This is like a dream. Like Rio in those ’30s movies.”

Huh. I like that.

“Ooh,” says Carla.

Her head flicks rearwards. “There’s where we could go. That place in *Top Gun*. Where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis danced.”

The lights of Kansas City BBQ are blazing. Good sign, because at this hour, finding someplace to eat won’t be easy, and I don’t want to get log-jammed in the Gaslamp, ’specially with its platinum expense-account eateries.

I do a 180 and sneak in to park alongside Kansas City BBQ. We bail out and head in for

the first American meal of the visit.

It’s a lucky start. Couldn’t have thought of a better introduction to Americana if we’d tried. We go in past the patio deck, where some

Gun’s “Maverick,” Tom himself, sat and guzzled a Bud with his number two, Goose, has been moved to the other side of the bar — they had a kitchen fire a couple of years back — but every-


“We just must see Universal Studios,” says Debby. “And we can’t not do SeaWorld.”

brave souls sit under standing pole-heaters, ripping off meat from ribs like starving wolves, and into the cafe and bar area where dozens of tossed bras and hundreds of Navy ship caps fight for ceiling space. The piano where *Top*

thing else is intact, a relief to the hundreds of *Top Gun* fans who make the pilgrimage here every year. For them, this is holy ground.

“I want to sit where Kelly McGillis sat,” says Debby as she plops herself into the corner seat

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of the first table. She leans back and spreads her arms over the red-and-white-check plastic tablecloth. "Just like the movie," she says. "Goodness gracious..."

"...great balls of fire!" Geoff and I can't help chorusing that one out.

"That's it!" says

Debby. "That's what they played on *that* piano. And look, they have the jukebox."

She leaps up and swings around, facing what looks like an old Wurlitzer. "F2," she says reverently. She looks at me. "Don't suppose you have a 25-cent piece? That's what they used,

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isn't it?"

I've got plenty jangling in my pocket. I hand her one.

"Quarter, dear, I think that's what they call it," says Geoff.

"Only dollar notes," she says. "It's a dollar a song. Computerized. Things have certainly changed since 1986." She finds a dollar bill in her purse and slides it in.

"All right!" says Geoff. "Great Balls of Fire. Want to dance, darling?"

"As long as you don't mind a love song..." she says.

The music starts. Not "Great Balls of

Fire," but something slow.

"Watching every motion in my foolish lover's game..."

It's the movie's main hit, Berlin's "Take My Breath Away."

Actually, what takes my breath away is that we're going to be spending around \$15 each, plus drinks. For four, looking at \$80, plus a 20 percent tip. This being the first meal, Carla and I'll pick up the tab, natch. Goodbye, C-note. Oh well, let's at least do it right.

"You've got to try one of our beers," I say.

"Budweiser?" says Geoff.

Right. Got some educating to do here. This man needs to know just how much American beer has evolved and what San Diego brewers are turning out.

"No, no, you are in the Beer Capital of America," I say. I tell the waitress, "Get them a Stone IPA."

That's another Jackson, but worth every penny.

"Oh, my Lord," says Geoff, after the first sip. He's not being polite, he means it. "This is wonderful." He takes a gulp. "Possibly the best beer I've had...ever. Perhaps because so unexpected. It's superb."

This is too good. It will probably be the best moment of the visit, before all the tensions and expectations and

disappointments come. These ten days are going to be fraught, I know, what with Carla's birthday, and New Year's, and Debby's birthday, too, which, we've learned, is five days later. Then there are all those days to fill in between, and

with Carla and me not working — it's gonna be a high-wire act.

I take a deep breath. "So what do you guys

want to see?"

Carla shoots me a look. Maybe she's thinking, if we just take them to cheap places they won't ask about the expensive ones.

"Shamu, Shamu, Shamu!" says Geoff, like a kid.

"Well! We just *must* see Universal Studios," says Debby. She's a quick, nervous London gal with a ready laugh. Spirited. I like her already, but my heart goes *thud*. "And we can't not do SeaWorld. And I'd love to go whale watching. And I would rah-ther like to see that fabulous Getty Museum. We've been reading about it on the internet, have we not, Geoff? And something to do with cowboys.

And Geoff ought to learn to surf, right, darling? When in Rome..."

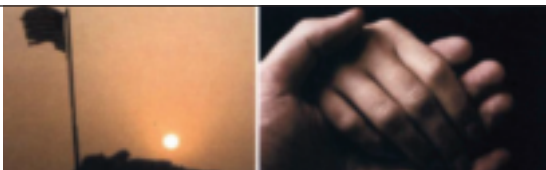
I notice Geoff gulp. I gulp too. My friend Joe

has tried a dozen times to get me into the long-board game. But, man. It's like snowboarding with an avalanche chasing you.

Carla's eyes are spinning like pinwheels in a hurricane. This morning we'd done a quick scan of the obvious tourist traps. Not a pretty picture. SeaWorld: \$69 each. Universal Studios, \$69. Legoland, \$67. Dennis Conner's *America* schooner-cruise, whale watching, and Maritime Museum: \$65, or \$85 weekends. Sail on *Stars and Stripes*, plus Maritime Museum tour, \$99. San Diego Zoo, \$37. Wild Animal Park \$37. Add, say, \$15 parking at most of these. The only nice surprise was

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the Getty Museum up in L.A. It's free, except for parking. But all in all, these attractions are for the rich and infamous. Carla had said, "So, if we want to, say, do one a day, that'd be...les-see...\$300, \$300, \$300, \$250, \$400. And, okay, let's say we split everything. We're looking at \$1550, divided by two — \$775 each! And that's just for the first five days. Then we've all got to eat and buy gas and we've got to pay rent, and you've got my birthday tomorrow, 24 guests, \$16 each, another \$400. We're back up around \$1200. With another whole week to go! More rental car, more tourist traps. No, Bedford, no. Those big-ticket things our guests do alone..."

"And maybe,"

Debby is saying, "go and ride the cable car."

"You mean San Francisco?" says Carla.

"Yes. How long a drive is that?"

"It's too far," Carla says, "unless you fly. But I think the Getty's a brilliant idea. You can go in and never get out for ten days, it's so interesting. Don't you agree, Bedford?"

"Yes, the Getty sounds great," I say.

"And we want to get shoes and blue jeans

while we're here," Debby says. "Definitely blue jeans from the land of cowboys."

"Just remember, darling, we're not *made* of money," Geoff says.

Whew. I can't thank him enough for that. Maybe we're in the same boat after all.

Debby yawns. She

puts an arm around Geoff. "You big stud, take me to bed or lose me forever."

Ha, straight out of that *Top Gun* scene in this very room.

Guess 18 hours' flying is catching up with them. Geoff says he feels light-headed. Me, light-pocketed. I know.

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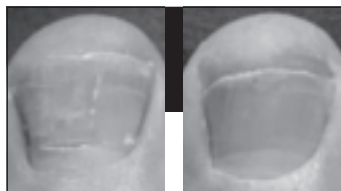
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Bonk!

That's the sound of Geoff's skull, hitting a Russian sub.

"Oh, yeah. Feet first," I say. "Grab the hand-holds."

We're trying to dive through the manhole-sized gaps between compartments, like WWII crews did when they raced to the bow, trying to weigh it down so they could submerge quickly, away from depth charges.

"Thanks," says Geoff. "You might have

mentioned that earlier."

Fact is, I've been aboard this B-39 Soviet-era sub before, inspired to visit it by *Das Boot*, the movie about a German U-boat that has you holding your nose and clearing your ears every time they yell, "Dive, dive, dive!" For this ship, moored near the *Star of India*, the Soviets copied a German U-boat but made it bigger. Not that you'd ever know inside. Everything is narrow, cramped, claustrophobic.

"Good Lord," says Geoff. He's reading an info plaque. "They squeezed 78 crew members in here." We're maneuvering past a couple of torpedo racks and a whole lot of kids. "How could you make good decisions in this

rat gallery? And how did you chaps *get* this submarine? A Soviet sub at the U.S. Navy's largest West Coast *naval* base? Did you capture it?"

Actually, I think the Maritime Museum captured it.

"All right," says Geoff. "One more time." We wait for the kids to clear, then run through the hull, diving through the hatchways. I go first. *Bonk!* "I think you'll find if you grab the hand-holds first..." says Geoff.

This is down at the embarcadero, item #1 on our list of Things We Can Do Without Busting the Bank. We got in on tickets of \$12 each. For that, we get two subs, two sailing ships — the HMS *Surprise* and the *Star of*

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India — and the Berkeley museum ship. Deal, really. But it doesn't include *Midway*. That'd be another \$18.

It's great, but not exactly what Carla and I had planned. We'd worked out what we couldn't afford, and then, all last night we were stewing again, still wracking our brains as to what da heck was important to do.

By then, Geoff and Debby were tucked up in their hotel. "Okay, tell me," Carla said to me, "what kind of San Diego do we want them to see? What is San Diego exactly?"

"Uh, the 'Gibraltar of the Pacific'?" I said. This was strictly to needle her. We'd seen this TV doc about our fair city that claimed that a

fortress is what San Diego's role in life is, and the credits weren't rolling before Carla, with her *Californio* background, was frothing at the mouth, rend-

Spain. You Anglos, for instance. That's it: We need to show Geoff and Debby *real* San Diego places, like Rancho Guajome up by Vista, where my great-grandfather

"Dahling! You must look. The lights of the Pacific Fleet, the greatest navy in the world!"

ing her garments. "Gibraltar of the Pacific? Armed to the teeth, ready to repel all invaders? What a typical Anglo idea! Is that the best they can come up with? This place has *welcomed* invaders since my forefathers came, back when this was New

had his rancho. And the site of the Battle of San Pasqual, where our people challenged you gun-totin' Easterners with little more than lances. And, yes, Old Town, where Alta California began. And the Mission, Balboa Park, and also the border. This is San

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“Well then,” Carla said, “the only thing I care about is cost.”

So we’d started a list, again. Lord. Lists. This must’ve been List #23.

— La Jolla, Children’s Pool, to see the seals. Free.

— Find those giant turtles off the Duke power-plant outfall in Chula Vista. Free, after cost of boat.

— Go see the wreck of the *Monte Carlo*, that gambling ship beached

off Coronado. Free. Have them dive for the dollar coins still stuck down in the 1930s slot machines. On second thought, no. That could be dangerous.

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— Go drink at the Whaling Bar in La Jolla, where Raymond Chandler (creator of Philip Marlowe of *The Big Sleep*), and a bunch of other Hollywood celebs, like Gregory Peck, hung out.

— Or heck, jes’ wander ’round Coronado, since that’s where they’re staying, to see where Jim Morrison of the Doors grew up, son of an admiral, and where Nicky Reynolds of the Kingston Trio lived, and where Frank L. Baum wrote some of his *Wizard of Oz* books, near Orange Avenue. They say Orange Avenue inspired the Yellow Brick Road, and the Del

and its towers became the Emerald City. Free.

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Except, when it comes down to it, what happened was that a bit of ye olde jet lag set in. On their first full day, Geoff and Debby want to laze around the hotel — Village Inn on Coronado — enjoy a winter that’s like summer back home, have a late breakfast at the Beach-n-Diner, and then start planning. When I finally make it over, Geoff says, “Why don’t we just look at that marvelous aircraft carrier at the port?”

“Oh, yes!” Debby says. “Truth is, for all we complain about you guys being ‘too big, too cocky, too young to

handle the big toys,’ we’re a little jealous. You know, we British used to be the cock of the roost. The Royal Navy was number one. But we also understand the strain you must feel of being *primus inter pares* — first among equals. It’s a weight to carry. And we’ve all heard of the *Midway*, haven’t we, Geoff?”

“Oh, quite. My father never stopped talking about the Battle of Midway. This is an important name.”

I’m kinda surprised that they think of San Diego first as a massive Pacific naval port. Much more so than the hi-tech, surf ’n’ sand, air-head central, California-lite kind of image. Last night, when we were crossing the Coronado

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bridge on the way to their hotel, Debby had cried out, "Dahling! You must look. The lights of the Pacific Fleet, the greatest navy in the world!"

Except that Geoff, turns out, has a problem with heights. Getting him to open his eyes up there wasn't easy. So I added some extra spice. "And beyond," I said, "behold, the lights of Mexico."

"Omygod!" said Debby. "Geoff! Open your eyes. Mexico! I never knew it was so close." She turned to me. "Don't you feel insecure? Drug wars, all that?"

"We can go there, if you like," I said.

Something like fear and excitement flashed through their eyes.

Tijuana is a name that registers, even in London.

But for now, for today, something simple. The Maritime Museum.

stuns them, though, is that, according to the Maritime Museum, she's the oldest active ship on this planet.

"What about our *Cutty Sark*?" Geoff asks.

"Okay, tomorrow we're doing Mexico," I say. Geoff says, "Oh, Lord. You sure?"

Which is how come we're aboard the Russian sub. Afterward, we take a quick tour of HMS *Surprise*, surprise costar of *Master and Commander* with Russell Crowe. Then it's on to the *Star of India*. Now, it's nighttime. *Star* looks romantic like this. What

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"Sorry, buddy. *Star* was launched in 1863."

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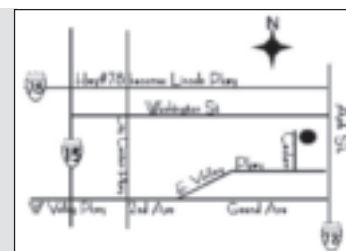


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Geoff seems grudgingly impressed. Like, England was supposed to have the rights to the oldest everything, while America was supposed to be the land of the chronically new. "Old" could mean cowboy era, but that's where this renegade colony's license ran out.

We're sitting in the cozy saloon at the stern of the *Star*. Even up here, you can hear the cracking of the snapping shellfish anchored against the outside of the iron hull. We come out into the well deck, just us, alone amongst the rigging and low deck lamps. We lean on the bulwarks. A ferry passes. Waves make the black water below glint. You could almost be one of those passengers on a four-month voyage from England to New Zealand in the 1870s, when *Star* was the *Euterpe*. She rocks a little in the wash.

"Marvelous," murmurs Geoff.

Of course, we've screwed around too long to make it to the *Midway*.

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"Our honored guests," says Carla. "Welcome!" She's standing up. Her birthday party is going really well. Geoff and Debby are easy to pick out in the crowd. He's got on a somber jacket, tie, handkerchief in the breast pocket, and for Debby, a beautiful, long, back-dip dress. Very proper. Then this old buddy of ours is giving a birthday speech. It's like Marco Polo speaking to the Imperial Court in Beijing. (Or was it Peking

then?) "Our two countries may be very different, but when you have a lady like Carla..."

We've got two long rows of guests in the big, blue-lamped room

at Costa Azul. My sweetie's dressed in red, with gold earrings, sitting like a queen, dinging the glass every now and then so someone else can get up and

speak. It's formal, but the talk is wild and crazy among Carla's relatives. Heck, they haven't gotten together like this for years. Cousin Carly has people

jaw-dropped, telling all about fighting the Witch fire. She was there, she's a wildfire firefighter. And Cousin Tita is talking about her artists' retreat in Sedona. Vor-

texes, Georgia O'Keeffe. Natch, Geoff's leaking secrets from the wilder times he and I shared. Man, I love this guy. He could play that Paul McCartney song "Black-

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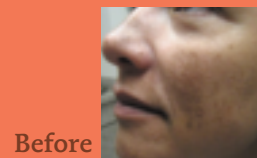
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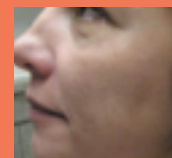
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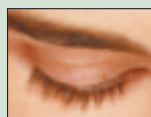
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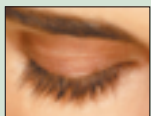
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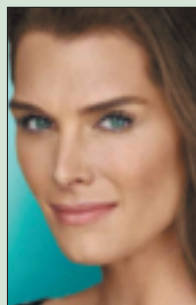
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bird” better than any man jack I know. I sit back and relax, watching people from all over Carla’s life, old folk, kids, exchanging stories, laughs, hugs. I’m proud Geoff and Debby are seeing her Californio thing alive and well. Also, can’t believe we’re getting this whole evening — in Coronado — for about \$350.

I say to Geoff, “Okay, tomorrow we’re doing Mexico.”

“Oh, Lord. You sure?”

Carla leans over. “No, Bedford, you can’t go tomorrow. It’s New Year’s Eve. We’re spending that together.”

Next day, I try to keep Mexico theme alive by having us eat at a Mexican restaurant, Miguel’s, near their inn.

We split the bill. It’s about \$40 per couple. That’s where Debby confesses, “We don’t actually like Mexican food very much. We’re a little bit meat, potatoes, and

the incredible spectacle of two entire civilizations butting up against each other like India colliding with Asia, back in the day. Result here: not a 30,000-foot-tall

Carla refuses to go to TJ on principle. It’s to do with loving it too much when she was growing up and its having changed.

Brussels sprouts people. Not into the spicy thing.”

That should have been a heads-up on TJ. But, as Carla will tell you, I can get stubborn. I really want them to see

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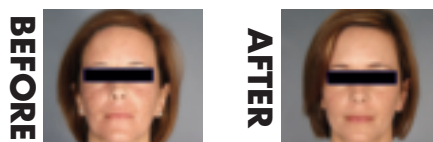
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ing my sweetie to come south of the line.

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"Uh, Debby, probably not a good idea."

We've just clanked through the turnstiles into Mexico, and Debby is taking photos of heavily armed Mexican marines wearing face

masks. They do not want to be identified. We scoot her away and into the crowd.

Thus begins Disaster Day #1.

"I think Revolución is open..."

But the border-taxi driver doesn't sound all that sure. We see what he means when he lets

us off at Fifth and Revolución. Dead. Dodo dead. "Everyone's recovering from last night," he says. He could have

tablesided, just as the Great Man created it 85 years ago, when the likes of Rita Hayworth and Ronald Reagan would

aren't registering the tragedy, transmitting instead a general look of "Can we go now?"

So we wander up,

Debby is taking photos of the heavily armed Mexican marines wearing face masks.

added that Revolución's on life support at the best of times, these days. Now, whatever life they'd had on New Year's Eve is gone. People haven't even bothered to open their stores.

The taxi drops us off near Caesar's Hotel. It's open, but Caesar's Restaurant — where Caesar Cardini invented the Caesar salad back in 1924 — is closed. We stand here a moment. The little terrace area swirls with papers and cigarette stubs. No tables, no chairs. I see a guy I know, Alfonso. "Closed, my friend," he says.

Man. This is a blow. It was one of the few aces up my sleeve. I knew Pedro, a waiter who specialized in making the Caesar salad

come in and order it. Pedro would squish the anchovies in the wooden bowl, right there at the table, add olive oil, doinks of *salsa inglés* — Lea and Perrins Worcestershire sauce — and a couple of teaspoons of chopped garlic, *squish, squish*, add a warmed raw egg yolk, toasted croutons, hearts of romaine, Parmesan, pepper, swirl it together, maybe add a couple of strips of grilled chicken breast, and *voilà!* History. All this for \$6, \$8 if you added chicken.

"Jeez. This is one of the storied places," I say to Geoff and Debby.

"Maybe we can come back tomorrow."

"Not tomorrow, my friend," Alfonso says. "Caesar's is closed forever. Kaput."

Geoff and Debby

and we wander down. It's like Tombstone right after the fight at the OK Corral. Not even the usual thumping of the balcony-bar boom-boxes. All you can hear is this anguished donkey hee-hawing away. We find him at Fourth Street. Name's Pepe, standing with his cart. I make us all step aboard and get a picture, even though the owner, Lucio, isn't exactly running for our business. It's New Year's Day, and he forgot to bring his camera. "I'll use yours," he says, and slaps Tijuana sombreros on us. I know it's touristy, cheesy and all, but I love it. "I have been right here on Revolución 60 years," Lucio says. "I am from Zacatecas. Too far. My father brought me when I was 5. And

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tomorrow I will be 70.”

The rest of Revolución is just a few lost souls and us. Even the Chiki Jai is closed. The only sign of life is down at Plaza Santa Cecilia, where some musicians have taken the stage under the arches of the old city wall. A little squat guy with a mike is belting out jaunty, happy songs. Maybe 50 people stand around listening. He sees us, stops the music. “Señores, señoras, I see we have visitors from across the line! ¡Estados Unidos! Welcome! Welcome back! Thank you for coming, and know that our city is welcoming and secure. Please tell your friends that we miss you!”

“What about Oaxaca?” somebody shouts.

“From Oaxaca? You are welcome too.”

“And Campeche?”

“Campeche! Anywhere else?”

“Colombia!”

“And Colombia. Welcome!”

He and the trumpets launch into a song with the rhythm of a relaxed donkey trot. Most of the words seem to be *Baila, baila-la!*

“We stick out like sore thumbs,” says Geoff.

He and Debby seem keen to get back while the day is young. But I want them to have one good memory of Mexico. “Let’s do one thing before we go,” I say. “Sit at a cantina, eat a taco, hear a song from some mariachis.”

“You have the taco,” Geoff says. “We’ll listen to the mariachis.”

We walk up Plaza Santa Cecilia toward Second Street, past the hotels with upstairs rooms for rent. We stop at Tradición. I order a

dee-lish fish taco and a cerveza. About \$2 each. Geoff and Debby share a beer. Just as I finish, up comes this pair of musicians. Pedro and Bernardo. Accordion

and guitar. For a couple of bucks, they do a pretty fine “Cielito Lindo.” I love that line: “It’s better to sing than to cry.” I ask for another song from the Revolu-

tion, and they come up with “The Tomb of Pancho Villa.”

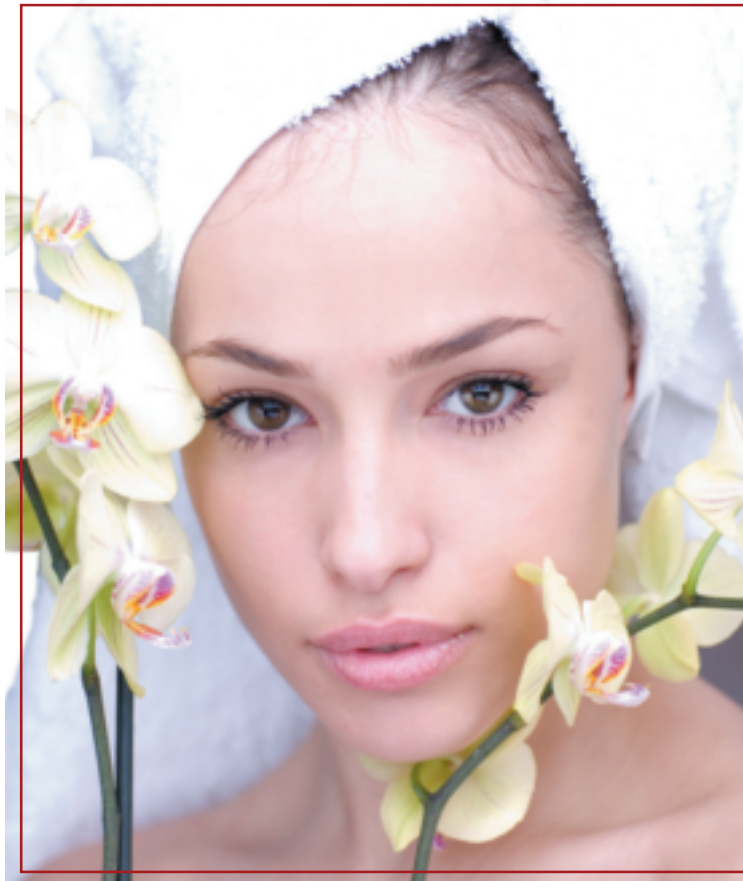
Me, I’m in fat city. This is what I like to do. This is where I like to do it. But I suddenly real-

ize: Geoff and Debby have hardly scratched the surface of Southern California, and here I’ve brought them over the border to a city with a lot of bad publicity, on

probably its dearest day of the year.

“Thanks for indulging me, guys,” I say. We jump in a cab, where the driver says he’s never known things

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to be so bad since he arrived here in 1963. We cross the line and head straight for a Big 5 in Imperial Beach to get a pair of (cheap! \$15!) shoes for Geoff and revel in the familiar. And then on to Horton Plaza, which they really dig, for Levi jeans. "Don't come home without them. That's what everyone told us before we left," says Debby.

"All you need now is the ten-gallon hat," I say.

On the way back to their hotel on Coronado, we pass Petco Park.

"How new is that?" asks Geoff.

"Five, six years," I say. "And see this parking lot? It's probably going to be a new football stadium."

"Why? How old is

the present one?"

"Forty-three years. They want a new one to fit in more fat-cat luxury boxes. That's where the big corporate bucks are."

"Heavens, 43 years old?" says Geoff. "Our Wembley Stadium has been going since 1880. Updated every now and then, of course. And Lords, our cricket grounds, have been working perfectly well since 1814."

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"Listen," says Carla. "I think you're pushing them too hard. They need a little time to themselves. We can't afford the whole Disneyland thing. Let them go off by themselves. They'll probably be relieved."

And it does sound as if they are, when I put it to them that night. "We've got to see some of the rest of California, after all," says Debby. "And L.A. Can't go without feeling the vibe up there. Stars' homes, Universal Studios, Hollywood Walk of Stars..."

Next morning, Sunday, bright and early, I drive them to the Greyhound terminal. "We'll save on this," says Debby. She's been checking it out. "It costs half what it would by train. We'll do Universal Studios, then the stars' homes tour. See you tonight!"

Phew. It is nice to have a bit of R&R, with a car. Carla and I spend the rest of the day fooling around, doing more

cleaning, working out finances. Then we hop in the car and head to Jalisco's in I.B. for a late lunch. They're good...and cheap.

"I've been thinking," says Carla, as we chow. "Whale watching. That's unique, right? Debby seemed like she was all for it. And they say on Yelp it's not that expensive. We can do the sailing one on the *America*, the boat that won the America's Cup in...what?"

"1851," I say. Don't ask me how I remember these things. On impulse, Carla calls the outfit up on the new cell phone and starts to make a booking. Then she stops. "I forgot," she says. "It costs \$65, \$85 a head on weekends."

"Just make it the

standard tourist-boat thing," I say. "How much is that?"

Turns out it's \$30 a head, \$120 all told. "At least that's something for tomorrow," she says. "Do you realize we're actually getting organized? It's like running a tour company."

About 8:00 that night, we get a call. Geoff. "We're back," he says. "We're tired. Can you suggest somewhere easy to eat? Easy and cheap?"

We meet them at Clayton's coffee shop, on the island, even though we've already eaten, because it's close to their Village Inn. They seem down. Things feel, well, pretty tense.

"L.A. was a disaster," says Geoff. "It was

supposed to be a birthday present for Debby. But the Greyhound was full, so we caught the train. Cost twice as much, and we got there late."

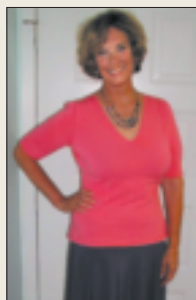
"If we'd gone straight to Universal Studios by underground," Debby says. "If Geoff hadn't..."

"Entirely my fault," says Geoff. "I thought it would be more interesting to go overground, by bus. Then we got lost. Hours. Walked for miles. Did find the Walk of Stars, but remarkably scuzzy. A few street performers, a decent Greek meal, but..."

"We never did make it to Universal Studios or the stars' homes," Debby says. "We went all that way. Waste of time and money."

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"Not to worry," says Carla. "I've booked us for whale watching for tomorrow morning."

"Out to sea?" Geoff asks.

"You'll be able to say you've sailed the Pacific," says Carla.

"Look," says Geoff. "I'm awfully sorry, but I just can't handle the open sea. Get sick, every time. I'll be just miserable."

Carla whispers to me, "How am I going to get that money back?"

"So," says Geoff, "I've been asking myself what in heaven's name I can do to make it up to Debby, to give her a decent birthday present, and I was glancing at a paper and I saw an ad. For skydiving."

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"Ha! Ping-Pong and parachutes!" says Geoff. It's next morning, about 10:00. Bright, and crackling cold, unless you're in the sun. We're in a kind of open hangar here at Brown Field. Carla wasn't interested, but Debby's all gung-ho to do something new, 'specially for her birthday. She's getting suited up into her parachute, while Geoff and I slam away at the Ping-Pong table we've discovered. Heck, last time we played was in Doha, Qatar. Yeah. Doha Club. They let us longhairs in for some reason. Sweat-ingly hot. We never finished the final, even though the score was about 20-20. Now, here in this open hangar, the gods have given us another chance to establish, once and for all, who's the champ of champs in the sport.

"You're going to be sitting at the edge of the aircraft," Jessica says to

Debby. She's the Pacific Coast Skydiving gal who's kitting Debby out into a black parachute harness. She looks at Geoff and me. "None of you men are willing to try this?"

We shake our heads. "Ping-Pong. Much more important."

Truth is, Geoff's got his problem with heights. I've got a problem with heights and money. "We shouldn't feel bad," Geoff says. "This is my paramour's birthday treat. I don't want to spoil it by hovering as she dives out of a plane 10,000 feet in the air."

"Quite right, and totally selfless," I say. "Plus, you have your obligations to Ping-Pong. That, too, takes a certain type of courage."

"Uh, darling." Debby points toward an office. It's right above where some guys are editing a video of the last batch of jumpers. "Got to pay first."

"Ah, yes," Geoff says. I follow him and Jessica up to the office. "That's \$278.10," says Jessica. "Credit, debit, or cash?"

"Credit," says Geoff. He shuffles through a clutch of cards. "How much is that in pounds? A hundred and fifty? Here."

She runs the card. We wait, as if for a doctor's prognosis.

"Uh, I'm afraid that doesn't seem to be happening," Jessica says. "Let me try again."

She slides, waits, looks up blankly.

"Here, try this one," says Geoff. "I can't understand..."

"These are British?"

"Yes, but we haven't had problems. Can't believe we've maxed them both out..."



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Ten minutes and two cards later, Geoff says, "Edward, Eddy, old chap. If I let you win the Ping-Pong below, could you possibly try your card? Can't let Debby know. After L.A., she'd kill me."

"Oh, sure," I say. "But...can you make it good this afternoon, so I can fill it up before Carla gets wind? She runs our finances like a Swiss banker. My life wouldn't be worth a plug nickel. I mean, I'm in charge, but I let her think..."

"Yes, yes, yes. Me too. But of course. We'll straighten it out as soon as we get to a bank."

I have one debit card, and, miracle! It goes through. Man, does this give me an edge with my buddy. He

always seemed to have money. I always seemed not to have it. Now, for one brief, shining moment...

Back downstairs, Debby's looking at a list of songs on the wall. She has to choose the theme music she wants put in over the video that Eric, her tandem instructor, will shoot from a camera held in his outstretched left hand. "Hmm... Number 5?" Debby says. "'Over the Rainbow,' Judy Garland. Rather have Freddy Mercury, really, as I will probably never do this again...Ooh. 'We Are the Champions.' Or maybe 'We Will Rock You?' 'Don't Stop Me Now...'? Yeah, *that's* the one. Disk 5, track 8, Queen. 'Don't Stop Me Now'!"

Jessica's standing near a sign that says, "Jump More. Bitch Less." Debby turns to her. "So, tell me again?"

Jessica says, "You'll be sitting at the edge of the airplane, and your instructor's going to be straddling you from behind. And then he'll wiggle you to the very edge. You'll be sitting down, arms across your chest, legs hanging out. You want to try to touch your feet to the bottom of the airplane, with your heels back and your head on Eric's shoulder. He'll say, 'One, two, three, go!' The second you feel your body start to leave the airplane, you're going to push your hips out as far as you can."

"Okay, Bedford, 12-14," Geoff says. "Your

serve. Unless you want to surrender now."

"Excuse me, I win. That's the deal, remember?"

"So it's not your back arching," Jessica continues, "it's your hips. And you just try and kick your instructor in the butt, and then you'll feel him give you a tap-tap, and then you'll fling your arms out. And then you're skydiving!"

"So arch..." says Debby.

"Like a banana," says Jessica.

Eric, the tandem instructor, comes in.

"Legs back," he says, "then tap-tap, and spread your arms out, like, 'Hey, wasn't me. I didn't do it.'"

"All right! Fourteen-all." This is me, in with a chance to redeem a 20-year-old Ping-Pong grudge.

"And don't look at the ground," says Jessica. "It's always there. Look out and around you. Just don't over-think it. Have fun...Hey, Errol, happy birthday!"

Turns out Errol's the pilot. He's never parachuted. "Fliers don't," he says. "Like a captain never jumps off his ship."

"Your birthday's the same as mine," Debby says. "That's a lucky sign."

Now Debby's heading out the door to the Cessna 206 sitting on the tarmac. She looks back at Geoff.

"You at least coming to see me off, darling? I *am* going to be jumping out of a plane at 10,000 feet..."

"Just be right...there, darling. So — 20-18. Ha! Die, you antiroyalist running dog!"

"Easy there," I say.

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"We had a deal, remember?" But we put down our paddles and catch up with the little group walking out to the plane.

"Goodbye, Debby," says Jessica.

"Goodbye?" Debby says. "That sounds ominous."

"It's a good day,"

says Errol. "Wind ten knots out of the west. Clear. You can see all the way to Ensenada."

Now Debby's being bundled into the floor-space behind Errol, sitting between Eric's spread-eagled legs, with the engine rattling into life. "Bye, darling!" Geoff shouts. "Enjoy

yourself. We'll be waiting at the landing area." Errol takes the brakes off, and they roll away.

I know. We should be aboard. But, hey, grudge match to the finish. Back in the hangar, Geoff doesn't ease off as he promised. Still, I'm catching up. Score's 20-all.

"We finish this, once and forever," says Geoff.

Long and short of it is, Geoff does one smash after another and I'm finished just as Scott, the parachute folder, instant video-editor,

and chase-van driver, comes to take us to the drop zone, four miles east. "I live with fear and danger every day," says a sign inside the van, "but sometimes I leave her behind and go skydiving." By the time we get

there, Debby has to be at the 10,000-foot ceiling. We lurch to a stop in a field. We dash out. A little black bundle under an orange canopy is just dropping into sight. The orange canopy circles with a red

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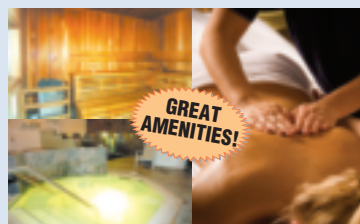
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parachute. They separate. Ten seconds later, Debby and Eric come skidding in to land.

"Fabulous!" Debby cries. "Eric, I wish I had your job. Thanks."

"I'm like a legal drug dealer," says Eric, as he gathers in the chute. "I deliver highs."

"Bet it costs about the same too," says Geoff.

"Darling," says Debby. "Thanks. Best birthday present."

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And from here, the visit seems to take off. The pressure to spend on those big-buck icons evapo-

rates. After picking up the video at the hangar, we drive to the coast, Pacific Beach. We stop at a bank and Geoff comes back loaded with that do-re-mi. I take it to my bank — *whew* — and then we head for O.B. and Hodad's. It's Tuesday, late afternoon, but Hodad's is jammin'. We get space at one of the long benches. "Oh, yes. This is the California I dreamed of," Debby says. She's checking out that VW combi wagon-front, where you can sit and eat. She looks at the beards and bare feet and boards all over. "Now I can say we've really *been* to California."

The days tumble

toward the end. We go to Balboa Park but only make it to one museum, the Museum of Man. I try to beef them up on the Kumeyaay exhibit. "The real San Diegans," I say. But they're disappointed. They want teepees, feathers, horses, pow-wows. Plains people. Movie clichés. "Not in California," I say. They try to be interested.

Carla suggests El Prado. And that's a hit. Actually, we spend most of the day there, jawboning and lunching. Beautiful, though another 60 bucks. We go down to Croce's for

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the Gaslamp thing. Even on Monday night, a glass of Coke's \$10, but the piano band is great. "I didn't know you had jazz on this coast," Debby says.

I've been begging Geoff to let me play a round of golf with him, 'cause he's good. Even propose Torrey Pines, though, Lord, green fees range from \$156 to \$279, just to play a single round. He takes me aside, like a boss about to fire his favorite employee. "Look, old son," he says. "You may be *almost* good at Ping-Pong, but golf, one has to have standards. If I was caught out there playing with you, flailing from bush to pond, I could never show my face again on a decent course, no matter what

side of the Atlantic. I'm sure you understand. What's your handicap?"

"Uh, handicap?"
"See? There's your handicap right there. Listen. No tears. We'll find a driving range somewhere. Besides, it's more affordable. After that skydiving lark, we're starting to run low. Best all 'round, don't you think?"

We find a driving range in Del Mar, the Del Mar Golf Center, lay out \$9 for a bucket of 75 golf balls and a couple of clubs, and start whacking. And if I do say so myself, I zing those suckers out. Okay, not like Geoff. He's a damned machine. Full distance, sailing aloft each time. 'Course, I knew that already, when we tried

this in the desert outside Doha. You'd fire across the sands to browns, not greens — oil-soaked circles of sand with a flag in the middle. Natural hazards were the camels. Obviously, he's gotten more serious since then. If I'd thought of it, I'd've been better off challenging him to a game of Frisbee golf at Morley Field, 'specially as it has green fees even I can handle — \$3.

Afterward, we head to Fidel's, up in the hills. They love that atmosphere. And I love that during happy hour Fidel's has \$2 taco bargains. They even try one between them. As we say, *poco a poco*...

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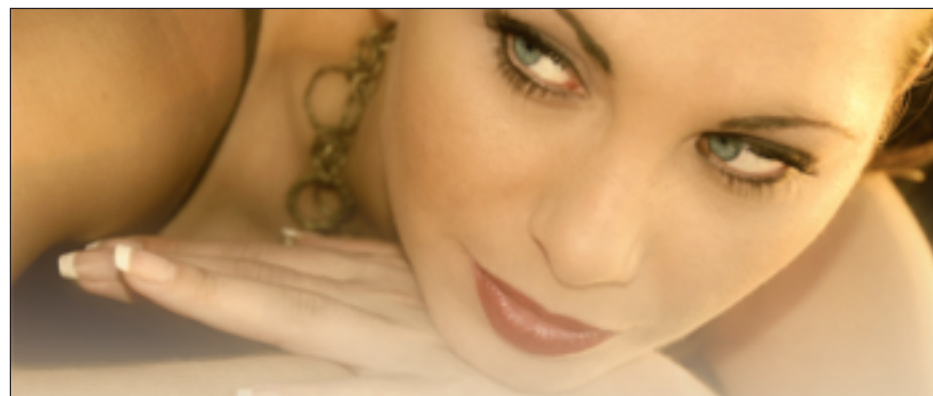
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Hotel Del. Just because it's the Grande Dame, part of early California, and has a whimsicality I like. Like the guys, Babcock and Story, who dreamed it up and built it in 1887, scribbling plans on paper napkins as they went and building the whole monster in 11 months

and making it the first electric-lit hotel in the world. Geoff and Debby loved that Prince Edward and Wally Simpson may have got their romance going here. And the whole Marilyn/*Some Like It Hot* and Peter O'Toole/*The Stuntman* exhibit had them

ooohing and *aahing*. Best part, though, is ending up at the open-pit cocktail area by the ocean-view lawn. Sunset Bar. They say the Del has the best view for sunsets anywhere on the coast. We're just in time for a full-on show with rosy clouds, then a clear,

deep-blue sky with stars a-twinkling. The whole California deal. It definitely blows Geoff and Debby away. Must admit, though, that when the check comes, the prices blow us all away. I mean, my cocktail cost \$15. Carla's iced tea, bless her, cost \$4. So drinks: around \$45, two — dee-licious — appetizers, Carlsbad mussels in a white-wine garlicky slurp (\$16) and a plate of cured meats (\$15), took it to, say, \$75, and with tax and tip, think 90 buckeroos. Mind boggles, if we were staying on for din-dins. At that price, it had better be the best damned sunset view in the country.

I think we all feel a little shell-shocked, so Carla cooks up a bowl of spaghetti for dinner, and nobody complains.

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The biggest surprise comes on the last day. We drive up to Julian. It really does feel like cowboy country, with its ranchettes and meadows and forests of native oaks. As dusk starts coming on, we roll into town.

"Oh, my God," says Debby. "Oh, my GOD. *This* is the West we dream of. The gold-mining town, the western-frontier town. Why didn't you tell us about this before?"

When you look at it through their fresh eyes, it does feel like the real thing. Houses and shops with front porches, li'l old town hall, all cheek by jowl. And, yes, you do expect cowboys to come roaring through. We're too late for the Eagle mine, but we sneak into the

Julian Hotel because I want them to meet Albert Robinson, who'd been a slave in Missouri. He started this hotel with his wife Margaret in 1897.

Oh, Lord. It looks so cozy, with its lamps and easy chairs on the front porch. We sneak up the steps and click through the door into a room that feels like my own grandma's place. Flowers and flags and wicker chairs with big cushions, and rich fabrics and heavy curtains.

Gal named Holly comes out. "Can I help?"

"We just wanted to see the photo of the Robinsons," I say.

"Oh, right here," she says, and points to a black-and-white picture in a big, polished wood frame. The Robinsons are wearing hats and fancy go-to-church clothes. "Sorry about Disneyland and Universal Studios," I say to Geoff and Debby, "but to my mind this beats them hands-down. Here's a man in the 1800s who had a dream, to own a bakery and a hotel. He'd been a *slave*. Yes, there was prejudice, but he and Margaret made it. They were beloved. And well-to-do. Right here in Julian. Only in America, dude. That's what I like best about Southern California. It has a good heart."

Jeez. I'm getting choked up at my own speech. I must mean it.

When we get back down from the mountains, all four of us go to McP's, the unofficial HQ for off-duty Navy SEALs. Band's playing. First thing Debby does is buy them all drinks. Then, boy, do they sing. Kingston Trio, Marty

Robbins, you name it. We all down burgers, slowly, because we know this is the last night.

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"People are so open in California," says Debby next morning. We're having breakfast at Denny's, at China Camp, near the airport. "I think your food's more expensive here than at home, but that's my only complaint. You don't realize how beautiful and pristine all this looks to us."

We're chowing down on all the bad things: bacon, sausages, pancakes, syrup. They have half an hour to check in. "Seriously," Geoff says, "we hope we didn't cost you guys too much. We know you're not made of it, but you did us proud." He hesitates a moment. "Still, shame about Shamu, and your Ping-Pong wasn't up to my expectations. Work on that, will you?"

Guess they did cost us a bit. Car rental was \$737.38 in all. But, hey, they flew across the Atlantic for us. They put their jobs on hold too. And they paid for the last three days on that rental car. I think the books are pretty much balanced.

Afterward, Carla and I try and see where we're at. Guess the visit cost \$1000, max. Would have been a lot more with SeaWorld, the Zoo, Wild Animal Park, and Universal Studios. But what it has done is, well, priceless. It got us back together with our old buddy. And here's the odd thing: it's shown *us* what Southern Cal's really all about. Honestly, it's been quite an education. We owe those two, big time. ■

— Ed Bedford

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A Family Offended

We, the owners, management, and employees (our “family”) at Indigo Café and Catering in downtown San Diego would like to take a few moments to respond to the recent review of our restaurant in the April 15 issue conducted by Ms. Naomi Wise. We found this review to be offensive, inaccurate, and unprofessional.

Before attending to the multiple mistakes made by Ms. Wise regarding our California-Cajun menu options, we would first and foremost like to address the offensive tone and culturally sensitive content featured in Ms. Wise’s critique. Her review began with an assumption — that upon first glance, our cook “looked more likely to be from Nuevo León,” Mexico, “than from New Orleans,” but she “didn’t yet lower [her] expectations.” Is this comment necessary? What does ethnic background have to do with cooking abilities? Moreover, it is impossible upon first glance to tell the ethnicity or cultural backgrounds of any San Diegan, and this cultural stereotype is neither appreciated nor taken lightly by our staff or our regulars. Although Ms. Wise does suggest that “good cooks can easily learn other cuisines,” it is inappropriate and borderline racially discriminatory to suggest that ethnic background can be determined by looks alone, and therefore that any expectation of food quality should be lowered or questioned. Our staff is highly trained in the art of California-Cajun cuisine, and our cooking staff has taken personal offense to the judgments asserted by Ms. Wise.

Ms. Wise also felt comfortable making several corrective suggestions regarding our menu selections. We stand behind our food 100 percent and have operated for ten years within the San Diego community with great success. Never on our website, nor in our restaurant, do we

claim to offer authentic Louisiana cuisine, nor authentic Creole, nor authentic Cajun. Rather, we pride ourselves on our ability to offer a California-Cajun-inspired menu, one that celebrates the delicacies passed along through Louisiana recipes and culture. By definition, the word “Creole” (coming from the Latin word *Creare*) means “to create.” Creole food is the creation or evolution of cultures and cuisines that have inspired recipes from the South for decades, and we in California continue to “create.”

Ms. Wise also states that “somebody got their recipes crossed,” and we are afraid that has been Ms. Wise! Our jambalaya is tomato-based, made with thick Andouille sausage, the description that Ms. Wise gives of our gumbo; and our gumbo is roux-based, the description Ms. Wise gives for our jambalaya. We do not prepare our jambalaya with a roux base, nor do we prepare our gumbo with a tomato base. We understand that everyone has different and unique food preferences; however, Ms. Wise was clearly confused which items she was in fact critiquing. These were *not* her only mistakes — our Cajun Pesto Pasta does *not* feature “shrimp” nor any type of seafood, nor does it contain “mozzarella” (rather, Parmesan cheese), a claim made by Ms. Wise; we do *not* serve 1000 Island dressing on our Po’ Boy Sandwich (1000 Island contains relish, our homemade sauces do not); we do *not* feature a “chipotle aioli,” rather a *chili aioli* made from scratch.

Calling out our staff’s professional experience, specifically our owners’, by questioning “have the owners never heard of cookbooks? For a few bucks’ investment, the kitchen could get some education” assumes that our owners are inexperienced and uneducated. Rick Trevino, owner and chef, is a graduate of the San Diego Culinary Institute, and his outstanding talent and creativity earned him the Peter Metz Award — clearly he has read a cookbook or two.

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While we do not argue that each individual maintains their own food preferences, we strongly stand behind our expertise and our recipes and believe that each one, upon critique, should be reviewed professionally.

Given the current economic climate, when “mom and pop” businesses strive to bring in new business, we cannot help but assume that the harsh tones in the article were meant to hurt both our employees and our business. We question whether Ms. Wise, having accumulated a bill that included seven mixed drinks and a bottle of wine, was qualified in her judgments to write such a mean-spirited review. Perhaps her cocktails contained more alcohol than she thought (our sweet cocktails disguise a powerful punch).

The tone, verbiage, and overall connotation of Ms. Wise’s critique were personally offensive to our staff and attacking on many levels.

However, despite Ms. Wise’s attempts to paint a negative portrait of our restaurants, our local patrons have responded with generosity and concern. Their utter disbelief that someone with professional credentials and community influence would write this critique has strengthened our bond as a “family.” We appreciate the opportunity to express our feedback and thank you for your time and consideration.

Rick and Tiffany
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Indigo Café and Catering

Naomi Wise responds: In today’s climate, any mention of race at all seems to translate instantly into “racism” for those who are looking for it. Hell, everybody knows that in San Diego, Latinos make up most restaurant kitchen staffs at every economic level, and as I mentioned in that review, any good cook can

master another cuisine. (Off the top of my head, I’ll cite Tijuana-born Damaso Lee, famed for his Italian cooking at Trattoria Acqua.) Only, somebody’s got to teach them, to make that happen. (Whereas, if the cook behind the counter were a born Louisianan, s/he wouldn’t need any instruction from the boss to correct the cockamamie recipes that shaped the food we ate there.) I’ve spent a lot of time in Louisiana (mainly New Orleans, but also some in “Cajun Country”), eating happily, and have been cooking this cuisine at home for some 30 years. (I also collaborated with “Queen Ida” Guilory, zydeco accordionist, on her cookbook for Prima Press, Cookin’ with Queen Ida.) The essential problem at Indigo is that almost nothing has the authentic taste of Louisiana! It’s fine to do “creative” versions of this cuisine (as, for instance, Susan Spicer does), but Indigo’s dishes seemed deracinated — Louisiana

ingredients assembled in very non-Louisiana ways.

Accusing me of being drunk as a skunk doesn’t get you off the hook: even if I had been (and I wasn’t), I had ample doggie bags of every entrée to reheat very gently, retaste at length (at least twice each), and examine visually in a strong kitchen light over the several days after my dinner, before signing off on the review. I don’t want to get into a slap-down here, but normally the taste of a proper dark gumbo roux is a vital component of gumbo flavor, whereas if there’s a roux in yours, it must be a roux blonde, as it’s imperceptible — tomato is dominant. And in two doggie-bag dinners involving the jambalaya, I didn’t spot or taste a whit of tomato — the liquid tasted more like a light turkey gravy. So who should I believe, you or my own eyes and mouth? The best I can suggest is that perhaps we ate there on one of those nightmare evenings that befall all restaurants

sometimes, when nothing turns out right.

A Plate Of Cruelty

After reading Ms. Wise’s review of Indigo Café (Restaurant Review, April 15), I have to say that it was one of the most mean, unprofessional reviews I have seen in your publication. I have dined at that restaurant several times. At no time did I ever think I was going to experience a New Orleans-style cuisine. While I do agree that they have some items on the menu that do have a New Orleans theme, it is an American-style restaurant. It has always been a wonderful dining experience. She was so cruel in her review. The article honestly felt like she had a personal problem with the owners. I fully support varying opinions and usually agree with her take on restaurants, but I was shocked at how incorrect she was in regards to the type of restaurant and also how scathing she was.

People who own these smaller restaurants are trying to provide a quality experience at an affordable price during these difficult times. She has the potential to greatly affect these restaurants’ revenue streams. She should, at the very least, make sure she is reviewing a restaurant based on the correct cuisine. It would also be a much better read if she did not sound like such a miserable, bitter person.

Kris Moriarty
via email

Reflection

I would like to say that I liked “Black Elk Speaks” on page 153 of the Reader (April 15). It’s a little shout-out to the Lakota Native American tribe. It was the tip of the iceberg, but it was still nice to reflect on him.

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Thursday | 29

LUNAFEST!

Head to the Museum of Contemporary Art's Sherwood Auditorium for a film festival featuring a diverse lineup of short films by, for, and about women. A wine reception will be followed by film screenings, including *A Summer Rain*, *Monday Before Thanksgiving*, *Kinda Sutra*, *Anjali*, *Omelette*, and more. See **FILM**, page 68.

PARTY OF FOOLS

VAMP (Visual Art, Music, Performance) presents "the bravest performers in town presenting their most embarrassing true stories in front of a room full of strangers, with extra points awarded for visual aide or evidence of said humiliation." Plus musical guest Meaghan Maples, all happening at the Whistle Stop. See **IN PERSON**, page 70.



Friday | 30

DINO-MITE NIGHT

Experience an overnight camp-in at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Try your hand at paleontology, view *Dinosaurs Alive! 3D*, tour the "Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries" exhibit, and then settle under your favorite dinosaur and drift off to sleep in the exhibit hall. The fee includes an evening snack, continental breakfast, and plenty of fun. See **FOR KIDS**, page 69.



AN ASIAN STATE OF MIND

Local Asian-American authors speak on topics such as writing and publishing, Asian-American identity, and pursuing your dream. Participants include authors of *The Jade Dragon*, *The Problem with Being Perfect*, *Why Chinese Women Are Not Broke*, and more. See **LECTURES**, page 71.

Saturday | 1

MAY FAIRE FESTIVAL

Head to City Heights for a May Day celebration of "old-time merriment and tradition." Children can weave maypole ribbons, and all participants are invited to make crafts, enjoy food, and join in a puppet show, a petting zoo, and games. See **FOR KIDS**, page 70.

BARRIO LOGAN GRAND PRIX

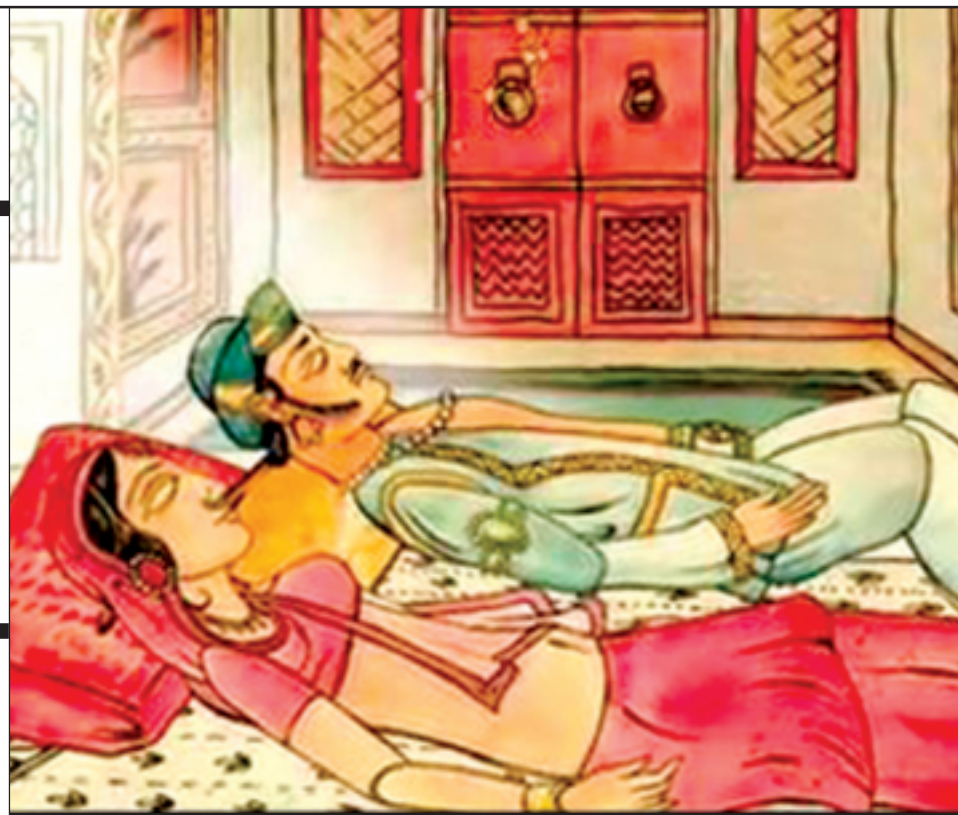
Expect a full day of bicycle racing and festivities in conjunction with a Cinco de Mayo celebration in the barrio at this 14th annual event. The racing action will be easy to view on the figure-eight course, with each race including up to 150 cyclists. Also, racing events for kids. See **SPORTS**, page 72.



Sunday | 2

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

The Intrepid Shakespeare Company presents a fresh interpretation of Shakespeare's comedy: the two leads, Kate and Petruchio, will be portrayed by women, as women, "and both of them over 60 years of age." See **THEATER**, page 110.



THURSDAY, APRIL 29: KINDA SUTRA AT LUNAFEST!

NOTHING LIKE SUNSHINE

Rabbi, author, and spiritual columnist Ben Kamin visits Book Works to discuss *Nothing Like Sunshine: A Story in the Aftermath of the MLK Assassination*, a coming-of-age story based in the 1960s and described as "a definitive

personal expression about race, friendship, and his personal love for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." Signing follows discussion. See **IN PERSON**, page 70.

Monday | 3

MOZU

Singing, not shushing! For one evening only at the Carlsbad City Library, James Strait will direct a reading of Steven Oberman's new musical about Mozu, a physically challenged macaque, or Japanese snow monkey. See **THEATER**, page 110.

Tuesday | 4

THE PHYSICS OF SMALL THINGS

Ivan K. Schuller of UCSD discusses nanoscience, including how "materials physics at sizes approaching atomic dimensions" is revolutionizing physics, chemistry, and biology. His talk will highlight not only recent scientific advances but also new directions for the field. See **LECTURES**, page 71.

Wednesday | 5

ARE VACCINES REALLY SAFE?

Do the benefits outweigh the risks? If there is a possibility of harmful side effects, how should the medical community promote vaccines? Find out what the experts think when panelists Ed Morgan, Eric Courchesne, and Stanley Maloy gather for this "Exploring Ethics" discussion at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. See **LECTURES**, page 71.



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Pedestrians floated past this Hilton Head stork.

Hilton Head, South Carolina

By Robert Isenberg

Taking a much-needed break from my grandfather's funeral, I drove to Hilton Head for some sightseeing. I didn't know much about the island — only its reputation for golf courses and wealthy tourists.

When I reached "downtown" Hilton Head, I found only strip malls and beachfront hotels. A light rain washed over the sidewalks, and I ducked from one awning to the next. Tourists window-shopped; bicyclists hid beneath trees. At first I thought I'd picked the wrong day, given the grisly weather. But as I passed yet another nail salon and souvenir shop, I decided I'd picked the wrong island.

Between the rows of shops, I found a small pond. And there, next to the boardwalk, stood a puffy, humpbacked stork. Pedestrians floated past the bird, grimaced at its curious round eyes, then moved on. But I lingered for a moment to keep the stork company. The only place to go was my hotel, and after that the funeral home. *No hurry*, I thought. So, I stood there, on the pond's muddy

bank, not sure where to go next, as the drizzle misted all around.

Rome (in a Day)

By Derek Ray

"I love it here, but after a while we get a little tired of seeing all these naked statues," a Midwest couple confided to me about their first trip to Rome.

I had already decided that Italy was my favorite country on my first trip to Europe. A Eurorail pass was my ticket to scour the country. After traversing Italy back and forth a few times, the sensory overload from being exposed to so much art, pasta (washed down by portable flasks of Chianti), and history was intoxicating.

The Italian culture had cast a spell over me, as did each town and area that I visited: Venice, Florence, Capri, Pompeii, Assisi, Umbria, Tuscany. Travelers may be drawn to any of these locations and land in Rome with only a day en route to their desired destination. But to me, the Eternal City was the pinnacle of my trip.

If you have just one day in Rome before heading out to other spots in Italy, my recommendation is to first head to the Coliseum and the ruins of the Roman Forum, the heart of ancient Rome. Present-day Italy is fascinating and wonderful, but firsthand exposure to layers of history will make your visit a transcendent one.

Walk up the steps of Capitoline Hill for a magnificent view of the Roman

continued on page 64

Other Adventures



Mango: The Winchester House in San Jose. Sarah L. Winchester was supposedly instructed by spirits to build a house and to never cease its construction.



misshottie45: Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, the nation's first archaeological preserve, in Coolidge, Arizona



ssandkb: Fall foliage at sunset frames the the red rocks of Sedona.



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OUTDOORS

April's Lowest Tides, associated with the full moon, drop to as low as -1.3 feet late this week. On Thursday morning (April 29) at 4:35am, the tide bottoms out at -1.3 feet. Friday morning's lowest tide of -1.1 feet occurs at 5:19am — more forgiving of even the most morning-oriented of morning persons. By Saturday (May 1) at 6:06am, you may get some access to coastal tidepools during a low tide measuring -0.7 feet.

The Silk Oak Tree, a fast-grow-

ing import from Australia, comes into short-lived glory this month. Golden flower clusters decorate the silvery-green branches, an effect that is particularly stunning when seen in contrast to the blue-blossoming jacaranda trees often planted nearby. A common tree in San Diego-area parks, the silk oak is also a popular street and backyard tree in the older residential areas.

Monkey-Flowers of various species are putting on an excellent display this month around San Diego. Look for these low, shrub-like plants with tubular yellow, or-

ange, or red flowers wherever native vegetation clothes the landscape — from the coastal bluffs to the lower slopes of the mountains. As you drive Interstates 8 or 805 near Mission Valley, look for the rust tint these flowers give to the steep hillsides. On the terraces just above San Onofre State Beach, you can usually see springtime monkey-flower blossoms of every intermediate shade from yellow to red.

Grunion Runs are predicted to occur during the late evening hours (generally after 10am and before 1am), following the noctur-

nal high tide, on April 29 though May 1. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. During the months of April and May, grunion are protected and may not be taken by fishers through any means. Open season for grunion starts in June, and from then until the end of summer the fish can be collected in reasonable numbers using the hands only (fishing licence needed for persons 16 years of age and older). For more information, visit dfg.ca.gov/marine/grunionschedule.asp.

California Native Plant Society Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. Sunday, May 2, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

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 Cara Knott Memorial Trail Join San Diego Natural History Museum Canyoneers on easy trail along Los Peñasquitos Creek. Parking: \$3. 619-255-0171. Sunday, May 2, 9am; free. Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Explore Plants and Plant Communities Mike Crouse leads class for wildlife trackers — and anyone with an interest in learning about regional flora — wishing to enhance their knowledge of plant communities and associated fauna. Join group in beach parking lot. Required registration: 858-775-7227. Saturday, May 1, 8am; \$30. Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, North Torrey Pines Road. (DEL MAR)

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, May 1, 9:30am; free. Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Genesee Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

Help Restore the Preserve Help San Diego Audubon Society garden, maintain restoration project of native coastal sage scrub habitat. Join volunteers to remove invasive plants, manage loop trail. Work gloves, tools, water, snacks provided. Required reservations: 760-295-1548. Saturday, May 1, 9am; free. Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, 2437 Hutchison Street. (VISTA)

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, May 1, 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, May 1, 9am; free. Point Loma Native Plant Reserve, Mendocino Boulevard and Greene Street. (POINT LOMA)

Rediscover Old Escondido East Walking tour led by Escondido History Center guide, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, May 4, 6pm; free. Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

To the Top? San Diego Natural History Museum Canyoneers host moderate to strenuous hike on Conejos Spring Trail, starting at mile marker 10.7 on Highway 79 in the park. Select a short hike through a Coulter pine forest or longer hike to top of Cuyamaca Peak. 619-255-0171. Saturday, May 1, 9am; free. Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, 12551 Highway 79. (DESCANSO)

Transform an Acre of Turf! Help San Diego Flyway Cities Coalition create a community habitat garden for wildlife and people. Day begins with NatureScape workshop; learn to compost, save water, certify your property as official "Backyard Habitat" (9-10am).

ROAM-○-RAMA

A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond | by Jerry Schad

MASON VALLEY TRUCK TRAIL

Descend from Cuyamaca to Anza-Borrego, the easy way.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 70 miles

Hiking length: 8.5 miles • **Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous (hiking); moderate (mountain biking)



View into Oriflamme Canyon from Mason Valley Truck Trail

Two hundred thirty-eight years ago, a small party led by the Spanish Colonel Pedro Fages chased after army deserters from the Presidio of San Diego, trekking through a narrow declivity known as Oriflamme Canyon on their way east from the Cuyamaca Mountains. This was the first recorded passage by Europeans into the low-lying, arid region now called the Anza-Borrego Desert.

Today, Fages and his men would find the trek down Oriflamme Canyon somewhat easier. No pavement has ever been laid down here, but a graded dirt road, open only in part to motorized vehicles, makes walking or mountain-biking easy — especially when done in the downhill direction as described here. The entire trip measures 8.5 miles, with a descent in elevation of more than 2000 feet. Since this a one-way trip, you'll have to arrange for a pick-up at the end of your walk or ride. There are 28 miles of two-lane highways to drive between the start and end points. Perhaps your volunteer shuttle driver can while away three or more hours in Julian during the time you're hiking (or spend less than an hour there if you're biking). Don't wait until summer to take this trip;

by late May the lower part will get uncomfortably warm. Also, don't forget to pack along plenty of water.

Start at the Pedro Fages historical monument along Sunrise Highway, 1.7 miles east of Highway 79. Find and follow the California Riding and Hiking Trail, which strikes northward through a broad meadow. Pass through a cattle gate and turn right at the next road. Now choose between two alternate routes. The left branch, traveling into upper Chariot Canyon, is rougher and harder. The right branch, Mason Valley Truck Trail, offers a more gradual descent.

On ahead, the truck trail

cuts more sharply down the precipitous north wall of Oriflamme Canyon, losing about 1000 feet of elevation in a mile and a half. From far above the canyon bottom, you'll probably hear the sound of rushing water, at least before summer's heat silences it.

After a junction with Rodríguez Canyon's four-wheel-drive trail on the left, Mason Valley Truck Trail skirts the base of massive Granite Mountain. Cholla cacti glisten on its slopes. Then the road eventually curves right, away from the mountain, but a remnant of the California Riding and Hiking Trail continues east along the mountain's base and strikes Highway S-2 at mile 26.5 — a good place for you to be picked up. This point on the highway can be found 0.8 mile west of Anza-Borrego's Box Canyon Historic Site.

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



Jumpline *continued from page 62*

Forum and Coliseum. This is the Cam-bidoglio, a sacred site of ancient Rome. A short walk down Via dei Fori Imperiali brings you to the ruins of the various forums of Imperial Rome, including the Roman Forum. Then explore the 1930-year-old Coliseum. A combination ticket to the Coliseum also grants access to Palatine Hill, home to the first inhabitants of Rome as well as several emperors and philosophers. The Palatine Museum provides historical context. Allow three to four hours for an unhurried exploration of the area. Take a map as a guide to the ruins — and to avoid lines it's best to order and print out your ticket online.

The afternoon presents several options. The Piazza di Spagna near the Spanish Steps is a wonderful Roman neighborhood. Walk around and take in the sights and sounds around you. Nearby, Caffè Sant Eustachio serves what many locals claim is the best coffee in Rome. The Keats Shelly House is also near here.

I recommend the Vatican Museum for an afternoon visit, even if you aren't Catholic. Timing is essential here to



View of the Coliseum beyond ruins of the Roman Forum.

avoid the long lines. If you arrive a few hours before closing time, you'll have less of a wait than if you visit in the morning. Again, it's best to reserve in advance online. The museum has stunning galleries — a breathtaking collection of treasures acquired by the Catholic Church. The Sistine Chapel is a must-see.

One of the most well-preserved structures in Rome, the Pantheon, is a temple dating from 27 BC. It stands at the Piazza della Rotonda. Next to the Pantheon is the Piazza Navona, considered by many to be the most beautiful square in Rome. There are several dining choices at hand. Round out your day here and head back to your hotel to get a good night's sleep for whatever your next stop is in this magical country.

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After workshop, plant native shrubs, trees to “promote sustainable, nature-friendly landscaping” (10am-1pm). Wear long pants, sturdy shoes, hat. Bring tools if you have them. Gloves, water, snacks provided. Registration: 858-273-7800 x101. Saturday, May 1, 9am; free. EastLake Clubhouse at the Woods, 1150 Woods Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

SPECIAL

“A Landscape in Transition”

American Society of Landscape Architects garden tour is guided bus tour of four private residential gardens and public projects designed by professional landscape architects. 619-225-8155. Saturday, May 1, 1pm; \$45. Kilroy Business Center Del Mar, 3611 Valley Centre Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

“Dreamz and Seamz” “Play your part in the theatrical world” of Zandra Rhodes’s *Aida* designs, enjoy music by Dreamtiger, during A-list party. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Thursday, April 29, 7:30pm; free-\$12. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

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“Tesoros Mexicanos” Opening activities for “Mexican Treasures from Two Folk Art Collections,” an exhibition of 120 works of art underscoring “both the diversity of Mexican culture and the unending creative vitality of the Mexican people.” See film about Mexican artist Frida Kahlo (3pm), stay for reception (4-6pm). Exhibit continues through Sunday, June 27. 760-602-2021. Sunday, May 2, 3pm; free. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

“The Things They Carried” Reception for “World War II Trench Art.” Exhibition of “emotionally charged souvenirs such as jewelry, model planes, and personalized cigarette cases and lighters” continues through June 4. 760-435-3720. Saturday, May 1, 3pm; \$8.

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

Meditations One and Two Join San Diego Great Books group to examine work by René Descartes. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Sunday, May 2, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Art Alive 2010 Annual spring-time event boasts more than 100 professional and amateur floral designers interpreting works of art

from museum’s permanent collection with floral arrangements. 619-232-7931. Friday, April 30, 9am; Saturday, May 1, 9am; Sunday, May 2, 9am; \$5-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Art in the Pines More than 100 local artists will participate in festival, sale outside the Visitor Center, benefiting nature education at the reserve. Nature-inspired art offered in variety of media. Also planned: live music, guided nature

walks, children’s art activities, art demonstrations. Day-use fee for parking. 858-755-2063. Sunday, May 2, 10am. Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, North Torrey Pines Road. (DEL MAR)

Baseball at the Library Local baseball historian/author Andy Strasberg discusses his “Fantography” project to gather baseball-related photographs taken by fans over the last 100 years. Strasberg will accept submissions of fans’

snapshots, listen to stories behind the pictures. 858-581-9935. Saturday, May 1, 11:30am; free. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Beyond Capitalism and Socialism Join P&R Discussion Group to contemplate a version of the future. 619-370-1027. Thursday, April 29, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Carlsbad — Home Sweet Home Seventh annual Castles of

Carlsbad tour presented by Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation features self-guided tour of six homes. Ticket availability and outlets: 760-602-2060. Saturday, May 1, 10am; \$30-\$40. 12 and up. Carlsbad. (CARLSBAD)

Carlsbad Beach Fest Head to Frazee Beach (at intersection of Carlsbad Boulevard and Pine Avenue) for festival with beach cleanup (10am-noon), surf competition, beach Frisbee and soccer,

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

lifeguard rescue demonstration, professional sand sculpting, art, more. Saturday, May 1, 10am; free. Carlsbad. (CARLSBAD)

Carlsbad Village Faire Nearly 900 vendors offering arts and crafts, antiques, clothing, food, more, in downtown area. 760-945-9288. Sunday, May 2, 8am; free. Carlsbad. (CARLSBAD)

Celebrate Law Day Legal clinic by lawyers from Bar Association of North San Diego County, offering consultations in probate, family law, landlord/tenant, criminal law, general civil law matters. First-come, first-served. 760-940-4386. Friday, April 30, 9am; free. San Diego Public Law Library North County, 325 South Melrose Drive. (VISTA)

Dish Gardens! Individual Specimens! Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society hosts plant sale, including "plants acquired from several estates," and more. 760-741-7553. Saturday, May 1, 10am; free. Alta Vista Garden, 1270 Vale Terrace Drive. (VISTA)

Doggie Café Take your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. One dog per human handler. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, April 30, 6pm. San

Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Explore "Globular Clusters" Take "digital tour" of night sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show, then view real sky through telescopes after show (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. Wednesday, May 5, 7pm and 8pm; \$9-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Fair Trade Market Celebrate World Fair Trade Day by shopping open-air market with fair-trade chocolate, coffee, wine tastings, vendors selling crafts and other goods. Slide shows, educational materials, local social justice organizations. 619-446-7932. Saturday, May 1, noon; free. Christ Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach, 4761 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Fiesta Old Town Cinco de Mayo Take in Latin sounds, "lowrider lane," flamenco dance, ballet folklorico, storytellers, children's activities, food and beverages during 27th annual event honoring Mexican culture. 619-291-4903. Saturday, May 1, 11am; Sunday, May 2, 11am; free. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Find Unique Art Objects Time for semiannual glass and pottery sale in Student Union. All items on offer — pottery, ceramic sculpture, blown glass, stained glass, fused and slumped glass, metalwork, jewelry, photography — created by Palomar College students. Artist demonstrations: 2-4pm Thursday

and Friday; 10am-noon on Saturday. 760-744-1150 x2302. Thursday, April 29, 9am; Friday, April 30, 9am; Saturday, May 1, 9am; free. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

House of Poland Enjoy lawn program with ethnic costumes, music, and dancing at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, May 2, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Iris Society Spring Show Judged show of iris and floral displays using iris, in room 101. Sales of potted iris too. 619-561-6323. Saturday, May 1, 1pm; Sunday, May 2, 10am; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

Legal Clinic Foothills Bar Association and the San Diego County Public Law Library present clinic providing "general legal advice and referrals only." 619-441-4451. Friday, April 30, 10am; free. 18 and up. San Diego County Public Law Library East County, 250 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Listen to Luthiers Woodworker Sue Spray presents "Luthier's Co-Op First Annual Guitar/Art Exhibition," displaying fine handmade guitars and harps and artwork of local Americana artist (and E St. Café owner) Dominic Alcorn.

Rhyme & Verse

9 Haiku

—John Brandi

Spring:
lovers hammering together
their broken bed

—
So much work to do
I begin
by putting it off

—
Noticing everybody in the bar
has missing teeth
he leaves early

—
Next to the fire station
a burned down
house

—

Writing about my youth
now and then
a branch falls

—
After everyone
is awake
the dog quits barking

—
In the mirror
The old man I was afraid of
as a child.

—
Library sign:
We now have *On the Road*
in large print.

—
Sweeping snow
I watch myself
sweeping snow.



John Brandi writes: "If I'm in the right state of openness — intellect absent, the world before me as is, no hint of another to come — then poems arrive unexpectedly, as they should." A world traveler who has long been associated with the Beat poets, Brandi is probably our country's best known Haiku poet. These are from his collection *Weeding the Cosmos*, published by La Alameda Press and are reprinted by permission.

Luthiers and Alcorn on hand to describe their work. 760-599-WOOD. Saturday, May 1, 3pm; free. E Street Café, 128 E Street. (ENCINITAS)

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)

North Park Paint Out San Diego Art Department and California Art Club invite plein air painters to participate. Join artists to gather throughout North Park and paint, then meet back at SDAD by 2pm for group discussion led by Judith D'Agostino. 619-299-4278. Saturday, May 1, 10am. San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Profoundly Moving Asian Pacific American Heritage Month book discussion series commences with look at Fae Myenne Ng's novel *Bone*. UCSD Asian American literature professor Lisa Lowe leads discussion. 619-236-5816. Monday, May 3, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

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)

Scrapbook Expo Learn "newest and hottest scrapbooking techniques"; workshops and basic classes taught by experts. 951-734-4307. Friday, April 30, 10am; Saturday, May 1, 9am; \$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Vintage to Modern Everything photographic offered during Bargain Camera Show, including antique, used, and new equipment. 310-578-7446. Sunday, May 2, 10am; free-\$2. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Visit Falconbridge Village Find out during Renaissance Faire, when Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court, accompanied by entertainers, food vendors, merchants, Renaissance reenactors, gather for festival. Enjoy period music, battle pageants, Shakespearean theater, continuous entertainment, vendors, children's activities. Weekend passes available. 805-496-6036. Saturday, May 1, 10am; Sunday, May 2, 10am; \$8-\$16. Felicita Park, 742 Clarence Lane. (ESCONDIDO)

Western Roundup Walk through gardens and vineyards on this 115-acre ranch (where Errol Flynn once starred in a movie), view goats and Texas longhorns, take tractor-driven hayride, watch a "cowboy action shooter," square dance, see carriages and vintage cars, enjoy barbecue lunch, more. 760-743-8207. Saturday, May 1, 11am; free-\$45. Melrose Ranch, 16757 Old Guejito Grade Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

What Is Chi Kung? Learn movements "to improve your energy level, calm your nervous system, and boost function" during introduction presented by Dr. Mario A. Mancini, O.M.D. RSVP: 619-287-4005. Friday, April 30, 2pm; free. Kroc Corps Community Center Education Building, 6605 University Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

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"Egmont Overture" San Diego Symphony and pianist Yefim Bronfman wrap up Beethoven Festival with performance of this piece, along with "Piano Concerto No. 2" and "Piano Concerto No. 3." 619-235-0804. Saturday, May 1,

8pm; \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Live 'n' Wired" Theatre Organ Society's concert series continues with "long-awaited return" of musician Dave Wickerham, playing the four-manual/24-rank Wurlitzer theater pipe organ. 888-618-6773. Saturday, May 1, 2pm; free-\$12. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3902 Kenwood Drive. (SPRING VALLEY)

"Welsh Is Longer Than Stockhausen" Take in new and experimental music from UCSD's graduate music students during Spring Music Festival. 858-534-3229. Monday, May 3, noon; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Beethoven Festival Continues Enjoy Beethoven's "Symphony No. 8" and "Piano Concerto No. 5 (Emperor)" when pianist Yefim Bronfman and San Diego Sym-

phony perform. 619-235-0804. Friday, April 30, 8pm; Sunday, May 2, 2pm; \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Chamber Ensemble Concert San Diego Youth Symphony's advanced chamber ensembles of string, wind, and brass instruments perform their annual concert. 619-233-3232. Thursday, April 29, 7pm; free. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Chamber Music Recital USD Chamber Music Ensembles, under direction of Angela Yeung, perform in French Parlor of Founders Hall. 619-260-4171. Tuesday, May 4, 7:30pm; \$5-\$10. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

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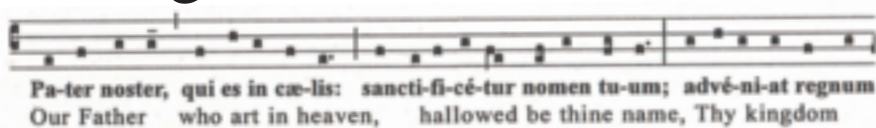
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Rachmaninoff to modernist Toru Takemitsu and UCSD's Pulitzer Prize-winner Roger Reynolds. 858-534-3229. Friday, April 30, 8pm; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Melodies for May Enjoy classical, jazz, contemporary harp music when Carolyn Sykes performs. 619-692-2148. Sunday, May 2, 7pm; \$20. San Diego Wild Animal Park, 15500 San Pasqual Valley Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Music from Vienna La Jolla Symphony and Chorus present "two profound works from Vienna's 'golden age,'" Mozart's "Symphony No. 40" and "Symphony No. 41," as well as Alban Berg's "Violin Concerto." Program includes "In Paradisum" by Benjamin Sabey. 858-534-4637. Saturday, May 1, 8pm; Sunday, May 2, 3pm; \$15-\$29. Mandleville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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

San Diego Festival Chorus Spring Concert The 80-voice chorus and 48-piece symphony orchestra perform the "German Requiem" by Brahms and "One Hundred Years of Broadway." 951-699-7478. Sunday, May 2, 3pm; \$17-\$15. College Avenue Baptist Church, 4747 College Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

The Coriolan Overture San Diego Symphony and pianist Yefim Bronfman perform this Beethoven work, along with his "Piano Concerto No. 1" and "Piano Concerto No. 4," for Beethoven Festival. 619-235-0804. Thursday, April 29, 7:30pm; \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

There Will Be Singing! San Diego Community College Invitational Choral Festival takes place in Concert Hall building 2400. 760-795-6815. Sunday, May 2, 2pm; free-\$5. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Up for an "Experimental Mash-Up"? UCSD's graduate music students perform for Spring Music Festival. 858-534-3229. Tuesday, May 4, 8pm; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

DANCE

"Firehouse Fusion Dance Party" Evening begins with fusion dance workshop led by Meeshi and Alan (7:30pm), followed by live "downtempo/ambient" music from XIV. Tickets include lesson, dance. All ages. 858-395-6060. Thursday, April 29, 7:30pm; \$10. Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

Ballet Folklorico Tierra Caliente Celebrate history, traditions of Mexico during performance. Tickets for "Free First Wednesdays" series available on first-come, first-served basis, one hour prior to curtain. 800-988-4253. Wednesday, May 5, 4pm and 7pm; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Chopin Tribute California Ballet Company performs full-length ballet *Les Sylphides* and premieres "the original ballet Chopin Concerto No. 1." 858-560-6741. Saturday, May 1, 2:30pm and 8pm; \$25-\$60. 6 and up. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Flight Path Band provides music, Martha Wild calls for contra dancing hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, April 30, 7:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Latin Club Dance Mix Noches Latinas with DJs Luis and TMX playing tunes for cumbia, merengue, bachata, salsa. 619-985-5168. Fridays, 8pm; \$5. 21 and up. Ramada Inn, 5550 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Main Event Mixer Enjoy ballroom, Latin, swing music for dancing. 858-565-9575. Saturday, May 1, 8pm; \$8. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

May Faire Ball San Diego English Country Dancers host annual dance, with music by Off the Cuff with Jon Berger. Dance master is Erik Weberg. "Regency attire admired but not required." 760-789-7796. Saturday, May 1, 5:55pm; \$15-\$40. Soledad Club, 5050 Soledad Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

FILM

"Murder in Fashion" Screening of this R-rated, "ripped-from-the-headlines drama," with gay hustler Andrew Cunanan on his "murderous journey" from San Diego to Miami. Required reservations: 619-232-6203 x129. Thursday, April 29, 6pm; \$5-\$8. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Juvenile Status ArtPower hosts screening of six short films that received the Cannes Film Festival "Official Selection" honor in 2009 and went on to win awards from other high-profile festivals. Films include *Lars og Peter*, *Diploma*, *Missen*. Discussion with Anders Wright and Wolfgang Hastert follows. 858-534-8497. Thursday, April 29, 8pm; \$5-\$8. Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Lunafest! Film festival featuring diverse lineup of short films by, for, and about women. Wine reception (5:30pm) followed by screening of films at 7:30pm, including *A Summer Rain*, *Monday Before Thanksgiving*, *The Kinda Sutra*, *Anjali*, *Omelette*, others. 760-274-3915. Thursday, April 29, 5:30pm; \$12-\$22. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

FOOD & DRINK

"Inside the Craft Beer Industry" Stone CEO Greg Koch and "resident beer geek" Ken Wright plan "Beer U" talk with samples of craft brews and "insider's view of the craft beer industry." 760-471-4999. Monday, May 3, 7pm; \$20. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

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Island Divine Santorini Tenth annual food, wine, brew event benefits Junior League of San Diego. 619-234-5573. Saturday, May 1, 3pm; \$80-\$125. 21 and up. Scripps Park, 1133 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Wonderful, Not Weird! Michelle from Java Jones Coffee Roasters shares "the beauty of pairing cheese with coffee and tea." 619-358-9081. Thursday, April 29, 6:30pm; \$30. Venissimo Cheese — East Village, 871 G Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

FOR KIDS

"Art Made Simple" Art instructor, illustrator, author Lisa Davis DeMattei leads art class for children (6-12). 858-581-9935. Wednesday, May 5, 4pm; free. 6 and up. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

"Dino-Mite Night" Try your hand at paleontology, view *Dinosaurs Alive! 3D*, tour "Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries" exhibit during family dinosaur camp-in. Fee includes evening snack, continental breakfast, plenty of fun. 619-255-0203. Friday, April 30, 6pm; \$50-\$65. 5 and up. San

Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Bored Games For Kids Pajama-night event promises "dozens of fun and free ways to entertain kids of all ages." Authors will demonstrate activities, involve everyone in fun and games. 619-232-4855. Tuesday, May 4, 7pm; free. 3 and up. Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffee House, 835 W. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Charlie Brown & Friends Carrillo Elementary's theatrical showcase performed by Carrillo Elementary's Starz2B 3rd Grade theater troop. 760-290-2900. Friday, April 30, 5:30pm; Saturday, May 1, 3pm; Sunday, May 2, 3pm;



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The Princess and the Pea Big Joe Productions present "full-stage marionette production" with Princess Haiku traveling in a strange land. 619-544-9203. Thursday, April 29, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, April 30, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, May 1, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, May 2, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Wednesday, May 5, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. 4 and up. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Children's Day Storytelling Professional singer-songwriter Gabriela Flores, storyteller Lisette Atala "take listeners on a journey to 18th-century France and the world of Louis XV" for Spanish-language storytelling program. 619-239-5548. Saturday, May 1, 11am; free. 5 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Design Small Works of Art Children make mixed-media col-

lages with magazines, colored papers, found objects inspired by Alison Renshaw's "Plastic Fantastic" exhibition during family art day. Renshaw leads tour of her exhibit for kids at 2pm. 760-435-3720. Sunday, May 2, 1pm; free. Ocean-side Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Enjoy Scavenger Hunts? How about solving clues? WitKids Urban Race is described as "an urban adventure race"; participants figure out clues, read a map, and work as a team. Teams must complete a task or answer a question correctly in order to move on in race. Fee: \$30 for teams of 2-3; \$50 for teams of 4-5. 619-677-2238. Saturday, May 1, 9am. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Garden of Activities Art Alive programs include family-oriented multigenerational workshop with floral-inspired arts and crafts. 619-232-7931. Saturday, May 1, 12 noon; Sunday, May 2, noon; \$5-\$15. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Grin with Running Grunion Storyteller Running Grunion (a.k.a. Abel Silvas) tells California Native American stories during Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros celebrations. 619-463-3236. Thursday, April 29, 6pm; free. Casa de Oro Library, 9805 Campo Road #180. (SPRING VALLEY)

KidsFest San Diego Learning, creativity, imagination encouraged! Children invited to hands-

on activities at creative stations where they can move, sing, create, make and take, learn. 619-261-5375. Saturday, May 1, 10am; Sunday, May 2, 10am; \$15. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

May Faire Festival Join in celebration of "old-time merriment and tradition" when children dance, make music, weave maypole ribbons. Participants invited to make crafts, enjoy food, join in a puppet show, petting zoo, games. Local artisans offer wares. 619-280-8016. Saturday, May 1, 11am; free. Waldorf School of San Diego, 3547 Altadena Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

The Cat in the Hat Is Back! San Diego Junior Theatre presents *Seussical*, featuring the Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, other favorite Dr. Seuss characters. Performance on May 15 is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, May 16; \$8-\$14. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

GALLERIES

"Hollywood 1939" Opening reception for exhibit of original artwork by Disney and Warner Brothers fine artist Joseph Yakovetic. 760-703-3889. Saturday, May 1, 7pm. Twin Oaks Gallery, 757 North Twin Oaks Valley Road #3. (SAN MARCOS)

"Members' Choice" Opening reception for display of work in variety of media by San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild. Continues through Sunday, June 27. 760-795-6120. Saturday, May 1, 12 noon; free. Front Porch Gallery, 2903 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

"Reflections of Nature" The 17th annual show and sale, and inaugural "Nature in Miniature" exhibition, features 29 artists. Artists on hand to discuss their work. 760-728-1414. Saturday, May 1, 10am; Sunday, May 2, 11am; free-\$5. Fallbrook Art Center, 103 South Main Avenue. (FALLBROOK)

"Works in Progress" Closing reception for display of new works by San Diego-based artist Robert Irwin. Exhibition has changed every two weeks during run of the show. 858-454-3409. Saturday, May 1, 3pm; free. Quint Contemporary Art, 7739 Drury Lane. (LA JOLLA)

Seductive Oil Paintings! Opening reception for Leslie Nemour's "RUTV," an installation of paintings forming "eclectic visual moments to create a meditation on television as a framing device for visual culture." Through May. 619-235-8466. Saturday, May 1, 6pm. Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

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"Our House" San Diego Gay Men's Chorus plans concerts honoring local organizations working "to provide services and enrich the lives of members of our community." Among the songs: "Home" from *The Wiz*, Bernstein's "Make Our Garden Grow," more. 619-239-8836. Saturday, May 1, 8pm; Sunday, May 2, 3pm; \$26-\$40. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Life as a Sandwich Author Eric Peterson signs books. Portion of book sales from day donated to North County Health Services Reach Out and Read literacy program. 760-529-0270. Friday, April 30, 5pm; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Escondido, 810 West Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Mexican White Boy Novelist Matt De La Pena reads from, signs his work, including *Ball Don't Lie*, in the Student Center. 619-644-7486. Thursday, April 29, 7pm; free. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

Nothing Like Sunshine Rabbi/author/spirituality columnist Ben Kamin visits to discuss *A Story in the Aftermath of the MLK Assassination*. Book is "a coming-of-age story based in the 1960s, a definitive personal expression about race, friendship, and his personal love for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." Signing follows. 858-755-3735. Sunday, May 2, 4pm; free. Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

The Biggest Liar in Los Angeles Southern California mystery author Ken Kuhlken signs books. 858-268-4747. Saturday, May 1, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Choral Concert Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir entertains. Donation: \$5. 619-298-2130. Saturday, May 1, 6pm. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 3725 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Comedy Hypnotist Marsha Starr performs. 619-857-9274. Saturday, May 1, 7pm; \$20-\$25. Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Party of Fools VAMP (visual art, music, performance) presents "the bravest performers in town presenting their most embarrassing true stories in front of a room full of strangers, with extra points awarded for visual aides or evidence of said humiliation appearing onstage with them." Musical guest: Meaghan Maples. 619-284-6784. Thursday, April 29, 8:30pm; free. 21 and up. Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Spring Literary Series College's International Book Fair concludes with debut of *2010 City Works Press Journal* in room D-121A/B. 619-388-3596. Wednesday, May 5, 1pm; free. 14 and up. San Diego City College, 1313 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Stress-Free Tuesdays Comedy show by King Anji Howell and Robbie Pickard, host Byron Bowers. No cover before 7:30pm. 888-316-0722. Tuesday, May 4, 7pm; free-\$5. 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

True Crime Author Tom Basinski, *Chula Vista Star News* columnist, discusses his books and the writing process. 619-420-8700. Thursday, April 29, 3pm; free. Congregational Towers, 288 F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

Up With People Cast of 90 performers from 20 different countries presents songs, dances from many different cultures, "spreading a message of peace and hope through performances and community service." 760-724-2110. Friday, April 30, 7:30pm; \$10-\$20. Moonlight Amphitheatre in Brenge Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace. (VISTA)

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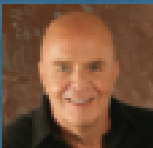
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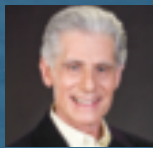
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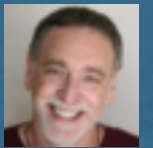
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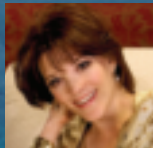
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LECTURES

“An Asian State of Mind”
Local Asian-American authors speak on topics such as writing and publishing, Asian American identity and pursuing dreams, in room I-101A. Participants: Virginia S. Loh (*The Jade Dragon*), Wayne Chan (*The Problem with Being Perfect*), Giovanna Pang-Garcia (*Why Chinese Women Are Not Broke: Real Life Stories and Proven Keys for Success*), Ray M. Wong (*Chicken Soup* contributor). 619-441-5988. Friday, April 30, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Miramar College, 10440 Black Mountain Road. (MIRAMAR)

“Are Vaccines Really Safe?” If there is a possibility of harmful side effects associated with vaccines, can it ever be appropriate for medical community to promote vaccination? Find out when panelists Ed Morgan, Eric Courchesne, Stanley Maloy gather for “Exploring Ethics” discussion. 619-238-1233. Wednesday, May 5, 5:30pm; free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“Rembrandt y el arte del grabado” Victoria Sancho Lobis,

curator of USD’s Print Collection and Fine Art Galleries, presents Spanish-language “Art in the Afternoon” talk. 619-239-5548. Thursday, April 29, 12:30pm; free. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Fascination with Ivory”
Godfrey Harris of International Ivory Society discusses importance of ivory, its historic and modern uses, for Life senior learning group in room 1068 (1pm). Learn about “Unusual and Noteworthy Plants” when Jason Kubrock of college’s horticulture department introduces “some truly amazing plants with insights into their complex ecology” (2:30pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, April 30, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

“The Physics of Small Things”
“Materials physics at sizes approaching atomic dimensions is

revolutionizing” physics, chemistry, biology. Ivan K. Schuller of UCSD focuses on “Nanoscience” for Doc Morris Public Lecture, in North Education Building room 60. Talk highlights “recent scientific advances in the field and possible new directions.” 619-594-6240. Tuesday, May 4, 7:30pm; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Food(sheds) for Thought
Global climate change, competition for use of cropland, population growth — all raise questions about our nation’s ability to feed itself over time. Focus on “Developing Sustainable Foodsheds” during panel discussion with members of Roots of Change. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Tuesday, May 4, 6:30pm; \$5. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)




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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

Neighborhood Law School Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association presents series of classes to help citizens become more educated about the law. This week: "Credit Cleanup and Consumer Law." RSVP: 619-261-7781. Monday, May 3, 6pm; free. Christian Fellowship Congregational Church, 1601 Kelton Road. (EMERALD HILLS)

On Topic Artist Ruben Ochoa discusses his work (currently on view at museum) and practice as it relates to broader topic of contemporary sculpture. 858-454-3541. Thursday, April 29, 7pm; free-\$7. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Tolerate Drought! Learn of drought tolerant plants such as salvias, California natives when landscape designer Doug Kalal presents "30 Great Drought Tolerant Plants for Your Garden." 619-200-7066. Saturday, May 1,

10:30am; free. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Whaddaya Know About AB 32? SDCTA Breakfast Club gathers for discussion of "California Global Warming Solutions Act — AB 32." Learn how AB 32 will impact regional development, California's competitiveness. Panelists: Ron Roberts, Scott Anders, Dorothy Rothrock, Michael Murray, moderator Lewis Michaelson. Tickets include breakfast. 619-234-6423. Friday, April 30, 7am; \$35-\$45. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

SPORTS

"Walk 'n' Roll" San Diego Humane Society hosts 16th annual Walk for Animals with vendor village, animal-related information booths. Donation/pledge. 619-299-7012. Saturday, May 1, 7:30am; Crown Point, 3700 Crown Point Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Antique Drags If you can drive it, you can race it! The 38th running of San Diego Antique Drags is

open to all cars 1975 and older; see hot rods, dragsters, muscle cars, "grandma's old wagon." Fee to race: \$50. 858-361-3057. Sunday, May 2, 8am; \$10-\$20. Barona Drag Strip, 1750 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Backcountry Biking San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists head out for 84-mile adventure to Valley Center, Lilac, more. Bring money for lunch in Valley Center. 619-426-8192. Sunday, May 2, 8:45am. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Barrio Logan Grand Prix The 14th annual event promises full day of bicycle racing, festivities in conjunction with Cinco de Mayo celebrations. Racing action is easy to view on closed 8-mile "figure eight" course, with each race boasting up to 150 cyclists. Races are 25-80 minutes long. Racing events for kids, 12:30-1:30pm (free). Registration opens: 6:30am. 619-239-4321. Saturday, May 1, 7:30am; free-\$35. Barrio Logan Grand Prix, Newton Avenue at Beardsley Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Breath of Hope Lung Cancer Walk This 5k walk benefiting the Lung Cancer Alliance starts in Cancer Survivors Park, connected to Spanish Landing Park. Registra-

tion: 7:30am; walk: 9am. Sunday, May 2, 7:30am; \$10-\$30. Spanish Landing Park, 4077 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Coastal Backstreets Explore coastal towns during 40-mile Knickerbiker bicycle ride. Bring money for lunch in Carlsbad. 619-255-2890. Saturday, May 1, 9am. Glen Park, 2149 Orinda Drive. (CARDIFF)

Del Mar National Horse Show: Dressage Week Show continues with world-class dressage competition. "Evening of Musical Freestyles" is May 1, (\$18). Regular admission is free on weekdays; \$10 on weekends. 858-792-4288. Thursday, April 29, 8am; Friday, April 30, 8am; Saturday, May 1, 8am and 7pm; Sunday, May 2, 8am; 9 and up. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Hoops! The WNBA Los Angeles Sparks head south for matchup against the China National Team. 877-44-SPARKS. Saturday, May 1, 7pm; \$15-\$60. Viejas Arena, 5500 Canyon Crest Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Hunter/Jumper Week Del Mar National Horse Show competition includes \$100,000 Grand Prix of Del Mar on May 8 (\$18). Regular admission is free on weekdays; \$10 on weekends. 858-792-4288. Tuesday, May 4, 8am; Wednesday, May 5, 8am. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Oceanside Police Surfing Local middle school surf teams compete at south pier beach during annual police-sponsored competition. 760-435-4060. Saturday, May 1, 7am. Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

We're Talking Baseball San Diego Padres host Milwaukee Brewers. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5555. Thursday, April 29, 7:05pm; Friday, April 30, 7:05pm; Saturday, May 1, 5:35pm; Sunday, May 2, 1:05pm; \$10-\$63. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Padres vs. Rockies San Diego Padres host Colorado's baseball team. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5555. Monday, May 3, 7:05pm; Tuesday, May

4, 7:05pm; Wednesday, May 5, 7:05pm; \$10-\$63. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Race for the Playground Lake Murray Playground Project presents 5k/1-mile fun run along shores of Lake Murray. Both courses: paved, flat, suited for families and strollers. *Amazing Race* winners Meghan Rickey and Cheyne Whitney, who grew up in the neighborhood, will participate. Registration includes pancake breakfast. Race-day registration: 6:30am. 619-916-7493. Sunday, May 2, 6:30am; \$15-\$30. Lake Murray Community Park, 7001 Murray Park Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

Ric and Vic Meet Angel and Diamond! American Wrestling Alliance presents "Friday Night Live." Card boasts heavyweight championship bout between Todd Chandler and Aerial Star; Threat versus Tommy Wilson; many others. 619-569-0356. Friday, April 30, 7pm; \$10-\$13. Unity Lodge, 3366 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Spring Classic Horse Show Equestrian competition. 858-481-9085. Thursday, April 29, 8am; Friday, April 30, 8am; Saturday, May 1, 8am; Sunday, May 2, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

To the Lighthouse Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for flat, 47-mile ride including Coronado ferry (bring money for fare) and visit to Point Loma lighthouse. 619-255-5360. Saturday, May 1, 8:45am; free. Pepper Park, Tidelands Ave., south terminus. (NATIONAL CITY)

Tuesday Night Racing Returns Velodrome bicycle racing season opens with racing in many categories. Racing is open to riders with an appropriate track bike and sufficient track-racing experience. Free for spectators. 931-233-5749. Tuesdays, 6:30pm; through Tuesday, September 28, free. San Diego Velodrome, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Walk for Rides Independent Transportation Network — providing transportation for seniors and visually impaired adults — hosts two-mile walk. Donation. 619-282-0073. Saturday, May 1, 9am; LiveWell San Diego, 4425 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

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

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

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

Wire, twine, thread, ribbon are manipulated in Anne Mudge's exhibition, "Chance & Circumstance." The forms "remind us of the beauty and complexity found in nature while simultaneously referencing the potential of the human mind to produce equally compelling and intricate structures." All three close Sunday, July 4. 340 North Escondido Blvd., 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Embarcadero Urban Trees 6 Public art exhibit of 31 "urban trees" along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorn Street) continues. Artists were supplied with a 12-foot-tall pole placed in a concrete planter to serve as tree's base; artists alter the pole by attaching materials to create their sculptures. 619-686-6200. Along Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Heritage Walk Museum The museum includes the restored Victorian house, the city's original

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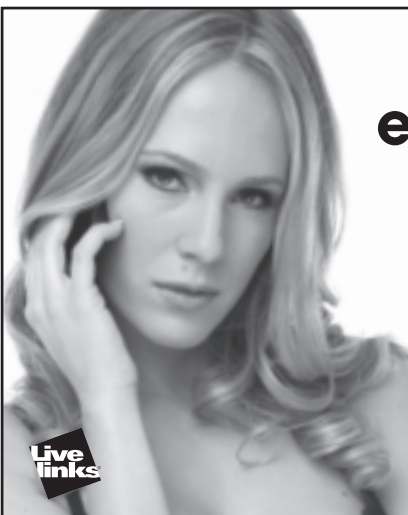
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House of Pacific Relations International Cottages are open every Sunday, noon-4pm, presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, *Children around the World* videos screened in Hall of Nations, select cottages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

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

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

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

Mingei International Museum North County “Rite and Ritual: Ceremonial Art Across the Cultures” focuses on beauty of objects used for special familial, tribal, community events in traditional cultures such as birth, childhood, initiation, marriage, death, and festivals and in various religious expressions among the world’s peoples.

Admission is free until museum closes permanently on Saturday, June 26. 155 West Grand Ave., 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Corbin’s piece turns Strauss Gallery “into a makeshift airplane hanger”; visitors find workbenches topped with partially constructed

objects and the skeleton and shell of an experimental aircraft. De Luca’s long-term project *Stations* (2006-2007) will be on view for first time, together with a site-specific altarpiece triptych. All close on Sunday, June 20. 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove “Messages from the World: The Story of the Lemon Grove Post Office” follows evolution of local post office from horse and buggy days through modern times. Through June. Also on view: a recreation of the Sonka Brother’s General Store, “The Children’s Room,” “The Parents’ Room,” “The

Sewing Room,” offering installations evoking life in the parsonage from 1900-1940. 3185 Olive St., 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

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

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft, including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which “saw ac-

tion over the Balkans in the late 1990s”; a replica of *Spirit of St. Louis*, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane; 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center Center hosts monthly archaeological-themed lectures, workshops, and family events on second Saturday of each month. Museum is dedicated to curating and sharing archaeological collections with public for educational, scientific, cultural use. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Rd., 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum “Economy of Motion” — continuing through Sunday, May 23 — tells story of fuel efficiency, automotive design of small cars. Exhibit features cars are efficient due to their size, and cars that are efficient due to their design.

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

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Easy Does It

Still no alcohol license, still no menu on the website, but I finally gave in — whether it was ready or not, I had to try the Big Easy. The chef/co-owner is Frankie “the Bull” Terzoli, *Top Chef* semifinalist and former chef/co-owner of Bull’s Barbecue, where the gumbo gave convincing evidence of a palate that knows New Orleans.

Terzoli is a local guy made good who cooked his way around the world and finally came home. He went to University of San Diego and to the CIA culinary school at Hyde Park, New York, then traveled through 27 countries, working in restaurants. (He’s also got a ship captain’s license.) “My background is Sicilian, and at the age of 7, I asked my mother for a cookbook. I still have it — *Betty Crocker’s Cooking For Kids*. By the time I was 7½, I’d cooked through it. At age 10, I went to work at my uncle’s restaurant, the Venetian in Point Loma. Working there, with all that give and take in the kitchen, the fun of making diners happy, I knew that’s what I wanted to do. Afterward, I always stayed with my own style — big, bold dishes. I utilize that in all my cooking.”

The Big Easy occupies the difficult site on University that previously housed the late, lamented Better Half (and before that, the less-lamented Talus, the Abbey, etc.). Ironically, the Better Half’s chef-owner was planning to convert to a New Orleans menu before he ran out of funds. The architecture of the historic building evokes the French Quarter, with its odd cul-de-sac open-air alley between the kitchen area and the dining room, which makes a great dining patio in warm weather.

With the help of a host of friends and well-wishers who volunteered labor, Terzoli completed the physical transformation, repainting the exterior an eye-catching light yellow with purple trim, a version of Mardi Gras colors; the interior is creamy tan with dark-brown trim and café curtains, hinting at Napoleon House in the Quarter. Although the chairs, along with a couple of held-



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Chef Frankie “the Bull” Terzoli believes in “big, bold dishes.”

over banquettes, are the same old Better Half unpadded wooden numbers dating from the Spanish Inquisition. Terzoli’s first blessed act was to build a ramp up to the dining-room entrance, which used to be a challenging tall step and hell on wheelchairs and aging knees. During our dinner, music played softly — an eclectic blend of blues, jazz, and what I’d

call serious pop, for want of a more precise term. The major NOLA classics are available mainly as appetizers, in somewhat eccentric versions of varying success. For better or worse, the traditional dishes have been subjected to the chef’s creativity, and for the most part, they emerge with the flavors of Louisiana intact. Red beans and rice, for instance, are served in a deconstructed version, the elements striped along the plate. The beans were too firm that night but flavorful from a rich cooking liquid, with a sneak-up-and-bite-

you spiciness, plated next to Jasmine rice. The third, vital element was a heap of sliced spicy andouille sausage. Mix it all together and you’ve got your Crescent City washday miracle. (This dish is traditionally made on Monday laundry days.)

Oysters Bienville, always subject to creative interpretations, swings wide of the original mush-

room-and-heavy-cream-sauce topping. Here, the oysters are baked and served in their shells, topped with Louisiana’s holy trinity (minced onions, green peppers, celery), plus chopped shrimp, crisped breadcrumbs, and melted mild cheese — a radical but delicious revision that Terzoli’s mentor, Louis Belchak of Maitre D’ in La Jolla (who also reopened Arnaud’s in the Quarter), came up with a few years back at a New Orleans “Anything but Rockefeller” oyster-cooking contest. They’re scarcely traditional but delicious. “I don’t usually

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PRICES: Dinner starters, soups, salads, \$7–\$17; entrées, \$17–\$26; desserts, \$8–\$12 (for two).

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Revisionist New Orleans cuisine, plus French and Southern dishes.

PICK HITS: Foie gras over crêpe Suzette; red beans and rice; gumbo; oysters Bienville; meat loaf. Good bets: Sunday supper live crawfish boil (when available) or shrimp boil; breakfast beignets, especially weekend bacon-stuffed beignets with maple syrup.

NEED TO KNOW: Alcohol license pending, but okay to BYOB (no corkage). No menus on website yet. Street parking. Zydeco Sunday supper with live music, crawfish or shrimp boils (call the day before to see if the live crawfish crawled in).

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like oysters much,” said tablemate Scottish Sue, “but I could eat quite a lot of these.”

The gumbo is lighter than the deep, dark voodoo version at Bull’s; it’s based on a chestnut roux instead of a mahogany roux, with a light hand on the filé gumbo (ground sassafras). “Wouldn’t you love this if you had a cold?” asked Lynne. “Eat a bowl and cuddle back in bed, all warm inside.” The lightly spicy, flavorful liquid is thick with shreds of chicken, small shrimp, and chopped andouille, along with diced green peppers and bits of cooked-down tomato. It has a

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few kernels of rice mixed in (in place of the usual mound of steamed rice served on the side, to be added at will). “Don’t they eat bread in Louisiana?” asked Mark. “I wish I had some to sop up this gumbo.” It would indeed be nice if Big Easy served some sort of table bread, as most restaurants do. At Bull’s BBQ, the gumbo comes with divine cornbread muffins. Why not here?

The one traditional dish that slides way too far from tradition is the jambalaya. Jambalaya is a Louisiana version of paella — rice cooked with tomato, oil, full-flavored seasonings, and varied proteins (shrimp, poultry, sausage, etc.). The texture can range from soupy-loose to tomato-heavy to a moist pilaf texture (as at Magnolia Restaurant, and in my own kitchen). But this was the driest ever, devoid of tomato, served in a round, flat-topped heap tapped out from a mold. The top is red from a dusting of paprika and cayenne. Without tomato, it’s not really jambalaya, nor even marginally good. Tastes like something dire from Popeyes.

The most exciting appetizer isn’t from Louisiana but the chef’s own fevered imagination: perfectly seared duck foie gras is hilariously plated over a crêpe Suzette with orange liqueur sauce and a scooplet of butter

pecan ice cream. Outrageous! And fabulous, mesmerizing, seductive (pile on those adjectives!), proving that under even the most sophisticated American palates remains a childish yearning for dessert. We all went bonkers for it — duck-liver dessert.

As at most restaurants, entrées were a bit of a comedown. We didn’t try the Continental gourmet dishes (duck à l’orange, steak Diane, rack of lamb) but cleaved to the Louisiana choices that we’d come for.

Crawfish étouffée is a moister, tastier remake of the jambalaya — slightly sweet, middlin’ spicy, enjoyable, but again, revisionist. Typical étouffées include tomatoes as the main sauce ingredient; this one has none. Terzoli claims he eschews tomatoes because he doesn’t like canned tomato sauce, but that’s just silly: The étouffée recipe I copied from my friends in Eunice (on the Cajun prairie) calls for cooked-down canned tomatoes — which, like any Sicilian-American, Frankie grew up eating. (He could also use Pomi purée, which he does like.) The menu claims the étouffée is served on Dirty Rice (ditto the jambalaya). But, no, this isn’t dirty; it’s seasoned rice, not even lightly besmirched. Traditionally, the “dirt” consists of minced browned proteins. The

purest version resembles a poultry stuffing, with chopped chicken hearts and gizzards (my preference, and prescribed by Queen Ida Guillory, zydeco accordionist and great cook), but coarser modern versions often substitute ground pork or beef, which cook more quickly and are available at the grocery.

Shrimp Creole also claims Dirty Rice. Of this dish, Scottish Sue declared, “This is the best rice I’ve ever tasted,” but she was surely swayed by the sweet tomato sauce garnished by a host of red and green pepper slices. It was closer to Chinese-American sweet-and-sour shrimp (minus the sour) than to anything Creole.

“What’s alligator like?” Lynne asked, contemplating Alligator Arcadian on the menu. “If it’s from high on the gator — I think the tail qualifies for that,” I said, “it’s a fine-grained lean white meat, something like chicken breast — or maybe pheasant breast crossed with frog legs. From low on the gator, it’s dark and a little slimy, like turtle. But you won’t get that here.” “It *does* taste like chicken breast,” Lynne said at first bite of one of the pounded, sautéed fillet pieces. (“I call it schnitzel,” says Terzoli, who also learned to make alligator boudin sausage, using the greasy parts of the gator, when

he was cooking in bayou country.) It comes in a smooth, rich, pale-coral “Diablo demi-glaze” sauce (which includes Chinese chili sauce, a cayenne blend, and a Cognac burn-off), accompanied by a wedge of mushroom-studded white grits and a heaplet of fine-chopped sautéed collards closer to the Brazilian version of this veggie (*couvée de Minas Gerais*, a standard side dish to *feijoada*) than to Southern boiled greens.

Southern meat loaf is the entrée that gets the most blogger praise. Made from a combination of Angus beef, pork, and chorizo, it’s intensely meaty and a little spicy, with not too much bread filler; it comes with a dreamy purée of sweet potatoes and coarsely chopped collards. If you’re into meat loaf, it’s a terrific meat loaf.

Service was excellent, from a waitress who seemed smart and committed to the restaurant and her profession, and Frankie wandered out to schmooze with us when we were partway through our entrées, proving friendly and low-key, less bullish than teddy-bearish.

We concluded with an unconventional rendition of Bananas Foster. The classic has bananas flambéed at the table in banana liqueur, which forms a sauce with whipped-in butter.

Frankie’s insouciant version is a parfait of banana slices, ice cream, and whipped cream, with caramel syrup at the bottom of the glass. Though it certainly wasn’t the legendary original from Brennan’s, its lightness was welcome.

If you saw the review of Indigo Café a couple of weeks ago, you may be wondering why I’m easier on the Big Easy’s radical revisions. Simple answer: Before you can riff on a cuisine, you have to understand it and master its traditions. Reminds me of a lecture that then-famous poet and critic John Ciardi gave at my high school, sternly advising a group of crestfallen teenage poetesses that before you can successfully play with free verse, you need to master the classical rhymed verse forms, such as sonnets. In food terms, think of those screamingly harsh curry-mayonnaise chicken salads that ran rampant through sandwich shops in the early ’90s, an execrable attempt to incorporate exotic Indian flavor into a bland mom-dish. Underlying problem: in India, curry powder, when used at all, is always cooked into a dish, never flung raw onto anything.

At Indigo, the problem was that only a couple of dishes (fried oysters and po’ boys) had any recognizable taste of Louisiana, seeming more like a

bunch of Louisiana’s signature ingredients assembled by somebody who’d never been there, with no fundamental comprehension of the cuisine. I brought home ample leftovers, reexamined them under bright light, reheated them ever so gently, and retasted them several times each — and still, nothing but the po’ boy tasted like actual Creole or Cajun food.

I’ve got no objection to a talented chef getting creative with traditional recipes. That’s the signature of Susan Spicer, for instance, one of New Orleans’ most revered chefs. Cooking or eating the classics every day could become boring, no matter how delicious they are. But before you can play with free verse, you have to be able to knock out those sonnets.

Frankie Terzoli has cooked professionally in Lafayette and New Iberia. He’s got chops. Even if I don’t like all his revisions, he has sufficient background in the classics to have earned the freedom to play around. His Louisiana cooking may not be traditional, but however tweaked, nearly every dish carries the fundamental, vivid flavors of the City That Care Forgot and its surroundings. The food tastes like southern Louisiana, and mostly, it tastes good. ■

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“Oh no. Not...?”

“Yes, I’m afraid so.”

“Not Mc...aaargh! Say the name.”

“Mc...Mc...McD-d-d-d...”

“McDonald’s. Say it!”

It feels better when I finally blurt it out. It also feels better

when I tell Carla how much I spent. Like, a dollar for coffee, a dollar for two pies, and a dollar for a small fries. Plus Ann, the cute lady behind the counter, gave me a free refill on the coffee.

And by Jiminy, that filled me up. Three buckeroos.

But Carla has this thing about McDonald’s. “They are ruining the planet!” she says. “They should have been hauled up in Copenhagen. Think of how many miles of Amazon jungle have been chopped down so farmers can grow cows to be killed for McDonald’s. McDonald’s buys more beef than anyone in the *world*. And antibiotics and hormones are stuffed down them in factory farms. We eat that!”

This is a cell-phone conversation. It’s around 8:30 at night, and I’m in the McDonald’s east of Paradise Hills — and I never go to McDonald’s because I like to support the little guy rather than the big chains, and they don’t come bigger than Big Mac’s. They’re 32,000 restaurants strong and turning even the French into obese little burger-munchers. Heck, they’ve opened a McDonald’s in the Louvre in Paris. Is nothing sacred?

“Look, 50 million Americans are obese,” says Carla, on the phone. She’s not letting go of this one. “Only smoking kills more of us. And the waste: every quarter-pounder uses 600 gallons of water, Edward. The way McDonald’s creates food, it takes ten calories of energy to make one calorie of food. Talk about sustainability.”

“Carla, what are you reading from?”

“That book you gave me for my birthday, *Fast Food Nation*. Eric Schlosser. Boy, Eric really spells it out.”

Her voice grows wary.

“Why are you eating there?”

Good question. Actually, what happened was, well...typical. I was going to join a buddy of mine out here. Chew fat, couple of brewskis, maybe.

Around 6:00 was the general idea. Meet — just meet — at McDonald’s. Except I got held up. Two hours late, if I have to confess. Figured I’d better still come. Irony: I have a cell, he doesn’t; he could still be waiting. As I caught the 961 bus in the dark, the driver warned, “Don’t forget, last bus back to the coast is at 9:07. You’ve got an hour.” (Though the final 962 comes by at 9:17.)

’Course, my buddy wasn’t there. Dammit, totally wasted evening. But I was definitely hungry, and I figured I’d better stay close to that stop. This big McDonald’s on Paradise Valley Road is only 100 yards away. There’s, like, two people inside. One guy drinking coffee, surrounded by big floppy books. And behind the counter, Ann. “What would you like?” she asks.

I don’t even bother looking at burgers and just order what look like total deals: a small coffee, two pies for the price of one, and a small pack of fries. A buck, a buck, a buck. How can you beat that? No wonder they have 32,000 stores. I grab my stuff and head for a table. First thing I see, looking ’round, is a “McFact: ‘Some 4000 family members of critically ill children sleep in a Ronald McDonald House somewhere in the world every night.’” Hmm... They can’t be all bad.

The one guy and I get to talking. Rusty’s a survivor of the marketing world’s downturn. He’s decided to go into the health industry. “That’s got to be expanding,” he says. He’s studying coding for medical billing. Oh, man. “I come here because it’s peaceful at night,

and I like their double cheeseburgers,” he says. “They’re only \$1.30. I don’t know why everybody doesn’t love McDonald’s.”

Lord. How did I not spot that buck-thirty burger? Still, I’m getting a good buzz chomping into my fries, combining them with the cherry pies. Sweet with salty. The pie’s hot in its cardboard box. Yes, it’s a sterile-looking turnover of pastry and red gunk, but guess what? It’s delish, ’specially with the coffee. Rusty sees my cup’s empty. “You get refills,” he says. So I get up and take my cup to Ann. No prob. She fills it for free. Long as I’m up, might as well check the menu.

Two girls come in. Beverly and Brandy. I ask their advice on which is the best deal. “My favorite’s the McDoube,” says Beverly. “It’s like the double cheeseburger but just one slab of cheese, so you taste the grilled meat better. And it’s only a dollar.”

Dang. Another dollar deal missed.

“I don’t eat red meat,” says Brandy. “So I always get the McChicken. That’s a dollar, too.”

Unbelievable, when you think about it. Of course, things like quarter-pounders are \$4, \$6 with fries and soda. But I’m full on three bucks. Maybe we need big bad corporations like Mr. Kroc’s in hard times.

I make the bus. Whew. Cell phone is ringing.



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It takes McDonald's ten calories of energy to make one calorie of food.

“Me.” It’s Carla. “Don’t even think of bringing back any burgers from McDonald’s.” “You eating nuts and twigs again?”

“Not exactly. I ordered in a Domino’s double pepperoni pizza with sausage and jalapeños and olives and a side of chicken wings.”

Sigh. Say what you will, what Carla’s forking out for her pizza would’ve fed us for a week at Mickey D’s. ■

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Carlsbad

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

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

Carmel Valley

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. Organic grocery chain with prepared foods to go. Best deals at the hot case are usually the daily specials, like vegan seitan stew (a low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's jerk turkey in fig sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

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

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

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

Chollas View

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

Chula Vista

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

Miguel's Cocina 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Additional locations in Coronado and Point Loma. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are luscious. Great for kids. Moderate.

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

City Heights

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

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

College Area

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Rd., College Area, 619-265-0218. A full range of European-Jewish specialties including deli meats and smoked fish, house-baked breads and pastries, huge sandwiches and dinner entrées (including a

lively Romanian skirt steak and an ethnic sampler platter). Moderate.

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

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

Coronado

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

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

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

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0454. Classic fine Italian cooking with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-

house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a summertime special of white king salmon. Expensive.

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

Del Mar

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

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

Downtown

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

Anthony's Fishette 1360 N. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-5103. Fast fish, mainly fried, but the clam chowder

— New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. Inexpensive.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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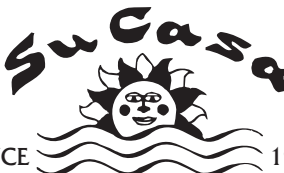
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Croce's 802 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-4355. Live music comes free with dinner. Seasonal, creative menu, but simple dishes are best here, like the shrimp carbonara fettuccine in white garlic cream sauce. Fun people-watching from window tables. Expensive.

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

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

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

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

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

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-595-7959. The glory days have passed, but starters (moz-

zarella campagnola, fritto misto) still shine, and pastas can be excellent. Osso buco with marrow is best entrée. Try the lemon torte, leave the cannoli. Expensive on up.

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

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

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

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

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

Toscana Café and Wine Bar 238 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-5788. This clubby bistro/coffee/wine place of-

fers reasonable breakfasts with organic coffees, lunch specials, and elegant happy-hour specials on bites, wines, upscale beers. Inexpensive to moderate.

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

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

East Village

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

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

Lotus Thai 906 Market St., East Village, 619-595-0115. Also 3761 Sixth

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Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. The chefs are from northwest Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region — a zestiness, a love of strong citrus and herbs — evokes the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Low-moderate.

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

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

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

El Cajon

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

"Feast for Three" that will feed five. Inexpensive to moderate.

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

Hammurabi Family Restaurant 401 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-401-3200. This Chaldean eatery in Iraqi-rich El Cajon offers exotica like stuffed honeycombs and intestines, along with comforting kebabs, marinated lamb shank, crushed wheat pie stuffed with beef, and baklava. Inexpensive to expensive.

Jasmine Bistro 315 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, 619-588-8228. By day, the fare centers on fresh Chinese dim sum (finger food) offered by cart and by menu. At night, multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a pan-Asian panoply. Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées).

Encinitas

Bubby's Gelato 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. Sandwiches include intriguing Mediterranean combinations. Gelati are twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs and feature bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Inexpensive.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First St., Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. Huge menu highlighted by Vietnamese house specialties and seafood also includes a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes. Moderate.

Potato Shack Café 120 W. I St., Encinitas, 760-436-1282. You'll find generosity here, of the North County-hang-loose-surfer kind. You can split a

plate for no charge, get bottomless coffees, endless fries (French or "American cottage fries"), "manhole-cover size" pancakes (weighing as much as their name implies), good pork chop breakfasts, great lunch burgers, and huge trees to sit under.

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. The focus is vegan and vegetarian, but they've added fish and a garlicy chicken pizza. Most popular item: falafel burger (made of garbanzo beans) on a bun with melted cheese. Inexpensive.

Escondido

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-489-6420. Omelets are light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, potato casseroles, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Dr., Escondido, 760-746-1444. The margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food is a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. A pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. Inexpensive to moderate.

Golden Hill

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. Also 2121 El Cajon Blvd., North Park, 619-294-9417. Real New York pizza, with just-right sauce and crusts thin enough to fold in a V and eat on the run. Better yet: get a whole pie to enjoy at leisure. Neighborhood delivery available. Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Aladdin's Mediterranean Restaurant 1220 Cleveland Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. Also 5420 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-573-0000. Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.). Hillcrest branch offers more authentic Lebanese flavors. Inexpensive to moderate.

Café on Park 3831 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. The place looks trendy, but don't expect PC food. Plates overflow with hearty American fodder. Breakfast especially popular, with huge elaborate scrambles and the prize plate of '49er miners who struck gold: the Hangtown Fry, marinated oysters in scrambled eggs. Moderate.

Crest Café 425 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2910. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is both the boast and the cuisine, including Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, steamed veggie basket, and 11 types of burger (including salmon). Open early to midnight, daily. Inexpensive.

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Quick service until 2:30am from a huge menu of vaguely Szechuan-Mandarin fare. Consider fried pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage, curry-tinged Singapore-style rice noodles, shrimp with lobster sauce, scallion ginger chicken. Inexpensive.

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. Kazumi's simple but imaginative rolls are distinctively seasoned to flatter the particular fish's flavor. For families, the Ultimate Boat is a huge, encyclopedic platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-

5560. Witty staffers treat you like dinner guests. Start with chicken or shrimp *b'stila* in cinnamon-dusted phyllo. Lamb Tagine with honey, nuts, and fruit and Chicken Tagine with olives and lemon are standouts. Moderate.

Ortega's Bistro 141 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the Baja Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling. Fun margarita variations. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive).

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. Menu highlights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime-grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Moderate to very expensive.

Whole Foods Market 711 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. Also 8825 Villa La Jolla Dr., La Jolla, 858-642-6700. Gourmet organic grocery eat-in/take-out selections offer healthy plates like Emerald Mushrooms salad and couscous studded with almonds, raisins, scrambled egg, and veggies. Inexpensive to moderate.

Imperial Beach

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. The fish 'n' chips dish is generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo is a good value. Inexpensive.

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Serious gastronomy, low price. Weekend breakfasts tend to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Pol-

ish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Creative dinner fare varies nightly. Inexpensive to moderate.

Julian

Jeremy's on the Hill 4354 Highway 78, Julian, 760-765-1587. What a surprise — out here, an ambitious, sophisticated, but well-priced, chef-owned, California-fusion eatery, with dishes like brie and mango quesadilla, mushroom burgers, and bison steaks. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kearny Mesa

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by Yankee flying aces, offering classic American fare and mighty cocktails. Moderate.

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. Pass by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and go straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious Japanese chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like a sweet-bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive.

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing noodle soups, but there are more elegant house specialties, including the "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. Inexpensive to moderate.

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. Try the Korean BBQ marinated short ribs or thick marbled slices of sirloin, which



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Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Local Chinese come here for Shanghai seafood dishes or clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Open to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate.

Spice House Café 9035 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1028. Greek-American cuisine, mainly. We don't know if it's the Ortega chiles or Jack cheese or tomato sauce, but some guys find relief with the Hang-over Omelet. Other choices: Portuguese sausage with three eggs and the Italian sausage frittata. Inexpensive.

La Jolla

Adobe el Restaurante 9700 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-550-1000. California-Mediterranean creative seasonal dishes with local produce and something for every taste. Moderately expensive.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill 1271 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-0077. Bond-trader atmosphere, prole prices. Best bang for the buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Inexpensive.

La Jolla Rancherita 7404 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-5877. When local spiny lobsters are in season (typically from late October to about February), here's one place that does them right. The juicy critters come with two melted-butter dips, tart coleslaw, and comforting mashed potatoes. Moderate.

Roppongi 875 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-5252. Gorgeous interior, large, heated street patio, Euro-Asian fusion menu with tapas and sushi as well as entrées. The treats of any size add up to expensive.

The Shores Restaurant 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. The hotel restaurant with close-up sea views serves "Neighborhood American Cuisine" with a fun wine list. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive happy-hours bites 4 to 6pm

Sky Room La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-3744. After renovation in 2007, Sky Room is now modern, sleek, and quietly chic, with a simplified menu of California cuisine and slightly lower (still steep) prices. The romantic, panoramic view remains, of course. Expensive.

La Taverna 927 Silverado St., La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Italian home-style, including chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage. If the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Moderate.

La Mesa

Himalayan Cuisine 7918 El Cajon Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-2503. Nepalese-Indian-Tibetan food, ranging from high-country exotica to steam-table buffet clichés — but subtly different from standard Punjabi renditions. Worth the detour: Tibetan momos (steamed dumplings) resembling fine dim sum, stuffed with beautifully seasoned lean lamb or gentle greens. Also: Nepalese samosas. Inexpensive.

Jitters Coffee 8201 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-460-4800. This small corner café is a local morning favorite. Flyin' Hawaiian waffle has macadamias, chocolate, banana syrup, whipped cream, but "plain" standards like the breakfast burrito are plain good. Lunches offer homemade soups, sandwiches, and salads. Inexpensive.

Lemon Grove

Charley's Famous Hamburgers 8213 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. An old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebabs. Inexpensive.

Leucadia

La Especial Norte 604 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. It's famed for superb soups — the Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the eggplant soup includes airy little croutons of puffed *relleno* batter. Inexpensive.

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 N. Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. Standard but generous breakfast and lunch fare in an old-time atmosphere has kept the place humming since the 1950s. Specials named after local characters. Inexpensive.

Lincoln Park

Magnolias 342 Euclid Ave., Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. Soul food from Louisiana: the fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Low-moderate.

Linda Vista

Bull's Smokin' BBQ 1127 W. Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-276-2855. Genuine BBQ, tender meats, and poultry dry-rubbed with spices, smoked over mesquite-applewood chips, lightly sauced. (Order at the counter.) Masterpiece dish: dark, spicy, filé gumbo, served with a spectacularly moist jalapeño-spiked corn muffin. Patio seating. Moderate.

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Little Italy

Pappalecco 1602 State St., Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Copy of a café in Pisa that three brothers created there, and now here. Meals are mostly salad-charcuterie-cheese combos. One delicious combo: the Rustico, varied Italian cold cuts with pungent goat cheese and bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India St., Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. Succulent veal is expertly grilled, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are zesty. Moderate.

Logan Heights

La Fachada 20 25th St., Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. Open until 3am (and 24 hours on weekends), this restaurant serves both Mexican and Anglo food. Good Western omelet breakfast, great Mexican seafood soups, and fun outdoor eating evenings until 11 pm. Inexpensive.

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Ave., Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. The specialty is fruits — in drinks, salads, and combos like *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber dusted with cayenne). Also meat sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs. Inexpensive.

Mira Mesa

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-5522. Friday or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families coming for the all-you-can-eat buffet of Punjabi and Gu-

jarati specialties, including aloo curry, *chhole* (garbanzo beans), *bengan bartha* (eggplant), and sensational Asian-mango desserts. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

The Mission Café and Coffee House 3795 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Eco-conscious breakfasts and lunches. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Gathering Bar and Grill 902 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Familiar comfort fare, like the Southwest burger (avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa) or the Monte Cristo sandwich. Owner does magic card tricks around 6pm some evenings. Inexpensive.

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299-0333. The deep-fried taquitos are their top-selling item. But try Burrito Indio, a wheat tortilla stuffed with marinated zucchini, corn, beans, onions, cheese, and tomato, and the potato burrito, another good vegetarian choice. Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017. Hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Better yet, breakfast around the clock. Inexpensive to moderate.

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-298-1866. Also Escondido, Pacific Beach, Fashion Valley, Chula Vista. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with Angus top sirloins. Inexpensive to moderate.

National City

The Barbecue Pit 920 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-2244. Rustic timber, knotty pine, animal heads on the walls, and meats cooked true Southern BBQ style, over oak. Inexpensive.

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Ave., National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Many are very good — marinated baby octopuses, mussels topped with melted

cheese, roast beef au jus. Plus groaning salad bars, adequate sushi. Inexpensive.

North Park

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-295-0156. Now, as in the '30s, chicken pie comes with chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert. Inexpensive.

Sea Rocket Bistro 3382 30th St., North Park, 619-255-7049. It's easy being green with a menu of sustainable, mainly local seafood and produce. Sea urchin bisque and grilled fresh sardines are top picks, along with plump, seared Baja scallops, and any dish with Carlsbad mussels. Noisy room. Moderate.

Urban Solace 3823 30th St., North Park, 619-295-6464. American comfort

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food with a faint Southern accent, including, sweet potato fries, a big burger made of Brandt Natural Beef “cooked your way” (and rare is reasonably safe). Great “bluegrass brunches” with live music. Moderate.

Zensei Sushi 3396 30th St., North Park, 619-546-6171. The sushi is well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The party rolls (like Stuffed Tomato or Honeymooners) may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Moderate.

Ocean Beach

Roots 4976 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-9000. Tiny vegan-organic eatery offers crunchy wraps like the Thai Peanut and the Arti (artichoke hearts, feta cheese). Interesting sandwiches include portobello mushroom with tomato and provolone on ciabatta or the Avo (avocado, onion, and tomato). Inexpensive to moderate.

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. Lunchtime specials give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo like chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice. Other specials include *yaki soba*, *champon* noodle soup, and the chicken bowl. Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Azafran 1001 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-435-0005. Cuban cuisine. Try the house-baked breads, the

tender roast pork with garlicky *mojo* sauce, or the traditional Cuban pressed sandwich oozing ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles. Inexpensive.

Hill Street Cafe & Gallery 524 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in O'side, including Cajun chicken for lunch and breakfasts of tofu/spinach scramble and *pan perdu* (to us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. 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.

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs St., Old Town, 619-295-2343. The culinary pick hits of all the Americas including superb Chilean empanadas and *pastel de choclo* corn pudding, Peru's herbal *seco de cordero* meat stew, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal*. Moderate.

Pacific Beach

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. Classic French dishes — *pâté*, *ratatouille*, calf's liver — in a homey atmosphere. Start off with escargots or mussels and hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Fine dessert pastries and cheese plate. Moderate to expensive.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. Classy Chinese all-you-can-eatarama offers great surf 'n' turf possibilities, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or crab and roast duck. Or choose mayonnaise mussels or

What the Chef Eats

by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

FILET A LA RIOJANA

BY CHEF HUGO ARROYO

Executive Chef, Puerto la Boca

(WITH ROBERTA COTTA & CARISSA SANCHEZ)

I have been a chef since 1981. A good friend of mine was a chef, and he opened a French restaurant in Tucuman, Argentina. He taught me how to cook delicious food, and I fell in love with the art. I continued to learn more through culinary classes, and that began my career. I came to the U.S. in 2004 and was brought here from Argentina by the owners of Puerto la Boca. They chose me and told me about the restaurant they wanted to open. I have been cooking

for them ever since.

I grew up in Tucuman. It's a very small town with many people. The Argentinean Declaration of Independence was signed in Tucuman in 1816, and the town is dedicated to my country's independence from Spain. No one was a chef in my family, but we had to eat somehow. Both my mother and father cooked simple meals, and I liked to learn and help out. I've always liked to cook, even as a kid.

In Argentina, we make homemade cannellini

with a variety of fillings such as cheese and meat. I like to eat cannellini whenever I can. I guess I would say my specialty is Argentinean and Italian food. I keep the kitchen organized so that when it gets busy I can find my ingredients and utensils and prepare beautiful food.

When I'm not working, I cook different things everyday to keep variety in my life. I always cook for my family and friends. We have Argentine barbecues and I grill steaks and



Hugo Arroyo

chorizo. I cook empanadas every day because I love them. They are an Argentine tradition, and I grew up making them and eating them with my family. Other than empanadas, I enjoy cooking beef. Argentines take pride in their beef because we are known to the world

caramel-y Japanese charcoal-grilled eel (*unagi*) on rice. Inexpensive.





Kono's 704 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. Chow down on a patio on the pier at this inside-outside café, the prototypical California surfer

hangout. Tourists and locals alike flock here for generous breakfasts and burgers. Inexpensive.

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Dr., Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Right on the boardwalk with sea

view, the prime rib, surf 'n' turf, and tournedos are fine. To beat the big prices, try the beach burger or seared ahi Caesar salad. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive.

Zanzibar Café 976 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-272-4762. Also 707 G St., Downtown, 619-230-0125. Casual food until 11pm or later. The three-egg breakfast scramble is great. So are the avocado

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|  <p>Free Thai lunch or dinner</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Jade Thai Cuisine Mission Gorge: 10330 Friars Rd. #105 • 619-280-4048</p> <p>Expires 5-20-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Free special sushi roll</p> <p>Buy one special roll and get a second of equal or lesser value free.</p> <p>Our special rolls include the rainbow roll, fire roll, caterpillar roll and more!</p> <p>Convoy Sushi & Fish Market Kearny Mesa: 7905 Engineer Rd. 858-634-3233</p> <p>Expires 5-20-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>\$1 off Indian buffet</p> <p>Limit one per customer.</p> <p>Sher Punjab Indian Cuisine Mira Mesa: 9254 Scranton Rd. Ste. 102 • 858-458-2858</p> <p>Expires 5-20-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Free buttermilk pancakes</p> <p>Short stack with purchase of two entrées. May not be combined with any other offer. One coupon per table. Not valid on holidays.</p> <p>The Trails Neighborhood Eatery San Carlos: 7389 Jackson Dr. 619-667-CAFE</p> <p>Expires 5-20-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |
|  <p>Free entrée or sushi roll</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Kirin Sushi San Diego: 4111 Voltaire St. 619-223-3388</p> <p>Expires 5-20-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Free Asian fusion entrée</p> <p>Buy any lunch or dinner entrée and two beverages, receive a second entrée of equal or lesser value free. Some restrictions.</p> <p>Khan's Cave Kearny Mesa: 9350 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Ste. F 858-279-9799</p> <p>Expires 5-20-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Free Mexican combo plate</p> <p>With purchase of a combo plate of equal or greater value and two drinks. Some restrictions. Valid Mon.-Thurs. only. Only combos 1-16.</p> <p>Emiliano's Mexican Del Cerro: 6690 Mission Gorge Rd. Ste. E • 619-284-2460</p> <p>Expires 5-20-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |  <p>Free Italian entrée</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Da Nino's Bay Park: 410 Ashton St. 619-275-0321 • 619-275-4395</p> <p>Expires 5-20-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR</p> |
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What the Chef Eats

for our good steak.

INGREDIENTS

Serves 1–2

2 strips bacon

2 filet mignon steaks (about 1½"–2" thick)

2 T butter

2 eggs

Salt and pepper to taste

2 T olive oil

½ onion, cut into thin slices

½ bell pepper, cut into thin strips

½ cup tomato sauce

½ cup green peas

¼ cup white wine

HOW TO DO IT

Prepare a fire in a charcoal or gas grill. Wrap a strip of bacon around each steak, securing it with a toothpick or kitchen twine. Grill the steaks for about 8 minutes per side (5 minutes per side for rare). Set steaks aside to rest for at least 10 minutes.

Set an 8-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and add 2 tablespoons of butter to the pan. When the butter is foamy, carefully crack 2 eggs into the skillet and season lightly with salt and pepper. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover, and cook until the whites are firm, 2 to 2½ minutes. Remove pan from hot burner.

In another skillet, heat

olive oil over medium heat and add the onions and bell peppers and cook until the onions are translucent. Then add the tomato sauce, green peas, and white wine.

Top the filets with “Riojana” sauce, and place a fried egg on top of each. I recommend serving this dish with Spanish potatoes.

To get other recipes from local chefs, go to [sdreader.com](#).

fontina cheese omelet and eggs Benedict with non-Canadian bacon, and the indulgent blueberry butter-milk pancakes. Inexpensive.

Point Loma

Tender Greens 2400 Historic Decatur Rd., Point Loma, 619-226-6254. This “healthy food” chain features great soups, desserts, and local, organic produce served cafeteria style with or without mesquite-grilled natural beef, free-range chicken, or local tuna in salads or ciabatta sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Ramona

Kountry Kitchen Ramona 826 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-3200. They still open at 5am for the farmers. Try the Italian Sausage breakfast, a sausage with a rich, sharp flavor, with eggs and hash browns. Or the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausage or bacon. Inexpensive.

Rancho Bernardo

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Pl., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-

3388. Authentic Hong Kong cuisine, beautiful setting. Daytime dim sum includes irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to “gold cup” dishes. Try the sea bass with pine nuts. Moderate, with some expensive specialties.

Rancho Santa Fe

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. The daily changing menu sports first-rate modern French/Euro cuisine by chef Martin Woesle. The menu’s often most exciting on weeknights, when chefs have time to stretch, but more luxuri-

ous dishes appear on weekends. New “bistro menu” of casual French cuisine and weeknight three-course prix fixe offer some affordable choices. Otherwise expensive.

Santee

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-596-9686. You can’t beat their omelets, all 19 of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, cheddar, or American) to the Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). Inexpensive.

Scripps Ranch

Chez Nous Gourmet Deli-Café 9821 Carroll Canyon Rd., Scripps Ranch, 858-566-4766. Their roast beef with ginger-garlic and Dijon sandwich, their spicy chicken melt, or the leg of lamb they roast each day to make a juicy lamb sandwich — all original. Inexpensive.

Solana Beach

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. Handsome bistro where chef-owner Jeffrey Strauss schmoozes with guests and dishes up hearty, heavy, often salty French-California comfort fare and fine-quality grilled meats with local veggies. Superb, pricey wine list. Very expensive.

South Park

Vagabond 2310 30th St., South Park, 619-255-1035. Eclectic bistro fare, French-based but with ever-changing global menu. Don’t miss the *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. Noisy when full. Moderate.

Southcrest

Elaine’s Coffee Shoppe 1212 S. 43rd St., Southcrest, 619-264-6525. A bright, ’70s-style breakfast-all-day spot where long-time owner Su Cha Yang also caters to vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Try the ham, bacon, mushroom “hunter” omelet, or fill up on the pork chop plate. Inexpensive.

University City

Café Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, University City, 858-450-3355. Chic scene where men with Bentleys and glam gals nibble above-average sushi and Asian fusion, especially on jam-packed Thursday nights. Best bet: graze on appetizers and creative party rolls. No reservations for sushi bar, so come early. Very expensive.

University Heights

Brians’ American Eatery 1451 Washington St., University Heights, 619-296-8268. Open all night on weekends, and late night is a scene. But for many, breakfast is the thing: Charbroiled top sirloin with eggs and potatoes is a Saturday morning treat. Inexpensive.

Mama’s Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama St., University Heights, 619-688-0717. The round Lebanese oven cooks flat bread (*sajj*) that goes with baba ghanoush (eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo stew). Must-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap, falafel wrap, and savory meat pie. Inexpensive.

Valencia Park

Huffman’s Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Ave., Valencia Park, 619-264-3115. Longstanding soul food restaurant, serving until 1am weekends. Try gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, and rice, or Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Inexpensive.



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La Mesa: 7200 Parkway Dr. 619-589-0088
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Boll Weevil
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Little Roma Cucina Italiana
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Free Thai entrée

With purchase of an entrée and two drinks. Dine-in only. Excludes lunch special. One per table. Maximum discount of \$8. Some restrictions.
Thai Time II & III
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Indie-pendent Kristin Gundred, late of America's Finest City, got her showbiz start singing and banging drums with San Diego hopefuls Grand Ole Party, although she refuses any party or scene affiliation now (see below). Moving to

busy schedule to answer a few questions:

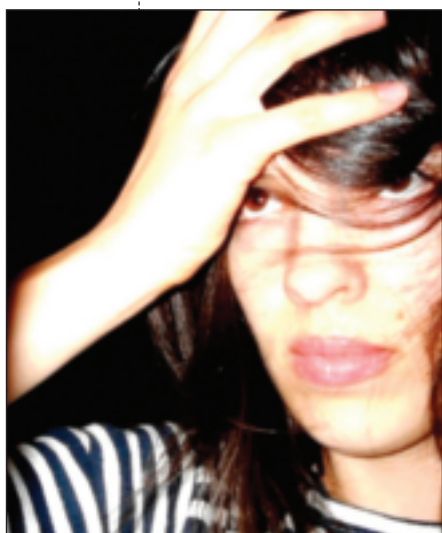
You have an affinity for Phil Spector and the Brill Building scene, but "Dum Dum Girls" was the title of an early Talk Talk song. Have you got a few new-wave synth-pop records kicking

the inside track blurt

L.A., she changed her name to Dee Dee, locked herself and occasionally some friends in a studio, and released the results under the band name Dum Dum Girls. Bundling C86 nostalgia in with the roots of that scene, the insta-quartet's Sub Pop debut, *I Will Be*, rolls along like a half hour or so of AM radio circa 1964: voices coo and sweetly insinuate over drums and guitars soaring through whirlwind recreations of Phil Spector's Wall of Sound. Dee Dee took time out of her suddenly

around in your bins?

The Talk Talk reference was unintentional, a coincidence of paying homage to



SCENE-FREE "DEE DEE"

Iggy Pop [the song "Dum Dum Boys"] and the Vaselines [their album *Dum-Dum*].

You've worked the music

scenes in San Diego and Los Angeles. Do you prefer one to the other?

I was happy to remove myself from any local scene. I don't want to make music within that context, and DDG started as a bedroom project — it didn't matter where that was.

Of all the instruments you play, which one do you enjoy the most? Which one are you best at?

I'm out of practice on the drums, but I am certainly better at them than the guitar, although that's my primary focus at this point.

Producer Richard Gottehrer [Link Wray, Blondie, the Raveonettes] gives you a link to the music that inspires you. How did you get him involved in the project?

Working with him was an unbelievable and surreal experience. Sub Pop basically cold-called him, gave him the backstory, and we all freaked out when he was interested. He really helped define each instrument and paid special attention to the vocals.

You dedicated this album to your mother and put her on the record's cover. What were her thoughts on the finished project? Was she always supportive of your music?

She maybe doesn't understand the noise aspect of DDG, but she's a proud supporter, which means the world to me.

— Andrew Hamlin

Evil Empire "Kim Fowley is seeking groups, solo artists, composers, and lyricists who dream of international stardom," read the large display ads running in



THE MAN WITH THE PLAN, KIM FOWLEY

the *Reader* circa late 1980. Several photos of the man behind jailbait rockers the Runaways accompanied each ad, including one of him with Jimmy Page, along with a request for cassettes, bios, photos, and "a summary of your career goals."

Thirty-eight years old at the time, Fowley (whose half-brother is San Diego County Treasurer Dan McAllister) was considering a permanent move from L.A. to San Diego and had already been scouting the city for his next all-girl band for nearly a year. His interest was first piqued by locals the Dinettes, who — á la Josie and the Pussycats — had a black girl in the group, guitarist Joyce Rooks (at least for a while in '79). Fowley booked the Dinettes for his Battle of the

Girl Bands at the CoCo's Nest in Costa Mesa, expressing interest in signing them to some unspecified label or rep firm. However, that band's constant lineup shifts

and an aggressive fast-talking manager named Gene King led Fowley to instead pine for local Girl Talk singer Lauralei Combs (though they never signed a deal).

"I spent a good portion of my formative years in San Diego," he told local *Kicks* magazine in November of 1980. "The kind of music I'm producing now, most of it sells and is released outside of the continental United States. I can record records in, let's say, San Diego, and get them out all over the world without having my acts go through the psychological rape of playing the horrible L.A. clubs.... Right now, if you're a San Diego band and want to have an American record out, you have to move to New York, L.A., or Nashville and start all over again at the bottom."

For Fowley's local talent search, he said, "I'm looking for people to work with who, in the past, have held back selling themselves to the San Diego rock community, either because they don't think there is a rock community in San Diego or because they have bigger ambitions than being the most popular thing from National City to Leucadia.

"It's necessary for a band to have charisma, and it's necessary for a band to have a Kim Fowley in there someplace. The behind-the-scenes people are as much a part of rock 'n' roll as the guys onstage.... Kim Fowley is a necessary evil."

Fowley — colorfully portrayed by Michael Shannon in the new *Runaways* movie — ultimately opted to maintain his evil empire near L.A.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Davit's Weird World

"I'm kinda on rock 'n' roll probation," says Davit Buck, of semi-defunct San Diego band the Homeless Sexuals, which at press time was scheduled to reunite its 2005 lineup on April 23 at the Ruby Room in Hillcrest.

"If I break any equipment, the other guys will quit again. I do understand their concerns. You work on songs, practice for years, and then onstage the singer runs around naked, smacking his wiener on the cymbals... I

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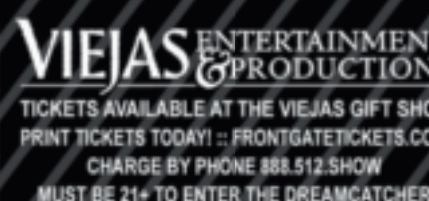
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even destroyed a guitar amp by climbing on top and spilling beer into it." Buck claims he'd try to sing a "normal rock show. It's hard for me because once the music starts I just black out and go into that weird world. Even at practice the other night, I accidentally kicked the mike into the guitarist's teeth."

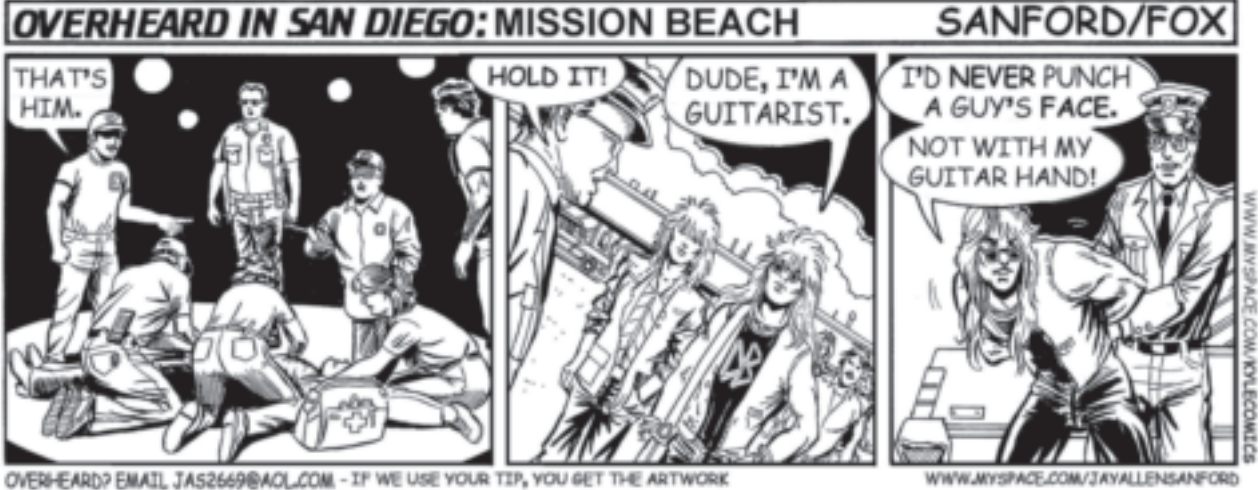


WHAT'S A BAND TO DO? (HOMELESS SEXUALS)

Due to internal band strife, most of which Buck admits causing, a sophomore album by the Homeless Sexuals remains unreleased. "I'm very shy and polite the other 99 percent of the time. I'm really not sure why I change onstage. I thought I was insane my whole life, and I definitely don't act normal. I even checked myself into anger-management classes and went to a head doctor. She told me I was just over

stressed and pretty much told me to get a divorce. "But I convinced her to give me Paxil." Local blogger Rosey Bystrak at sddialedin.com says, "Anytime the Homeless Sexuals play is pretty nuts, but the first time I saw them at the Zombie Lounge, a chick in the opening band peed on Dave Buck. Allegedly. I was at the bar getting a drink, and I kicked myself because I always miss the good stuff." — Jay Allen Sanford

Record-Release Roundup The Silent Comedy will throw an April 29 shindig at El Dorado to celebrate their new album *Common Faults*. "Last time we hosted a party there, we surprised everyone with an impromptu acoustic performance," says singer-bassist Joshua Zimmerman, who fronts the band with brother Jeremiah. "This time, there may be a music video debut and a few other surprises."



Also new this week is *Underpowered and Overdriven*, the debut full-length from Ristband. "The idea behind the title comes from the guts of an old guitar amp," says front man Dave Gladish. "Little vacuum tubes that get pushed well past their intended design limits to perform at peak level. The cover art is an adaptation of an old RCA tube box." Circa Now launches *Hotter Than a Pistol*, produced by Alan Sanderson (Rolling Stones, Weezer), with a May 8 rooftop gig at downtown's 10th Avenue Theatre. The show will also include Scarlet Symphony, DJs Artistic and Morgan Young, video art from AVicious, and a Jennafer Grace fashion show. On May 15, Scottish singer-songwriter Colin Clyne debuts *Doricana* (mixing Scottish Doric dialect

with Americana) at Hensley's Flying Elephant in Carlsbad, where Skelpin and Cathryn Beeks will also perform. "Flogging Molly's Matt Hensley performs on my record and will make a guest appearance," says Clyne, "and my good friend and bagpipe player Robert Burns will pipe us onto stage." Clyne's album was also coproduced by Alan Sanderson. Western crooner John Meeks spills *Old Blood* at the Casbah on May 21, with the Donkeys also on the bill. The album on Loud and Clear Records includes local luminaries Pall Jenkins and Jimmy LaValle. May 22 sees the release of *Living on the Rightside* by country-gospel group

Rightside, fronted by singer-songwriter Tom Smerk (whose solo album *For the Faithful* is slated for an October release). Other locals with spankin'-new offerings



HOTTER THAN A PISTOL, CIRCA NOW

include electrorockers White Apple Tree (*Velvet Mustache*), heavy headbangers As I Lay Dying (*The Powerless Rise*), Rafter (*Animal Feelings*), Ratt (*Infestation*), C-Money

(*Family Business*), Jefferson Jay (*Yellow*), Republic of Letters (*The Painted Hour* EP), Shaun T. Morgan, Destructo Bunny, Tan Sister Radio, Holding Air Hostage, 3 the Hardway, and Emerson. More new releases are due in May from rapper Jimmy Powers (*Cali-Foreigner*), retro-rockers Privatized Air, pop-tastic Sayvinyl, the road addicts of the Suicide Chords, metalheads Bitter Frost, and an instrumental album from the Taz Taylor Band. Also, new EPs from the Lennon-esque Hargo (*The Faint Glow*), and indie rockers the Midwinters, featuring Paul Donovan (Dryve) and Josh Hagquist (Beautiful Mistake), who also happen to be brothers-in-law. — Jay Allen Sanford

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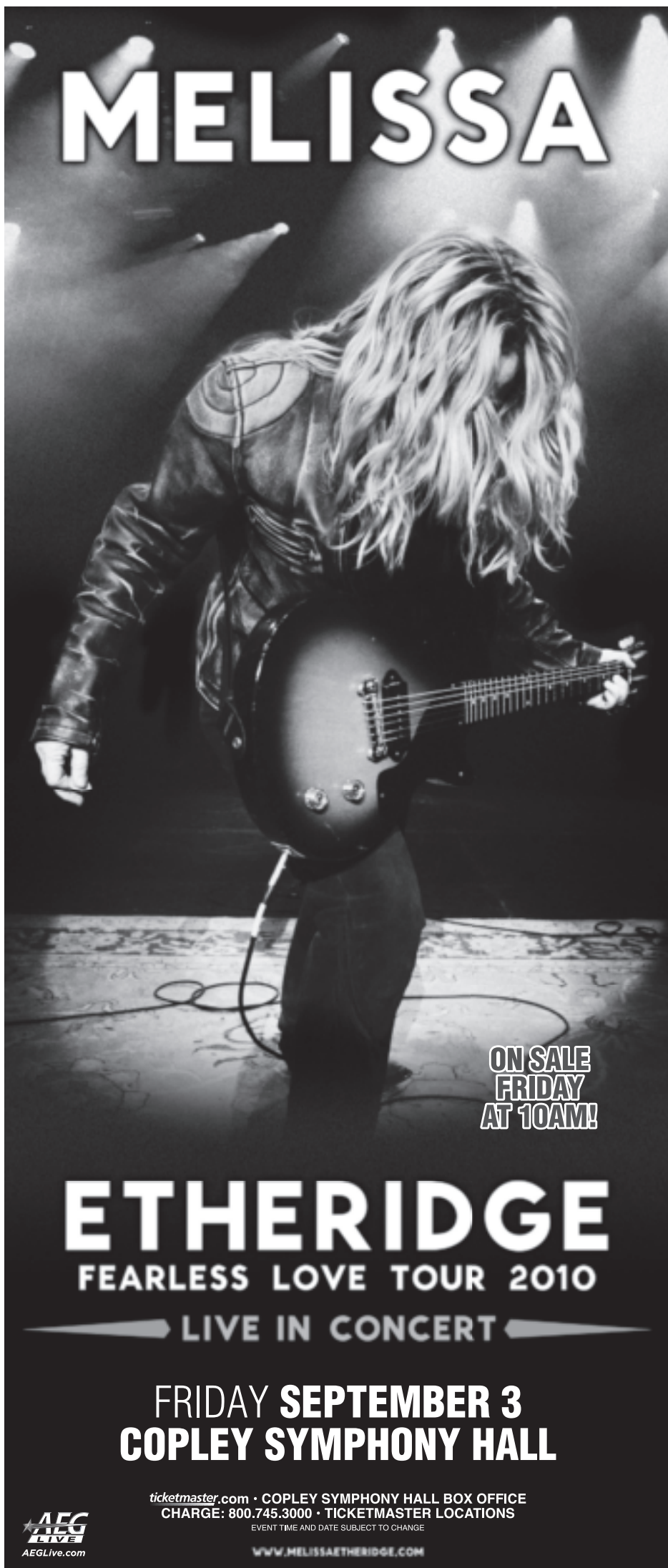
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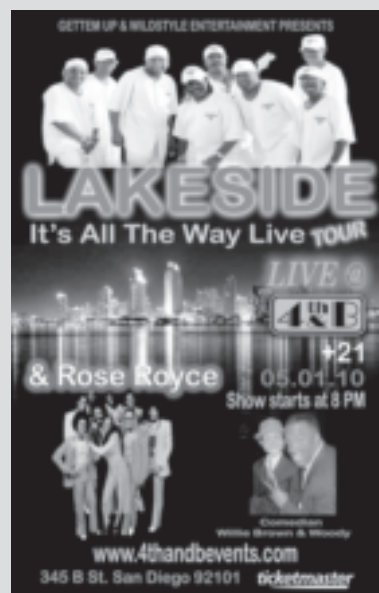
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This Week In Music

Thursday 29

Ska septet the **Slackers** lollysank into Casbah tonight. The Brooklyn band's been touring and recording since the early '90s, keeping the ska vibe and skinny tie alive with garage-rock undertones. They're out to tout this year's Hellcat Record *The Great Rocksteady Swindle*. With like-minded Los Angelinos **See Spot**, this one's gonna bounce.... Folk-rocking North Carolinians the **Avett Brothers** scored a deserved commercial and critical hit with last year's *I and Love and You*, punching into the *Billboard* top 20 ten years and ten LPs into their career. Avetts Seth and Scott et al. bring the thing to House of Blues behind Black Mountain, NC's roots-rock big band **Truth & Salvage Co.**.... Just up the Fifth Ave. slope, Tin Can Ale House stages psych-pop sets by **Space Nature**, **Twin Brother**, **Primitive Noyes**, and **Paddle Boat**. Kranky label fans ought to get with the Primitive's *Ideation* disc. Godspeed you, Primitive Noyes.... Uptown, noise-pop **Drug**



THE SLACKERS AT THE CASBAH

Wars'll rage at Bar Pink with Munich's **Mondo Ray**...while SanFran black metal band **Ludicra** dials in their new one, *The Tenant*, at Radio Room.

Friday 30

Chi-town Dead revivalists **Dark Star Orchestra** check into Belly Up Friday and Saturday nights. Over 2500 servings of noodling jams served since 1997.... Upthataway at the Ché Café, **Da Bears**, **Dinowalrus**, **Tempo No Tempo**, and **Endless Bummer** fill an indie-pop bill at the campus collective.... SanDago super trio **Superunloader** won an SDMA for Best Hard Rock last year. They'll



JAPANHER AT THE CHÉ CAFÉ

throw down a freebie at O.B. rock spot Winstons. Chad and the gang've got a ton of stuff up at Superunloader ReCorDs. For a nice price, *Live and Small at Lestat's* is some tasty acoustic fare.... From NYC via NM, flamenco-flavored singer-songwriter **Raúl Midón** will play two shows at Anthology at 7:30 and 9:30p. Midón signed to Universal Decca to release his fifth, *Synthesis*, which dropped this month. According to the *New York Times*, "Raúl Midón has a supple, high-flying tenor. His live performance is a force of nature".... **Street of Little Girls** play nice at Tin Can Ale House after **Dabbers** and **Moviegoers** warm the seats.... L.A.'s psych 'n' soul five-piece **Lemon Sun** join Bay Area garage-pop band **Leopold and His Fiction** at Bar Pink. Like it: *myspace.com/leopoldandhisfiction*.... Couple of good bets out at the casinos Friday night, as **Ratt** brings its *Infestation* to Pechanga and **Snoop Dogg** howls at Harrah's. I kinda can't believe that I just read a pretty glowing review of the new Ratt record. But, then, it was written by a metalhead from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Stillandall, let's root for Ratt — they're from here, y'know.

Saturday 1

It's on! The Ché's Spirit Animal Festival kicks off at 3p and delivers doo-woppin', punk-rockin' Brooklyn duo **Japanther**. You checked out this year's Rock 'n' Roll Ice Cream yet? Yum! Also on

the bill, btfw, ya get **Lanterns**, **Jehovas Fitness**, **Derrida**, the **Preteens**, **Bicycle Voice** (SLC), **teamAWESOME!**, **Unknown Motive**, and the **Buckshorts** — all four food groups and dessert for eight bucks. Happy birthday to me. (Yes, it

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is).... So much kewl stuff to choose from Saturday night, toss a lawn dart: Radio Room delivers Drag the River's **Chad Price** and Two Cow Garage's **Micah Schnabel**...Cinci's heavy-duty garage-rock trio **Heartless Bastards** hit Casbah...Supersucker **Eddie Spaghetti** serves up a set of barroom rock at Brick by Brick...D.C. power-poppers **Title Track** (ex-Q and Not U) play Soda Bar with Wild Weekender **Maren Parusel**...Ocala hardcores **A Day to**

Remember sock it to Soma...and SD mainstays the **Shambles** are gonna rawk Cheap Trick's *Live at Budokan* at Bar Pink.

Sunday 2

The **Ponys** clop into Casbah Sunday night behind fellow Chicagoans **Disappears** and up-and-coming locals **Christmas Island**. I caught the Ponys on their *Turn the Lights Out* tour in '07 opening for Deerhunter, and crappin' you negative, the psych-pop quartet blew Bradford and the boys away. They've got a spanking-new EP in *Deathbed + 4* to get your merch mitts on. This'd be the set to see, Sunday-nighters.... Else: chowdahead punks **BANE** will play two at the Ché at 4 and 8p.... And across campus, it'll be Cape Town trio **Civil Twilight** alt-rocking the Loft with the U2-y tunes from their brand-new s/t debut.

Monday 3

Brooklyn drones **Growing** do the honors at Casbah's Anti-Monday thing this week with locals **Heavy Hawaii** and the **Illuminants**. You like Spacemen 3, Eno, Earth, you'll like Growing. The trio has a shimmering new do out on Vice Records, *Pumps!*

Tuesday 4

Belly Up and 94/9 host the Midwest's rock-roll poet laureate Craig Finn and his **Hold Steady** Tuesday night. Expect a preview of their due-to-drop fifth, *Heaven Is Whenever*. I drew the line



THE HOLD STEADY AT BELLY UP

with these guys between *Separation Sunday* and *Boys and Girls in America*, but they still slay it live. San Diego psych-folkies the **Donkeys** will set the Solana Beach stage before heading out on a West Coast swing.... **Eluvium**'s Matt Cooper brings his new ambient thing, *Similes*, to Casbah with fellow Oregonian Thomas Meluch, aka **Benoit Pioulard**.

Wednesday 5

If yer doing the Cinco de Mayo thing, get with Mario Escovedo's **MEX** at Bar Pink for some south-of-the-border sock-hopping showstoppers. It's always a party when MEX is in the casa.... Other hump night highlights: Atlanta's heavy-metal hits **Mastodon** will *Crack the Skye* at



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— Barnaby Monk



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"If you're looking for raw energy in your music, this is it."

Circa Now won the Freedom Sessions band competition in 2008, the same year they were nominated for Best Rock Album at the San Diego Music Awards. Among the opportunities that subsequently opened for the glam-garage trio was the chance to have their next album *Hotter Than a Pistol* recorded by A-list producer Alan Sanderson (Rolling Stones, Weezer, Elvis Costello), who likens the band to T. Rex and the Stooges. "These three have the right idea," says Sanderson. "If you're looking for raw energy in your music, this is it."

An album-release party will be held May 8 with a rooftop gig atop the Tenth Avenue Theatre in downtown's artsy East Village. In addition to sets from Circa Now and Scarlet Symphony, the show will include video art by AVicious, a musically interactive fashion show from Jennafer Grace, music by DJs Artistic and Morgan Young, and a preview of an upcoming film documentary about San Diego's indie-music scene produced by Craig Rain Films. The \$15 admission price includes a copy of *Hotter Than a Pistol*.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Josh Pann, guitar/vocals:

1. Band of Skulls, *Baby Darling Doll Face Honey*. "Very well produced. It just sounds huge, and their use of space in that record gives it a very cool overtone."
2. The Eagles, *Greatest Hits*. "Because I've got seven women on my mind."

3. Led Zeppelin, *Coda*. "It never gets old to me, and thus it's always in rotation."

4. Wolfmother, *Cosmic Egg*. "This is my favorite modern band."

5. The Noisettes, *Wild Young Hearts*. "This record was a bit more R&B and pop-influenced than their first album, but it grew on me."

David Patrick Tye, drums:

1. Queen, *A Night at the Opera*. "How many other bands could have a mini-opera and a ragtime Victorian-esque piano bit on the same album, and pull it off, *and still rock?*"

2. Bob Dylan, *Blood on the Tracks*. "The guy got an honorary Pulitzer for his impact on American culture and music."

3. Mariachi El Bronx, self-titled. "This mariachi music from an L.A. punk band is what you'd want to listen to while having a gunslinger fight."

Scotty Stover, bass:

1. The Rolling Stones, *Forty Licks*. "One disc only. It was inside a CD player that someone returned when I was working in a retail store."

WHAT WOULD YOUR GRADE SCHOOL TEACHER SAY ABOUT YOU?

Josh: "He was very shy and timid as a kid."

David: "He's doing exactly what he said he was going to be doing."

Scotty: "Good job not ending up in jail."

BEST PICKUP LINE?

Josh: "Nice boots."

David: "I've studied French, so I'm guilty of us-

ing some of that every once in a while."

Scotty: "Wanna watch some hockey?"

ANY FEARS OR PHOBIAS?

Josh: "That '80s hair metal will come back."

David: "Not really, but everyone probably has a phobia, so I'm not looking forward to finding out what mine is."

Scotty: "Bats. Man, I hate bats."

WHO SHOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE?

Josh: "Have your people get in touch with my people, and we'll discuss."

David: "Daniel Day-Lewis, as the butcher character from *Gangs of New York*."

Scotty: "Jack Black, for being so friggin' handsome."

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS?

Josh: "Guitar World and Game Informer."

David: "Modern Drummer."

Scotty: "I don't subscribe, but every time I go to the grocery store I go directly to the magazine aisle and see who's on the cover of *Rolling Stone*. Then I check the charts. Then I complain for the next 30 minutes."

SOUTH PARK OR FAMILY GUY?

Josh: "South Park, because I wish Cartman was my manager."

David: "South Park's highly offensive material still ends up having a better moral compass than most of the other crap on TV."

Scotty: "South Park, because Butters is funnier



Want to watch some hockey with Circa Now?

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than everyone in *Family Guy* combined."

FAVORITE SPINAL TAP QUOTE?

Josh: "Can I raise a practical question at this point? Are we gonna do Stonehenge tomorrow?"

David: "It's, like, how much more black could this be? And the answer is none. None more black."

Scotty: "This one goes up to 11."

WHAT'S YOUR POISON?

Josh: "You buying?"

David: "Microbrews of the hoppy variety."

Scotty: "Barley pop."

FIRST BOOK YOU REMEMBER READING?

Josh: "Berenstain Bears."

Scotty: "A little kid's book about a baby chicken that hatched out of his egg. I memorized it and then tricked my grandma into thinking I actually knew how to read. She thought I was some kind of kid genius." ■

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May 21 — I See Hawks in L.A.
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June 18 — J.D. Souther.
July 9 — Mary Gauthier.
July 17 — Barry McGuire.
July 18 — The Tannahill Weavers.
August 13 — Hot Club of Cowtown.
August 14 — Chris Smither.
August 18 — Livingston Taylor.
September 11 — David Wilcox.
September 19 — Eliza Gilkyson.
September 29 — Po' Girl.
October 23, October 24 — John Sebastian.

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May 8 — Strunz & Farah.
May 12 — Chuchito Valdes.
May 14 — Spyro Gyra.
May 15 — Richie Havens.
May 19 — Sophie B. Hawkins.
May 20 — Trevor Davis.
May 22 — Vienna Teng.
May 28 — The Average White Band.

May 29, May 30 — Jane Monheit.
June 11 — Greg Laswell.
June 16 — Tommy Emmanuel.
June 17 — Lalah Hathaway.
June 17 — Wang Chung.
June 23, June 24 — Keiko Matsui.
June 25 — Oleta Adams.
June 26 — Thunder Road.
July 8 — Bobby Long.
July 9, July 10 — Pete Escovedo Orchestra.
July 16, July 17 — Dwele.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

North Carolina brothers Scott and Seth Avett have been playing folk-inspired music as the Avett Brothers since 2000 and rock 'n' roll in other bands before that. Through constant touring and a series of albums on small indie labels, the brothers developed a following that seemed to get bigger every year. By the time of their 2007 release, *Emotionalism*, the Avett Brothers were flirting with stardom. They signed to Rick Rubin's American Recordings, and the famous producer helped them put together last year's breakthrough *I and Love and You*.

There was a period last fall where it

seemed that half my music friends were talking about the Avett Brothers or posting Avett Brothers videos on Facebook. My favorite radio station still plays one of several songs from *I and Love and You* seemingly once an hour. I confess, for a long time I did not understand what the fuss was about. "January Wedding" struck me as a sweet folk song with plaintive vocals and brotherly harmonies — nice, but nothing I hadn't heard before. I thought the more rock-oriented "Kick Drum Heart" was uncomfortably reminiscent of Huey Lewis's "Heart of Rock and Roll."

But one day recently I heard the *I and Love and You* song "Laundry Room" — perhaps the 15th time I've heard it — and when the brothers sang, "Tonight I'll burn the lyrics, 'cause every chorus was your name," I don't know what happened, the song just won me



AVETT BROTHERS

over. There's nothing flashy or groundbreaking about the Avett Brothers. They're just really good at what they do. They slowly built an audience, and they're slowly conquering the country, one music lover at a time.

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June 8 — Delta Spirit.
June 11 — Common Sense.
June 18 — The Young Dubliners.
June 19 — The Crash Test Dummies.
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July 17 — Pato Banton.
July 31 — Atomic Punks.
October 8 — Super Diamond.

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July 9 — Kings of Leon.

July 16 — Vicente Fernandez.

July 17 — Slightly Stoopid.

July 24 — Elton John.

August 7 — Toby Keith.

August 10 — Vans Warped Tour.

August 20 — The Dave Matthews
Band.

August 25 — John Mayer.

August 29 — American Carnage
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September 2 — Green Day.

September 28 — Tom Petty & the
Heartbreakers.

October 9 — Jack Johnson.

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BY DAVE GOOD

Graham Dechter's jazz-guitar sound is right out of the '30s and '40s, a musical era that he can have heard only on disc — Dechter is in his early 20s. Dechter's phrasing is hip, confident, and the asides — meaning the little afterthoughts he plays following a main lick — are slick and interesting. He favors a modified arch-top guitar that generates a fat, warm tone, and he plays with emotions out of the Billy Strayhorn songbook. As a jazz guitarist, Dechter makes no wrong turns.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260
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June 12 — Paul Rodgers.
June 15 — Jeremy Camp.
June 16 — Dennis DeYoung.
June 17 — Donna Summer.
June 18 — KC & the Sunshine Band.
June 23 — Kenny Loggins.
June 24 — Switchfoot.
June 25 — Julio Iglesias.
June 26 — Gospel Festival.
June 27 — Intocable.
June 29 — Uncle Kracker.
June 30 — Lonestar.
July 4 — Joan Jett and the
Blackhearts.

Dizzy's: Harbor Club Towers, Downtown, 858-270-7467.

A Los Angelino, Dechter was a child musician with skills to land him a seat at the Idyllwild Arts Academy in California. His first instrument was violin, but at Idyllwild he heard jazz and traded classical music for guitar. He studied with Marshall Hawkins, a bassist and a straight-ahead jazz musician. Dechter's talents were palpable and doors opened; at 19 he was tapped to join Clayton/Hamilton. Some of the members of that band backed Dechter on his debut CD, last year's *Right on Time*.

Modern jazz guitar is a small fraternity: like Bob DeVos, Dechter has that knack for pulling (rather than always plucking) notes from his guitar, and he has the intuition and melodic instincts of a Tony Romano. And the list of jazz luminaries who have utilized Dechter's skills is staggering: Nancy Wilson, Quincy Jones, Gilbert Castellanos, Les McCann, Benny Golson, James Moody, and others. He's played the nation's major jazz festivals as well, from Playboy to Lincoln Center. This is how traditional jazz survives.



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August 14 — Reverend Horton Heat.
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May 21 — The Black Crowes.
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June 3 — Johnny Lang.
June 10 — Basia.
June 11 — Diana Ross.
June 13 — Los Van Van.
June 26 — Jesse Cook.
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July 14 — The Gipsy Kings.
July 18 — Jamie Cullum.
July 21 — Jackson Browne.
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July 25 — Lyle Lovett.
July 28 — Pat Benatar and Neil
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July 31 — Boney James.
August 5 — Michael McDonald.
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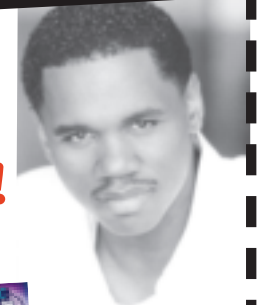


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Brilliant Colors: Introducing
CD Review
by Andrew Hamlin

In case you're confused (I was too), this album is called *Introducing* and then the band is called Brilliant Colors. I hope that clears everything up. They look a little out-of-focus on the cover. They look crisper on the CD tray.

They sound like it's 1978-1986 all over again. Which is fine because I was waiting for it to be 1978-1986 all over again. Their record company pegs them as sounding like

the Shop Assistants and *Introducing* will do until such time as we get a decently priced definitive domestic release of everything the Shop Assistants ever recorded.

In case you missed the Shop Assistants, they sounded like someone set them up inside an enormous concrete dome where they had to get on top of and surf their own galactic slapback. Vocals were high-pitched and lyrics sinister, the sardonic side of quotidian days.

This bunch comes on not quite so angry, more open to the sensual possibilities of churning reverb. I was going to say that in 1978-1986 we needed this stuff badly to counteract what was going on on the TV, in the boardrooms, in the nation's capitals. But now everyone's a lot older and we still need this stuff. I wish I could file a complaint. But who to? Regardless, you should pick up this energetic, if short, record and wash the grey out of your day.



We still need this stuff.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

High on Fire: Snakes for the Divine
CD Review
by Michael Caldwell

High on Fire's fifth studio album is a satisfying platter of high intensity, low frequency rumblings from one of metal's most honest, hard-working, and ferocious bands. Producer Greg Fidelman (Metallica, Slayer) ensures the trio's roar rises above the overmodulated, netherworld mix of previous offerings to reach the light of clarity.

Like a fist full of snakes writhing in the brain, a sinewy guitar introduces the title track. Mountains of bass and drums hit like a meteor shower. Vocalist-guitarist Matt Pike, who sounds as if his breakfast bowl is full of glass shards and whiskey, howls over the storm. For over eight minutes, tempos race from redline speeds to careening off concrete walls before crashing to an abrupt halt.

"Frost Hammer" erupts like a riot during a European soccer tournament with cannon-fire accents. Pike over the barrage repeatedly belts out the title; his voice creaks, cracks, and induces shivers.

High on Fire prove they are comfortable pillaging hi-fis via slower tempos as well. Check out "Bastard Samurai"; with its delay-drenched guitar, this could be the soundtrack to a slow-motion hara-kiri: drawn out, deliberate, deadly.



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Bring on the Freaks

Concert Review
by Bustamon

Rolling Stone recently pronounced freak folk dead. Perhaps, but no one told Devendra Banhart. Charismatic, unpretentious, waif-like, and prone to effeminate arm flailing, Banhart culled songs from his past, most of his latest release, *What We Will Be*, and a couple that he sung in Spanish.

Hints of Dylan and Bryan Ferry permeated his solo selections, and his feel for the vibe of the crowd and improvised remixes of his full band gave the show an "of the moment" feel-

ing, not unlike that of a Grateful Dead event.

The hippie with the late-'60s Keith

Richards haircut was more than happy to share the stage and the mike with each of the members of his blues-based band the Grogs, as well as a "random fan" plucked from the Belly Up crowd. A Juno-esque Kira from Kira and the Lesbians accepted Banhart's invitation to perform "any previously unheard original song" and jumped onstage midway through the band's set. Accompanied only by Banhart's borrowed Les Paul, Kira performed a rousing screamer to the delight of her posse.

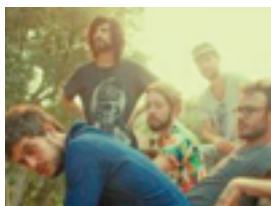
Banhart, the Grogs, and Kira hardly represent a movement of the past, but a youthful energy painting from a psychedelic palette, borrowing from the masters to create vivid new interpretations. Bring on the freaks.

Concert: Devendra Banhart & the Grogs

Show date: March 25

Venue: Belly Up

Seats: 20 feet back, stage left



Painting from a psychedelic palette

You Feeling?

Concert Review
by Wate Charles

Lord Howler played their third show to a crowded Bar Pink. A Flying V and a left-handed Les Paul harmonized leads over driving, Van Halen bass.

"Let's get it on!" Front man Charlie says. "This song is called 'Fuel-Injected Death.'"

In jeans, Cons, and black Ts, Lord Howler carries the torch of old Slayer, AC/DC, and Black Sabbath. Goes well with Anni-hilation Time and Dead Meadow.

The band plays "Laughing Through

the Blood" while a stoic cocktail waitress makes her rounds.

After the set, a dude at the bar says, "Anyone can play throwback psychedelic rock. Nobody in San Diego sounds like these guys."

The Bloodflowers blast forth said psychedelic rock. With front man Rey's Hendrix look, Jimi is an obvious comparison. However, the group has an MC5 punk energy that sets them apart from the bulk of psych-rock wannabes.

"How you guys feeling tonight?" Rey inquires before playing a raucous cover of "Moonage Daydream." "You feeling?"

"I make up some of my lyrics on the spot," Rey tells me. "I'm tired of rock and roll being so proper."

Concert: Lord Howler, the Bloodflowers

Date: April 1

Venue: Bar Pink

Seats: standing



Rey's no proper rocker.

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

BANKER'S HILL

Bertrand at Mister A's: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6pm: Specially priced cocktails, beer, wine, small plates on patio.

Pizzicato: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 pints, house wine; \$6 pizza slice + pint or wine.

Wet Stone Wine Bar and Café: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$5 big glass of wine. \$2 small bites.

BAY PARK

Bay Park Fish Company: Every day, 3-5pm: \$2 fish tacos, 20% off sushi rolls, 25% off draft beers, wines by the glass, and appetizers.

BONITA

Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-9pm: Two-for-one all well drinks. \$4 six-piece chicken wings, falafel, or mozzarella sticks; \$5 small hummus. 1/2-off hookahs all day Tuesday.

CARDIFF

Beach House: Every day, 4-7:30pm: \$2.95 draft, domestic. \$3.95 margarita, Bloody Mary, mai tai, house wine.

Chart House: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 premium drafts, wells, glass of wine, \$5 cocktails, \$6 martinis.

CARLSBAD

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

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.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: Monday-Saturday, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$2.75 wells (short). \$3.25 wells (tall).

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm, 9-11pm: \$1 beer, mixed drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

CARMEL VALLEY

Arterra: Every day, 4-8pm: \$3 snacks, \$10 grilled calamari, \$5 premium drafts, \$6 Arterra wines, \$7 specialty signature collection.

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

Twenty/20 Bar & Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink. \$2 off appetizers.

CHULA VISTA

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, 2pm-close: \$2 domestic beer bottles & wells.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Yummy Sushi: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

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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 micro-brew 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.

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 artisan flat bread.

Asti Ristorante: *Every day*, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

Athens Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$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.

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.

Current: *Every day*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$5 wells, sangria, house wines. 1/2-off entire bar menu.

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 & wells. 1/2-off select tapas. *Sunday*, all day: \$1 off draft beer & wells. 1/2-off select tapas.

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: *Friday*, 5-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails. *Saturday-Sunday*, 7-9pm: \$5 menu cocktails.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: \$3 domestics, \$4 imports. *Saturday-Sunday*, open-5pm: \$3 domestics, \$4 imports.

The Fish Market: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-6pm: \$3.75 draft, \$3.95 wells, \$2.95 domestic beer. \$95 oysters, \$4 fish tacos, \$5.75 mahi mahi sliders.

The Fleetwood: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6pm: \$4 calls.

Funky Garcia's Mexican Restaurant: *Every day*, 3-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks; \$1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells. Appetizer specials.

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.

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

The Local: *Monday*, 4pm-close: \$3 Bud Light, Miller Lite. \$6 burgers. *Tuesday*, 4pm-close: \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Dos Equis. \$2.50 chicken/steak tacos. *Wednesday*, 4pm-close: \$10 big pitchers. \$2 BBQ pork sliders. *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.

Red Zone Sports Bar & Grill: *Monday*, 8pm-close: \$3 Corona/Pacifico, Dos Equis pint, tequila shots. *Tuesday*, 4pm-close: \$9 Bud Light pitchers. *Wednesday*, 2-7pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$3 Firehouse pints. *Thursday*, 4pm-close: \$5 Jäger. *Friday*, 2-7pm: \$5 Patrón calls. *Saturday*, 11am-2pm: \$5 Bloody Mary/mimosa. *Sunday*, 4pm-close: \$5.50 lemon drop martini/apple martini.

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.

Suite & Tender: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

Tabule: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday*, 2-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-8pm: All drinks two-for-one.

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.

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.

EL CAJON

The Broken Piñata: *Wednesday-Sunday*, 11-6pm: \$2 wells, \$3 drafts.

Calypso: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottled beer (12 oz.), \$3.75 beer (22 oz.), \$7.50 pitcher.

Double D's on Broadway: *Every day*, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots.

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

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, sake, select appetizers and sushi rolls.

Bullpen Pub & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.

El 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.

Savory: *Every day*, 5-6pm: 30% off food & beverages in the bar & lounge area.

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.

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.



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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.

Taste of Thai: *Monday-Thursday*, 9-11pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$3 imports, house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Wine Steals: *Tuesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 house wine, \$2.75 Bud Light 16 oz. on tap, \$9 pitchers, \$3 wells, \$3.25 margaritas. 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.

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.

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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.

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine.

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 sake, \$4 large sake, \$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.

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 sake, get one half off. 3-6:30pm: 25% off select nigiri and maki rolls.

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 appleinis, 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.

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.

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Tarroz Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 2-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, tequila shots, \$3 imported beer, \$4 premium drafts.

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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.

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Bar Leucadian: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

The Calypso Café: *Every day*, 5:30-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2 domestic drafts. \$1 off appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: *Every day*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

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.

Wine Steals: *Wednesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

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.

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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.

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*, 3-5pm: \$3.99 cheeseburger with fries. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). *Tuesday*, 2-10pm: \$2 Pacifico and Dos XX drafts; \$1.99 tacos. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). *Wednesday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). *Thursday*, 7pm-close: \$2 well drinks and drafts. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). *Friday*, all day: \$2 well drinks and drafts.

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.

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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.*

City Wok: *Monday-Saturday, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, 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.*

All American Grill: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.*

The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn: *Monday, 4-7pm: \$3 Gold margaritas, house wine, \$2 drafts, \$3.50 wells. Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$3 house wine, \$2 drafts, \$3.50 wells. \$2 tacos. Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$5 any martini, \$3 house wine, \$2 drafts, \$3.50 wells. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$3 house wine, wells, \$2 drafts. Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off any tequila shot, \$3 house wine, bottled beer, \$2 drafts, \$3.50 wells. Saturday, 4-7pm: \$3 house wine, \$2 drafts, \$3.50 wells.*

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: *Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 glasses of wine, \$7 house cocktails.*

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.*

Bourbon Street: *Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$3 domestic pitchers, \$4 well drinks, \$5 imported pitchers.*

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.*

Cricket's Pub and Grill: *Monday-Friday, 8am-2pm: \$2 domestic pint, \$6 domestic pitcher. 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$5.00 off domestic bottles, wells, pints.*

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.*

The Office: *Every day, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.*

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Every day, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles.*

Splash: *Tuesday, all day: 1/2-price wine. Wednesday, Sunday, all day: \$3 select wine and beer. Thursday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$3 select wine and beer.*

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.*

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.*

The Vine: *Every day, 4-6pm: 1/2-price entire wine and specialty beer list.*

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.*

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333 Pacific: *Every day, 4-7pm, 9-10pm: \$7 vodka cocktails (100+ types of vodka). \$7 appetizers (calamari, oyster trio, Caesar salad).*

Aryana @ Holiday Inn: *Every day, 5-7pm: \$2 domestics, wells; \$3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.*

Hana Japanese Restaurant: *Every day, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.*

Harney Sushi: *Thursday, \$5 specialty cocktails.*

Rockin' Baja Lobster: *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, wells, \$4 wines, margaritas, \$5 Long Islands, 25-oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters. Saturday-Sunday, 9pm-close: \$3 pints, wells, \$4 wines, margaritas, \$5 Long Islands, 25-oz. drafts. 1/2-off starters.*

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.*

OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-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.*

Harney Sushi: *Wednesday, \$5 specialty cocktails.*

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Monday-Friday, 1-7:10pm: 1/2-off food & booze. Saturday-Sunday, noon-7pm: 1/2-off food & booze.*

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.*

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.*

Firehouse American Eatery and Lounge: *Monday, 4pm-midnight: 1/2-off specialty drinks, \$2 mini-inferno burgers. Tuesday, 4pm-midnight: \$6 draft and a shot, \$50 ribs. Wednesday, 4pm-midnight: 1/2-off bottle of wine, \$1 oysters. Thursday, 4pm-midnight: \$2 calls.*

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Lights Out Hooters After Dark: *Monday*, 8pm-close: Two-for-one drinks. *Tuesday*, 8pm-close: Beer and a shot, \$5. *Wednesday*, 8pm-close: \$2 you-call-its. *Thursday-Saturday*, 5-8pm: \$1 wells/domestic drafts. *Sunday*, 5-8pm: Industry Night: 1/2-off the bill.

Moray's Lounge: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *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: \$1.50 drafts, \$2 wells, shots, \$2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: \$12-\$15 hookahs.

Tavern at the Beach: *Monday-Saturday*, noon-7pm: \$3 drafts, bottles, wells, wine. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: Industry Night: \$3 domestic beers, \$2 make your drink a double, \$3 calls for industry. Pay stub required.

Tony Roma's: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2 house margaritas, Long Island Iced Teas, \$3 wells, draft beer. Appetizer specials.

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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.

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Pete's Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 Bud drafts, \$3 microbrew drafts, house wines. \$.99 sliders, \$1.99 fish tacos.

Riley's Music Lounge: *Every day*, 4-8pm: \$1 off everything, \$2 beers.

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Cheers: *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.

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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.

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“To Craig, the Old Globe was a public trust, and he was the caretaker.”

Craig Noel died in his home on April third. He was 94. Friends remember the Father of San Diego Theater.

THE PERSON

Conrad Susa, composer.

Craig was my deep soul brother. I first met him at Carnegie Tech in 1958. I told him I was a composer who heard he might be using music for a show in San Diego.

“Would you really come so far?” he asked, genuinely surprised.

I said yes and began working at the Globe in 1959. Over the next 40 years I spent summers in various rooms at Craig’s home on Jackdaw Street.

He was deeply shy and deeply unsentimental. His sense of humor was in his timing and rhythm. He liked to play various roles, so that from moment to moment he might turn into just about anybody. As others will agree, he had a temper that could be amazingly powerful. One time when a well-meaning friend insisted on taking him on an outing, he shouted, “When I say no, I mean No! No! No! No! Goddamit! Get out and leave me ALONE!” Then he spun on a dime and said, calm as can be, “Please pour me some orange juice, or I’ll faint.”

Everyone who loved Craig will say that he invited you to be his good friend and always made you want to see him again. He did these things without affectation.

IN MEMORY

JEFF SMITH

To Craig, the Old Globe was a public trust, and he was the caretaker. One time I told him, “You have lived so long you have become a myth.” To which he replied,

“Yes, I was so tired of being a legend.”

Craig was more than that. He was an era.

Marion Ross, actor. At every crucial time — every crisis — in my life, Craig was there. He cast me as Olivia in *Twelfth Night*, the first Shakespeare performed at the Old Globe after the war. I was 19. He came to see every play I did at San Diego State. When I graduated, he said, “Casting agents will need to see you in something.” So, typical Craig, he pulled some amazing strings and I got cast at the Pasadena Playhouse in Maxwell Anderson’s *Journey to Jerusalem* — as the Virgin Mary! A talent scout from Paramount saw me, and I signed a contract at age 22.

Skip ahead 20 years. I was getting a divorce and was in a shambles, crying day and night. Craig called, said, “Come home; do anything you want.” I went to San Diego and played neurotic Alma Winemiller in *Summer and Smoke* (in rehearsal



Craig Noel “had a keen awareness of actors, an uncanny ability to work with each one.”

Craig shouted, as only Craig could: “You only act five feet out! Don’t stop at the camera! Go all the way to the wall!”). During the show’s run, a TV pilot I’d worked on — *Happy Days* — got a contract. I was torn. But Craig said, “Go! I’ll get you an understudy.”

Ten years later, the series ended. It was so hard to leave. I was very upset. Craig said, “Come home.” Once again, with perfect timing, he was right there for me.

Always there.

THE DIRECTOR

Fred Moramarco, artistic director, Lat-erthenever Productions. Craig cast me in my first

play in the late 1970s, *The Advocate*, about the Sacco-Vanzetti trial. I had no training as an actor and accidentally showed up during callbacks. Craig asked if I had any experience.

“No.” I said the only reason I wanted to audition was that this play had 27 male roles, and I wanted to get over my fear of being unable to memorize lines. He handed me a script. “Look at the part of Schreiber.” I did.

“Now perform Schreiber’s lines,” he said, taking back the script.

I raised my right hand: “Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?”

“See,” said Craig, “you know the part already!”

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He cast me as the court clerk who has just that one line in the play.

Darlene G. Davies, former Old Globe actor. Craig asked me to perform in the Shakespeare Festival Concert in the summer of 1961 at Starlight Bowl. I did the balcony scene from *Romeo and Juliet*. We had only two or three rehearsals. I was 22 at the time and attending San Diego State. At the final run-through, I didn't know my lines, which was unusual for me. But Craig was patient and unconcerned, and I remember being totally mystified that he wasn't exasperated. Why did he trust me to go onstage in front of thousands of people and not embarrass the Globe? Because he had a keen awareness of actors, an uncanny ability to work with each one.

The performance went smoothly, and as I walked into the wings, Craig gave me a giant hug. He must have been certain I wouldn't let him down, or was he just relieved? Probably some of each. But there's a deeper explanation: Craig was an artist. He sensed things. Directors and visionaries are like that. And Craig was both.

All of us, who knew Craig for so many decades, have cherished memories. When Mercy Hospital gave Lowell [Davies, for whom the Festival Theatre is named] his unwelcome diagnosis, the first person I called was Craig.

Jill Drexler, artistic director, Scripps Ranch Theatre. I had the privilege of working with Craig on, I believe, the last show he ever directed: *Henry Wants a Renaissance* by Jason Connors, for the Playwright's Project. I was fascinated to watch Craig — who seemed to live on popcorn and cigarettes — and a very brave Jason discuss script changes. They became a team.

During a break I asked Craig about his philosophy of directing. He said he rarely looked at actors during rehearsals. He preferred to listen only, as if he were listening to music. He said he could always catch a false note that way. That has stayed with me as a unique tactic from a master director.

Jason Connors, actor, writer, musician. When Craig

agreed to direct my play for Playwrights Project — his last at the Carter — I was 18. I had about seven years of theatrical experience, as opposed to his seven decades. Nonetheless, Craig treated me as an equal. We jostled over casting decisions and reworked important moments in the text.

At rehearsal I watched his patient and gentle directing style, giving our actors just the right amount of words to lead them toward a moment of discovery. The graciousness he showed to me and the enormous respect he gave my work were no doubt emblematic of his reverence for playwrights and the theater as a tradition. I will never forget his example.

THE ADMINISTRATOR

Charlene Baldridge, theater critic, former press contact for the Old Globe.

Craig was the master of the withering look, delivered with the well-chosen phrase. He was caustic and devastatingly funny (and hated talking about himself). If only I could transmute the sound of his voice and laughter. Anyone who loved him will hear it forever.

You can hear his voice in this transcript from *Company Call*, December 7, 1982, Craig's speech to the cast of *The Skin of Our Teeth*:

"Jack [O'Brien] asked if I would make preliminary remarks. I am enthusiastic and would say almost wildly enthusiastic, considering my age, about this particular season. *The Skin of Our Teeth* and the whole PBS extravaganza [a performance was televised nationally] is more than anyone could hope for. I will be sitting in on rehearsals and trying to ease Jack's pain in any

way I can. I will not ever reprimand you personally, but I will go to the proper authorities if I feel that dear, sweet Jack, lovable and attractive Jack, is not getting everything he deserves to have. I'm looking forward to this season, and I hope that I will be able to aid and comfort you in some way. If you have any complaints, do not come to me; go to someone else. But if you have anything nice to say about this organization, do let me hear it because it overjoys me and brightens my day, and I have so few left."

THE ACTOR

D.J. Sullivan, teacher, actor, director. Craig changed actors' lives. In rehearsals, he'd walk right beside you, like a close-up camera, and whisper notes. He could have been a great actor as well. I was blessed to watch him in *Our Town*.

He hadn't acted in decades. I never thought of Craig as nervous. But when he played the Stage Manager in 1975, he was a wreck. Not just opening night. Every performance, he said, was "sheer hell." Lines were hard for him to learn. Panic always set in. He was one of us after all!

I had a dressing room next to his. Every night he paced, mumbled lines, and couldn't sit down. "What time is it?" he'd ask. Or, "WHY AM I DOING THIS???"

And every night he was brilliant. He was so calm onstage. Craig loved acting that was done simply, and you never caught him "acting" for a second! He was the Stage Manager. You wouldn't believe he was so miserable — the most nervous actor I've ever seen — backstage.

He told me later he felt he

didn't "get" the part. When I asked him why he put himself through it, he said, "I thought it might be fun. It wasn't."

He never did another role.

THE CARETAKER

Jonathan McMurtry, actor, teacher. After the Old Globe burned down in 1978, there was a fundraising meeting at the Imperial House Restaurant. I was invited along with Jack O'Brien, Tom Hall, Craig, and many corporate executives — money people — we were pitching for support to rebuild the theater.

Jack talked about "Broadway possibilities," Tom about financial problems, and judging from the faces of the would-be backers, things weren't going well.

During the other speeches, Craig frowned and tore a paper napkin into tiny bits around his water glass. Finally he stood up. He turned a briefcase upside down, and out spilled at least 100 letters on the table. They came from San Diego public school students. They contained pennies, dimes, spare change. Each said how much

the Old Globe meant to them.

Craig read a few at random. Then he spoke about how important the arts were for education — not one word about the Old Globe burning!

My eyes swelled with tears. He turned that meeting around in the simplest way because he truly believed every word he said.

Craig was the most meaningful person in my life over the last 50 years. He will always be with me. He's not gone. I'm certain of that. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

All in the Timing

Back by popular demand: Ion Theatre reprises its very funny production of David Ives's absurdist one-acts. Claudio Raygoza and Glenn Paris codirected. ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILL-CREST. 619-600-5020. 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 29.

The Caucasian Chalk Circle MiraCosta College stages Bertolt Brecht's tale, based on a 14th-century Chinese play, about a kitchen maid who risks her life to save a noble child, and the child's mother who tries to reclaim her infant. Eric Bishop directed. MIRACOSTA COLLEGE, ONE BARNARD DR., OCEANSIDE. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 7:30PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 1.

Cinderella

The Coronado Playhouse stages Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical, based on the popular rags-to-riches fairy tale. Thomas Fitzpatrick directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 30.

The Comedy of Errors

Mesa College Apollid Theatre presents Shakespeare's comedy about twins separated at a shipwreck, mishaps, mistaken identities, madness, and confusion. MESA COLLEGE, 7250 MESA COLLEGE DR., KEARNY MESA. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 9.

Ghosts

The "ghosts" in Henrik Ibsen's drama don't go bump in the night. But they're just as haunting. Only Mrs. Alving sees them. And for 19 years she has fought to keep them from collapsing her public image. In the North Coast Rep's uneven but ultimately moving production, Rosina Reynolds pits Mrs. Alving in a tug-or-war between "dead" be-

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liefs and personal freedom. Richard Baird’s excellent Osvald, Mrs. Alving’s fragile, “worm-eaten” son, moves in an inexorable line from flames to embers. Under David Ellenstein’s direction, Reynolds and Baird’s scenes together are so spontaneous it’s as if the characters are simply riffing from the heart. Jonathan McMurtry (with Ibsen-like, muttonchop sideburns) makes carpenter Engstrand much slier than most “bumpkin” readings. Young Aimee Burdette’s pert Regina brightens the stage, though her recognition scene lacks specificity. And John Herzog’s flat, amateurish effort as Pastor Manders drags down the scenes he plays and never conveys the sense, the moral passion, that he believes a word the clergyman says. ***Worth a try.*** NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY 2.

Golda's Balcony
The Old Globe Theatre presents Tovah Feldshuh as Golda Meir: Russian immigrant, American schoolteacher, and fourth prime minister of Israel. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MAY 30.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
Community Actors Theatre stages an adaptation of the Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Sidney Poitier movie, by Bleu Moody, who also directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 16.

Into the Woods
OnStage Playhouse presents Stephen Sondheim’s Tony Award-



Golda's Balcony

winning musical about what happens when fairy tales don’t end happily ever after. James M. McCulloch directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH MAY 1.

The Man Who Laughs
For one performance only, SDSU students present Alicia Nyblade’s stage adaptation of the German expressionist film: a tragic romance set in 1705 England. SDSU’S EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, 5500 CAMPANILE DR., COLLEGE AREA. 619-594-6884. 7PM TUESDAY.

A Midsummer Night's Dream
SDSU Theatre presents Shakespeare’s bucolic comedy, which director Peter Larlham has reset in the 1960s. Thomas Hodges has contributed original music.

DON POWELL THEATRE AT SDSU, 5500 CAMPANILE DR., SDSU. 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 8.

A Midsummer Night's Dream: Benefit Performance
SDSU professor Peter Larlham is raising funds to build a small library in an elementary school in Tanzania (which he attended from 1953 to 1958). All proceeds from the Saturday matinee of Shakespeare’s *Midsummer Night’s Dream*, on May 1, will go to the Mnyakongo School Library Project. DON POWELL THEATRE AT SDSU, 5500 CAMPANILE DR., SDSU. 2PM SATURDAY.

Miss Julie
For five performances only, Stone Soup Theatre presents August Strindberg’s naturalistic drama about aristocratic Julie and her senior servant, Jean. Lisa Berger directed.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7:30PM MONDAY, 7:30PM TUESDAY, 7:30PM WEDNESDAY.

Mozu
For one evening only, James Strait directs a reading of Steven Oberman’s new musical about Mozu, a physically challenged Japanese macaque, or snow monkey. 760-268-0169. CARLSBAD CITY LIBRARY, 1775 DOVE LANE, CARLSBAD. 6PM MONDAY.

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.

Nina
Ira Aldridge Repertory Players present the world premiere of Calvin Manson’s tribute to Nina Simone. Manson directed. Dinner-theater packages are available. SUNSET TEMPLE THEATRE, 3911 KANSAS ST., NORTH PARK. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 4PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 23.

Open Reading of The Winter's Tale
San Diego Shakespeare Society hosts an “open” reading of the Bard’s late romance. “Anyone can join in the reading, or just come along to listen. Parts are assigned before each scene so everyone can have a go.” 619-232-4855. UPSTART CROW BOOKSHOP AND COFFEE HOUSE, 835 W. HARBOR DR., DOWNTOWN. 6:45PM TUESDAY.

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 AND 8PM THURSDAY, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 1:45PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY 2.

Rasputin: The Musical
Arts Off Broadway presents a new musical — book and lyrics by Lucas Coleman, music by Marc Wasserman — about the Russian mystic and faith healer. Coleman directed this “very...very dark comedy.” LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 7PM FRIDAY, 7PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.



Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

The Rivalry
If Stephen Douglas never debated the relatively unknown Abraham Lincoln, Douglas might have become a U.S. president. But the twice-incumbent senator from Illinois debated Lincoln in seven, nearly three-hour sessions throughout the state. The extroverted Douglas preached “popular sovereignty”; introverted Lincoln, that a “house divided” could not stand. Lamb’s Players is staging a slightly (and smartly) trimmed version of Norman Corwin’s drama. A writer’s writer, and perennially underheralded, Corwin re-creates the speeches and the forces behind the 1858 debates, in the process deftly resurrecting Douglas as a man — though blindly biased in many ways — of principle. For Lamb’s, Michael McKeon’s set, a sturdy loading dock, and Jeannie Reith’s costumes (which shorten Douglas and lengthen Lincoln) set the time and the place. But the opening-night performances needed many more rehearsals. Both first- and second-act climaxes dissipated, and the performances, especially Robert Smyth’s barely (and surprisingly so) off-book Douglas, lacked Lamb’s usual polish. As Lincoln, David Cochran Heath put passion into the speeches — and humor (Lincoln could be as funny as Mark Twain) — but couldn’t settle on a consistent voice for the 16th president. Craig Noel Award-winner Colleen Kollar Smith did a fine turn as Stephen’s wife Adele, who narrates — and outlived both men by 30 years.

LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MAY 16.

Shakuntala
Chronos Theatre Group stages the ancient Indian love story by Kalidasa. Celeste Innocenti directed. 619-615-8928. SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY 2.

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
The hottest show in town! Sean Murray and James Vasquez’s costaging brims with excellence. The

cast across the board has no weak links, and since a majority of them are San Diegans, this amazing production does us all proud. Best of show: Cygnet Theatre gets the Stephen Sondheim-ness of the musical: wild flurries of notes that create sheer, swirling turbulence. But as in Chaos Theory, there’s an underlying order beneath. As Sweeney, the tonsorial serial killer, Sean Murray probes Sweeney’s pain and rage, both beyond redemption. Deborah Gilmour Smyth’s boundary-free Mrs. Lovett, a maternal recidivist, is a treasure. Sondheim’s score loves to swallow melodic lines the way Sweeney does lives. But the musical also has gorgeous, get-this-one-right-or-else songs: “Johanna” foremost among them. Jacob Caltrider and Steve Gunderson’s bipolar versions give audiences a tune to hum for weeks to come. Sean Fanning’s Industrial Age London set has brick walls the color of black lungs. Shirley Pierson’s costumes range from pinpoint accurate to gloriously screwball. And Eric Lotze’s lighting is special. He does with light what Sondheim does with music.

Critic's pick. CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MAY 9.

Sylvia
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It remains resolutely human in scale, renouncing gaudy special effects and amplified action.

Had I consented to watch my DVD screener of *The Square*, there would have been more than a couple of days left in its solo week at the Ken Cinema before I could say that it was the most fun I've had at the movies so far this year. (Happily, it and the fun will be extended into a second week on a shared screen with *The Eclipse*.) A friend of mine, not alone, has suggested that the brothers Edgerton, Nash and Joel, be anointed the Australian Coen brothers, and I concede the justice of it as long as the scope of discussion is limited to first films. We'll see where they go from here. Both of the Edgertons have a lengthy list of credits as actors, and Nash has a lengthier list for stunt work, and they've divided the tasks on *The Square* like so: director, editor, and co-producer, Nash; co-star, co-writer, co-producer, Joel. Apart from the fraternal collaboration, similarities to the

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Coens' debut, *Blood Simple*, can be sensibly confined to the broad neo-noir genre, the basic plot type of worst-laid-plans, and the pitying point of view that permits us, as the plans descend from bad to worse, to see much better than the participants how and where things are going awry. The catbird seat is crucial to the fun.

If the Edgertons' first feature lacks the flash of the Coens, that's arguably a point in favor of the former, a work of self-restraint and self-effacement that lacks little in fluidity of camera, solidness of construction, steadiness of pace. The narrative agenda of adultery, graft, theft, arson, homicide, blackmail, betrayal, mayhem — all that good stuff that tells us something fundamental about our species — remains resolutely human in scale, renouncing gaudy special effects and amplified action; and the unfamiliarity of the cast, while sacrificing nothing in com-



The Square

petence, serves above all to underscore the humanness: David Roberts, a Gloomy Gus, and Claire van der Boom, a bargain-basement *femme fatale*, as the no-time-for-play adulterers, Joel Edgerton as the rough-and-ready firebug for hire, Lisa Bailey as his slow-witted girlfriend, among others. The ambience may be a trifle thin, a beset-

ting problem in neo-noir, a natural by-product of color perhaps, and the character of the cheated-on wife seems neglected and underwritten — not a bit the cheated-on husband — and the whole derivative business could be branded as a mere exercise. But the execution of that exercise, vigorous and invigorating, is A-plus, the detail

fresh and abundant (the two dogs from separate households who threaten through their unaccountable friendliness to give away the affair, the Down Under summertime Santa who quick-changes into firefighter's gear to answer the alarm bell, the beautiful hilltop overlook on the fire from the vantage of the admiring arsonist, the nervous



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doodling that develops into a clue, etc., etc.), and the raw emotion of the climax brings it home to us that, for all the diverting cat-and-mouse machinery of the plot, it's human beings who get themselves into these messes, not mice, not cats. Not cogs.

An "exercise" would be a fitting description as well for the Edgertons' prefatory short film *Spider* on the same program, almost like a classroom exercise or at most an M.F.A. exercise, and of its type pretty near perfect. Its type would be a macabre little joke — a lovers' reconciliation gone horribly wrong — in illustration of the opening epigraph attributed, after a Jack Benny-like pause, to Mum: "It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye." The Edgertons have a couple of tremendous jolts up their sleeve, but are in no hurry to get to them, so that when

they arrive they are genuine disruptions. The feature film — not to reveal more than strictly necessary — contains an insider's reference to the short, which is of no artistic significance in the larger work but is all the same a tiny fraction of the fun.

The Back-Up Plan gives Jennifer Lopez something to do. In it, she plays a fugitive from corporate America, now an independent pet-shop proprietor and doting mistress of a cute little handicapped pooch in a wheelchair, someone, in short, with priorities in order. Impatient for Mr. Right, her biological clock approaching or overshooting forty, she gets herself artificially inseminated and then, wouldn't you know, meets Mr. Right — a dairy farmer of equally well-ordered priorities who dreams of a "sustainable gourmet shop" — before she finds out she's pregnant with twins. What to do, what to do? Lopez, or if you prefer J-Lo, who in real life has given birth to twins since her last appearance on screen

four years ago, stands out as a pearl among pebbles. Her hair and makeup are a wonder to behold, and are indeed beheld with tunnel vision and starry eyes by director Alan Poul and photographer Xavier Pérez Grobet. Her charm is unmissable if not irresistible, her talent as well-honed as it is narrow. And her biggest laugh, for sheer incongruity, comes when she explains how she knows the new man is The One: "He's very real."

More truthfully, he's very ideal, a masculine accessory — second-tier Australian actor Alex O'Loughlin, a composite of Matthew McConaughey (torso) and Jon Stewart (head) — who will never compete for the spotlight, will mold himself into a devoted slave, will put up with nuttiness of any degree or duration, and will afterwards Always Be There For Her, like a favorite handbag. Not everything, needless to say, is roses: "I miss my old ass," the star plays up to, or rather down to, her fans: "It was kinda like this, but way hotter."

Too, the public childbirth attended by members of the Single Mothers and Proud support group — not the heroine's childbirth but that of one of the pebbly supporting players — adds something new to the annals of parturition on screen, namely an unparalleled element of demonic possession. (The bowel movement has been paralleled, thank you.) Even outside of that, the movie achieves a level of biological repugnance to rival Ingmar Bergman, except with a sense of humor. A crude one.

Exit through the Gift Shop is a half-way engaging, halfway aggravating documentary on street art and its inevitable commercialization. Signed by the pseudonymous Banksy, a British graffiti artist who zealously guards his true identity ("The Scarlet Pimpernel of Street Art," as one newspaper headline puts it) and who appears here on screen wearing a hoodie in silhouette or with his face digitalized, the film ostensibly began as the work of Thierry Guetta, a muttonchopped French émigré who operated a vintage clothing store in L.A., became an obsessive amateur videographer, trained his camera in particular on the activities of guerrilla artists, turned himself into one of them under the moniker of Mr. Brain Wash, and ostensibly edited his footage into an unreleasable mess, at which point Banksy ostensibly took over the project, utilizing and supplementing Guetta's footage, whipping it into the present shape. We must keep saying "ostensibly" because — well, who knows? Anonymity is not a trustworthy persona for a documentarist, especially one with a prior reputation, a prior rap sheet, as a prankster. (Nor does

the irony-dripping narration delivered by Rhys Ifans inspire much confidence.) Whatever the provenance or purpose, we have here a lot of footage of street artists in action, poor in quality but sufficient in quantity to enable us to gauge the range of cleverness, and to think our worst thoughts about the impact of money and hype in the art world. "Anthropologically, sociologically," remarks street artist Shepard Fairey, a/k/a Space Invader, who could be talking about the film itself, "it's a fascinating thing to observe." Artistically, aesthetically, it's a confounding thing. ■

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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; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20; PLAZA BONITA 14)

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.

★★ (PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Back-Up Plan — Reviewed this issue. With Jennifer Lopez, Alex O'Loughlin, Anthony Anderson, and Linda Lavin; directed by Alan Poul.

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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.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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 graphichness you mightn't hear on LMN ("I could feel he was excited through his pants," "I put my tits in his face"), and Julianne Moore, as the midlife gynecologist who lives in a luxurious red box with musicologist Liam Neeson, gives you more acting per second than you get from Judith Light or Joanna Kerns, and the expanses of flesh (not just the always game Moore, but also the uninitiated Amanda Seyfried as the escort) are decidedly "R"-rated, though these are matters of degree, not substance. The odor of cheesiness, both the main attraction and the main 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 Intentions* 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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

City Island — Amiable domestic comedy about a nuclear blue-collar family in which everyone's got a secret, and one's got several. Writer and director Raymond De Felitta orchestrates some lively passages of household discord, and he has set the action in a flavorful locale, a New England-y "fishing village" in the middle of the Bronx, where lifelong residents go by the name of "clam-diggers" and outside transplants go by "mussel-suckers." The farcical finale is a

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bit uncomplicated in its resolution. Any viewer willing to entertain the rampant deception in the film ought to be willing to entertain a bit more mess at the end of it. Andy Garcia, Julianna Margulies, Steven Strait, Emily Mortimer, Alan Arkin. 2010. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Clash of the Titans — Any remake would have been hard put to be worse than the laughable original of 1981, and the latest CGI technology, with or without the augmentative 3-D (added as an after-thought in the laboratory), oughtn't to have had too impossible a job of improving upon the herky-jerky stop-motion monsters of Ray Harryhausen: the Pegasus, the Medusa, the Kraken, and the rest. But the jiggly camera and the muddy color establish themselves as fundamental no-no's for an appreciation of the receding planes of 3-D, and Louis Leterrier's sloppy staging of the action — not so much action, really, as mere motion — would be unfollowable even if your eyes were able to focus. Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes, Gemma Arterton, Mads Mikkelsen. 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 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 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. ★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Date Night — A hedged bet, marital comedy *cum* action thriller, with a "boring" New Jersey couple enlivening their stale marriage by getting themselves mistaken for high-stakes blackmailers. Tina Fey will never in her lifetime use up the eternal gratitude she earned for her role in the 2008 presidential campaign (the *faux* Palin), and her intelligence intermittently peeks through the constant crassness, if only by stark contrast. Steve Carell, not so smartly, armors himself in protective irony, sort of like Jack Lemmon in quotation marks when we want Jack Lemmon straight. He never for an instant lets us feel that after the adventure is over, he'll be obliged to return to suburbia. A parade of familiar faces, amounting almost to a "stellar" cast, substitutes to some extent for the dearth of laughs: Mark Wahlberg, Mark Ruffalo, Kristen Wiig, Taraji P. Henson, Ray Liotta, William Ficht-

ner, James Franco, Mila Kunis, and, as himself, Will.i.am. Directed by Shawn Levy. 2010.

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Death at a Funeral — The American remake, a scant three years after the British version, is tantamount to a summer-stock production in Cleveland, a black comedy made over into a black comedy, or more distinctly a dark comedy made over into an African-American comedy. Beyond the casting of Chris Rock, Martin Lawrence, Tracy Morgan, Regina Hall, Zoë Saldaña, Loretta Devine, Danny Glover, et al., it has been only sporadically African-Americanized in the script ("The catfish nuggets are to die for"), and it has been plain old Americanized mainly in the grossness of the toilet humor. Who could ever have foreseen that director Neil LaBute, the contemporary cinema's iciest misanthrope, would stoop to poop jokes to bring down the house? Among the few white faces in the crowd, dinky Peter Dinklage reprises with total authority his role from the original, sort of like a Broadway headliner re-upping for the road company, and James Marsden intrepidly negotiates the bumps and curves of a bad acid trip. 2010. ★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Eclipse — Irish ghost story, slow, quiet, tasteful to a fault, easy to overrate for its avoidances. It deserves credit, even so, for regarding ghosts as a part of life instead of as part of a mere genre. The photos on the kitchen wall and in the bedroom efficiently fill in the background — the cancerous mother departed from a family of

four — and the shadowy phantom that visits in the middle of the night earns an early shiver. Even the living are treated throughout to a lot of half-light and silhouettes, as if their place on earth is tenuous at best, their separation from the other side only slight. The dramatic situation, an unformed romantic triangle at the annual Cobh Literary Festival, is sufficiently interesting not to have needed the couple of cornier ghostly apparitions (blessedly brief) meant to remove you from your socks. And yet, something more, something else, seems to have been needed, something subtler, something frequenter. A drunken fistfight, just to preserve the Irish good name, brings the personal relations to a realistically messy climax, and tastefulness reasserts itself for a final ghostly apparition, a final shiver. With Ciarán Hinds, Iben Hjejle, and Aidan Quinn; directed by Conor McPherson. 2009.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/29; KEN, FROM 4/30)

Exit through the Gift Shop — Reviewed this issue. With Thierry Guetta, Shepard Fairey, and Banksy; directed by Banksy. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/30)

Furry Vengeance — Woodland critters revolt against a real-estate development, with Brendan Fraser, directed by Roger Kumble. (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; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 4/30)

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. ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST CINEMAS)


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 revela-

tions 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,

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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, ditzzy, disraggy appeal. With Rhys Ifans and Jennifer Jason Leigh (Baumbach’s wife, who co-wrote the story with him). 2010.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 sloppy 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN; 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; 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 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; 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-scientific 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.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Joneses — Consumerist satire wherein the ideal family of four is really an assembled sales team — a “unit” — planted in an affluent community to arouse envy and rivalry in their neighbors. Details of the operation are sketchy at best, but it works well enough as a metaphor. The satire goes soft at the end, though, and in fact begins to signal the melting a long way short of the end. Demi Moore, molded, sanded, polished, and varnished to mannequin perfection, has found here a role in which her inhumanity is not, until the softening, a drawback. David Duchovny, with that trademark quizzical look of trying to identify the flavor of ice cream in his mouth, is



The Back-Up Plan — Lopez stands out as a pearl among pebbles.

the chief signaller, the chief bean-spiller, of the coming thaw. With Amber Heard, Ben Hollingsworth, Gary Cole, and Glenn Headly; written and directed by Derrick Borte. 2010.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Kick-Ass — Alias *Smart-Ass*, a black comedy marking another advance in the decadence and self-consciousness of superhero mythologies. The central premise of a teenage comic-book geek (Aaron Johnson) donning a green wet suit with ropy yellow trim to act out his crime-fighting fantasies prosaically dubbing himself Kick-Ass for the purpose, is not as original as the script makes believe — “How come nobody’s ever tried to be a superhero?” — although the current generation of fanboys (were they known as fanboys before the current generation?) could not be expected to remember a thing like *Nunzio*, dated 1978. (Things like *Blankman* and *Unbreakable* are not so dust-covered.) Such a premise cannot stay for long in touch with “reality,” and soon the teen sex comedy — “My only superpower was being invisible to girls” — crosses paths with a *Death Wish* revenge story, and a “real” superhero surfaces: Big Daddy in a Batsuit knockoff (Nicolas Cage) and his bred-from-the-cradle prepubescent sidekick, the raccoon-masked, purple-haired Hit Girl (Chloe Grace Moretz, who steals the show from her elders), together pressing a private vendetta against a Manhattan druglord (the tritely cast Mark Strong). You might say that the film deconstructs and then reconstructs the superhero fantasy, or anyway you might say it if those words are in your vocabulary. And if truly gory and nasty and ugly violence does not drag down or perhaps even boosts up your high spirits (consider Tarantino a test case), you are fairly well guaranteed to get at least a little kick out of it. Directed by Matthew Vaughn.

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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;
SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Last Song — Miley Cyrus gets to shed her Hannah Montana alter ego for an insipid summer romance, thick with pop songs and montages, from the sparkless pen of Nicholas Sparks. The central character, a one-time piano prodigy accepted into Juilliard on past performance, though she has n't touched a keyboard in years, goes griping to Georgia, together with her little brother, to read Tolstoy, to save turtles, and principally to reconnect with her estranged father before (spoiler alert) his surrender to cancer, and, in a meet-cute, she literally bumps into a blond beach volleyballer, spilling her milkshake down her front, who turns out (spoiler alert) to be a plantation-bred blueblood. Along the way, she sulks, she sasses, she flounces off in countless huffs, she cries, she laughs, she kisses, she sings along to the car radio, she tries on girly dresses for a wedding at which we never meet either the bride or the groom, and she plays a piano solo at her father's funeral so stirringly as to summon up an invisible orchestra in accompaniment. Altogether, she proves herself a perfectly adequate actress for a piece of dreck. As an example for the girls of America, her level, declarative, strong, sour speaking voice is surely preferable to the generational epidemic of wee, high, squeaky, helium-filled voices. Her hunched shoulders, giving her body the appearance of hanging on a coat hook, are another matter. With Liam Hemsworth, Greg Kinnear, Bobby Coleman, and Kelly Preston; directed by Julie Anne Robinson. 2010.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Losers — Action film with Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Zoë Saldana, Chris Evans, and Idris Elba, directed by Sylvain White. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Malice in Wonderland — Simon Fellows's retelling of the Lewis Carroll children's classic, updated (albeit little more distorted than Tim Burton's) in a depopulated urban underground in North East England, with a funhouse atmosphere of tilted cameras and electric Expressionistic color. It is often good to look at, not least for the comely Maggie Grace as an amnesiac adult Alice, but the forced fidelity to the original text — to the Mad Hatter, to Tweedledum and Tweedledee, to the Cheshire Cat, to the (now male) Queen of Hearts — becomes a ball-and-chain. With Danny Dyer, Matt King, Nathaniel Parker. 2009.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Mid-August Lunch — Italian comedy written and directed by Gianni Di Gregorio, who also stars as a middle-aged man living with his mother.
(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 4/30)

La Mission — A Bratt Family project, set in their native Mission District in San Francisco, written and directed by Peter Bratt and starring his better-known brother Benjamin as a recovering alcoholic ex-con, a leisure-time lowrider and full-time macho man, unable to accept that his straight-A son isn't straight: "From now on, you're fucking dead to me." A forceful performance despite the stereotypical, predictable, exasperating nature of the character, and despite the teacherly, preacherly dramatization. With Jeremy Ray Valdez, Erika Alexander, and, the star's wife, Talisa Soto Bratt. 2010.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 4/30)

A Nightmare on Elm Street — Back to square one with a new Freddy Krueger (Jackie Earle Haley), directed by Samuel Bayer.

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Oceans — The *Winged Migration* team, Jacques Perrin and Jacques Cluzaud, take their clear-eyed cameras out of the air and into the water, carrying on in the wake of another Jacques — Cousteau — to build a big-screen aquarium, phantasmagoric in effect, and maybe sometimes stupefying. A fair amount of fish-eat-fish and bird-eat-fish, to say nothing of man-eat-fish, churns up an undercurrent of grimness. 2009.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Perfect Game — Fact-based inspirationalism appalling and amusing in ineptitude: a scrappy upstart Little League team from Monterrey, Mexico, blazes a trail across the U.S. to the 1957 World Series in Williamsport, evidently without ever having played a prior game, and without encountering en route a single intelligible and suspenseful baseball situation. The ignorance of the sport is tipped off early: "I tipped it," protests a batter after a swinging third

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strike, even though the catcher cleanly catches the ball. With Clifton Collins, Jr., Cheech Marin, Jake T. Austin, Jansen Panetiere, and Emilie de Ravin; directed by William Dear. 2010.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Runaways — The story of the eponymous all-girl rock band assembles some backstage clichés to facilitate the continued growth, right before our eyes, of Kristen Stewart and Dakota Fanning, as guitarist Joan Jett and vocalist Cherie Currie respectively. “This isn’t about women’s lib,” announces their mid-Seventies Sven-gali. “This is about women’s libido.” (Tiredest cliché, twice used, is the dreaming of dreams beneath the Hollywood sign.) You might expect a degree of candor in a movie that starts out with a splash of menstrual blood (Fanning) on the pavement outside the Pup ’n’ Fries, or that permits revenge to be taken on a chauvinist-piggy

rock star by peeing (Stewart) on his guitar. And yet, in first-time filmmaker Floria Sigismondi’s screenplay, we hardly get to know these people beyond Currie’s curious tolerance for the sappy “Starry Starry Night” of Don McLean. Was that Sapphic kiss just a kiss? Was there ever a sequel to it? Or is it simply another growth spurt for Stewart and Fanning? In the void, the movie emerges as scarcely more than costume-party dress-up. (Theme: the Me Decade.) The two leads unquestionably look their parts — the jet-black Jett with her Kabuki hair and the jail-bait Currie, “a little Bowie, a little Bardot,” and, we might add, a little Lolita — but their natural modes, Stewart’s tortured introversion and Fanning’s fawnlike timidity, are a lot to overcome in the roles of barrier-smashing rockers, and they neither of them overcome it. 2010.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HILLCREST CINE-MAS)

The Secret in Their Eyes — From Argentina, an old-fashioned slick manipulative commercial entertainment that took home the Oscar for foreign film. Firm-footed, smooth-surfaced, it centers on a retired public prosecutor struggling to write a novel on a nagging twenty-year-old case, the rape and murder of a newlywed school-teacher. Generating suspense partly through its coyness as to the outcome of that case, the film shuttles between two time zones, then and now, plainly signalling the period

by way of the relative blackness or grayness of the beard and hair of the leading man, Ricardo Darín, a masterly underplayer, a shrewd economizer, a dignified sublimator, once you get past his constant look of acid indigestion. In addition to Darín’s tormented hero, the film is filled with well-drawn characters: his alluring but seemingly unattainable new boss (Soledad Villamil), still at work — now a judge — and still alluring twenty-odd years after the murder case; his erratic alcoholic colleague; the sarcastic tyrannical department head; the self-aggrandizing policeman; the obsessed husband of the victim; and, when at length he turns up, the hateful perpetrator. The sturdy storyline braids together a number of complementary strands — the unravelling of a mystery, for starters, with flashes of psychological and philosophical insight worthy of Simenon; political corruption (but of course) and abuse of power; unrequited love; the regrets of advanced age — en route to a satisfying if unsurprising surprise ending. Directed by Juan José Campanella. 2009.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Shinjuku Incident — Jackie Chan returns to the Hong Kong action cinema, directed by Derek Yee.

(GASLAMP 15, FROM 4/30)

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Square — Reviewed this issue. With David Roberts, Claire van der Boom, Joel Edgerton, and Lisa Bailey; directed by Nash Edgerton.

★★★★ (KEN)

That Evening Sun — Glacial rural drama of a property-rights dispute in present-day Tennessee: an ornery old cuss escapes the rest home to occupy the sharecropper’s cabin on his rented farm, at daggers with the lawful residents. Hal Holbrook, steering just wide of a Jimmy Stewart impression, plays the protagonist with a crust under his crust, and he gets the lion’s share of the piquant dialogue. With Raymond McKinnon, Carrie Preston, Mia Wasikowska, Walton Goggins, Barry Corbin, and (nonspeaking) Dixie Carter, Holbrook’s off-screen wife as his on-screen wife; written and directed by Scott Teems. 2010.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 4/29)

Showtimes subject to change.
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CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. 7:00, 9:30 Sun. 7:00p.m.; **The Back-Up Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:25 Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:55; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:20, 3:35) 5:35, 7:50, 10:00 Sun. (1:120, 1:20, 3:35) 5:35, 7:50; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:00, 3:10) 5:25, 7:45, 9:55 Sun. (10:55, 1:00, 3:10) 5:25, 7:45; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:10, 3:15) 5:20, 7:35, 9:45 Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:15) 5:20, 7:35; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:20) 4:50, 7:40, 10:20 Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 4:50, 7:40; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 12:55, 3:20) 5:30, 8:05, 10:25 Sun. (10:45, 12:55, 3:20) 5:30, 8:05; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 2:00) 4:15, 7:05, 9:25 Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 4:15, 7:05; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 1:55) 4:25, 7:15, 9:50 Sun. (11:40, 1:55) 4:25, 7:15; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:40) 4:05; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:25, 3:40) 6:00, 8:15; **The Runaways** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:20, 9:40 Sun. 7:20p.m.

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)

The Back-Up Plan (PG-13); **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13); **Date Night** (PG-13); **Death at a Funeral** (R); **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG); **Furry Vengeance** (PG); **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R); **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG); **Kick-Ass** (R); **The Losers** (PG-13); **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R); **Oceans** (G)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)

The Back-Up Plan (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 11:45, 1:00, 2:10, 3:25) 4:40, 5:45, 7:00, 8:05,

9:25, 10:25; **Chloe** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:10, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; **Crazy Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:55, 7:10, 10:00; **Death at a Funeral** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:05, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:50; **Greenberg** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:40; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (11:10, 1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:10, 10:25; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 7:05; **Jackie Chan in Shinjuku Incident** (San suk si gin) (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 4:50, 7:35, 10:15; **The Last Song** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:50, 10:20; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 12:15, 1:20, 2:45, 3:35) 5:05, 6:05, 7:25, 8:20, 9:45, 10:35 Sun. (11:05, 12:15, 1:20, 2:45, 3:35) 5:05, 6:05, 7:25, 8:20, 9:45; **Malice in Wonderland** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 4:30, 10:00; **Shutter Island** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55) 4:05, 7:05, 10:00; **Terribly Happy** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:10, 3:30) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:35, 7:20, 9:55

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (1:30, 4:05) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:05, 7:00, 9:30; **The Bounty Hunter** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:25) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:25, 7:20, 9:55; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri. (2:05, 4:50) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (2:05) 4:50, 7:35, 10:05; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 4:20) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:20, 7:05, 9:35; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 1:45, 3:25, 4:05, 5:35) 7:00, 7:50, 9:25, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:15, 1:45, 3:25) 4:05, 5:35, 7:00, 7:50, 9:25, 10:15; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri. (1:55, 4:40) 7:30, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 4:40, 7:30, 9:45; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (1:20, 4:10) 7:10, 9:40 Sat. (1:20) 4:10, 7:10, 9:40 Sun. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; **The Joneses** (R) Fri. (4:35) 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 4:35, 9:45; **Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D** (Not Rated) Sun. 2:00p.m.; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri. (1:10, 1:40, 4:15, 4:45) 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20 Sat. (1:10) 4:15, 7:10, 9:50 Sun. (1:10, 1:40) 4:15, 4:45, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20; **Mayweather vs. Mosley Fight LIVE** (Not Rated) Sat. 6:00p.m.; **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) Fri. (1:00, 2:00, 3:15, 4:50, 5:30) 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 2:00, 3:15) 4:50, 5:30, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00; **The Perfect Game** (PG) Fri. (1:25, 4:30) 7:25, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:30, 7:25, 10:10; **Repo Men** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 7:15; **The Metropolitan Opera: Armida** (Not Rated) Sat. 10:00p.m.

KENSINGTON

Ken

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The Square (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (4:45), 9:30; Sat. & Sun.: (4:45), 9:30; **The Eclipse** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: 7:15; Sat. & Sun.: (2:30), 7:15; **The Room** (R) Sat.: 12:00 midnight

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

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Mayweather vs. Mosley Fight LIVE (Not Rated) Sat. 6:00p.m.; **Oceans** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 12:45, 2:55, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; **The Metropolitan Opera: Armida** (Not Rated) Sat. 10:00a.m.

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

The Secret in Their Eyes (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:20, 4:10), 7:00, 9:50; Sat. & Sun.: (10:30), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **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; **City Island** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:40, 4:20), 7:10, 9:40, No 7:10 pm show Mon., 05/03/10, No 7:10 pm show Thu., 05/06/10; Sat. & Sun.: (10:50), 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40; **Mid-August Lunch** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:30, 4:30), 7:20, 9:30; Sat. & Sun.: (11:00), 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)

Call theater for program information.

MISSION HILLS

Cinema under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)

Call theater for program information.

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)

The Back-Up Plan (PG-13); **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13); **Date Night** (PG-13); **Death at a Funeral** (R); **Furry Vengeance** (PG); **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R); **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG); **Kick-Ass** (R); **The Last Song** (PG); **The Losers** (PG-13); **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R); **Oceans** (G); **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Furry Vengeance (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Wed.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30; **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (2010) (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:30; **Phish 3D** (NR) Fri. & Sat.: 10:00 pm; Mon.: 7:00 pm; Tue.: 8:00 pm; Wed: 7:00 pm; **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. & Mon.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15; Tue.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:30; Wed.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15; **Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D** (NR) Sun.: 2:00 pm; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00; Sun.: (11:15), 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Wed.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:15; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Wed.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:30), 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Wed.: (12:00, 2:30), 5:00, 7:45; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)

Alice in Wonderland; **The Back-Up Plan**; **Clash of the Titans**; **Date Night**; **Death at a Funeral**; **Furry Vengeance**; **Hot Tub Time Machine**; **How to Train Your Dragon**; **Kick-Ass**; **The Losers**; **A Nightmare on Elm Street**; **Oceans**; **Why Did I Get Married Too?**

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

Exit through the Gift Shop (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (2:10, 4:45), 7:30, 10:15; Sat. & Sun.: (11:15), 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **La Mission** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:30), 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Sat. & Sun.: (10:45), 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; **City Island** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:40, 4:20), 7:20, 10:00; Sat. & Sun.: (11:00), 1:40, 4:20,

7:20, 10:00; **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:50, 5:00), 8:20 ; Sat. & Sun.: (10:35), 1:50, 5:00, 8:20; **The Runaways** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (4:35), 9:55; Sat. & Sun.: (10:55), 4:35, 9:55; **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (2:00), 7:10; Sat. & Sun.: (2:00), 7:10

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Dolphins** (Giant Screen Format) (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00; **Hubble** (G) Fri. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **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)

Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)

The Back-Up Plan (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05) 4:50; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00, 10:05; **Death at a Funeral** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 1:55) 4:10, 6:20, 8:30, 10:40 Sun. (11:40) 4:10, 6:20, 8:30, 10:40; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:45; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:10) 4:30, 7:00, 9:20 Sun. (11:45) 4:30, 7:00, 9:20; **Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. Sun. (2:00p.m.); **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:05, 7:45, 10:20; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:25; **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 2:35, 3:45) 6:00, 7:15, 8:20, 9:35, 10:35; **Oceans** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:10, 3:10) 5:10, 7:10, 9:10

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
The Back-Up Plan (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 1:05, 3:10, 3:35) 6:40, 7:15, 9:40, 10:15; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:05) 6:45, 9:30; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:50) 7:30, 10:20 Sat. (1:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:20 Sun. 4:50, 7:30, 10:20; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:45, 10:05; **Death at a Funeral** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 6:35, 9:35; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:30, 4:55) 7:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:45, 7:10, 9:45; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:25p.m.; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; **Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D** (Not Rated) Sun. 2:00p.m.; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri. (12:55, 5:05) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 5:05, 7:55, 10:40; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 6:50, 9:25; **La Mission** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:30) 7:00, 9:55; **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) Fri. (12:00, 12:40, 2:35, 3:20, 5:10) 7:20, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:40, 2:35, 3:20) 5:10, 7:20, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Oceans** (G) Fri. (12:50, 3:00, 5:20) 7:35, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:00) 5:20, 7:35, 9:50

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Hot Tub Time Machine (R); **Kick-Ass** (R); **The Losers** (PG-13); **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



Furry Vengeance (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.: (11:30, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Wed.: 4:15, 7:00; **A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.: (11:00, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30; Mon.-Wed.: 6:15, 8:30; **Phish 3D** (NR) Fri. & Sat.: 10:00 pm; Mon.: 7:00 pm; Tue.: 8:00 pm; Wed.: 7:00 pm; **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Wed.: 5:15, 7:45; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Wed.: 4:30, 7:15; **Death at a Funeral** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Wed.: (12:00, 2:15), 5:00, 7:30; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45), (3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Wed.: 5:45, 8:15; **Date Night** (PG-13) 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.-Wed.: 6:00, 8:15; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Wed.: 5:30, 8:00; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:15; Mon.-Wed.: 4:45 pm; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Wed.: 5:15, 7:45; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
The Back-Up Plan; **Clash of the Titans**; **Date Night**; **Death at a Funeral**; **Furry Vengeance**; **How to Train Your Dragon**; **Kick-Ass**; **The Losers**; **A Nightmare on Elm Street**

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denmery Road (888-262-4386)
Avatar; **The Back-Up Plan**; **Clash of the Titans**; **Date Night**; **Death at a Funeral**; **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**; **Furry Vengeance**; **Hot Tub Time Machine**; **How to Train Your Dragon**; **Kick-Ass**; **The Last Song**; **The Losers**; **La Mission**; **A Nightmare on Elm Street**; **Oceans**

Rancho Del Rey 16

1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street)
(619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
The Bounty Hunter (PG-13) Fri. 8:00p.m.; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri. 9:50p.m.; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. 9:50p.m.; **Death at a Funeral** (R) Fri. 9:45p.m.; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. 8:00p.m.; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri. 8:00p.m.

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
Alice in Wonderland (PG); **Avatar** (PG-13); **The Back-Up Plan** (PG-13); **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13); **Date Night** (PG-13); **Death at a Funeral** (R); **Furry Vengeance** (PG); **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG); **Kick-Ass** (R); **The Last Song** (PG); **The Losers** (PG-13); **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R); **Oceans** (G); **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated)

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

River Village 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



Furry Vengeance (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.-Wed.: (3:30), 5:45, 8:00; **A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.: 12:15, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15; Mon.-Wed.: 5:30, 8:15; **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.: (11:30 , 2:00), 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Wed.: 4:30, 7:15; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:30), 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun: (12:00, 2:30), 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Wed.: 5:00, 7:45; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.: (12:45, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Wed.: (3:00), 5:15, 7:30; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Wed.: 4:15, 7:00; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



Furry Vengeance (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:30, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00; Wed.: (10:00, 11:30, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00; **A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30; **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Wed.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:30, 7:15; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:15), 4:45, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Wed.: (11:45, 2:15), 4:45, 7:15; **Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D** (NR) Sun.: 2:00 pm; **Death at a Funeral** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Wed.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Wed.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Wed.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:30), 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Wed.: (11:30), 5:00, 7:30; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30, 4:00), 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Wed.: (11:00, 1:30, 4:00), 7:00; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. (1:40, 4:25) 7:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:25, 7:15, 10:00; **The Back-Up Plan** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45,

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VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:05, 4:40) 7:25, 10:00 Sun. (11:20, 4:40) 7:25, 10:00; **The Back-Up Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 12:10, 2:00, 2:40, 4:35, 5:15) 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:30, 9:50; **Death at a Funeral** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:05, 5:25) 7:40, 10:05; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25, 4:45) 7:05, 9:20; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D** (Not Rated) Sun. (2:00p.m.); **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:05, 4:55) 7:45, 10:30; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00, 4:50, 5:30) 7:20, 8:00, 9:45, 10:25; **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 12:00, 12:40, 1:20, 2:25, 3:05, 3:45, 4:50, 5:30) 6:10, 7:15, 7:55, 8:35, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00 Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 12:40, 1:20, 2:25, 3:05, 3:45, 4:50, 5:30) 6:10, 7:15, 7:55, 8:35, 9:40, 10:20; **Oceans** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Call theater for program information.

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



Furry Vengeance (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Wed.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:00; **A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (11:15, 1:30, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri.: (10:15, 12:30, 2:45), 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; Sat.: (12:30, 2:45), 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.: (12:30, 2:45), 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Wed.: (10:15, 12:30, 2:45), 5:00, 7:45; **Oceans** (G) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Wed.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30; **Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D** (NR); Sun.-Wed.: 2:00 pm; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:45,

3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:45, 1:30), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Wed.: (10:45), 4:30, 7:15; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:30, 1:00, 3:15), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Wed.: (10:30, 1:00, 3:15), 5:30, 8:00; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



The Back-up Plan (PG-13) 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; **La Mission** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30; **City**

Island (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 Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (NR) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 1:00, 4:00), 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 1:00, 4:00), 7:00

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri. 6:20, 8:45 Sat.-Sun. (4:00) 6:20, 8:45



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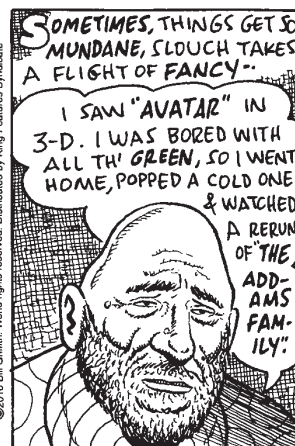
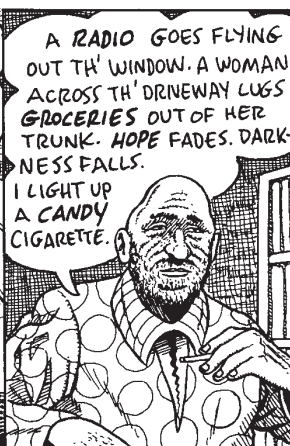
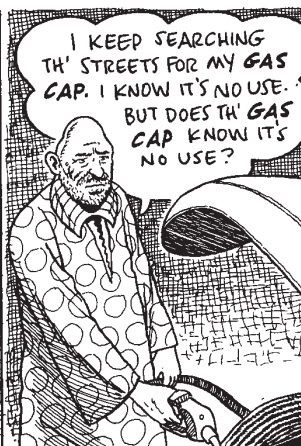
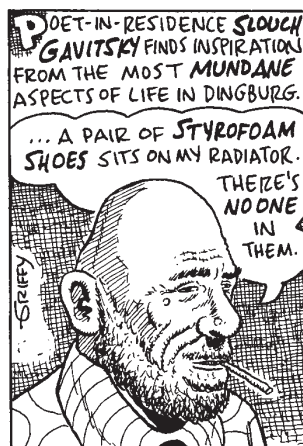
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3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
4) Entries must be faxed to 619-231-0489 or 619-233-7907 or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, 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.
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1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
2) Late entries will not be considered.
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

- 1. AARP concern
- 7. Wood-shaping tool
- 11. Mom-and-pop org.
- 14. Company that developed NutraSweet
- 15. Top exec.
- 16. Internet access co.
- 17. Classic Dr. Seuss book
- 20. Patty Hearst kidnap grp.

- 21. "I'll take that bet!"
- 22. All things considered
- 27. Christmas ____
- 28. Voodoo charm
- 29. Common daisies
- 33. Cancel, as a NASA mission
- 35. One of the Palins
- 36. Letter after sigma
- 39. Zigs instead of zags, say
- 43. Suffix with chlor-
- 44. Pine (for)
- 45. Made some waves?
- 46. The only word in English that ends with the letters "mt," according to the OED
- 48. Lady of Spain
- 49. Easter ____
- 52. Erodes
- 55. Alike
- 59. He said "Learn from the masses, and then teach them"
- 60. "Soul Food" star
- 66. Antlered animal
- 67. Hatcher of "Desperate Housewives"
- 68. Things absorbed by the ozone layer, for short
- 69. Foxlike
- 70. SensiClear target
- 71. It has its ups and downs ... or a two-word direction in reference to 17-, 22-, 39-, 52- and 60-Across

Down

- 1. Volcanic residue
- 2. Prefix with thermal
- 3. Musical gift
- 4. First subway line in NYC
- 5. Spill over
- 6. ____ Park, Calif.

- 7. Subject for Jane Goodall
- 8. Heavy cart
- 9. Nothing
- 10. "Mi casa ____ casa"
- 11. Cat, at times
- 12. A hard row ____
- 13. One way to go it
- 18. Overhead light?
- 19. They may be liberal
- 22. Vintage violin
- 23. 1984 Paul McCartney hit
- 24. "Can't you take ____!"
- 25. Sported
- 26. Radical
- 30. Suffix with ranch
- 31. Feminine side
- 32. French Toaster Sticks maker
- 34. Peter I, II or III
- 36. "Presumed Innocent" novelist
- 37. Boxing venue
- 38. It's observed on Oct. 24
- 40. King beater
- 41. "How's dat?"
- 42. Cry of accomplishment
- 46. TV actor Dick Van ____
- 47. "Prior Bad Acts" author Hoag
- 49. Is nuts about
- 50. "____ else fails ..."
- 51. Like Lincoln, in physique
- 53. Anklebone
- 54. Do, as a crossword puzzle
- 56. Suffix with fashion
- 57. Tiny part of a min.
- 58. "Shucks!"
- 61. Michelle of the LPGA
- 62. Rage
- 63. Penlight batteries
- 64. Grammy winner for "Lady Marmalade"
- 65. NNE's opposite

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☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 2.
We need a hockey team.
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 2. *I thought that the Lone Ranger said Hi-Ho Silver?*
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 2. *Feliz Cinco de Maya. Happy birthday, Jo!*
Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 2.
Never too late.
Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 2.
Padres on a renaissance!
Kaye Benton, San Diego, 2. *More people should read the fine print...*
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 2. *Please fix the sidewalks in the Kensington.*
Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 2. *Padres — looking better.*

A.T. Certik, Bonita, 2. *Alles Affenscheissel!*
Rick Chamblless, San Diego, 2.
How bout those Yankees!!
Leslie Chase, Campo, 2. *Me too.*
Jon Christianson, El Cajon, 2.
To Sal and Eric.
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 2.
Virtuous people have really bad memories.
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 2. *"Oh Baby, you're so talented"*
Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 2.
Seems it never rains in Southern California.
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 2.
"Betsy Cory, bird rescuer, my hero" - Cousin Bob

William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 2. *Read a truly great novel: "Matterhorn" by Karl Marlantes.*
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 2.
Hard work never hurt anyone... but why take the chance?
John L. Drehner, North Park, 2. *Elvis Presley's "You aren't anything but a beagle."*
☛ **Rich Dudka, Escondido, 2.**
Did I win a t-shirt?
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 2.
Pens rock!
George Elam, Vista, 2. *This home remodel is killing my retirement.*
Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 2. *April showers bring May flowers!*
Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 2. *"R" we ok?*
Marie Grace, College Area, 2.
Please go back to black shirts.

Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 2.
Go Twins!
Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 2.
Kevin Harvick, that was Brilliant!
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 2.
3 down is my initials.
George Jackson, Oceanside, 2. *For more green jobs: eat lettuce and lime Jello!*
Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 2.
Who voted for that clown?
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 2.
Hi Kent and Kacy!
Willie McGee, San Diego, 2.
Still on a roll!
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 2. *I love rock n' roll!*
Ron Meyer, Santee, 2. *Go Padres!!*
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 2.
Wake up! The future's slipping from our grasp...

Linda Morris, Encanto, 2. *Bob- I give bowling lessons-join already!*
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 2.
Happy days are here again!
Jim Odell, Vista, 2. *The greatest sucker rally in history? Could be.*
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 2. *Red shirt democracy*
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 2. *Botulism!*
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 2. *I thought I'd be famous by now!*
John Pertle, Santee, 2. *Jesus Christ is salvation to everyone that believes in him.*
John Pilch, San Carlos, 2.
Please support the LMPP. Visit Lakemurraypark.org
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 2. *I am in the orange of health.*
Don Romero, La Mesa, 2. *Thanks for letting me be a VIP Mei Ling!*

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 2. *Bring your pet to work today.*
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 2.
Dyslexics have lots of nuf.
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 2.
Bring on the beerfest and crush the Brewers!
Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 2. *Gracias ono y takata.*
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 2.
Daphne and Erik are getting married in four weeks. Yeah!
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 2.
beginning again.
David Tomasini, San Diego, 2.
Old McDonald had a cow...
☛ **Linda Tripp, Rancho Bernardo, 2.** *If the shoe fits, buy a pair in every color.*
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 2. *Only nine t-shirts awarded again last week.*

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Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 2. California needs to follow Arizona.
Norman Williams, San Diego, 2. What da fuss??
Garth Wise, Carlsbad, 2. Do cross words, prevent Alzheimer's!
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 2. Now Barack wants to tell me what to eat.
Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 2. I missed the annual Procrastinators Convention — How'd it go?

Johanna Barry, Pine Valley, 1. Happy 14th birthday Shannon.
Ellen Bourne, San Carlos, 1. Sick again! Oh! Well!
☛ Bruce Campbell, Portland, OR, 1. Nothing is simple, and everything is connected.
Eric Cash, Escondido, 1. Eavan knows how many ducks live in the bathtub.

☛ Wesley Chong, Encinitas, 1. To all those out there — Keep up hope!
☛ Kerry Cook, Bay Park, 1. Puzzles make my day!
Allen Edwards, Lakeside, 1. Air fares: charge per lb for passengers and all bags.
Joseph Gold, San Diego, 1. Obama is the best president we ever had!
Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 1. I love New York.
☛ Mike Kerouac, San Diego, 1. Hey, hey!!

☛ Sara Khwaja, Poway, 1. I love April showers.
Wayne Lund, Poway, 1. Let's all ululate at the full moon!
Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 1. Go Padres!!
Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 1. Whatev!!!
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 1. Term limits for US Congress.
Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 1. I'm famous in Larry's eyes! I also astound him daily!

☛ Dana Oliver, San Diego, 1. Dana cakes are the best.
☛ Henry Romero, San Diego, 1. San Diego street fairs are the best!
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 1. When choosing to be right or kind, always pick kind.
Chris Sorenson, Spring Valley, 1. Is it my imagination or are the puzzles getting easier?
Andree Stern, San Diego, 1. Love thy neighbor.

Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 1. I was robbed!
Ernest Verano, Downtown, 1. Power to the people.
Jennifer Vukinich, El Cajon, 1. Later
Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 1. Thanks, Obama? Real Che(e)tah!

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- 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.

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

EASY:

Don Bowman, Santee, 2. *What do Judy Garland in the "Wizard of Oz" and...*

Sebastian Certik, Bonita, 2. *Hi mom!*

Dr. Dave, Pt. Loma, 2. *Taytay, god bless you, and be with you Tuesday. Love...*

M. Elliott, Ranch Bernardo, 2. *Who invented sudoku?*

☛ **Ann Grudzinski, San Diego, 2.** *I did it again!*

Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 2. *Go Padres!*

Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 2. *I have nothing to say today.*

Lloyd Payne, Merlin, 2. *Nice try, see you next time.*

John Pertle, Santee, 2. *Jesus Christ paid for your sins. Believe and recieve forgiveness.*

D. Stewieg, Santee, 2. *Spring is here.*

Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 2. *Happy Secretaries week. Say "Thanks."*

Duane D. Tremaine, San Diego, 2. *On being lied about, don't deal in lies.*

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 2. *Enjoying the good scenery.*

Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 1. *Go Padres!*

Goldmember and R1Rabbit, San Diego, 1. *SDM ride soon, more info to come.*

Jorge A. Serrano, Linda Vista, 1. *Melis I love you. Te Amo.*

Todd Wilkins, San Diego, 1. *Not going out the door one can know the world.*

MEDIUM:

Linda Bible, El Cajon, 2. *Happy Birthday Rodger!*

Hans Butikofer, Mission Beach, 2. *Will try harder next week!*

☛ **Henry Chung, San Diego, 2.** *2010 is ... over.*

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 2. *Happy two year anniversary baby! I love you so much!*

Vicki Flora, Bonita, 2. *Hi Sebastian!*

Richard Markson, Indio, 2. *Love the desert in May!*

☛ **Teddy Moore, Santee, 2.** *Have a nice day!*

Rick Rotsch, Ocean Beach, 2. *Electric cars will beat Middle East oil!*

Steve Schorr, Encinitas, 2. *Is Ryan M...the new LT?*

Oldman-Grandpa Steve, Temecula, 2. *Gotta get out!*

Gotta get out! Gotta get out now!

William Stewieg, Vallejo, 2. *What happened?*

Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 1. *I'm thor... your thor?... well it...*

Ellen Bourne, San Diego, 1. *Sick again, oh, well.*

Elar Canani, Talmage, 1. *Be happy — smile :)*

Marcia Metzger, San Diego, 1. *Rain, rain go or stay.*

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 1. *I'm bummed the fax wouldn't go through last week.*

Vincent Sy, Chula Vista, 1. *It takes a big man to cry, and a bigger...*

HARD:

Wayne Ameele, Peñasquitos, 2. *Rocky is potty trained!*

A.T. Certik, Bonita, 2. *Alles Affenscheisse!*

Genevieve Coleman, San Diego, 2. *My money on Kobe and the Lakers sucka.*

Nel Cristobal, Chula Vista, 2. *A person is never too old to learn.*

Chris Dobrowolski, San Diego, 2. *... it includes; Geracio G., Ed L., Scott M. ...*

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 2. *Go Castle Park High #9 baseball.*

John Gaughen, North Park, 2. *Good luck om auditions: SD Civic Dance.*

☛ **Green Dave Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 2.** *Reader censored printable comments about Tea-Partiers two weeks. Weak.*

Esther Hays, La Mesa, 2. *It's raining, it's pouring, the old man is snoring.*

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 2. *Rise up, and fight- it may be our last chance.*

Skully, San Diego, 2. *Gotta get my hands in the build. Love you Kitten!!*

☛ **Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 2.** *Global warming is the earth with a fever!*

Marjie Souza, Ocean Beach, 2. *Where's the sunshine?*

George Elam, Vista, 1. *Padres pretenders or contenders?*

Henry Romero, San Diego, 1. *Let it rain!*

E. Salvador, Spring Valley, 1. *Derek, my advice to you. Be consistent!*

Rem Whilden, Carlsbad, 1. *This one was for Vancy the cat.*

EVIL:

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 2. *"Obama-care" was manure, allowing "tea party" to mature into party...*

Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 2. *Faith. Hope. Love.*

Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 2. *Finished sex-rehab. Still can't break 80!*

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 2. *I like my dogs better than I like most people.*

Jorge Castro, Alpine, 2. *I got sunshine on a rainy day.*

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 2. *I find it amusing that I was diagnosed with Anhedonia.*

Larry Clark, Clairemont, 2. *Love your Mother Earth. She's the only planet we have.*

Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 2. *Happy earth, happy people!*

Roger Doughman, San Diego, 2. *Psalms 136:1*

Michelle Dutra, Serra Mesa, 2. *Metrodance rocks!*

☛ **Matthew Evans, Encinitas, 2.** *May the...*

Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 2. *Happy birthday Dennis.*

Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 2. *This not evil.*

Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 2. *The bus makes my numbers jiggle!*

J. Gorman, UTC, 2. *I coulda been a contenda...*

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 2. *You are the best! Mom thank you.*

Butch Hays, La Mesa, 2. *Happy anniversary, Esther!!*

Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 2. *John 3:16!*

Christine Hennes, San Diego, 2. *One world is enough for all of us.*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 2. Happy 30th b-day Trish. Wel-come to adulthood.
Joan Hubert, Clairmont, 2. Number two!
Jim Hurley, San Diego, 2. Com-pletion brought sunshine, again.
Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 2. Please print
Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 2. Life is fleeting and long.
☛ **Raymond Land , Escondido, 2.** Jason! I expect you to make good decisions.
Roy E. Leeper, Chula Vista, 2. Happy birthday to Tim and Judy
Stuart Lester, Santee, 2. Happy 10th birthday to Alexander Brooks, I love you, Oompa.
Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 2. Lots of fun doing all four puzzles.
Bill Lingenfelder, Vista, 2. Little strikes fell great oaks.
Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 2. Venti...check! Sudoku... check! Hey, where's that bagel you promised?

Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 2. Come on Avalanche, pick it up!
Julio Magno, San Diego, 2. Happy birthday Jireh Advinula.
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 2. Does Mary Bently still play domi-noes? Please call.
Stephen Nobiensky, San Jacinto, 2. Happy anniversary Jito and Polly
☛ **Tom Norris, Santee, 2.** Love's like photos- they take a dark room to develop!
Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 2. Go Padres 1 hit, 1 run, 1 win.
Lee Overholser, San Diego, 2. Keep on truckin!
Charles Reader, Del Mar Heights, 2. Reader reads Reader
Conway Redding, La Mesa, 2. Did you reset the solved puzzle count to zero?
Roy Respress, Carlsbad, 2. A strange evil indeed, is it not, Spring!
Charles Rion, Allied Gardens, 2. VB rules.

David Schwartz, Clairemont, 2. Happy birthday mom!
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 2. Nice streak Padres, Adrian Gonza-lez for Mayor!
Marv Simcox, San Diego, 2. RIP Bill Peters PLHS '56
Art Spencer, Oceanside, 2. Done! Now I can do easy stuff- pull weeds, ect.
Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 2. Don,Âôt stop saving water!
Joi Taylor, Mission Valley, 2. Christian Taylor's team rock's.
Rob Welder, El Cajon, 2. Trying to hold on every day gets harder.
Susan Williams, North Park, 2. Happy birthday Andrew!
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 2. Pro 2nd amendment? Vote Jay Lasuer for Sheriff.
Mark Xitco, San Diego, 2. Wind, wind, what wind?
Stan Alexander, Ocean Beach, 1. There are other bars in O.B.
David Asbury, Vista, 1. How many cats a cat lady makes?
Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 1. Thank you Jeff Loeb

Bing, Little Italy, 1. Happy birthday Boo-boo and Shawnie Shawn.
Bill Black, La Jolla, 1. Bill is back. We return.
Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 1. I'm back.
Heather Bryce, Lemon Grove, 1. AKA H.B.
Tom Burgeson, Clairmont, 1. Happy birthday Mom!
Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 1. Still going.
Laura Cross, Linda Vista, 1. A crack in like, step over it.
Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 1. It's been few months and I never got my shirt...
Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 1. The sec has on the job ...
Lise Doucette, Gaslamp, 1. We have fun in San Diego.
Rich Dudka, Escondido, 1. First place Padres has a nice ring to it.
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 1. Evil un evil.
Robert Fraser, Williamstown, 1. For the woman I love-EF.

Teri Gharring, Rollando Park, 1. Yes, go Tea Party!
Alex Hernandez, San Diego, 1. For my sedhart daughters: Eduardita and Adnsita. With Love, Papi.
Lark Herrick, Alpine, 1. Woohoo! Back on top.
☛ **Geoff Hill, South Park, 1.** Now LT may finally get a Super-bowl ring!
Rodney Jones, San Carlos, 1. First time entry. That's right first try.
Paul Kaczorowski, Tallahassee, 1. I'd rather stay in S.D. than any-where.
Saad Kassab, Mission Hills, 1. Who is next?
Riza Lea Laraya, San Diego, 1. I need to move out of my parents house!!! Hahaha
Jessica H. Lopez, Allied Gardens, 1. From evil to easy in 60 seconds.
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 1. Term limits for US Congress!
Andy Ngo, Vista, 1. 30/4/1975 the day will live in infamy.
Jito Nobiensky, La Mesa, 1. Love you gramps.

Michael Panther, Point Loma, 1. The threatening phone calls have got to stop, Pete.
Kathy Pomodor, San Diego, 1. I love you Darryl.
Joe Selig, San Diego, 1. SF awaits 25 years together. Happy Anniversary baby!
Michael Shaw, Caldwell, 1. Here for a day; looking for a shirt.
Barbara Sibley, San Diego, 1. Life is beautiful.
Dave Small, San Carlos, 1. Count it.
Tess C. Sutton, San Diego, 1. Let it be!
Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 1. Time for change. Vote out Boxer, Reid, and Pelosi.
Andrew Tohm, La Jolla, 1. You keep spelling my...
David Tomasin, San Diego, 1. Only evil from now on.

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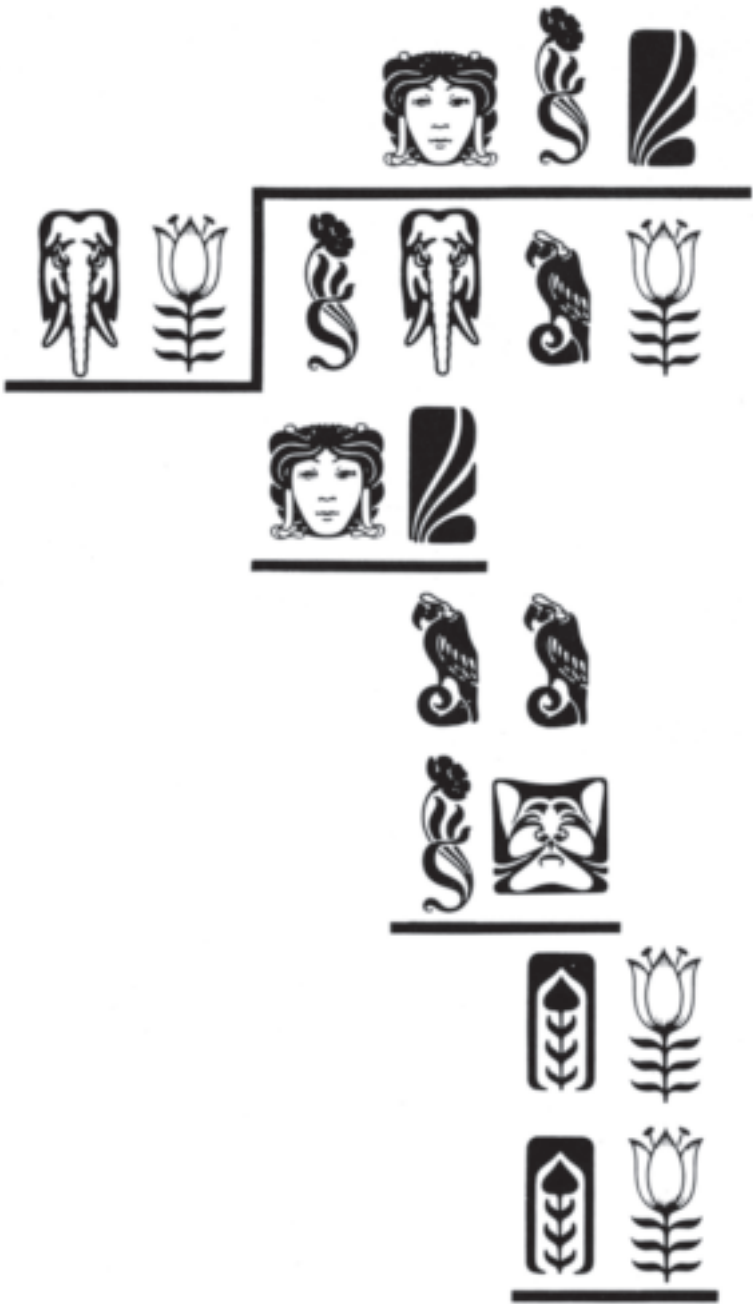
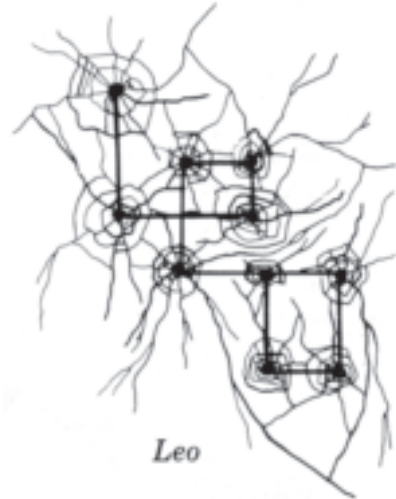
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- 1) Submit one completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when 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

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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.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner.

Ed Barno, San Diego, 2. Did Leo have a friend named Rex?

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 2. Relative: a person you don't want to lend money to.

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 2. Go Padres!

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 2. Not Uncle Leo! Another great puzzle! Thanks!

John Redmond, Santee, 2. The name is John.

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 2. A message!

Phyllis Talbot, Spring Valley, 2. Thanks for the shirt. Good luck everybody. God bless Chelsea.

Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 2. Signed original artwork by Gangster Leo, now on sale.

☛ **Mike Barry, Pine Valley, 1.** Happy 14th birthday Shannon!

Joe Arbusto, San Diego, 1.

Sarah Palin is "a-trail-en" by "mega fail-lens". Gotcha, ha ha!

Bob Bent, San Diego, 1. Leo is guilty.

☛ **Tom Burgeson, Clairemont, 1.** Bad hand-wrighting.

Michael Carchidi, Chula Vista, 1. Give me war or give me peace, I'm not fussy.

George Elam, Vista, 1. That's my cat's name!

Ann Gammon, Santa Clarita, 1. It's not hard when you give us the answer.

Riza Laraya, San Diego, 1.

It was obviously Leo who did it. He was on...

Jessica H. Lopez, San Diego, 1. I spread my dreams beneath your feet, so walk softly...

☛ **Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 1.** Hi Kacy and Kent!

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 1. Most all cars come with turn signals — use them!

Lance Nobiensky, La Mesa, 1. Gamers rule the world.

John Pertle, Santee, 1.

Don't worry about evildoers. Don't envy the wicked. Trust God.

☛ **Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 1.** Is it "Leo"? Not sure why it's 5 before 6.

Ted Scafidi, San Diego, 1. Drop the heater, Leo!

Craig Stein, El Cerrito, 1. Check it out — Papa's published! Love you Danielle and Natalie.

Duane D. Tremaine, San Diego, 1. Or, being hated, not give way to hating.

Dave Small, San Carlos, 1.

Leo did it!

Janette Tucker, Ocean Beach, 1. Need a pet sitter? Yelp the critter sitter!

Jim Wadman, North Park, 1. I love Sharon and she loves me!

☛ **Rem Whilden, Carlsbad, 1.** It was no 'Nardo da Vinci.

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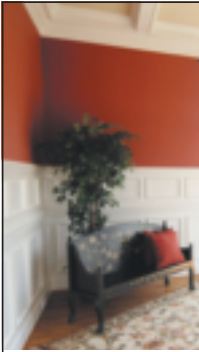
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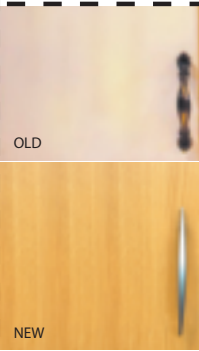


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All About Detox Seminar. Tuesday, May 4, 6:30-7:30pm. Detox, short for detoxification, is the removal of toxic substances from the body. Forms of complementary medicine that claim to remove such toxins from the body: include modification of diet, addition of herbs, and rituals such as colonic irrigation, juice fasting and sweat lodges. These methods claim to assist the body's natural detoxification process. Seminar will include samples. Topics covered: definition of a toxin; the body's natural detoxification system: metabolism and excretion of exogenous substances; effects and symptoms of conditions caused possibly by intoxication; different detoxification systems and the pros and cons of each. Physiological systems typically treated for detoxification: digestive system, urinary system, lymphatic system, circulatory system; herbal, dietary and lifestyle techniques for cleansing and detoxifying; benefits of cleansing and detoxification; dosing regimens involved with typical cleanses and detoxes; side effects and precautions associated with cleanses and detoxes. Admission \$25. 2040 India St., San Diego 92101. R. D. Alchemy Natural Products, Regina 619-825-6078.

World Laughter Day! Sunday, May 2, 1pm-3pm. 12th annual celebration dedicated to creating "World Peace through Laughter." Laughter Circle and free raffle. Marina Village Conference Center, Coral Room. 1936 Quivira Way, San Diego 92109. Free. More information and map online: www.laughinginsandiego.com, 619-255-4622.

Heal Your Body. Get Fit. Clear the Mind of Stress. Thursday, April 29, Tuesday, May 4. 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. For more information, call 619-884-2662, prakasheffulgence@yahoo.com.

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Breath for Hope Lung Cancer Walk. Sunday, May 2, 7:30am. This 5k walk benefiting the Lung Cancer Alliance starts in Cancer Survivors Park, connected to Spanish Landing Park. Registration 7:30am, walk 9am. Admission \$10-\$30. Spanish Landing Park, 4077 North Harbor Drive, San Diego 92101.

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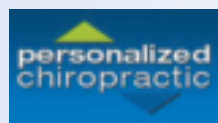
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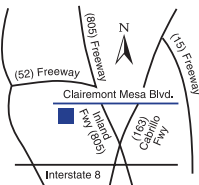
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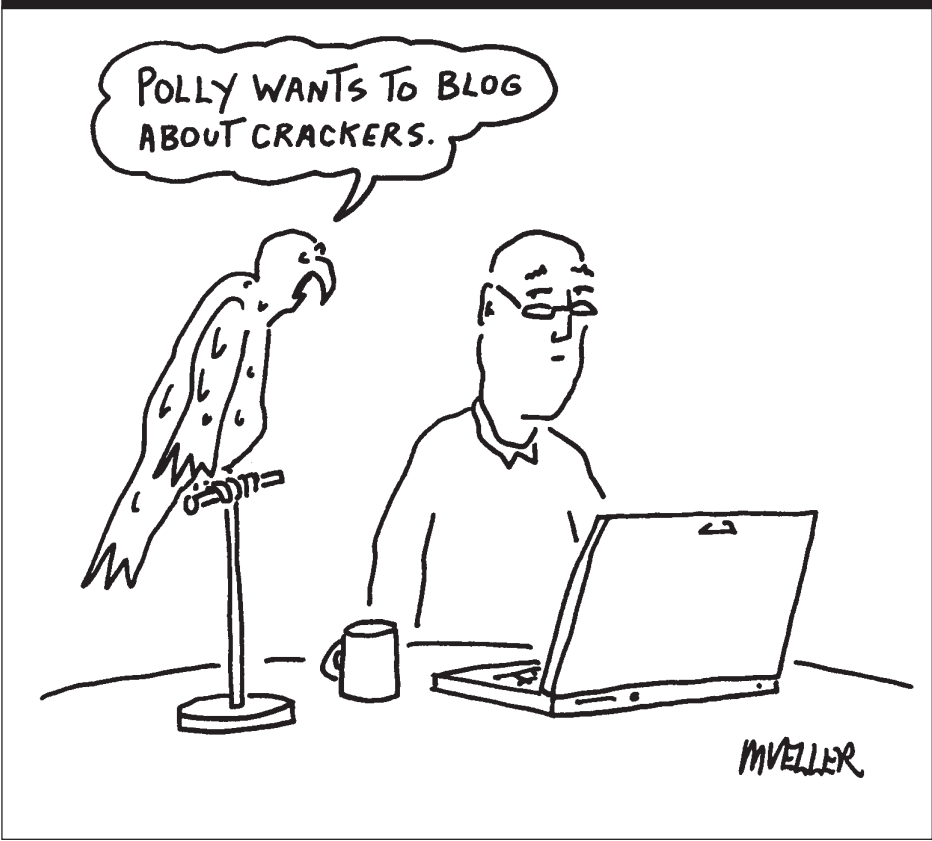
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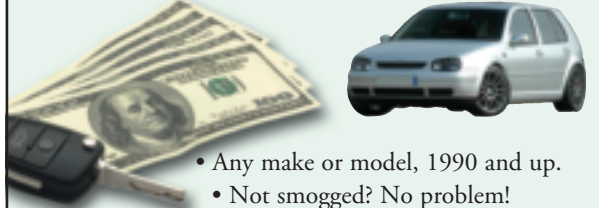
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LEAD STORY

— In February, the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners relicensed Scott Fredin, even though he is still registered as a sex offender following a 2003 conviction for fondling two female patients during “examinations.” Released from jail in 2006, he had reapplied to the board, which then found him “rehabilitated.” He agreed to several restrictions on his office practice, but the board declined to order him to disclose his crime to patients. (And in March, the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners finally expelled Dr. David Livingston, whom it had licensed in 1992 despite knowledge of his sex-crime-related expulsions in two states and his being labeled a “violent sex offender” by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.)

The Continuing Crisis

— Ralph Conone, 68, was arrested in Columbus, Ohio, in March after witnesses identified him as the man who several times had walked up behind young children, punched them on the head when their parents weren’t looking, and walked away as if nothing had happened. According to police, Conone confessed that he had

been punching children in public since January because he liked the “excitement” of getting away with something.

— Police who were called to a home in Charleroi, Pa., in February arrested Linda Newstrom, 49, for allegedly swinging a baseball bat at her 21-year-old son Jeffrey because he had come home drunk. (She whiffed on the first two swings but connected on the third.) Newstrom told police, “I brought him into this world, and I’ll take him out of this world.”

— Roberta Feinsmith, 67, who had been fired by the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, filed a wrongful-discharge lawsuit in February, claiming that, despite glowing job reviews for 12 years, she was terminated because of her age and because she complained to other workers about her recently hired supervisor’s “constant barrages of...flatulence.”

— In February, a one-armed man swiped a single cufflink from the CJ Vinten shop in Leigh-on-Sea, England, and in March, a one-legged man swiped a single Nike trainer shoe from a store in Barnsley, England. The one-armed man is still loose, but the one-legged man was arrested.

Yikes!

— A popular TV chef in Italy was fired in February after musing on the air about the historical popularity of gourmet cat meat. According to Beppe Bigazzi, 77, cat stew is best cooked after leaving the meat under running water for three days to tenderize it. “I’ve eaten it,” he said, “many times.” Bigazzi later explained that he was referring only to a tradition in Tuscany in the 1930s and 1940s and never intended to encourage eating cats today, but apparently his bosses could not endure the public outcry.

— China’s Yangcheng Evening News reported in March that a 6-year-old boy in Ha’erbin City, with 15 fingers and 16 toes, had surgery to get down to 10 and 10. (2) In March, Zhang Ruifang, 101, of Linlou Village in China’s Henan province, was reported to have a “rough patch” of skin on her forehead that had recently grown to a length of 2 1/2 inches in the shape of a horn. (However, dermatologists in the U.S. point out that the condition is not all that rare.) (3) In February, the parents of Deepak Kumar, 7, of Belhari in India’s Bihar state, sought financial help for surgery to remove the parasitic twin joined at the hip with

the now-eight-limbed boy. (His father told an Agence France-Presse reporter that he rejected suggestions that Deepak remain as is so that villagers could worship him as a deity.)

Bright Idea

— The city health office in London, Ontario, created an online sex-education game that officials hope will appeal to teenagers in that its messages are delivered by a cast of iconic superheroes. According to a February report by Canwest News Service, the players are Captain Condom (who wears a “cap”), Wonder Vag (a virgin girl), Power Pap (“sexually active”), and Willy the Kid; each fights the villain Sperminator, who wears a red wrestling mask and has phalluses for arms. The characters answer sex-knowledge questions and, with correct answers, obtain “protection,” but a wrong one gets the player squirted with sperm. At press time, the game was still accessible at www.GetItOnLondon.com/.

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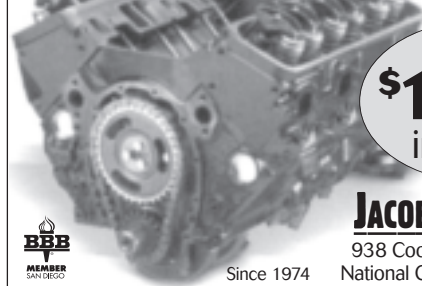
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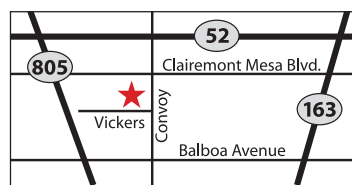
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Denomination: nondenominational, but connected to the Southern Baptists
Address: 11775 Shoal Creek Drive, Poway, 858-679-1050
Founded locally: November 2008
Senior pastor: Brad Graves
Congregation size: 120
Staff size: 6
Sunday school enrollment: 35
Annual budget: around \$275,000, including missions
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: mostly casual, some semiformal
Diversity: majority Caucasian, but diverse
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Website: crosschurchsandiego.com
It is not uncommon for critics of Christian

moralism to note that the Bible is chock-full of deeply immoral behavior. And that was what made Sunday’s service at Cross Church so remarkable. There, in a Poway elementary school gymnasium, Pastor Brad Graves taught a lesson in parenting based on a story that involved not only adultery and fratricide but also incestuous rape. (The kids, it should be noted, were off at Sunday school.)
But I’m getting ahead of myself. Graves hails from Arkansas, and he made light of his origins more than once during the service; before reading the poem “I’m My Own Grandpa,” he said that “this is going to tell you where I’m from — the great state of Arkansas.” And after show-

Cross Church San Diego Poway
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Brad Graves

Table with 2 columns: Rating and Count. Rows: Poor to satisfactory (none), Good (1 star), Very good (2 stars), Excellent (3 stars), Extraordinary (4 stars).

Graves says that there’s a sizeable contingent of people who follow the church. They’ll come to events: Easter services, movies in the park, kids’ night at Pump It Up inflatable party zone. (Right now, the church is readying for a visit from Christian illusionist Danny Ray on May 30.) The hope is that the crowd that comes to the events will eventually check out the services.
Right from the start, the four-piece band made it clear that Cross Church is not afraid to be deeply biblical — digging into the unsettling bits. The song “Hosanna” opened with an image that could be taken straight out of John’s visions in the Book of Revelation: “I see the king

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of glory coming down the clouds with fire/ The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.” (They were more of a performer-type band than a sing-along outfit — when worship pastor Lem Usita crooned “Left my fear by the side of the road/ Hear you speak, won’t let go,” the effect was much more singer-songwriter than group songleader.)

Graves generally worked high and fast in his delivery, but he dropped things down a bit for the opening prayer: “Bow your head, close your eyes, and pretend that there’s no one else in the room but you and God.... Tell Him now what’s weighing heaviest on your heart...lift that to God. Father, You know how to give good gifts to Your children.... I pray that those of us in the room who call You Father, that You will show them that You are ‘Abba, Father’ — Daddy. That You want to take care of Your kids.”

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As a case study, Graves took up the story of King David, a man after God’s own heart. Even so, he committed adultery with Bathsheba and then, when she turned up pregnant, conspired to have Bathsheba’s husband killed in battle. Graves made David a case study and showed how his sins were both multiplied and magnified. First, the multiplication: David had a hand in one murder; as a result, no less than four of his sons wound up dead, two at each others’ hands. Then the magnification: David com-



Earthly daddies, your sins will be multiplied and magnified.

mitted adultery in private, but one of his sons raped his own sister and another slept with his father’s concubines in a tent on the king’s roof.

The means to change, said Graves, came through Jesus Christ. “The burden is on you to change. You’re not under a generational curse; you’re under generational consequences. So, if

the curse is broken through salvation, because of that, you become a new creation, and because of that, you have no condemnation.” Still, he warned, your sins will become your kids’ problems. “Put away every doubtful habit. Think: if my behavior were magnified, would it be a problem?” Because, he noted, “sin always escalates.”

What happens when we die?

“We’ll all stand before God,” said Graves, “and those who have made that personal decision to follow Christ will enter into eternal heaven. If you haven’t asked Christ into your life, try to make that decision before you die. That way, you’re not asking at the wrong time.”

— Matthew Lickona

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Lame Deer, Seeker of Visions

John (Fire) Lame Deer and Richard Erdoes

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wasicun — that is the power of the sacred rocks. It is also another name for Tunka, our oldest god, who was like a rock, old beyond imagination, ageless, eternal. The ancient ones worshiped this god in the form of a huge stone painted red. The old word for god and the old word for stone

are same — tunkashila, grandfather — but it is also a name for the Great Spirit.

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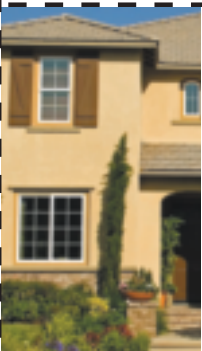


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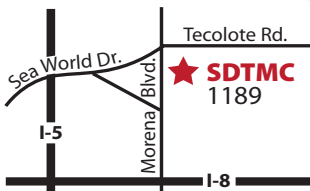
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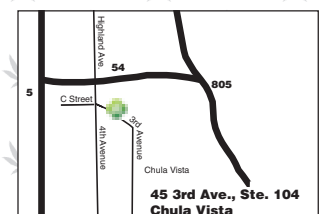
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