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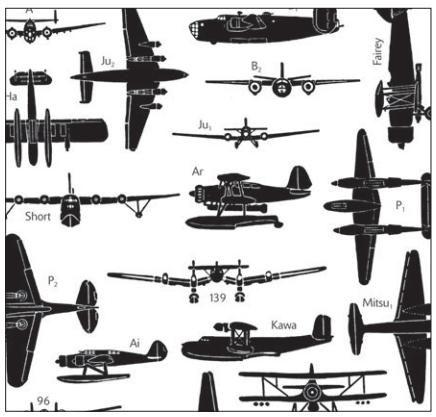

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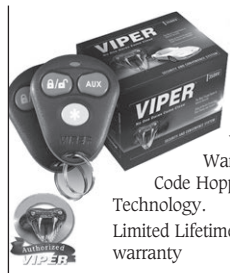

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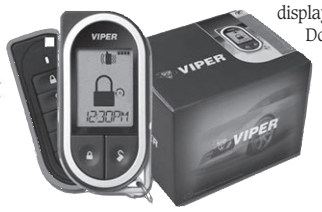

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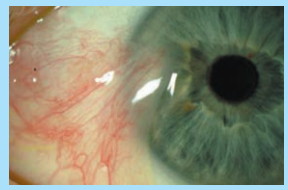

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UNDER THE RADAR

Buzzing around Some wealthy and influential San Diegans are putting sizable money behind Democrat **Gloria Romero**'s bid to become state superintendent of public instruction. Romero, a state senator representing East L.A., also has the backing of EdVoice, a lobbying group cofounded by Los Angeles megadeveloper **Eli Broad** and **Reed Hastings**, founder of Netflix, that is pushing hard for the expansion of charter schools and other education policy changes opposed by the California Teachers Association and other public employee unions.

Gloria Romero

Campaign disclosure records show that last December 16, Romero got $6500 from retired La Jolla financier **R.B. "Buzz" Woolley Jr.**, a financial mainstay of the *Voice of San Diego* online news site. In addition, Romero received $3000 from **Anne Otterson**, widow of **Bill Otterson**, the late executive director of UCSD Connect, a university-to-private-sector technology transfer nonprofit cofounded by Woolley that has helped make some local investors rich.

Paula Cordeiro

Another local Romero donor was **Paula Cordeiro**, dean of the University of San Diego's School of Leadership and Education Sciences, who gave $250. Cordeiro's group worked with the administration of then–San Diego Unified school superintendent **Alan Bersin**, a teachers' union foe closely aligned with Woolley and Broad.

Rancho Santa Fe's **Christopher A. Crane**, ex–president and chief executive officer of COMPS InfoSystems, Inc., gave $6500 to Romero, as did an investment company by the name of CAC Advisory Services. **Randy Steward**, chief operating officer of Sorrento Valley–based SeQual Technologies, contributed $2000. **Diane Dammeyer** made a $5151 nonmonetary contribution; her husband **Rod**, president of CAC and a board member of SeQual, last year commissioned a report from USD pointing out problems at San Diego Unified, where the teachers' union exercises considerable clout with the board of education.

"I don't think any reasonable person could debate that things are OK," Dammeyer was quoted as saying by *Voice* education writer **Emily Alpert** on November 4. "They're not even close to okay. And they're not getting better." Last month Alpert reported that **Scott Himelstein**, director of USD's Center for Education Policy and Law and a former Bersin aide, was facilitating private meetings at the university with unnamed "educators, philanthropists, business leaders and others" regarding possible changes at San Diego Unified, including expanding the current five-member school board to include four new appointed members.

Over the past six years, Woolley has given $318,750 to EdVoice, according to state records. On the other side of the political ledger, one of Romero's opponents, termed-out Democratic assemblyman **Tom Torlakson** of Contra Costa County, has been the beneficiary of a $741,857 independent expenditure made by the California Federation of Teachers. Another challenger in the race, **Larry Aceves**, a retired school superintendent and former president of the Association of California School Administrators who has been endorsed by the *Los Angeles Times*, has benefited from a $142,744 independent expenditure by the administrators' association. EdVoice is widely expected to make its own independent expenditure on behalf of Romero in the near future.

Political football Maybe it was because of the recession or questions raised by crusading websites. In any case, San Diego county supervisors appear to have accepted far fewer gifts in 2009 than during the years of the great real estate boom. Still, **Ron Roberts** managed to pick up a $120 round of golf from the Barona Indian band in April of last year, and he nabbed two $98 Chargers tickets and a $20 stadium parking pass from Turner Construction and another Chargers ticket from lobbyist **Kimberly Hale** of political consultant **Tom Shepard**'s Public Policy Strategies, both in September. He got two $98 tickets to an October Chargers game from Wells Fargo. Pacific Life gave him a $75 admission to December's Holiday Bowl, and the San Diego County Credit Union came up with four VIP tickets to the Poinsettia Bowl, valued at $320. Roberts got a $50 VIP reception and preview of the Elephant Odyssey courtesy of the zoo last May and a free $75 admission to the Padres Annual Dinner in January of last year, thanks to water industry lobbyist **Chris Frahm**.

Ron Roberts

Chris Frahm

— Matt Potter

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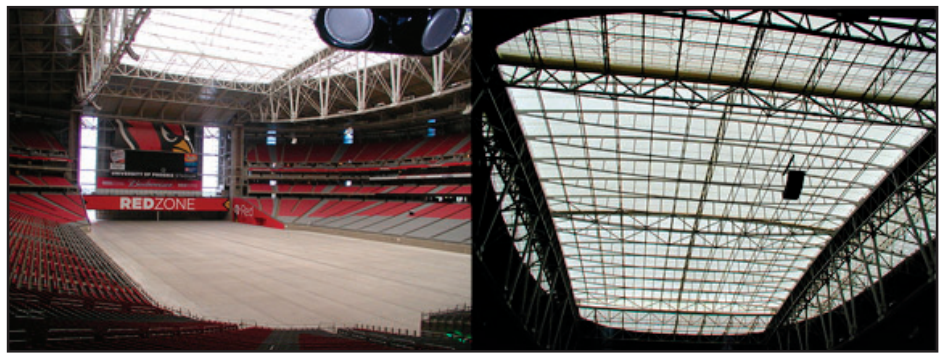
Nuts Roll In

By Don Bauder

It's true: God *did* tilt the world on its axis, and all the nuts rolled into Southern California. Proof: entrepreneurs in Los Angeles are discussing a billion-dollar retractable-roof football stadium downtown. Not to be out-loose-screwed, the San Diego establishment is now talking up the same possibility for the subsidized downtown stadium it is pushing with the mayor's help.



Despite City's insolvency, establishment talks up bankrolling a retractable-roof stadium like the Arizona Cardinals' stadium.

Such a facility would almost certainly raise the cost of a new Chargers' stadium to close to $1 billion, three-fourths of which would probably be financed by taxpayers of an insolvent city.

Like San Diego, Los Angeles is teetering on the brink of bankruptcy. But unlike San Diego, the L.A. taxpayers are not likely to pick up a significant (if any) part of the tab for the stadium, although the public could chip in for infrastructure. Los Angeles learned long ago that if the politicians hold out, the team will eventually cough up the money. The latest proposal is for a stadium with a retractable roof near the Staples Center. It's just a wild idea now, particularly with developer/casino magnate Ed Roski still claiming he intends to build a stadium in the little town of Industry. It's quite possible neither will get off the ground because of the weak economy, lack of capital, and the possibility of a players' strike or lockout in 2011.

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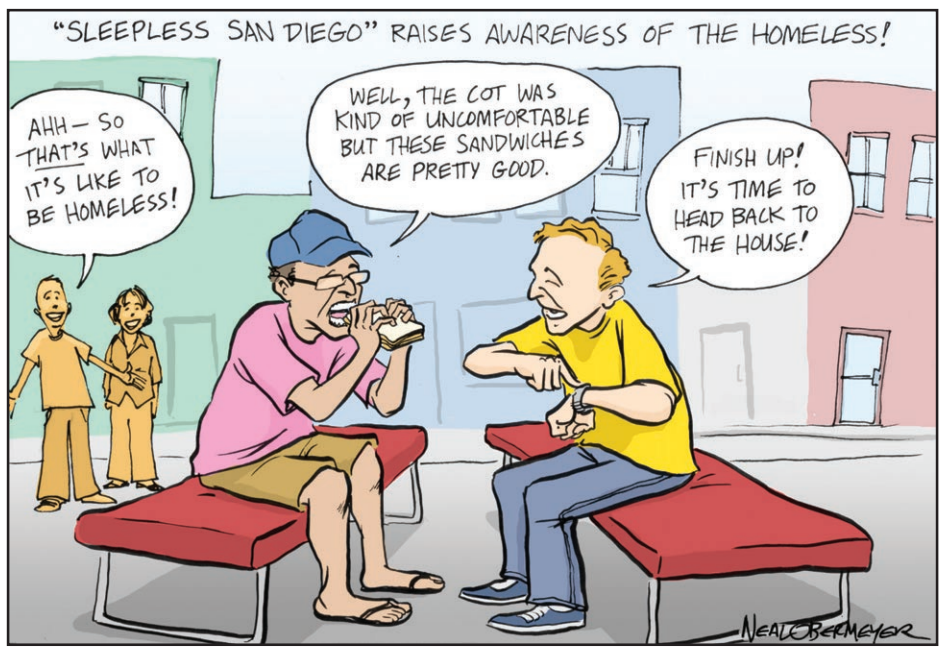

A Low-Budget Way to Higher Education

By Joe Deegan

Before dawn on the morning of SDSU's commencement last May, James Ziegler-Kelly climbed out of his tent under a bridge in Mission Valley. He dressed, folded the tent and his sleeping bag, and loaded the car. He showered in the Aztec Recreation Center on the west side of campus. During the afternoon, in cap and gown, he walked across an outdoor stage and received his diploma. He had completed five years of study (not always continuous or full-time) and, over the course of his stay at SDSU, had been homeless twice.

James Ziegler-Kelly lived under a bridge in Mission Valley while attending SDSU

That evening, Ziegler-Kelly hosted a graduation party for his family at the apartment of a friend in the College Area. Ziegler-Kelly had shared the apartment only a month earlier, and his mother, father, and two sisters believed he still lived there. "It all came off well," he tells me. "They didn't find out."

I knew that in these recessionary times there must have been such a student at SDSU. On December 6, *Salon.com* ran an article by Ken Ilgunas entitled "I live in a van down by Duke University." The story came to my attention only recently, but for comparison purposes I quickly found Ziegler-Kelly. My question now is whether other SDSU students sleep in canyons or cars before stumbling into their morning classes. Ziegler-Kelly says he never ran into other homeless peers during a total of seven months' sleeping outdoors while in school. "But if they were like I was," he says, "they weren't telling anyone."

Homeless campsite in Mission Valley

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Ziegler-Kelly's mother was "not okay with my being homeless."

In the Duke University story, Ilgunas explains how he's been able to avoid going into debt while still paying a hefty tuition for graduate school. He's done it largely by choosing to be homeless — or rather by making a 1995 Econoline van his home — during his first year at Duke. "To me," writes Ilgunas, "the van was what *Kon-Tiki* was to Heyerdahl, what the GMC van was to the A-Team, what Walden was to Thoreau." Trends in student habits, however, run in the opposite direction. "The idea of 'thrift,'" he continues, "once an American ideal, now seems almost quaint to many college students, particularly those at elite schools. The typical student today is not so frugal. Few know where the money they're spending is coming from and even fewer know how deep they're in debt. They're detached from the source of their money. That's because there is no source. They're getting paid by their future selves."

"Elite school" is not a term normally attached to SDSU, but the costs of attending the university are no joke. Its website estimates a total cost of $21,490 for an undergraduate stu-dent living off campus to attend school for nine months during the coming 2010–2011 academic year. That includes $5002 in registration fees, $1638 in books and supplies, $10,388 in food and housing, $1690 in transportation, and $2772 in miscellaneous personal expenses.

During his five years at SDSU, Ziegler-Kelly lowered some of these costs by living as cheaply as he could. He had at least part-time jobs at all times. When he first started at the university in 2004, after completing two years at San Diego City College, he was making $32,000 a year as a manager for Taco Bell and had saved money. So

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The Pits

Council Urged to Fight for Beach Fire Pits

Ocean Beach — **"If they're gone, we will regret it, I promise you," said community member Frank Gormlie, urging the Ocean Beach Town Council to fight for the 185 public fire pits across San Diego, including 8 in Ocean Beach.**

O.B. Town Council supports the pits.

Gormlie told the council — in session on April 28 at the O.B. Masonic Center — that he met recently with city councilman Kevin Faulconer, who wants to keep the pits. "The mayor is the one to convince," Gormlie said.

Council members said they expected to discuss the matter and, at their next meeting, reiterate their support of the pits.

Earlier in the meeting, a member of the audience asked about "urban campers" in Ocean Beach, particularly near the foot of Newport Avenue.

"Looks like we have a new group in," said Officer David Surwilo of the San Diego Police Department. Surwilo said some group members seemed "more aggressive" and that police and lifeguards have issued citations when appropriate.

By Shane Finneran
Thursday, April 29

Knife vs. Gun

Man Wields Knife at Police, Shot and Killed

North Park — **Eight to ten squad cars from the San Diego Police Department raced down Alabama Street in the minutes after 11 a.m. on April 26. The police were responding to an incident at a residence near Morley Field.**

Three spectators interviewed independently said they'd heard that an officer-involved shooting had occurred, but as of 11:45 a.m., that story had not been verified, and the police officer guarding the perimeter said she could not share details of what had happened. One spectator pointed out that SDPD Chief William Lansdowne was on the scene, suggesting the incident was serious.

Larry Himmel of News 8 was present with a cameraman. Mr. Himmel said that he believed he had seen emergency services personnel bring someone out of the house on a stretcher and attempt to perform CPR.

Later, police confirmed that a 56-year-old man who had approached officers with a kitchen knife was shot by at least one police officer and had died.

Police and news crews on the scene in North Park.

Police had originally come to the scene to evaluate the man's mental health.

By Shane Finneran
Monday, April 26

Pinch and Reform

Police Association Calls Out City Council

Carlsbad — **The Carlsbad Police Officer's Association dominated the public commentary portion**

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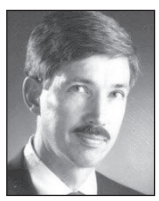

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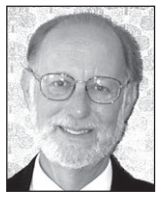

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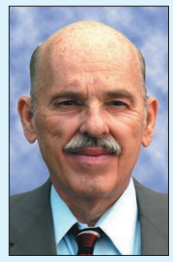

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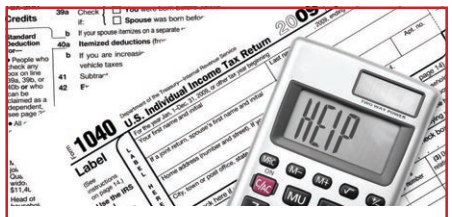

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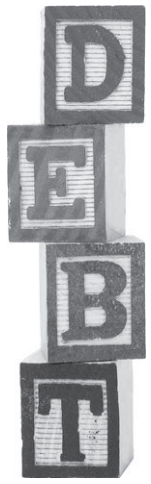

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leaked in L.A., San Diego real estate moguls started talking up a stadium with a retractable roof on the tiny ten-acre footprint downtown. Tub-thumpers want the technically bankrupt City to subsidize it. Earlier this year, Chargers spokesman Mark Fabiani said the team and the National Football League would put in $250 million to $300 million, although the league's participation was very iffy.

Iffy indeed. The league had a slush fund to give loans to stadium builders, but it "exhausted the funds" mainly on the new Giants/Jets stadium in the New York metro area, says Rob Baade, economist at Lake Forest College near Chicago. He is an expert on sports stadium financings. Fabiani claims, "We will be working to persuade the NFL to reinstitute a version" of the old loan program. Baade strongly doubts it will happen.

So how much might the Chargers ante up: $250 million? Earlier, Fabiani said the stadium (without a retractable roof) would cost $700 million to $800 million. Initial estimates are almost always very low for political reasons. Peter Fervoy is the business development manager for Minnesota-based Uni-Systems, which creates the lion's share of mechanization systems for retractable-roof stadiums. He has seen estimates that a pro sports stadium roof would cost anywhere from $65 million to $450 million, but both ends of the spectrum are not realistic, he says. "I would say $100 million to $150 million is pretty accurate," says Fervoy. That would put the total San Diego cost close to a billion dollars — the same as the estimate in downtown L.A. Maintenance typically runs $250,000 a year.

If the Chargers put in only $250 million, San Diego taxpayers' wallets will be emptied in a hurry.

And for what? A stadium with a retractable roof in a Mediterranean climate? "It boggles the mind," says Baade. "It's crazy," says Rodney Fort, sports economist at the University of Michigan, who once lived in San Diego.

The Association for Retractable Roof Operators Worldwide, an organization that touts the product, has done a 17-page white paper on all the advantages of the roofs — exulting, for example, how such stadiums in Houston and Phoenix keep out the heat and those in Indianapolis and Milwaukee protect the fans from the cold. But even the white paper admits that these roofs are good for extreme climates but are of questionable usefulness in moderate climates. "Clearly, the retractable roof decision is not right in all cases," allows the paper, noting that New Yorkers don't feel they need such roofs.

Says Baade, "In cities like Milwaukee, a retractable roof might attract larger crowds in April and May. But study after study has shown that the way to put fannies in the seats is to win games. Success on the field determines success at the gate."

But the cheerleaders insist that with retractable roofs, the stadium can be used for things like championship prize fights, National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four basketball games, concerts, conventions, and the like, even though both the proposed L.A. and San Diego stadiums are a stone's throw from their cities' convention centers.

The argument is fallacious. "An NCAA Final Four competition has as much economic impact as a basketball tournament for girls 16 and under," jokes Philip Porter, economist for the Tampa-based University of South Florida. "The Final Four attracts people, but so would a convention for left-handed used-car salesmen. Hotels would be able to raise prices for a Final Four, but that money doesn't stick in the community." It goes to the hotel chain, which is probably based elsewhere. Hotel workers don't see their paychecks increased.

Baade coauthored a recent study on the economic impact of hosting the Final Four. "We did not find that the NCAA Final Four made a big economic difference," he says. One reason is that other visitors are crowded out. The NCAA gets a huge chunk of the revenue, and the hotels repatriate their increased cash flow back to their headquarters city. And, of course, the opportunity to be host would come once in a decade — maybe. "It would certainly not be enough to pay for a retractable-roof stadium."

What about concerts? "There are not enough megaevents that require 60,000 to 80,000 seats," says Fort. If the stadium owners "made $2 million a gig, which is unheard of, it would take 50 gigs over several years" to make the roof economical. In my own opinion, those events might not even cover the $250,000 annual maintenance.

Fabiani claims that a retractable-roof stadium could host events now held at Qualcomm Stadium and the Sports Arena. Then the City could sell the land at those places. Oh? To whom? For what purpose? The construction of condos? (Has Fabiani noticed the huge glut downtown?) For more retailing? (Doesn't Mission Valley have enough?) For hotels? (Those built or refinanced in the last five years are underwater.) For office buildings? (Commercial real estate is in the doldrums.)

Only "vested interests" would benefit, says Baade. "It's just another manifestation of one group in society

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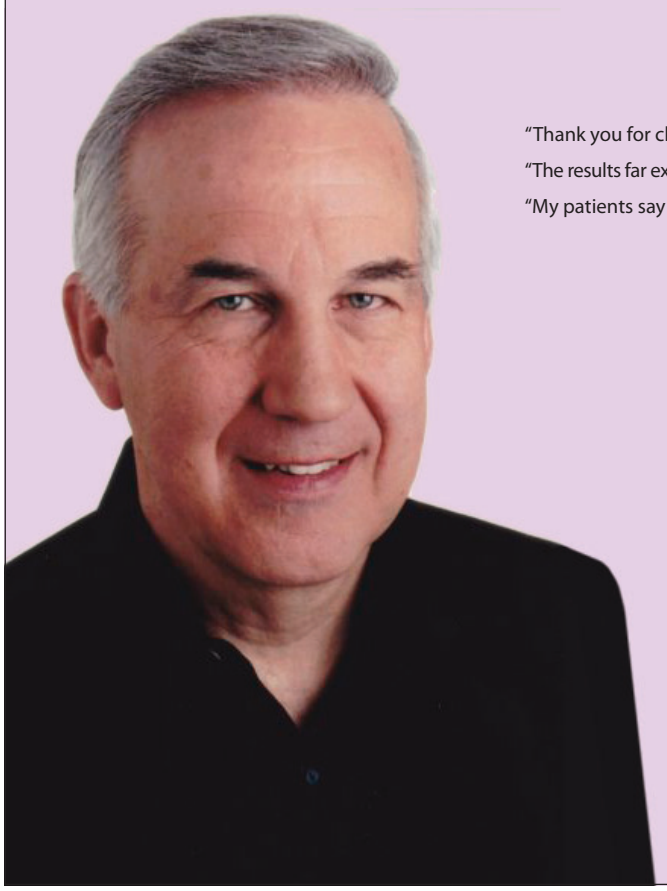

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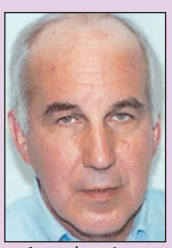
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trying to appropriate funds from other groups."

Amen, say San Diegans. "They have unlimited money for these stadiums but don't have enough money for a minimum number of fire engines," says activist Mel Shapiro. "There is something wrong there."

Says Norma Damashek, president of the League of Women Voters, "The City is broke and they are talking about legacy projects for the mayor, including a retractable-roof stadium. It's irrational."

I don't believe either of these retractable-roof stadiums will be built. The idea is just too absurd. But the mere fact that the topic is on the table suggests that daffiness is spreading uncontrollably in Southern California. ■

Higher education

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he paid for his first semester at SDSU upon matriculation.

But he was having trouble with two roommates bringing drugs into the apartment they shared in City Heights. To extricate himself from the situation, Ziegler-Kelly says he paid the entire rent for a month and moved out, leaving the apartment to the roommates. He wanted to make sure credit problems didn't dog him. That's when he decided to try living without a roof over his head. He found a hidden section of canyon on the east side of Balboa Park near Morley Field. There was a place to park his car nearby.

There was more to his homeless plan than saving money, he tells me. "I looked at it as an adventure, to see if I could do it and learn about different kinds of people. I didn't hang out with the homeless but did meet a lot of good people. The panhandlers and drunks are the visible ones. The ones you don't see have amazing stories. They'll have kids with them and be living in a car under a bridge. Most of the time, they've often lost everything."

Ziegler-Kelly stayed homeless for six months, including all of his first semester at SDSU. "I would pitch my tent at night but clear out before dawn every morning. Only one time did I hear anyone nearby. It was somebody walking a dog. I got up right away and left."

Still working at Taco Bell, Ziegler-Kelly says he occasionally stayed overnight in the office after a night shift. "It was totally against company policy," he tells me. "But I'd be out before any other employees arrived the next day. If they did catch me in there, I'd say I just came to pick up something I left the previous night."

Did he ever sleep in his car? "Only once," he tells me. "I wasn't paying for parking on campus, so one morning about five I stopped along College Avenue between SDSU and El Cajon Boulevard and went to sleep, thinking I could get a few hours in before my first class. A cop came by and told me that was illegal. He was nice about it and didn't give me a ticket. I just didn't know the rules."

I ask Ziegler-Kelly how he handled the winter cold and whether he cooked meals at his campsite. "My sleeping bag kept me pretty warm. The problem was getting up in the morn-ing, when I'd be very stiff. That's when the cold bothered me. And yes, I did some cooking. I used a butane flame and just heated the contents of cans. Afterward, the cans could be cut and spread out to create a kind of grill, so I could fry some meat. But my favorite thing to eat was canned corned-beef hash."

Ziegler-Kelly's grades at SDSU suffered during his first semester, so he got a transfer from Taco Bell and went to stay at his mother's house in Phoenix. After a few months, he re-turned, took up apartment living again, and was able to study better. He still had enough money to avoid going into debt. Eventually, however, student loans beckoned. He was get-ting anxious to graduate and decided to take full loads in his biology major. "At the start of my last two years, I took out $7000, and more later. Only about half of the $7000 was student loans. The other half was a Pell Grant. Somehow I was able to qualify for a bigger grant if I double-majored. So I added political science as a second major, something I also did at City College.

"Then came the fun part," Ziegler-Kelly continued. "I was in my last semester when I broke my foot. We were bird-watching down at the dam in Mission Trails park. I jumped off a rock onto another and snapped the middle metatarsal bone. Snapped it in half. All of a sudden, I was finished at the McDonald's near the university — where I was working by then — and couldn't pay my share of the rent. Figuring that I'd been homeless before and could do it again, I found the spot under the bridge in Mission Valley. It's next to the river near the Mission San Diego trolley stop, much closer to campus than my previous campsite.

"So at graduation, I limped a bit walking across the stage. But by then, the foot was healing well." Now finished at SDSU, Ziegler-Kelly remained at the Mission Valley outpost for most of the summer. He went back to work at McDonald's. One night, the police rousted him out of his tent. They said they were looking for a sexual predator in the area and were about to leave, satisfied that he was not their man. Still, they searched his backpack and found at the bottom, in a little box, a "ninja star," or shuriken, used in feudal Japan as a small multi-pointed weapon that could be concealed in the hand until used for stabbing or throwing at enemies. Since California law views the shuriken as a deadly weapon, Ziegler-Kelly faced a felony weapons charge. He was taken to jail, where he spent three nights. "At least I had a roof over my head and three meals a day," he says, "so I didn't try to get out on bail. But I did call my mother, who then lived in Orange County, only to tell her I couldn't use my cell phone and not to worry. But the phone system in jail seems to require a master's de-gree, and I only had a bachelor's. I was cut off right away, and the only message my mother received was that the call came from the San Diego County jail."

To Ziegler-Kelly's consternation, his mother arrived at the jail the next day. He was about to be released anyway, since a judge had dismissed the charge against him. But he had to explain the situation to his mother, who now discovered his homelessness. "She knew about the first time I was homeless and was okay with that because it was an experiment," says Ziegler-Kelly. "But she was not okay with my being homeless only a short time after I graduated. She put me up in Hotel Circle for a few days at $80 a night and wouldn't hear of me being homeless again. After a few days though, I convinced her to replace the $80 a night for the hotel with $20 a night for a campsite at Lake Jennings. I camped there for several weeks and then stayed with a few friends until I rented my own apartment."

Ziegler-Kelly worked at McDonald's until three months ago, when he got a new job driving for a taxi service. He tells me the job pays more money, much of which he plans to use for paying off his student loans. In the end, they came to $20,000, an amount he's not happy with, but it's less than half of what he knows some of his fellow SDSU graduates racked up. When the loans are paid, he plans a return to earn his teaching credential. His goal all along has been to become a high school biology teacher.■

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of the City Council meeting on April 27, accusing councilmembers of being shortsighted when it comes to public safety. Rod Mortenson, president of the CPOA, said that a few councilmembers, motivated by political agendas for upcoming elections rather than public safety, have displayed an unwillingness to compromise. He also pointed out that Carlsbad city manager Lisa Hildebrand has not been asked to take a hit to her $200,000-plus salary, yet public safety officials have.

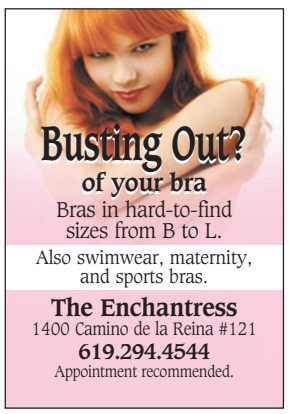
Bud Lewis, who will not be running for reelection after more than two decades as mayor of Carlsbad, has been calling for reform of the city's pension plan, a system that he believes is unsustainable. The proposed retirement benefit cuts would make Carlsbad's the lowest in the county and tied for the lowest in the state. He said that the proposed benefit reductions are unnecessary because the city isn't financially distressed, citing a $400,000 cash reserve and $500,000 worth of investments.

Mortenson, who cited larger numbers, called the proposed cuts a "pinch and reform guise."

The last POA member to address the council, Eric Prior, asserted that the police department would lose its competitive edge in hiring and would lose good officers under the proposed benefits plans, leaving the streets of Carlsbad less safe and less desirable to potential residents.

"You can play politics with my benefits...I'll go elsewhere...but as a resident, you do not have the right to play politics with the future safety of my family and community," he concluded.

By Karina Hernandez
Saturday, May 1



Spread the Wealth

Residents Seek Maintenance Budget Cuts

Golden Hill — In July 2009, members of the Greater Golden Hill Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) convinced a majority of city councilmembers to cut fiscal year 2010's assessment in half, preventing the collection of new assessments until existing rollover funds were spent.

The maintenance assessment district, approved by voters in 2007, provides services such as graffiti abatement and litter removal.

In June the city council will vote on a new year's budget for the Greater Golden Hill MAD, and once again the community is littered with objections. The budget for fiscal year 2011 is set at $732,746. The original amount approved by voters and included in the engineer's report is $488,590.

"The amount of $732,746 far exceeds the amount approved by the voters for annual expenditures," wrote a group of Golden Hill and South Park residents in a letter to the Greater Golden Hill CDC and the City. "That amount is $488,590. Please discuss with the City of San Diego ways of reducing your expenses to that amount."

By Dorian Hargrove
Saturday, May 1

Wobbling

Staggering Drunk Gets Cops' Attention in P.B.

Pacific Beach — A drunken, grey-haired man wearing a red jacket wobbled through the parking lot outside of a CVS pharmacy in Pacific Beach Thursday evening. A police car with two officers arrived on the scene at approximately 8:30 p.m.

"Did you see this man in the lot?" said an officer to the security guards, Joseph and Peter. The guards explained that they had seen the man in the parking lot, that he was intoxicated, and that they had asked him to leave.

A bystander said that she had seen the man while she was driving in the lot toward Kinko's and that, for as odd as it may sound, it appeared to her that the man was actually trying to get hit by a car. "He was wobbling and then as he saw my car coming, moved toward it instead of away from it," she said.

I described the man to the officers. "He was an elderly man in a red, nearly knee-length jacket, and he went that way," I said pointing toward Mi Casa's restaurant across the street from the pharmacy.

"Yeah, well, we saw two elderly men in red jackets that fit the description, right over there...very strange," said the officer pointing to the parking lot of the restaurant.

By Carolyn Grace Matteo
Friday, April 30

Escondido's Moral Minority

Racism Against Latina City Councilmember?

Escondido — Escondido president of the Chamber of Citizens, Lisa Prazeau, is calling on Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler and city councilmembers Dick Daniels, Sam Abed, and Marie Waldron to stick up for fellow councilmember Olga Diaz.

In an April 26 email to the council, Prazeau denounced a derogatory remark about Diaz in a North County online forum, and she blames the council majority for what she refers to as "anti-Latino" sentiment in Escondido.

Diaz, a first-term councilmember, is a Democrat and is also the first Hispanic woman ever elected to the Escondido city council; both make her a minority on the council.

In her email, Prazeau included a comment from a *North County Times* reader accusing Diaz of treason.

"[Diaz] is an agent of a foreign government," reads the comment from "El Capitan." "[Diaz] is someone who, if fully investigated, is involved in treason, sedition, and plotting to overthrow our borders, language, and customs, which define our society and way of life!"

Prazeau wants city councilmembers to publicly denounce the accusation. She blames the conservative majority of the council for introducing ordinances such as "the rental ban" and "the parking ordinance," ordinances that Prazeau and other residents believe promote "exaggerated statements about the population of illegal immigrants in Escondido."

"Back in 2005, all this racism started," wrote Prazeau. "That is what it is, plain and simple. The majority on the council has essentially [condoned] this kind of behavior."

By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, April 28

Friars Road Chase

Police and Motorists in Hit-and-Run Pursuit

Mission Valley — On Sunday, April 25, around 3:30 p.m., a female motorist was rear-ended on Friars Road while in the left-turn lane to southbound 15 by a pickup truck with two male occupants.

In their haste to get away, the driver of the pickup truck came in contact with another female motorist and sped east on Friars with the two victims in hot pursuit.

The two pursuers were quickly joined by a phalanx of local law enforcement on the ground and a helicopter above.

The driver of the pickup truck tried to shake off his chasers in the myriad of apartments and condominiums east of the 15 across from Qualcomm Stadium but was unable to maintain control of his vehicle and crashed into a parking structure.

A fire truck was dispatched to the scene as the 19-year-old passenger was taken into custody. The driver was able to escape on foot.

By Ty Shelton
Monday, April 26

The Lindo Lake Goose

Resident Goose Family an Attraction at Lake

Lakeside — We have a delightful park here in East County known as Lindo Lake. As lakes go it's small but often visited.

The lake is home to squirrels, ducks, birds of all breeds, an occasional pelican, a stray seagull or two, and a long-legged crane.

On any morning, dozens of people can be found walking their dogs or getting serious in their attempt to remain fit. Most are keeping a protective eye out for the pair of Canadian geese that are sitting on eggs at a narrow spot close to the walking path, next to the water.

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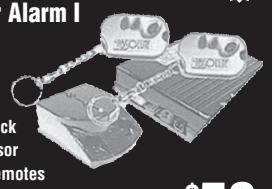

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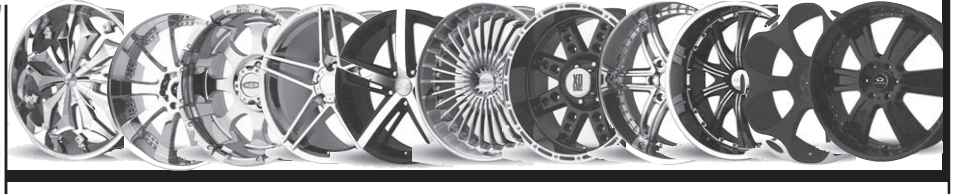

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STRINGERS

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Sometimes you will find a group of walkers taking a minute or two to look at the feathered family. They make a very handsome couple, and people are anticipating when the "big day" will arrive.

After weeks of watching these geese, my wife and I were heartsick to walk by four days ago to see only the female, as always, sitting on her eggs, with the father nowhere to be seen.

For the next few days, we stopped to pay our respects to the mom, and I think all of us said a prayer that she would be reunited with her mate, but inside, we felt he must have been a victim of predators.

Today, we went for our walk and looked across the grass picnic area and saw the male waddling his way across the grass to his mate. He greeted her with what I swear was a kiss and then resumed his sentry duty by the road. As we came around the park for the second time, there he was, looking at his reflection in the bumper of a truck, picking bugs and whatnot from the grill.

By Dennis Milroy
Monday, April 26

The D-Word

Density an Issue at Open-Mic Meeting

Hillcrest — **"We thought about calling it 'soapbox derby night,' but [then] we thought 'open-mic night' might be more politically correct," said director of City Planning and Community Investment Bill Anderson. This first open-mic meeting, held April 26 at the Balboa Park Club, was an opportunity for stakeholders in the Uptown, North Park, and South Park communities to add their vision for the community-plan updates.**

CITY LIGHTS

The closest the event came to a "soapbox derby" occurred during discussions of density and parking.

Uptown Partnership, the agency that manages the Uptown parking district, was the second group to present. Board member Jim Frost spoke to the need for more parking in uptown communities. "Public parking is a public asset," said Frost. "The people that use the parking should pay for that parking. Parking is not free. When parking is free you have the problems that we have right now."

"In the economic condition we are in," said one resident after Frost's presentation, "I think it is ludicrous to put in meters everywhere and drive people away from businesses."

Another soapbox moment came when a representative from the American Institute of Architects, Philip Bona, brought up "the ugly D-word — density."

Bona suggested removing large parking lots and constructing buildings in their place that provide underground parking. He promoted grouping high-rise buildings near transit areas.

After Bona's presentation, the same audience member commented on the notion of bringing more density to the uptown communities. "A professor has said that Hillcrest is the most densely populated community in the city. Whose water and electricity are we going to use? Yours?"

Visit *sandiego.gov/cpci* for information on future open-mic meetings.

By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, April 28

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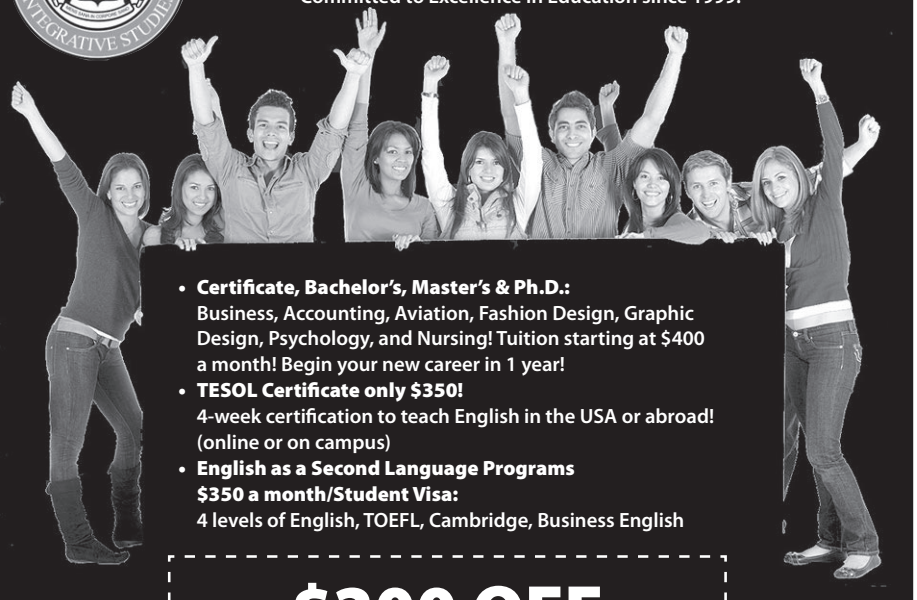

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Just Do It

About Dorian Hargrove — *courage* to pen that story ("Broken Skull, Broken Heart," Cover Story, April 22)!

No, you will never be the same, you'll be better! Different, in a very unique way.

Twenty years ago my brother was at the same hospital in the burn unit. I had a lot of conversations with God. My brother had 29 skin-graft operations. Dr. Dominick and Dr. Hansboro saved his life. He still has hundreds of staples in one leg. He wears a bandanna on his head because they grafted off his head so many times. The eagle tattoo on his upper arm is now on his butt.

He worked on the energy windmills in Tehachapi. One morning he swerved to miss a deer and flipped his truck. He wasn't wearing a seat belt. He flew out of the truck, but he ended up underneath it, and the truck caught on fire. A Vietnam vet came by in his Chevy Blazer and pulled the truck off him. The EMTs said he would never make it. The hospital in Bakersfield said he would not make it. They said he wouldn't make it here to San Diego to the burn unit. He did.

Your story is an inspiration to all. Realize that. And you have some important things to do. You have touched adults and children with your story.

And never underestimate the power of love. Keep on keepin' on!

God bless you!

B. Koch
via email

Give Pills A Chance

Wow! I always read "Diary of a Diva." I really appreciate her wit, if sometimes she does make me crazy. Nevertheless, I was totally caught off guard by the vulnerability and honesty that she shared in this last issue (April 22). As someone who encountered those same questions when faced with antidepression drugs a few years ago, my heart broke for her and that scary first step. I'm med-free now, after getting through a little rough patch, and happier than ever. I just wanted to give her some hope that a lot of us have been there — and just being willing to give that little pill a chance to help is a great step in addressing whatever is in your life. Good luck, Diva.

Name Withheld
via email

Let's Go!

In response to a so-so review of their restaurant, the owners of Indigo Café responded by calling Ms. Wise a racist, drunk, ignorant woman who is seemingly out to ruin small business owners (Letters, April 29). *Wow!* Sounds like the kind of hospitable establishment where I want to take my family and friends to eat!

Name Withheld
via email

Doggie Bag Reviews

I would first like to say that I have not read Ms. Wise's initial review of Indigo Café (Restaurant Review, April 15). However, I did have an opportunity to read "A Family Offended" (Letters, April 29), the rebuttal written by the Indigo Café's owners and management. I also read Ms. Wise's response to this rebuttal. Her response is where my issue lies. Ms. Wise states, "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."

Is this the manner in which your publication encourages its food critics to base their opinions? "Several days after [her] dinner." I am astonished if this is indeed the practice. I should hope any serious food critic would take the time to dine in at the establishment they are reviewing. It seems preposterous and insulting to any dining establishment to do otherwise.

Any person who has taken food home in a doggie bag knows that even "gently" reheating a food item will compromise the initial taste and flavor of the dish. And it's revolting to learn Ms. Wise continues to take "several days" after the initial meal to visually "examine" her "ample doggie bags." In my opinion, a published food critic shouldn't be allowed to take food home for further inspection or review.

In light of Ms. Wise's response to the Indigo Café's rebuttal, I am inclined to believe this is standard practice for her food reviews. Correct me if I am wrong. Please tell me this is not typical of all your food critics. Your publication is highly regarded in the San Diego community, and Ms. Wise's approach is unfair to the restaurant she reviews and the public who reads these reviews.

I encourage your publication to hire more food critics with the skills and ability to offer a fair and balanced critique based on their dining experience at an actual restaurant rather than reheating the leftovers at home and writing a piece about it.

Audrey Stone
via email

Naomi Wise responds: I do savor the food at the restaurant. I developed the doggie-bag habit during the years while writing my four published cookbooks. One way to discover the secrets of ethnic recipes was to eat at good ethnic restaurants, take home leftovers, and inspect them closely under a strong kitchen light, tasting bits to confirm that the herbs, spices, and condiments I thought I saw were present in the flavors.

Def Jam

Although I did not read the review of Ms. Wise on Indigo Café (April 15), I found the letters on both sides amusing (April 29). Both sides

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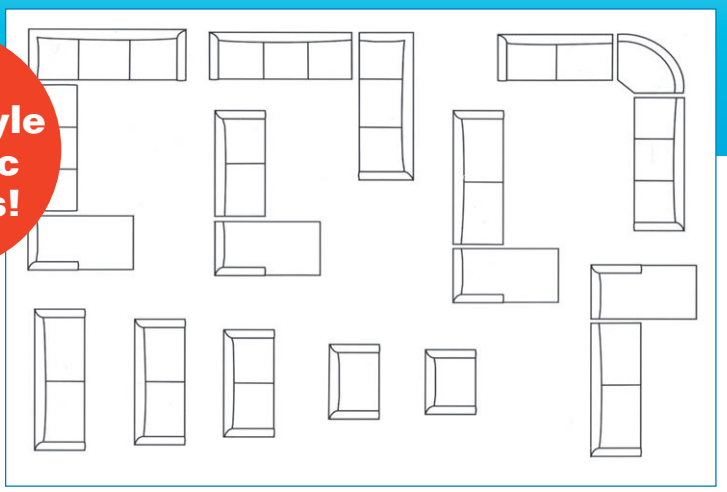

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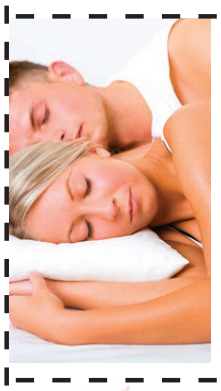

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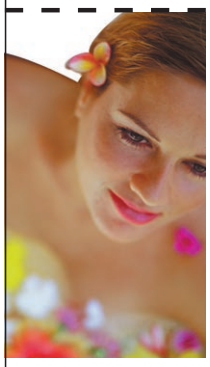

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— "CLASSIFIEDS," *May 8, 1975*

Thirty Years Ago

Everyone who wants the new-wave scene in San Diego is advised to keep supporting the Zebra Club. The way things are developing, this smoky, funky, intimate little dump is becoming — by default — the town's premier punk palace.

Crasher

HIGH ABOVE DOWNTOWN

by Josh Board

"I loved the Indian dudes with long hair. They were kind of hot."

San Diego *Reader,* May 5, 2005

I urge you all to sing "Auld Lang Syne" to the Skeleton Club. The accelerating fiascos have prompted the club's demise. Those of you who think that disrupting shows, defacing private property, and urinating in sinks are clever ways of thumbing the establishment can take heart. Your efforts have helped insure that "the establishment" (cops, club owners, et al.) will give thumbs down to future new-wave shows. Is everybody happy?

— MUSIC SCENE, *Steve Esmedina, May 8, 1980*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Fishing for bass in San Diego approaches religion; if you don't pursue it, there are dark questions regarding your claims as a genuine local sportsman. We are talking about world-record territory, rivaled only in Florida. Nevertheless, I see bass fishing as arcane as say, falconry. I am quite aware that there are anglers around who get bass to rise to the fly. But it can be awfully hard to find them, especially through the smokescreen of Magnum-lite Hungry Stiks, ball-bearing plug casters, swivel-seat powerboats, electronic fish finders, and other popular accouterments deemed essential.

— **"WHEN THE FLY SLAPS THE WATER,"** *Scott Sadil, May 9, 1985*

Twenty Years Ago

Last Wednesday, May 2, was a day of reckoning foretold by many Tijuanans. *They got Vera Palestina!* began as a whisper the night before, when the former bodyguard wanted in connection with the murder of "El Gato" Felix was taken into custody at the border.

They got Vera Palestina! became a shout just after sunrise amid the commotion at Eighth and Constitución, outside the Tijuana Police Station. Later it was official: they had finally captured Tijuana's most wanted fugitive, a short, bearded man who could at last shed light on one of the many unsolved murders of Mexican journalists.

— **"JORGE HANK FINALLY TALKS,"** *Neal Matthews, May 10, 1990*

Fifteen Years Ago

Baby Think It Over, the much-ballyhooed electronic doll developed by San Diegan Rick Jurmain to stimulate a real-life baby, is being recalled. The $220 doll, which ex-aerospace worker Jurmain has sold to high school parenting, pregnancy, and child development classes throughout the country, has repeatedly broken down, causing the doll to cry uncontrollably and drawing complaints from school officials around the country. "I did not design the feeding plug sturdy enough to withstand the rigors of teen handling," Jurmain says.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"WHAT IF THIS HAPPENED TO BARBIE?"** *Thomas K. Arnold, May 4, 1995*

Ten Years Ago

How long do you figure we'll be able to watch movies in a drive-in theater? Not long, is what I say. The Santee Drive-In off 67 at Woodside Avenue is looking like its seen better days. I don't know, I've never been there before, but the place already has a kind of historical quality to it and you can smell the diesel of the bulldozers in the wings, riding on the summer-night air along with the smell of sage and popcorn.

— T.G.I.F., *John Brizzolara, May 4, 2000*

Five Years Ago

As I was getting ready to leave, I saw in old Indian praying in the lobby.

Two women were leaving at the same time, and one said, "I loved those bird singers." The other one said, "I loved the Indian dudes with long hair. They were kind of hot."

— CRASHER: **"HIGH ABOVE DOWNTOWN,"** *Josh Board, May 5, 2005*

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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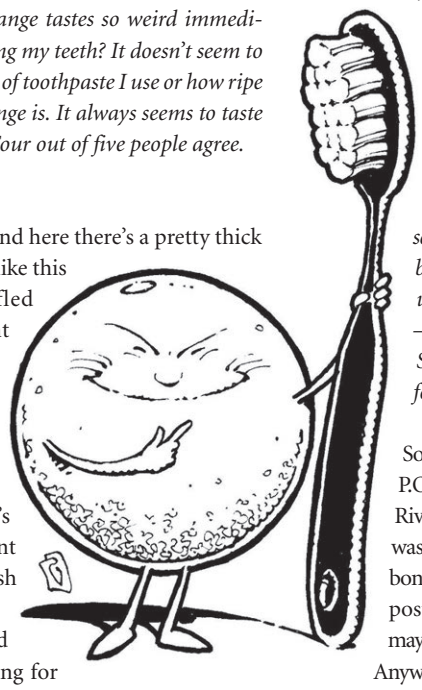
Hey, Matt:
How come an orange tastes so weird immediately after brushing my teeth? It doesn't seem to matter what kind of toothpaste I use or how ripe or unripe the orange is. It always seems to taste like hot aspirin. Four out of five people agree.
— Jay, via email



Somewhere around here there's a pretty thick file of questions like this from other baffled brushers. It might be the stack holding up the patio table leg so it doesn't rock back and forth. Anyway, I'll take Jay's query to represent all — all who brush their teeth before breakfast instead of after, just asking for trouble each morning.

For some reason, the science guys claim they've not really *proved* they have the answer. But I'll say they have a pretty hot guess here. It's full of just enough chemical whoop-de-do and physiological stinkfoot to captivate anyone. So think back to our earlier lessons on taste: four basics and one foodie additive that you can take or leave. Sweet, sour, bitter, salt, and *umami,* said to represent a hearty savoriness typical of meat dishes. Forget *umami* for the moment.

So as foods slip by the appropriate receptors, Jolly Rancher molecules link with matching sweet receptors, dill pickles tickle the sour, and so on. Everything nice and tidy until we introduce a tsunami of foamy toothpaste. The foam-creator in soaps, toothpastes, shampoos, and other sudsy junk is sodium lauryl sulfate. In toothpastes it lowers the surface tension of saliva, which allows the paste to spread around our mouths and bubbles to form. While we're distracted by all the foam, SLS is sneaking through the background, shutting down our sweet receptors and boosting our bitter receptors. Then we rinse, spit, and slug some OJ. Unknown to us, because of the SLS, our tongues have been set up to ignore the juice's sweet and enhance the juice's bitter. So we make a face, put down the OJ, and ask for the hundredth time, "Why does toothpaste make orange juice taste so bad?" Well, ask no more. Or brush after you breakfast. Or switch to apple juice, which apparently is less affected. It does occur to me that you grapefruit fans might favor the toothpaste effect, though. It should give the fruit enough sour oomph to curl your hair.

Hey, Matt:
What's up with street addresses and the post office? Most street addresses nationwide are either three or four digits. Most of Riverside County uses five digits. Why? New communities in coastal O.C. get to use two digits. How did they score those prestigious address numbers? Are they better than the rest of us?
— Curious Ken, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (where we still have three- or four-digit P.O. boxes)

So what's the deal, Ken? A three-digit P.O. box is somehow greener than a Riverside street address? No terrible waste of digits in Cardiff? Smaller carbon footprint in your laid-back, seaside postal situation? Well, maybe. And maybe it just means you're very far west. Anyway, let's see if I can disentangle the P.O.'s M.O.

So the urban sprawl is pushing east. Great grids with same-o houses on them, a drunk dad's nightmare. Roads start variously at spots in the east and grind westward. More grid lines running north-south. You're now magically a fireman. There's a fire at 1034 Dangle Avenue. Dangle Avenue begins at the foot of some mountain of decomposing granite, farther west than its neighbors. So you want to get fast to 1034 Dangle Avenue, but you're not exactly sure where it is, since all street numbers in your checkerboard development begin at 1 in the east, at the city line or wherever, and run into the thousands at the western line. Wouldn't it be nice if all houses on a north-south grid line had the same numbers. Say, all houses between north-south Thwap Street and Big Mac Boulevard ran from 1001 to 1009. Next block over, 1010 to 1019. So you hear "1034 Dangle," you can say to yourself, "All 1034s are between [north-south] Whiz Way and Tweetlander. Let's go, guys!" Big, long street numbers are on big, long streets that probably cross city lines. But we don't start renumbering just because of that. Grid numbering in new developments explains tiny offshoot lanes with two or three dusty submansions that have five-digit addresses. They happen to be built in the grid square that bears those numbers. Does any of that make sense? I hope so. It really is a good deal for delivery people and emergency personnel.

Button It Up, Swabbie

Referring to the zipper question [last week]: *Many years ago when my husband was in the Navy BZ (before zippers), he told me that one button was for each of the original states. After a while, he told me they really meant 13 chances to change your mind. — Annie*

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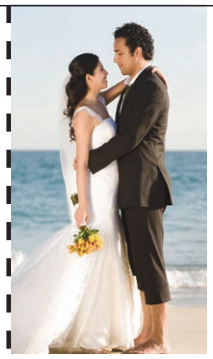

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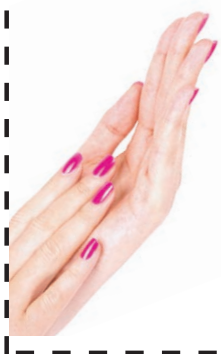

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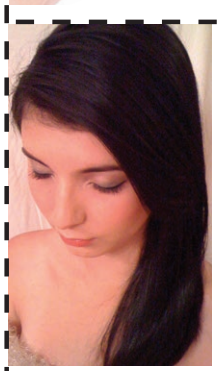

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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Side Trip

Eckley Pier

Coming back from Point Reyes, in no hurry, and decide to turn left toward the Sacramento River delta. As river meets greater San Francisco Bay at Carquinez Strait, there lies the unincorporated town of Crockett, a novelty, a place that looks like Pennsylvania in 1935. Built on the bottom of a steep hillside, home to depression-era storefronts and houses, a company town of 3000 residents, dominated by the ancient, red brick and smokestack C&H Sugar refinery.

From downtown continue east on Pomona Street and you'll transition to a narrow, two-lane road running along the ridge line into open country. A few miles on you'll see a sign that says, "Bull Valley Staging Area," and a steep driveway going down to the river.

The driveway ends, 750 feet down and a half mile in, at a small park with two picnic tables and a backyard-sized grassy patch set next to railroad tracks. On the other side of the tracks lies Eckley Pier. Opened in the late '90s, it's a concrete pier with wind shelters, a fish-cleaning area, and fresh water.

There's something about piers. Fishing piers seem romantic to me. Humphrey Bogart, trench coat, fog, night, a dame hanging on your arm. What does this image mean? It means I haven't spent time on fishing piers.

Two men are fishing off the pier. I walk out and say hello. Robert Eichel, 51, has black/gray hair, ruddy face, and a pot belly. He's dressed in a red and black wool shirt, jeans, and tennis shoes. I ask, "Can you catch enough fish to make a difference in your grocery bill?"

Eichel says, "No, you'd starve. Don't get me wrong, if you got to keep a sturgeon that's 55 inches or something like that, you can get a lot of nice meals out of it. That meat is real good. But, you're only allowed to have three [white sturgeons] a year now. Used to be one-a-day."

"There's no license requirement to fish off a pier in California, right?"

"There's no license to fish on the pier," Eichel says, "but as soon as you get off the pier and fish, you'll get in trouble if you don't have a license. You have to bring fish up on the pier. And it has to be documented. They have something called a Sturgeon Card. You've got to fill out what little ones you catch, and when you catch a big one.

"You can't take nothing home unless you brought it up on the pier. Off the pier, that's when they get you. The (Department of Fish and Game) guy sits right up there in his car," Eichel points to the top of the ridge, "and watches everything."

I ask, "Do you have a fishing license?"

The second man, standing ten feet away from us, calls out, "*No.*"

Eichel says, very quietly, "I didn't get one this year yet."

I say, "Okay, let's say you've got a legal fish on your line. What do you do?"

"I would just lift it up," Eichel says. "That guy," nods in the direction of the other fisherman, "has a round net, a crab net. You could get a fish from that. I have a snare, like a noose, that you put down over your line, around the fish, and then pull it up." Silence. "I've actually got a pier gaff, which you're not supposed to use. Three hooks. Ever seen one of those?"

"No."

Eichel takes me behind the wind barrier, unzips a small duffle bag, pulls out an object wrapped inside of a towel, unwraps the towel like a drug dealer unpacking a brick of cocaine, and shows me a three-hooks gaff. He says, "You try and put that in their gills instead of their body."

Here's the obvious question, "Do you have problems with fish and game cops?"

"If they get a report, somebody doing something, they'll come out here for that, and while there at it they might check and see if you've caught any fish. If you're out here and you've been out here for a while and you bring in a fish that's 8 and a half, 9 feet long, 200 pounds, drag him on the shore, take some pictures, and then the evil comes out. That's because you don't have none at home. You spend a lot of time out here fishing, next thing you know there are three guys trying to wedge this big fish into the trunk of the car."

"How did that work out for you?"

"We got away. But, I think when you get away with doing something wrong like that, nothing good is going to come back to you. We don't do that no more."

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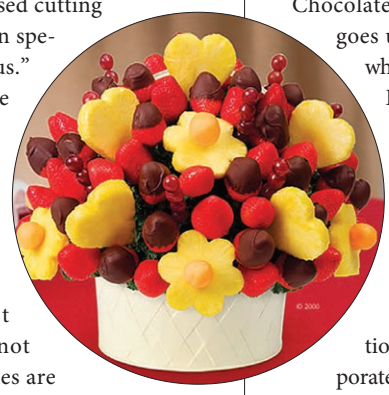
–EVE KELLY

"If you leave the bouquet unrefrigerated, you should consume it within three to five hours. If you refrigerate it, you can keep it for three to five days."

'Mom says she doesn't want flowers for Mother's Day," I said to my husband Patrick.

"Get her a bouquet she can eat," he replied. The man is nothing if not consistent.

I started with the Hillcrest location of Edible Arrangements (619-294-3699; *ediblearrangements.com*). Manager Nicki couldn't disclose company secrets — how they got the fruit into certain shapes, how they held the bouquets together, etc. — but she did say that the company used cutting tools "that have been specially designed for us." She then stressed the importance of getting the right fruit at the right time.



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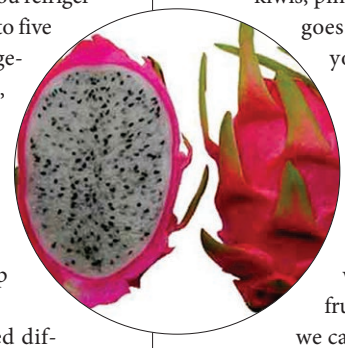
"We're very selective about fruit quality, and we get the fruit locally. It has to be ripe but not too ripe. Strawberries are the number-one offender here. We'll order ten cases and go through them in two days, but if they're overly ripe I don't want them in the arrangements. Even if they look beautiful today, by the time I deliver them to the customer tomorrow, the customer is not going to get the longevity they want."

A word on that longevity: "If you leave the bouquet unrefrigerated, you should consume it within three to five hours. If you refrigerate it, you can keep it for three to five days. You can order an arrangement and pick it up at the store, or you can have it delivered for **$12**. We do same-day delivery; we just need an hour's notice to prepare the arrangements. On a slow day we may do 20, but on Mother's Day we do up to 300.



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"We have about a hundred different arrangements to choose from, one for nearly every occasion. Some of them have double-dipped bananas — half in dark chocolate, half in white Ghirardelli chocolate. We even have fruit dipped in peanut butter. My favorite is called the Fruit Festival [**$78–$123**, depending on size]. It comes in a copper planter box…it makes a wonderful centerpiece. Included are our signature pineapple daisies — pineapple pieces cut into a daisy shape and fitted with a cantaloupe melon ball at the center. And half the daisy is dipped in chocolate. There are also orange wedges, bright strawberries, cantaloupe, honeydew, Granny Smith apple wedges, and towers of grapes. When they're in season, we'll use mangoes, kiwis, and watermelons."

A few holidays — including, of course, Mother's Day — get their own special arrangements. "Our most popular is the Mother's Day Delicious Celebration [**$47–$57**], but my favorite is the Mother's Day Berry Chocolate Bouquet. It starts at **$69** and goes up to **$209** for a banquet-size, which serves upwards of 45 people. But the personal-size ones come in a little basket, and there are pineapple daisies, pineapple hearts, strawberries — half of them dipped in dark chocolate — grape skewers, and cantaloupe wedges."

Edible Arrangements is a nationwide franchise, a smooth corporate machine. Molly Malloy's Floral Company in Mission Valley (619-584-8984, *mollymalloys.com*) is more of a mom 'n' pop. Teri told me that she gets fruit-basket fruit from a local farmer's market.

"We find it has better quality...our baskets have apples, oranges, sometimes bananas and other fruit. If you have a specific request, we'll get it for you, but otherwise we choose whatever looks best that day. Depending on the season we might have grapes, plums, kiwis, pineapples, papayas, or mangoes. They start at **$45**, but if you were getting multiple smaller baskets to give as hostess gifts or something, we could drop them to **$30** or **$35**. We like for you to call a day ahead for fruit baskets so we can stop and get the fruit on our way to work, but we can do same-day delivery if you call in the morning. Delivery runs **$12.99–$15.99**, depending on the area."

At Impulsive Flowers in Pacific Beach (858-274-4333; *impulsiveflowers.net*), basic fruit baskets start at **$45**. Employee Kim says, "They usually have apples, oranges, pineapple, grapes, cantaloupe, or strawberries. Whatever is in season. We usually get our fruit from Henry's, unless there is a special request. Once a customer asked for a basket with passion fruit and dragon fruit."

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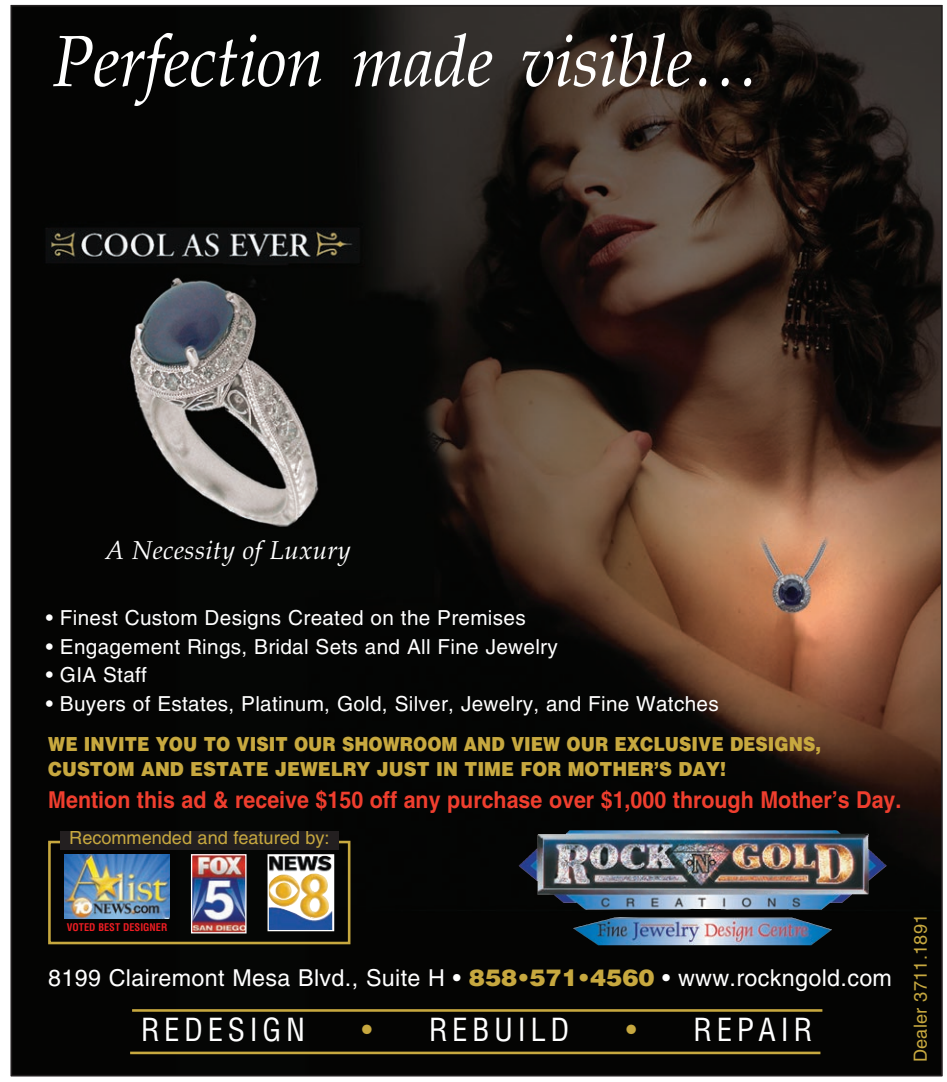

Gin & Ironic

by Barbarella

I think that there is nothing, not even crime, more opposed to poetry, to philosophy, ay, to life itself than this incessant business.

— Henry David Thoreau

"Imagine if you made a hundred thousand dollars per month. How would your life be different?" David regarded me with a wary eye. It was Sunday morning, so we were seated in our armchairs, alternating between reading the *New York Times* spread out on the coffee table between us and surfing the net on our laptops. "Imagine making three thousand percent returns on your investments using never-before-revealed techniques!"

"What is this, email from Nigeria?" David asked.

"No, it's an invitation to join the Global Information Network. It's from a friend, which is the only reason I bothered looking at it. But wait, it gets better." I read from my laptop screen, "'You can now join a worldwide private group that can virtually guarantee your success in life.' Clever, that cover-your-ass usage of the word 'virtually.' Anyway, here's the clincher: 'The law of attraction is just one tool that can be used to create whatever you desire in your life.' It's like the Secret all over again. Gravity, now that's a law. Attraction? Not so much. That's an abstraction."

"Smacks of scam," David said.

"I will never, ever, ever join, so lose my number or I will file a restraining order."

"No shit, right? This invitation to join an 'elite society of billionaires' reads like the 'pretty please, I'm begging you to come' invitations I sent out for my tenth birthday party after arriving in a new city with no friends. If it's so 'exclusive,' why the hard sell? It says here I was 'hand-picked.' Was that the hand that hit the 'send to all button?' I mean, they have a Facebook page on which they ask anyone who sees it to join."

David rolled his eyes and returned to reading an article about microblogging. The spam-ish offer had bumped me from my usual Sunday news-sifting trajectory; in moments I had launched my own little investigation of the organization behind it. My parents were suspicious New Yorkers who strove to prepare their daughters for a harsh world in which predators actively hunt patsies. My mother reminded us daily to trust no one. My father often recited the idiom, "There's no such thing as a free lunch." Each evening, he also read aloud clippings from the news, after which he'd commentate about how this girl's life might have been saved or that guy's car might not have been stolen had the victims been more world-wise. The underlying belief system I came away with: if somebody bends over backwards to "help" you, chances are they want something in return and that they intend to benefit more from the deal.

When I lived in West Hollywood, a friend dragged me to an introductory meeting for the large group awareness training (LGAT) program known as Landmark Forum. In a histrionic seminar reminiscent of a scene from *Yes Man*, an auditorium full of mostly unhappy people were commanded, in a tough-love sort of way, to take control of their lives. The speakers were sometimes inspiring, sometimes annoying, but overall I was glad for the experience. While true that my friend's life and mood had drastically changed — he smiled more, he started working out and eating well, and he established healthier modes of communication with his family — I was uninterested in paying $500 to "get to the next level."

Upon leaving the auditorium, I had been pestered into giving over my contact information. Big mistake. For weeks, I received phone calls from pushy Landmark representatives, asking me when I would be "ready" to take the next step. At first I tried the polite approach. But when I said, "Now is not a good time," I was countered with, "It's never not a good time to live a better life." And when I said, "I don't have the money," I was harassed for being too weak to "invest in myself." The last phone call I received ended with my pointedly stating, "I will never, ever, ever join, so lose my number or I will file a restraining order."

The offer now before me promised wealth, health, and happiness beyond my most improbable dreams. My first order of business was finding out just how much the genie in the bottle expected in exchange for granting my every wish. After a few clicks, I learned the "initiation" fee was $1000 and "membership" $150 a month, with a stipulation that the monthly fee would be automatically deducted from whichever card was provided. Also, as part of the "membership agreement," I would be obligated to sign-up a new member every month. Assuming a single member fulfills this obligation and that all her recruited members are successful in fulfilling their monthly quotas, in just one year's time the original joiner would have been responsible for 8190 new members. In two years and four months, the membership of the club will have exceeded the population of the United States. And then, just four months after that, the entire population of the world — every man, woman, and child — would belong to this "exclusive" club. I was inspired to dig deeper.

Global Information Network, called GIN for short (how debonair), was founded in Nevis, a small island in the Caribbean, which also happens to be among the 35 nations blacklisted by the international Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development because they were said to be "non-cooperative in the campaign against tax evasion and money laundering."

While reading GIN's website, I smiled

to myself when I came across the line, "The privileged class has NO right to hide the truth from the masses," as it was followed by an entire paragraph seducing would-be members with the lure of joining the very same kind of privileged class they had just disparaged: "This is your personal private invitation to become a member of one of the world's most exclusive private wealth-building organizations," and, "You now have the chance to be an insider."

The invitation read like a vendor hawking his wares on the street; repetitive and assertive, with carefully placed clarifiers like "almost" before "guarantee." I have a nose for bullshit, and this reeked. I don't doubt the sender's claim that membership has made a "huge impact" on his life. I am happy for him, really I am. But do I want to pay $1000 plus $150 a month in perpetuity and then hustle to convince everyone I know to join so I can learn what kind of impact? No.

One of the catchphrases in GIN's pitch (all declarations made on their site, by the way, are effectively negated in the Terms and Conditions fine print) is how new members could, in 90 days from being approved for membership, be making more money than they "ever thought possible." If being members makes my friends happy, that's great. If it makes them rich, even better. I just hope they don't get burned.

If there's anything I learned from my parents, it's that success is generally the result of a lot of hard work. Anyone who tells you otherwise, in my father's vernacular, is simply blowing smoke up your ass. ■

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Who could teach gentility to Southern California 12-year-olds in

Don't look down

When I signed my son up for dance and deportment lessons, I didn't tell him.

For one thing, it was called Mr. Benjamin's Cotillion, and I couldn't shake the image of Mr. Benjamin *Bunny*, Peter Rabbit's uncle. The only other dance-and-deportment teacher I could visualize, as the date of the first cotillion

2009? How could it be done?

Mr. Benjamin

approached, was Prince Turveydrop, the desperately poor and harried dance instructor in Dickens's novel *Bleak House*, who "sometimes played the fiddle, dancing; sometimes played the piano, standing; sometimes hummed the tune with what little breath he could spare, while he set a pupil right…and never rested for an instant."

Prince Turveydrop, in other words, is not a youth icon.

Why, you may be asking yourself, did I enroll my son in something I couldn't picture happening in this century with a cast of humans?

Well, that's why, actually: the mere fact that Mr. Benjamin's Cotillion had survived for 55 years in America's beach belt. Who could teach gentility to Southern California 12-year-olds in 2009? *How could it be done?*

And yet it was done. The flyer said so. This seemed like a hopeful answer to the question I've asked with increasing alarm as our oldest child speeds toward adolescence in the age of texting and low-hung pants: *Can this civilization be saved?*

Plus, the letter said that if I came to watch the first night and didn't like it, I could have my money back.

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I expected small numbers on that first September night — 20 or 30 helpless offspring wishing they were dead — but the lines outside the middle-school hall stretched down the sidewalk as if for the premiere of *Star Wars XI*.

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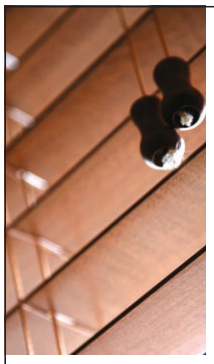

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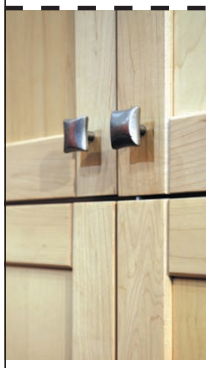

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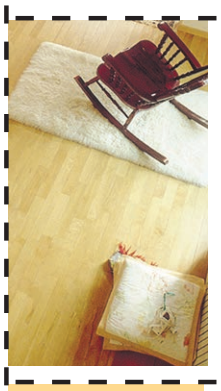

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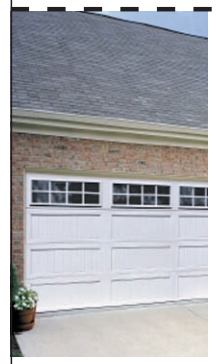

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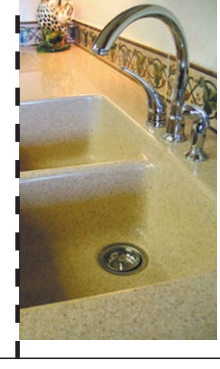

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The girls wore, as directed in the flyer, dresses and skirts and ballet flats and kitten heels and the most heartbreakingly hopeful looks you ever saw. The boys wore the prescribed white or blue button-down shirts, khaki or navy pants, belts you could actually see because for maybe the first time in their lives someone had required them to tuck in their shirts, and expressions that ranged from acute physical discomfort to nervous bravado.

The boys stood in clumps, but the girls formed a wavering line, like tulips after a light snowfall. The boys and girls did not mix with one another. Girls entered through one door, boys through the other, and separate they remained.

Mr. Benjamin looked like a retired pro football player moonlighting for the Secret Service.

At 7:30, a 6′5″ man wearing a well-cut suit and tie strode to the center of the gym. He had a mustache and short steel-colored hair. It was instantly clear that he had not been, at any phase of his life, nicknamed Turveydrop. He looked like a retired pro football player moonlighting for the Secret Service.

"Good evening," he said to the crowd, his voice amplified by a tiny tie-clip microphone, the kind used by referees in the NFL. "I'm Mr. Benjamin."

He told the girls to extend and straighten the line on their side, and the boys to do the same on their boundary. Behind the boys, from chairs arranged on the stage, parents were thinking what he imagined they were thinking: *I had to* drag *him here. I had to* drag *her here. Did I do him wrong? Did I do her wrong?*

Two 20-year-old

RESEARCH STUDIES

Rady Children's Hospital San Diego

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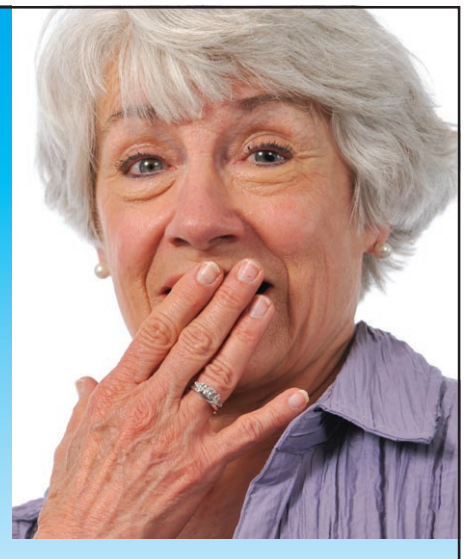

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Qualified participants must be:
1. Male or female, 65 years of age or older
2. Symptoms of overactive bladder and incontinence for at least 3 months (frequency, urgency, and incontinence)
4. Ambulatory and able to complete study diaries

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Ladies... *Lost that loving feeling?*

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

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

Qualifying participants receive at no cost, study-related:
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guys in suits, their black hair combed wetly back, their jaws set, stood at the edge of the room like extras in a Scorsese film. They were clearly the deportment roadies, though my 9-year-old son preferred to think of Pete Lococo and Dominic Dianna as Mr. Benjamin's bodyguards. Pete and Dominic ran the iPod, counted boys and girls so that if the numbers didn't come out even, Mr. Benjamin could designate the correct number of cut-ins, and proved that dressing up didn't make you a wuss.

Mr. Benjamin surveyed the line of boys. "I see socks. I see belts. Good work, gentlemen.

"Keep your hands out of your pockets," he told the boys. They took their hands out of their pockets.

He studied the girls. (If skirts are too short and dresses are too strappy, he has to have a discreet word. Nothing too "hoochie," as he calls it, is allowed.) "Good work, ladies."

He said that while the girls might have actually looked forward to dressing up this evening, "We all know why the boys are here. You're here because your mothers *made* you come."

Kids laughed, even the nauseated ones. He joked some more, and they laughed, and the parents laughed, relieved to discover that Mr. Benjamin was not only impressively threatening but funny. *There would be jokes!*

Keep your hands out of your pockets, he told the boys.

But jokes alone can't dispel terror. "If you're feeling nauseous, if you think you're going to get sick, if you have a stomachache, if you've got sweaty palms, if you think you might pass out, you are a normal person," he said. "You're normal."

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Ladies...not in the mood? Depressed?

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To qualify you must be:

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

Qualified participants will receive all study-related evaluations and study medication at no cost. You may also receive reimbursement for time and travel.

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• Type 2 Diabetes

- 18-80 years of age
- Currently treated with metformin

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You must be:

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No one passed out.

"I will refer to you here as ladies and gentlemen," Mr. Benjamin continued. "And that's what you'll be." The first rule of the night, and of all nights, would be this: "Keep your negative thoughts to yourself."

There would be other etiquette topics, he said, and he'd bring them up a few at a time between dances — three dances a night would be typical — but this was the first and foremost, absolutely unbreakable one. No matter what you thought about someone's hairstyle, dance skills, hand temperature, or body type, you were not, under any circumstances, to say a nasty critical word about it, not to your friend or acquaintance or, worst of all, to the warm-handed, sweating, terrified subject of your gaze. There would, furthermore, be no whispered asides that would make a boy or girl even *think* you were mocking him.

It felt, for a wonderful second or two, that the superhero you needed when you were 12, the Avenger of Lunchroom Humiliations, was now present and would, with his tallness and good posture and death-defying faith in the line between rudeness and civility, save every soul in the room from the social horror that is middle school.

The Avenger was still going to make you dance, however. No getting around that. But it would be risk-free danc-

Their faces were still the faces of little girls, but they were dressed like the women they wanted to become.

Do You Have Type 2 Diabetes? And Not Treated With Insulin?

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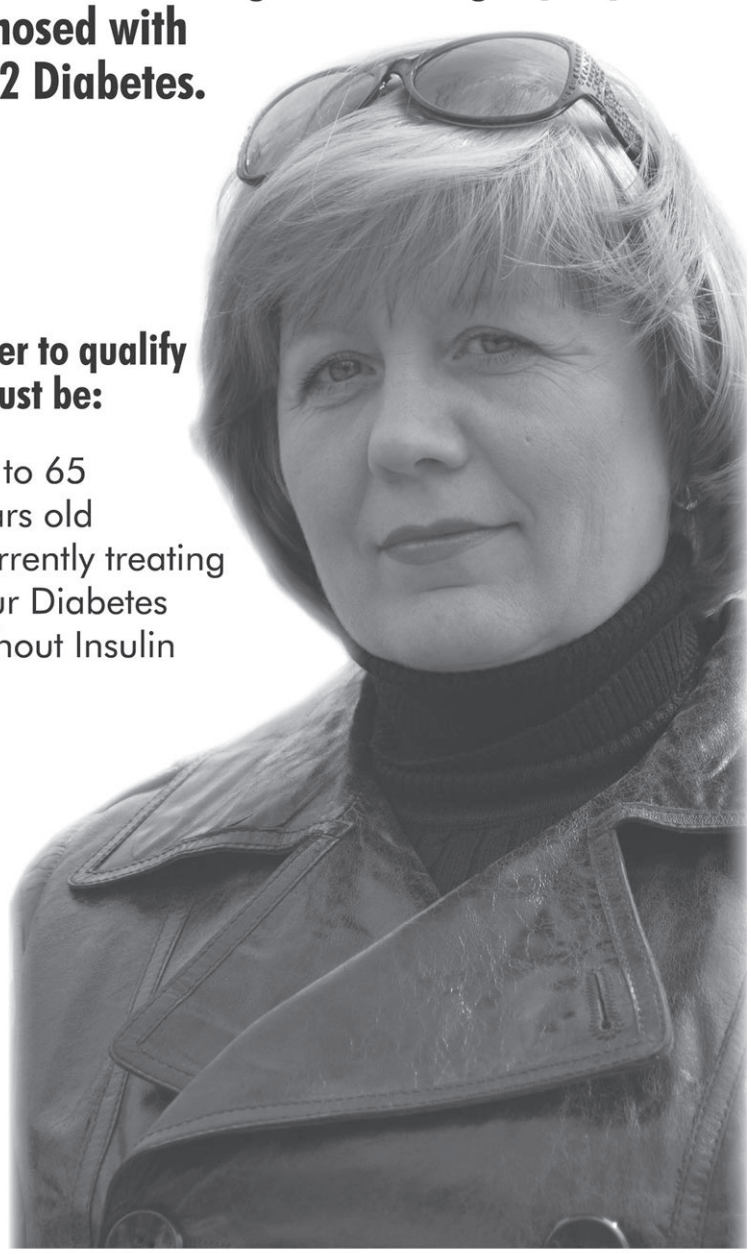

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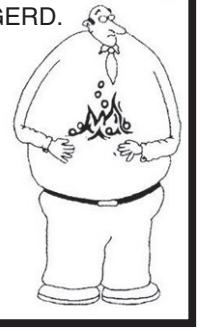

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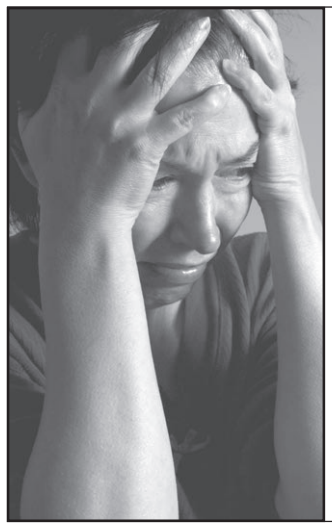

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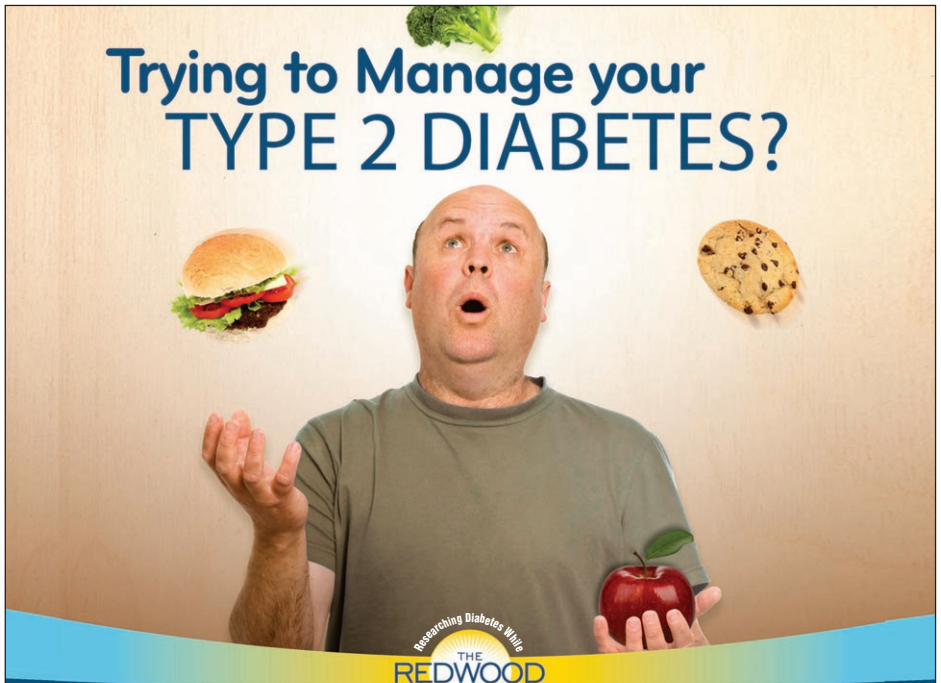

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ing, or at least risk-free asking, because at cotillion nobody had a choice: "This," Mr. Benjamin pointed out, "is not a democracy." To the boys, he said, "When you ask a lady to dance, what are the only six words you can say? '*May I have this dance, please.*' That's it. Those words."

He turned to the girls.

"When a gentleman asks you to dance, ladies, what can you say? Three words. '*Yes, thank you.*' " Can you say something else, later on in life, when a gentleman asks you to dance? Yes. But tonight? No. Three words. 'Yes, thank you.' "

Turning again to the boys, "When I tell you to walk across the room and get a partner, is this the most important decision of your life? Is this a marriage proposal? Do you need to think it over for a long time? No," Mr. Benjamin said and shook his head.

"And when you escort your partner back to the other side of the room, do you give her a push when you're ten feet from the edge, like, 'Here you go,' shove her back into the pile?"

Laughter.

"No! You walk her all the way to her side and say 'thank you' and walk back. It's a few seconds of your life. Walk your partner back to her seat."

When he had demonstrated exactly how each gentleman would hold each lady (one hand at her back, the other holding hers in the air, full-contact, waltz-style), when he had reviewed possible topics of conversation (the weather, pets, siblings, movies), when he had demonstrated the box step — which looked simple unless you imagined yourself doing it while nervous with a stranger — when he had made clear the whole terrifying prospect of approaching a girl and then touching her in two places while looking into her face and making conversation while somehow moving your feet in patterns they had never before made, Mr. Benjamin said matter-of-factly, "In just a minute, your whole life is going to change."

The girls stood in

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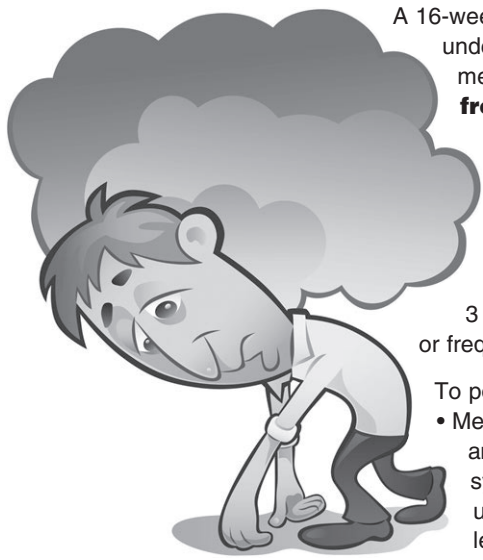

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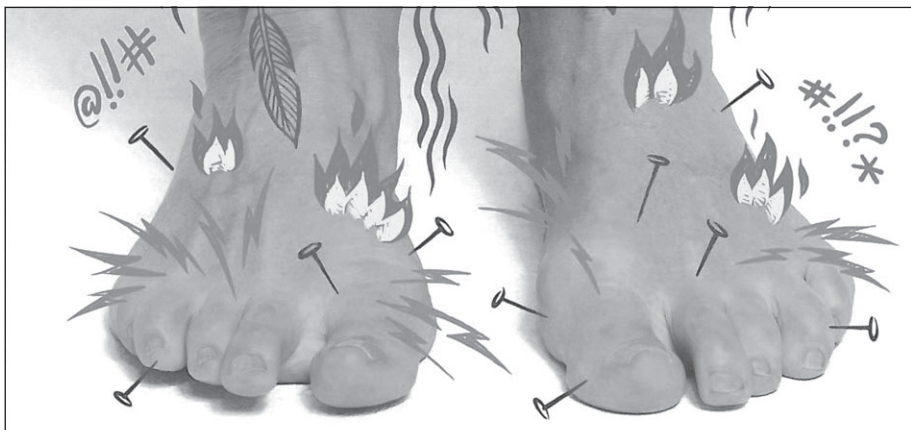

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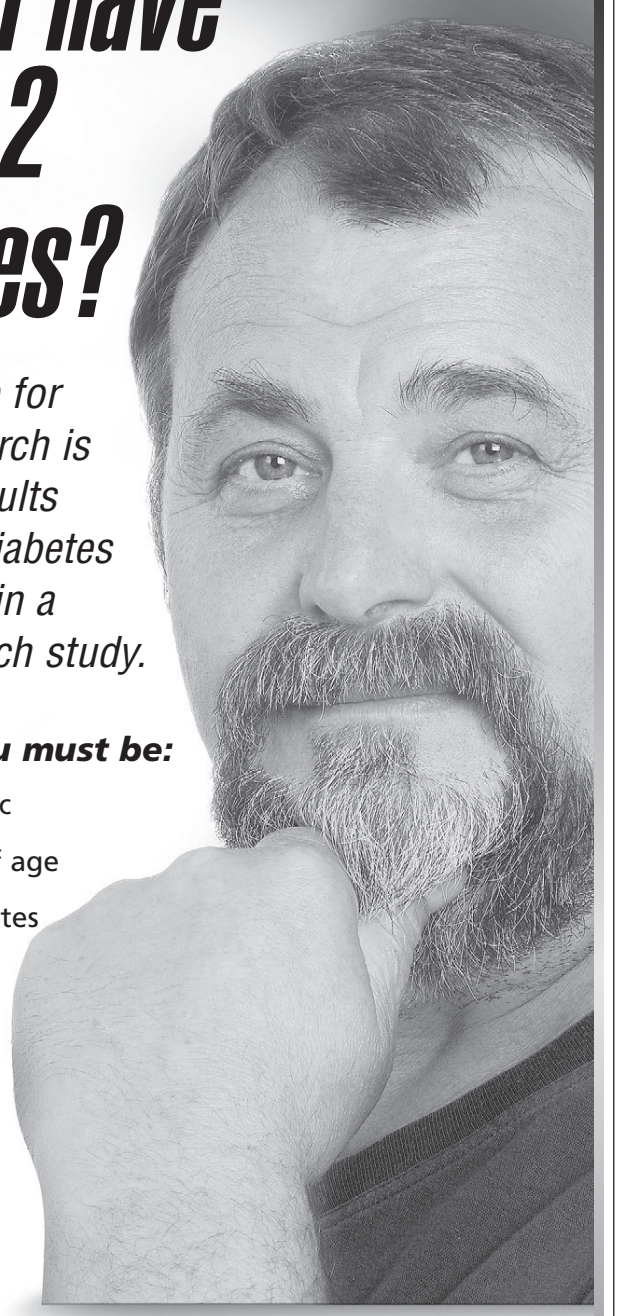

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their ballet flats and kitten heels, the dresses they had tried on at home before a mirror, the hair they had styled and styled and styled, and looked dubiously, hopefully, daringly across at the boys. Their faces were still the faces of little girls, but they were dressed like the women they wanted to become. Most were slim as daffodils, but a few were womanlike already and embarrassed about that because they would tower over the boyish boys on the other side of the room, and how many boys did that leave who would willingly choose them to dance? What boy did they know who had ever kept his negative thoughts to himself? What girl, for that matter? Fear hovered in certain faces, along with a mask ready to say, "I don't care." Black-haired, blond-haired, dark-eyed, blue-eyed, they were lovelier than they knew or would ever believe.

The boys stood like lead counterweights on their side, the overlong cuffs of their pants piled like sedimentary rock on their enormous new leather shoes, the sleeves of their blue or white shirts stranded above their wrists or, more commonly, hanging mid-palm, so they could grow into them, and either way their hands were dangling like bait because Mr. Benjamin kept saying, "Get your hands out of your pockets," and where else were their hands supposed to go? They balanced unsteadily on their too-large feet, the long-haired ones tossing and tossing their hair, which in the current fashion flowed right down over their eyes, where it curled up ever so slightly as if to say *I don't care to see you.* Their faces were still the faces of little boys, with round, hopeful cheeks and chins, not jaws that needed shaving or could even be imagined to need shaving, and yet they were going to have to walk across the room in a second and ask one of those girls to dance. They looked giddy,

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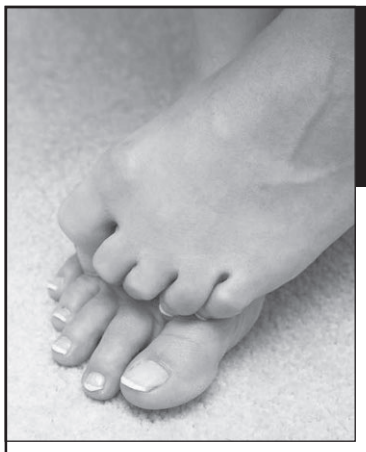

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brave, and almost uniformly horrified.

"Gentleman, get a partner," Mr. Benjamin said, and what he had predicted came to pass. Feet thundered across the floor, jangling voices said, "May I have this dance, please?" and 12 years of childhood telescoped into a single instant and were gone.

* * *

Four nights a week, September to March, from the North County to the South Bay, Coronado to Tierrasanta, Mr. Benjamin makes the rounds. Each group gets 12 one-hour lessons, 36 dances, 8 trips to the punch table, and instruction in some 24 etiquette topics, numbers that are multiplied, for Benjamin himself, by 8. It's a job you could call stand-up deportment comedy, if it weren't for the rabbi-priest-teacher-coach role he plays in a multicultural society that has lost almost all of its communal rites of passage. He has to get kids to do the cha-cha, a sexy Cuban dance out of date for at least 50 years, and the waltz, out of date for more than 100. To care whether they're nice to people and whether their table manners, which are discussed but not practiced at the classes, are grotesque. To believe they can look a girl or boy in the eye and make casual, congenial conversation and not feel like a total, abject loser or, conversely, avoid making someone *else* feel like a total, abject loser. He has to make their parents think they got their money's worth, and he wants, as he's doing these things — or maybe *in order* to do these things — to make sure the kids have a good time listening to pointers on how to behave at a job interview and doing the foxtrot with the girl or boy who cuts them dead in humanities.

"I want," he says, "the kids to take away a positive memory in a setting where most people feel very uncomfortable." To say, as he imagines it, " 'God, you know, I was dressed up, we were talking about manners, and that sounds really uncomfortable, but I had fun.' "

To do this — to insist upon conformity in a society that values individual freedom more than orthodoxy and still hope for fun — Benjamin talks like a surfer and acts like a drill sergeant.

"I kind of go back to that hippie thing," Benjamin says, referring to the era in which he himself came of age. His older brother was in Vietnam when Benjamin was in third and fourth grade, so although it was 1967 and he lived at the beach, he absorbed "this whole sense of the military, the sense of the tradition that the military brings, the sense of order that it brings. I like that. *'This* is the standard. These are my expectations. I want *you* to bring yourself up to that spot, and you will feel better about yourself by doing it. Be better than what you think you can be.' That whole Army thing, 'Be all you can be' — that's a right-on statement. It's not just a marketing ploy. It's the truth. All of a sudden I got on a soapbox there, but I really dig that about Mr. Benjamin's. It makes people come up to a level that they have not had to before. It's not that they couldn't or didn't want to, but that nobody asked."

This describes, in a way, the path of Benjamin's own life.

"In 1978," Benjamin says, "I moved to Hawaii."

He was a 19-year-old surfer from Point Loma who'd spent five months working in a restaurant to buy a one-way ticket to Maui. He was headed, specifically, to a famous surf spot called Honolua Bay.

"Some guys went to Kaui," he says, "but I knew Kaui wasn't for me, because back then, Kaui was, like, nowhere, nothing. Too remote, you couldn't make a living. And the one thing that my dad definitely instilled in all three boys was, at a certain age, you're off the wallet.

"So I go there, and the surf's incredible, beautiful, idyllic, it was the *perfect* place for me. I don't mind heat. Some people are made to live in Telluride, and some people are made to live in Arizona. I am made to live in the tropics. That's where I always feel my best."

Benjamin said to himself, *This is it. I'm not going back.*

He learned to shape surfboards, and he started what he calls a "pretty decent little surfboard company." For a while, he lived with a girl and her giant dog, Buick, in a van. He was making custom boards and doing some retail, and "it was like a dream, really. You know that joke you see in the movies?"

Here Benjamin does a perfect parody of an envious slacker, saying,

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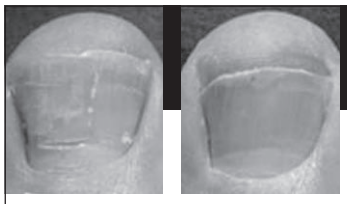

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In 1983, five years after Benjamin bought the one-way ticket to Hawaii, his mother, Eleanor, was diagnosed with cancer. He came home to Point Loma, but that was just a temporary thing, he thought. Benjamin's father, Donald, was by then in his 29th year of running Mr. Benjamin's Cotillion, a business he'd started in 1954 with two Tommy Dorsey albums, a Sears record player, and 35 sixth-graders from Del Mar Village Elementary. Peter Benjamin had been born 4 years later, in 1958, and by the time Peter reached sixth grade, it was a given that he would, like his two older brothers, learn the cha-cha, the foxtrot, and the waltz at Mr. Benjamin's. He danced with Vicki Willoughby and a red-haired girl named Karen Patterson. He surfed, and he grew his hair down past his shoulders.

Like his brothers, Peter Benjamin worked for his father after sixth grade, making punch, checking boys and girls in at the door, nudging boys who subconsciously tucked their hands into their pockets, and handling the occasional emergency.

One night during a dinner dance, Donald Benjamin pushed the bar on a glass door and his hand broke through the glass plate. "I was in seventh grade," Benjamin says. "He says to me — this is just like my dad — 'You take over the class. I have to go to the emergency room.'

"So I'm a seventh-grader among seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-graders, and I have to go up on the stage, put a record on, say, 'Okay, everybody dance,' and that kind of stuff, and I was a sort of reserved kid, so I have a very definite memory of that."

Benjamin's father must have had a definite memory of it, too. As

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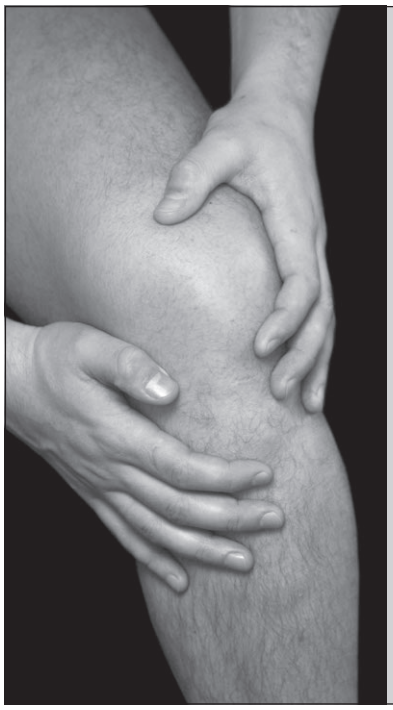

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the summer of 1983 turned into fall, Donald Benjamin got a call from a woman in Valley Center.

"Valley Center was kind of a unique place at that time," Peter Benjamin says, "the avocado farmer's Rancho Santa Fe." The farmers wanted property and rolling hills — "that kind of Tuscan vibe" — but they also wanted social refinement. "We really want Mr. Benjamin's here," the woman told Donald Benjamin.

Donald Benjamin said that although he appreciated the opportunity, he was not interested in driving to Valley Center.

"But," he told the woman, "my son will."

So 25-year-old Peter Benjamin put on a suit and tie and drove to Valley Center. Except for the night his father cut open his hand, he'd never been in charge of a cotillion class, "but I assume what I did was I paid attention. Even though I didn't *know* I was. You know what I'm saying? It's almost through osmosis, right? Through absorption. I absorbed class administration."

His first class was 20–25 kids. "Did my father think I'd be Mr. Benjamin's at that point? Probably not. But he knew that it's never bad to have a multitude of different skills. My father was always that way. He did a lot of things."

> The grandparent went to Mr. Benjamin's. The parent went. All of their brothers and sisters went. Their children now go.

So Peter stayed in San Diego. He kept teaching. His father got a call from Scripps Ranch, "which back then was nothing. Scripps Ranch was tiny." Soon Peter was teaching

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in Valley Center, Scripps Ranch, Tierrasanta, and Rancho Peñasquitos. Like circuit preachers, the two Mr. Benjamins made their rounds, stating in the same way the same essential rules of civility, using the same dress code in the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s, and the new millennium, ushering hundreds and then thousands and tens of thousands of 12-year-olds across the wide chasm that separates them from the opposite sex. Hawaii receded, but Peter Benjamin continued to shape surfboards. *It's never bad to have a multitude of different skills.* He went on a blind date with a college girl named Stacey who knew his name from his surfboard logo, married her, and they had a son, who grew to the age where he would stand in a pair of khaki pants and a button-down shirt at the edge of a school gym, facing a line of girls.

"My fear, when Chase was born," Peter says, "was that he would catch a lot of crap for being Mr. Benjamin's kid, because my brothers and I did at that time. But what happened was just the opposite."

By 2008, when Chase Benjamin came of age in Point Loma, a third generation of local cotillion students was also coming of age.

"The grandparent went to Mr. Benjamin's," Benjamin says. "The parent went. All of their brothers and sisters went. Their children now go." The son of Vicki Willoughby, Peter's dance partner in sixth grade, came to work for him, and when Chase took his place in line, all of his friends were there, too, and the boys from past Little League teams, and though it wasn't quite as if his father was Peyton Manning, Mr. Benjamin's had somehow managed to become cool.

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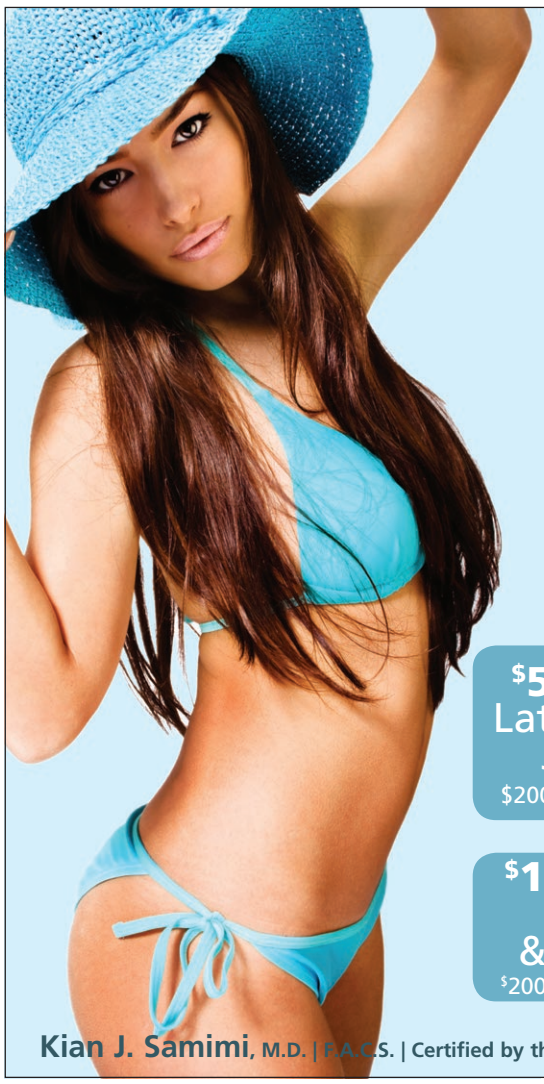
Donald Benjamin died on October 14, 2009, in the second month of the 56th season of his work. As when, long ago, Donald Benjamin had to leave the dance floor early, Peter Benjamin carried on with cotillion, making sure that shirts were tucked in



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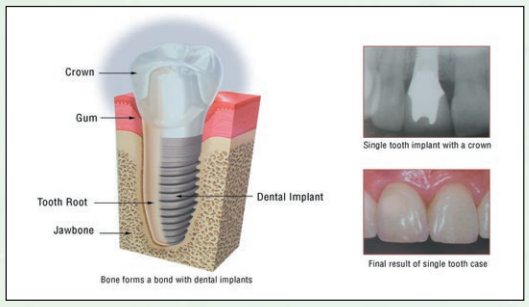

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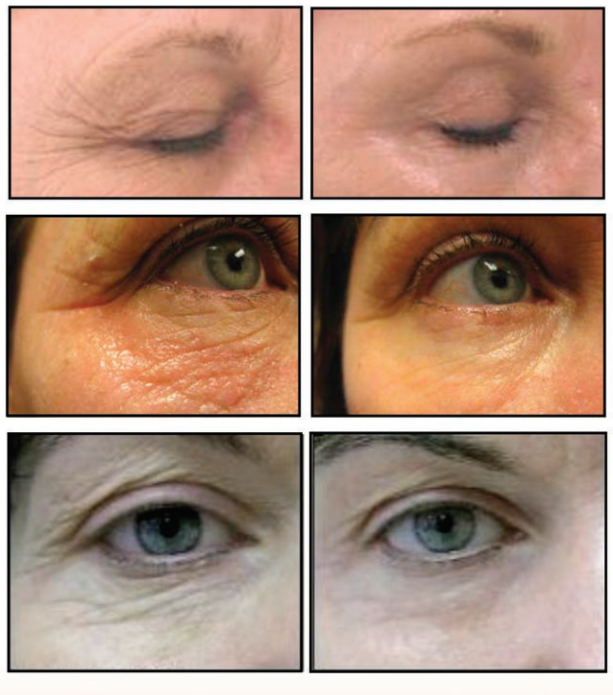
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and dances danced and music played. The funeral guestbook and the Benjamin house filled up with mourners — "God, the people that showed up, it was amazing" — who were deeply fond of and grateful to the man who taught them the bossa nova and a good, firm handshake.

Certain things disappeared from the original class, as they tend to disappear from the world. The dinner dance, for example, became impossible once food allergies became an issue, and Peter Benjamin stopped serving Coke, which had a sort of racy glamour, at the December and March parties because parents would say, "The dark sodas are bad for kids' bones" and "This is a lot of caffeine at 8:15 at night."

"So to appease the gods," Benjamin says, he serves not chocolates or cookies, which might have traces of peanuts in them, but Starburst, "a very universally liked candy" that he hopes will satisfy both the chocolate types and the gummy-fruit-licorice types, and he switched from Coke to Sprite, "which is still a carbonated sugary drink, but if somebody calls me about that, in a nice gentlemanly way I just go, 'Tough. These are kids and they need to have fun once in a while.' "

Ladies like whooshing.

The cha-cha stays for no reason Benjamin can offer beyond that it used, once upon a time, to be done. "Do the cha-cha with a twirl for your grandparents," he says. "It will knock them out."

Likewise the waltz, the hesitation step, and a foxtrot variation Benjamin calls the "open walk" step.

"My dad taught this step," he tells kids during a winter class, choosing a girl to come out into the center of the room for a demonstration of the dance. "Side-toe, open-toe, walk, walk, whoosh," he says as he does a walk-through, and at the

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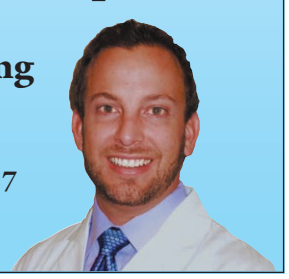
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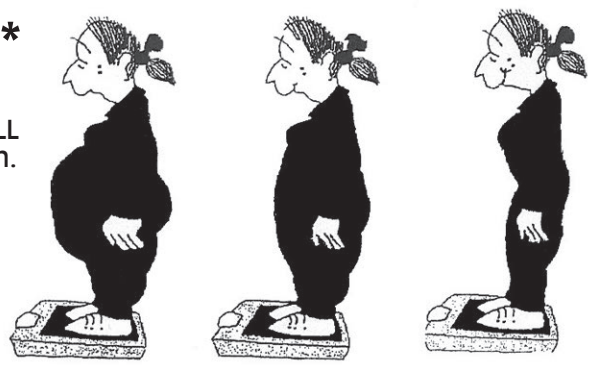
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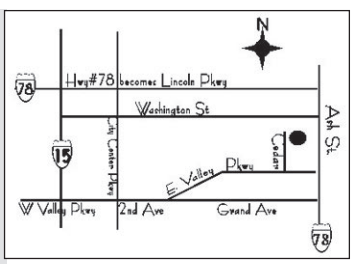

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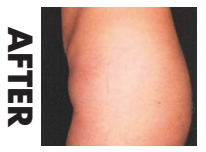

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They don't faint, they do breathe, they smile, and in any case Mr. Benjamin doesn't care how well they dance.

"If you leave this class without knowing how to dance, will I be mad?" he asks. "No. If you leave this class and you can't look someone in the eye and smile and give a good firm handshake? Yes."

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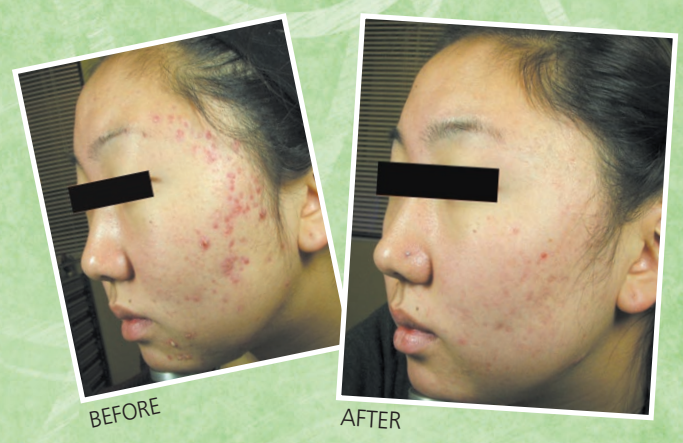

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An unexpected turn of events first prompted him to take an interest in Borrego Springs almost 20 years ago. Around the time of the savings-and-loan industry collapse, Avery, an heir to the founder of one of the world's biggest label-making companies, learned from open-space advocates that land in Borrego Springs was selling for rock-bottom prices. He wound up buying a number of noncontiguous parcels that added up to about three square miles of the town. He named his holdings Galleta Meadows after the tough native grass (*Hilaria jamesii*) that once thrived in the alluvial plain extending from present-day Borrego Springs Road to the canyon in the west.

Avery and his wife built a house on a parcel of that land, moved into it, and enrolled their children in the local schools. "It's a very small community," Avery says. "You get to know people, particularly if youre a Little League coach, as I was." So it was that he met George Jefferson, a geologist and paleontologist who'd been a curator for the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles. By the late 1990s, Jefferson was overseeing the paleontologic resources for all the parks in southeastern California, including Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, and he dreamed of one day writing a book about the profusion of fossils captured within its rocks. Avery, in turn, just couldn't believe there was no publication about the exceptionally unusual paleontology of Borrego Springs. Eventually, he agreed to underwrite the costs of making such a book a reality.

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the Anza-Borrego Desert, published by El Cajon–based Sunbelt Publications in 2006. Almost 400 pages long, the book is filled with detailed illustrations of the region's landscapes over the past five million years and the creatures that once lived there. So it wasn't surprising that those creatures came to Avery's mind the day he found himself in Ricardo Breceda's welding shop.

The shop sits by the side of Interstate 215 in Perris. Avery used to drive by it on his way to the University of Redlands, where two of his children were students. "I'd look over and see animals...giraffes and things." He wondered about them. But years went by before his curiosity impelled him to take the exit.

The welding shop, he discovered, bore an unlikely name: Perris Jurassic Park. Its creator and sovereign turned out to be a rugged-looking man with a Spanish accent so thick Avery struggled to understand him. But Avery grasped that Breceda had worked in construction as a carpenter and welder until he'd damaged a couple of disks in his back in a fall. It was then that Breceda gave in to his yearning to use his welding skills to conjure up dinosaurs. His mother warned that this was a bad idea. But Breceda had a vision.

With no artistic training, Breceda's early efforts (still in evidence on the property) "all looked like refrigerators," Avery says. "They were squared-off." When Breceda learned to build internal frames for the sculptures, and to cover the frames with welded sheet-metal skins, this freed him to devise more sophisticated forms. Studying them, Avery blurted out some of what he'd learned about the animals that once lived in the part of the desert where he owned property. He told Breceda that while no dinosaurs had yet been found there, "everything else had...I said, 'Could you make some—' and before I could finish my sentence, he said, 'Oh sure. All you have to do is send me a photograph.'" Avery did that, and he says the artist's work took off like a salmon hitting a fish line."

By the spring of 2008, the unlikely collaboration had produced three giant tusked gomphotheres — ancient members of the elephant family. Avery says that on the day he and Breceda installed them near the southeast corner of the intersection of Borrego Springs and Big Horn roads, they didnt know if the townsfolk would shoot at them. Instead the sculptures were greeted with uniform delight. So Avery sent Breceda more photographs and drawings. Although he talked initially about investing up to $100,000 in the creation of a dozen or more pieces, today Avery says he's spent "way more than double that amount," and the sculpture collection includes more than 70 pieces.

The menagerie includes wild pigs and sabertooth tigers, ancient camels and llamas and wild horses. Monstrous meat-eating birds — the largest avians ever found in North America — once made their home in the area, and Breceda has created representations of these, detailed down to the individual feathers. Despite the absence of

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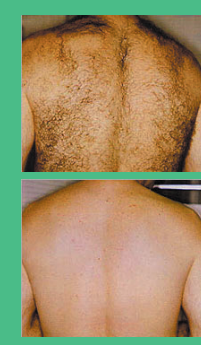

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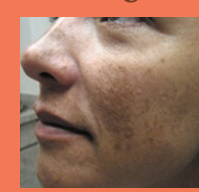
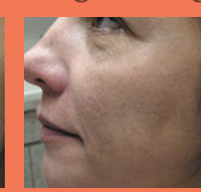
Before   After

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dinosaurian remains, "Ricardo loves dinosaurs," Avery says. "And kids think anything that's no longer here is a dinosaur." So several giant tyrannosaurean creatures were eventually installed. Seen from a distance, they look eerily realistic against the stark contours of the valley.

"We were having so much fun, we weren't always thinking ahead," Avery says. "It got to the point where I wouldn't even go out and see what Ricardo had done before I authorized him to bring it in. It was just so much fun to get up at 4:00 in the morning, go out there, and see this caravan of trucks arriving. Around the trucks, like bees, there'd be all these people who had followed him in from Palm Desert, wondering what was going on. He would pull up, and they'd be hanging out of their car windows, taking pictures with their cell phones. It was more fun than almost anything else I've done, other than raising a family."

Avery says the accuracy of the depictions is "probably anyone's guess. It's all extrapolated from the bones [that have been found in the desert]. But there were no fossilized ears or noses." Even paleontologists don't know

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for sure what the animals looked like. As an example of one way Breceda exercised artistic license, Avery mentions that the sculptor added testicles to his representation of the mammoths. "An expert got a hold of this and said, 'Pachyderms do not have testicles!' We went online and found that it was absolutely true. They have a hard time staying cool in their environs, and so they have internal organs." When Avery directed the artist to neuter the mammoths, "he was a little disappointed."

He says only twice have the sculptures drawn public criticism. "Once was from creationists," Avery says. "They were jamming my email and sending faxes because I said some of these creatures were more than seven million years old. Well, to them that's blasphemy because there was no universe then, much less saber-toothed tigers." Avery says his response was to make no further statements about the animals' age and to avoid installing any explanatory placards.

The only other fracas involved statues depicting human beings. Avery explains that, as the population of prehistoric fauna statues multiplied, some people began urging him to pay attention to the humans who played important roles in the desert. Breceda thus created pieces that honored a native American (Salvador Palma) and a missionary (Father Francisco Garcés). When Avery was urged to commission pieces commemorating the grape-pickers who once worked in the Borrego Valley and were moved by Cesar Chavez's urgings to strike, he was amenable. "You know, Chavez is like a godhead to these people." But Breceda's homage to the migrant workers included details that were criticized as being inaccurate. Some of the men were wearing sombreros, for example. "*That* was a no-no," Avery says. (Migrant workers in the U.S. wore other types of headgear.) Avery says Breceda also included some female grape-pickers, as well as their babies. But he and his patron were told that women had never picked grapes. "There was even some criticism about our plants not being accurate!" Avery knew Breceda had never intended offense. Still, he removed the pieces and had Breceda come up with more politically correct ones that were installed in January.

Avery doesn't voice irritation over these events, and he says they didn't discourage him from commissioning additional works. It surprises him that he and Breceda took the project as far as they did. Avery also has other demands for his time. He and his wife, who is Chinese, run the Chinese School of San Diego. With a staff of 19 teachers and more than 200 students studying Mandarin and Cantonese, the Averys are in the process of adding a preschool to their operation. And Breceda appears to be busy with commissions from other fans of his work. Still, Avery adds that he and Breceda "have been done a couple of times. And then things have come up that undid the being done!"

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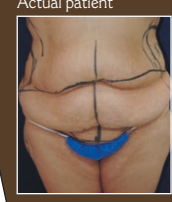

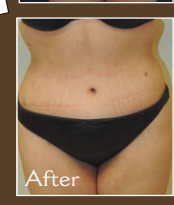

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Today in the Backyard

Carrying my whitewater kayak down the stairs at Swami's on a shoulder, wetsuit draped over the other, I survey the ocean on one of the most beautiful days yet this year. March 16 and 75 degrees; this is why I live in Encinitas.

The lineup gives me the stink eye as I paddle north past them all, close enough to snake the next swell if it presents itself. Little do the surfies know that for surf kayakers, the wave at Swami's is treacherous. Too many rocks, too many surfers, and then there's that reef. Imagine getting dragged along upside down, either thrown up on the rocks or with your neck broken in the shallows on the reef. Sure you can roll, but when you pop up, you're still in trouble. It's fun to taunt the surfies, though, especially on a day like today.

I catch a few great rides at the bone yard on a super-clear glassy set, with my 12-foot red plastic high-volume roto-molded torpedo. I do some paddle spins then get back out for the next one about three times faster than any surfer — you can see why they hate us. Winded after sprinting repeatedly with my arms, I paddle out into the ocean. Bottom half sealed inside my spray skirt, it already feels like I could have done without the full wetsuit today, it's so darn warm.

The surfers looked relieved as I moved far beyond any potential outside swell. I pass a couple of sweepers standing up, cruising along. The first milestone on the North County coast is the kelp beds. Lobster boats are starting to pick up their traps; the end of March is the end of their season. I look down into the garden and glide across giant brown leaves, careful to lean back a little to keep the nose of the kayak from getting tangled. There's all kinds of bait jumping. A Cormorant pops up

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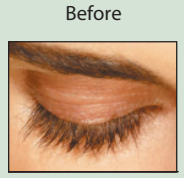
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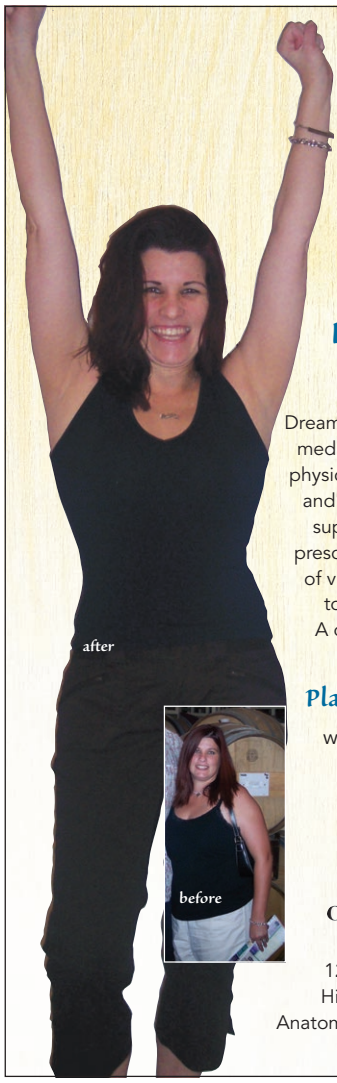

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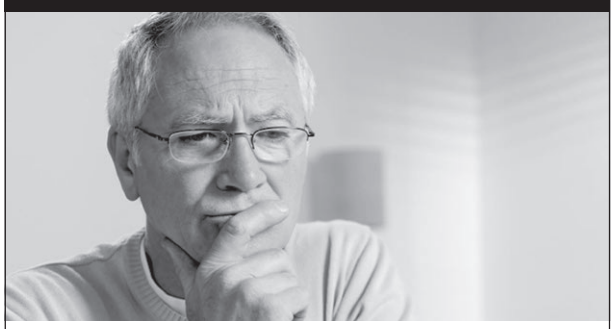

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Fifty yards on, a gaggle of seagulls floats in formation, opportunistically waiting for the next bait-ball to surface. My practice is to keep paddling without stopping and without looking back, until I get way out there. It's no different today. The gentle rolling surface cooperates with my hull speed, with almost no splashing. Twelve feet of pointy kayak tracks well. My boat is the perfect all-around Southern California self-propelled watercraft. At about 22 pounds, it's a lot lighter than those behemoth ride-on-top tugboats most suckers buy. They're afraid to really learn how to paddle a kayak. If they did, they'd realize that a whitewater boat is like a Ferrari compared with a 1950s station wagon. It can open up the whole ocean to them.

One of the bigger commercial lobster boats is motoring fast up the coast to his next set. Probably working too many traps, as my old friend John Bowen would say. John passed away several years ago. He lobstered this coast for 25 years and was always bitching about the increasing pressure on the North County catch. Once, when I passed a floating sea lion, I remembered that John would talk about how theyd shoot the sea lions that broke into their traps. I paddled up next to it and gave it a smack on the back with the paddle to make sure it was dead. The feeling of rigor transferred up the paddle shaft. *Yup.* But I didn't look for the telltale bullet hole.

As the big commercial lobster boat heads toward me, wide open and getting louder, a low rhythmic *chop-thud* indicates that a military helicopter is also coming on fast. It's a gunship out of Pendleton going like a bat out of hell, 50 feet off the water and heading right at me. As a paraglider pilot myself, I know something about controlled air space. These guys are not supposed to be lower than 500 feet, unless theyre doing business. This was obviously a joyride. You couldn't fault them for hugging the ocean on such a spectacular day.

Since they were lined up on me, I couldn't resist having the kind of fun with them I usually reserve for new pilots out of Carlsbad, the ones who fly one-seaters all over the coast, always too noisy and too low. When they figure they've just about scared the shit out of this hapless kayaker out at sea all alone, I launch the kayak paddle vertically into the air right in front of them.

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I paddled out another mile or so. The sky was clear, interrupted only by jet contrails out of Lindberg heading north to who knows where. I came to a stop and let the boat drift around, pointing back toward the shore. A cacophony emanated

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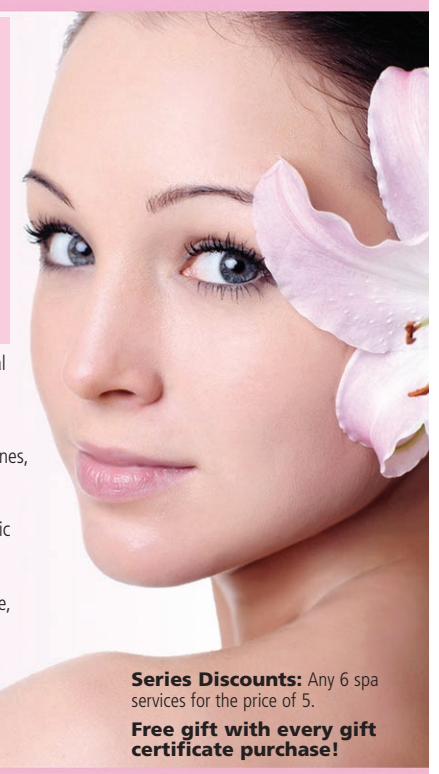

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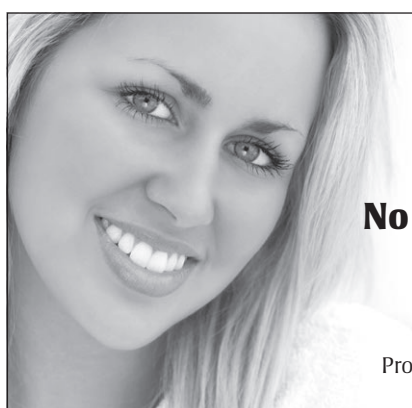

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from the coast, car noise, trains, the stress of a million ants on top of each other. What luck to be the only one out here. I started my relaxation breathing and yoga techniques, sitting up straight in the kayak in perfect yoga position.

Paramahansa Yogananda, for whom Swami's is named, recommends that when using the *Om* technique — you can do it as loud as you want to out here — that you repeat it 12 times, or multiples of 12, or something like that. I'm forgetting my Kriya yoga training a bit, but it always feels as if by the time you get to 12 you are definitely in a beautiful place. If you can't feel peace floating off of the Self Realization Fellowship Meditation gardens and compound in Encinitas, then you're probably too far gone.

You'd think you'd lose your equilibrium with your eyes closed, floating in a kayak, concentrating on your third eye, but by the fifth *Om* or so, you forget about all that. In fact, you forget about everything. Stress melts away. Usually, on this type of paddle, I am out here talking to God and the saints and all the great ones, looking for guidance or rescue or purpose or just *Help, Lord.* You know what I mean. So demanding we are, we excited little human souls.

Being alone on the ocean is a good place for this type of thing. Today, I was looking for help in redefining my purpose with my consulting and training business and with some big decisions that were coming up. The trick is to do the meditation part first, before you get into the asking-for-help part — so Yogananda says.

After the 12th *Om*, my eyes opened slowly. I inhaled again, feeling my lungs fill up all the way with a deep satisfying inhale. Just then — right friggin' in front of me — *pshwaa!* A whale spout, and then the back of a juvenile whale, popped up.

Well, how are you brother? I said.

Whoosshh! Another whale — must have been his mom — pops up next to him and puts a healthy geyser 15 feet into the air. Yeah, baby! What a show. It's late March and still whale season, but these two seem to be heading north. I try not to splash too much as they roll on their sides. I stare right through the water at their huge bodies. The little one pops up again, closer this time, and rolls over to give me a look with his eye. How cool is that?

Pshwaa! A whale spout, and then the back of a juvenile whale, popped up.

I can see the barnacles and scars and crusty stuff all over their bodies. The little guy seems to be standing on his nose now. His triangular tail, about five feet wide, reminds me of a snorkeler's fins popping out of the water. Every once in a while, the mom surfaces again, and it seems like I can count to five from when I first see her head to when her whole body finally curves over and there is her tail. Big Mama! What an incredible privilege it is to be this close to our giant cetaceous friends.

And now they are scaring up huge schools of anchovies, which run across the surface in every direction, trying to get away.

A white-headed pelican with a wingspan about three feet across hovers overhead. He looks excitedly confused because there are so many potential targets below. A fast-moving fin charges across the surface. I look down into the water and see a Jacques Cousteau–like rolling-and-turning mega-school of anchovies. What a scene.

Another big splash catches my eye, and suddenly a pod of 25 or so porpoise descend, feeding excitedly in a line, herding their own lunch, diving and jumping into them, with anchovies frantically jumping out of the water, trying to get away. Sometimes you wish you had a waterproof camera.

After all the excitement dies down, the whales disappear to who knows where. The porpoise boogie up the coast at top speed. I am smiling. How quiet it is out here again, how natural. Three young sea lions, about three feet long each, pop their curious noses out of the water, keeping their distance but clearly interested in all the action.

I head back with a wonderful peaceful feeling in my heart, a sense of thankfulness and appreciation for the beauty of our spectacular coastline. I can see from Carlsbad to La Jolla. Most people only see the small slice of the coast where they are — looking out. Too many people, too much development, and all fighting for a slice of view of this magnificent ocean. They should learn how to kayak. They might discover how awesome their backyard really is.

I sort out my business decisions with a particularly refreshing inspiration. And now there's another Gunship 500 overhead — could it be the same guys? — slowing down to give me a good look. I do a paddle spin around my neck, and the universal coast-guard signal of one paddle wave. *Yes, I see you.* The helicopter hangs another second or two, then continues on.

The surfies in the Swami's lineup watch uneasily as I go from a red speck on the horizon to floating right next to them. A bunch of old local hardcores are lined up, ready to cut one another out of the next one. I pull up next to the outside-most guy. He doesn't expect this, doesn't quite know how to handle being beside this big red potential shish kebab. I give him a big smile and say, "Could it be any nicer out here today?" He nods and smiles back, and I turn and catch a perfect swell and ride it all the way in. ■

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present a plausible stance. In her response, Ms. Wise uses the word "deracinated." I looked it up in my *Webster's New Explorer Dictionary,* and I could not find this term. I'd like to know the meaning.

Don Hinds
Bay Park

According to Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, *11th edition, deracinate means "to remove or separate from a native environment or culture;* esp : *to remove the racial or ethnic characteristics or influences from." — Editor*

An Order Of Ignorance

Dear Ms. Naomi Wise, I recently read your review of Indigo Café and Catering that was published on April 15, titled "Upside Down in the Crescent City." As a restaurantgoer, a big fan of Indigo Café, and an active community member, I have to say that your review could not be further from the truth or filled with more racial and cultural ignorance — messages that I am sure the *Reader* would not stand by!

I was absolutely shocked to read your statement "the cook looked more likely to be from Nuevo León than from Nuevo Orleans." This is San Diego, in 2010, and your racial stereotype (or joke, if that is in fact what you were trying to attempt) is not appreciated! To assume that any "cook" comes from Mexico, based on appearance alone, in such a culturally diverse city, does nothing more than perpetuate negative racial stereotypes! Then, to say that although you understand that a good cook can easily learn other cuisines, so your expectations weren't lowered yet, assumes that when you saw the "Mexican" cook, that you questioned lowering your expectations. All the cooks that I have met and worked with in the past have been hardworking, regardless of their race, and your expectations should not have been lowered to find a Mexican in the kitchen instead of a New Orleans native (which also happens to be an extremely diverse city). Who is to say that the cook is not from there, and since when did cooking ability have to do with skin color? Our city, and nation, therefore, has moved beyond these racial remarks.

As someone who volunteers and teaches in the San Diego Latino community, I find your personal commentary self-indulgent, overwhelmingly offensive, and crossing the line (though not surprising when you have a friend you call Samurai Jim. Let me guess, is he Asian?).

You should stick to reviewing the food — that is your job, not judging others based on race! Your review showed only your ignorance, lack of professionalism, and disrespect to the cultural community in which you serve.

A bit of advice, Ms. Wise, since someone who gives it should inevitably appreciate it in return. Next time, cut back on the alcoholic beverages before walking into a local joint and taking harsh stabs. The article could have easily been titled "Getting Tipsy in Crescent City with Ms. Wise and Friends." (I assume the tab was picked up by the *Reader?)*

Name Withheld
via email

Don't Insult The Chef

I was disappointed the *Reader* chose to print the review written by Naomi Wise for Indigo Café in its April 15 edition, particularly in light of its questionable politically correct content. While Ms. Wise is entitled to her opinions, however uneducated they may be, the thing that really stood out was her patently racist comment about the café's chef. She stated he "looked more likely to be from Nuevo León than from Nuevo Orleans." She then went on to enlighten us that "good cooks can easily learn other cuisines." Really? If that was supposed to be funny, then her humor is far worse than any review she gave for the restaurant.

To assume someone of a particular ethnic origin can only cook their own ethnic cuisine is completely ridiculous and a sign of her complete ignorance. To further assume that only a good chef can then go on to break his or her ethnic mold and learn a completely different cuisine genre puts an exclama-

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tion point to both the ridiculousness and ignorance.

I would say Ms. Wise should stick to just reviewing the food without adding her version of color commentary, but her review of Indigo Café is so far off the mark, I question her ability to even do that well. I've dined at Indigo Café on several occasions, and everything I have ever tried off their menu has been, in the very least, delicious. Ms. Wise, if you were just trying to be funny, don't give up your day job, although I don't think anyone would be heartbroken if you did.

Anna
via email

A Real Firecracker

When I pick up the *Reader,* the best free literature on the globe, I always start at the back with those great church reviews ("Sheep and Goats"). In this issue, April 29, Matthew Lickona reminds us we are approaching Independence Day. How is that?

Within Brad Graves's sermon lies a major question in world history: Must the sins of their fathers be paid for by their children and grandchildren? Are there any "generational consequences"? The Ten Commandments say "Yes!" In Exodus 20:5 we read, "I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." This is known as "corruption of blood": you may be innocent, but if your great-grandfather was guilty of sin or treason (as defined by your ruler), you and innocent family members share his punishment.

Hitler and Stalin acted this way against people they wanted to exterminate; if your predecessors were suspect, so are you. King George of infamous memory acted thus. Therefore, our Founding Fathers specifically repudiated that idea in Article 3, Section 3, Clause 2 of our United States Constitution: "…no Attainder [extinction of civil rights] of Treason shall work Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture except during the Life of the Person attainted." Does the state contradict the Bible in this instance or merely emphasize the separation of church and state?

This approaching fireworks time of year provides a fine chance both to go to church and to reread those wonderful basic documents of our free American democracy.

Nelson Norman
El Cajon

Big Crush

I was mortified when I saw the ad for the band called Hole (page 87, April 29). The ad is promoting crush videos! The word "Crush" is listed in the ad to reinforce the act! Crush videos depict live animals being crushed by the heels of sickos and then sold to other sickos! How can you help to promote such abusive acts? What is wrong with your editor? Your paper could have turned down the band's blood money. I am in the process of getting together protesters, I'm advising the media, and will certainly add that the *Reader* advertises and promotes such trash.

Susan Collins
via email

Crush is the name of Hole's New York–based management company. — Editor

Bad Geometry

I had no idea that Bob Denver — aka Gilligan — was once a fellow OBcean ("Famous Former Neighbors," April 22)! You say that "he rented a cottage on Pescadero & Orchard" — but every OBcean knows those streets run parallel! It's likely that he lived in the alley between the two, but can you recheck your source and find out the cross street for my famous former neighbor?

Mark Rafferty
Ocean Beach

Jay Allen Sanford responds: Denver's OB pad was at the foot of Pescadero Avenue, in an alley that connects with Orchard Avenue. Apparently at the time, the alley was named Pescadero Drive (a street sign for Pescadero Drive still exists at the alley on the

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south side of Pescadero Avenue). The cottages were demolished in the early 1970s to make way for the multi-story condo complex that now occupies the site. But it was impossible to include such detail in a two-inch-tall comic strip, with only 50 words allotted, so I simply cited "Pescadero" without specifying Avenue or Drive.

He's No Gentleman

I'm writing in regards to Mr. Ron Tyler's letter (April 22) regarding Duncan Shepherd's movie reviews. By the end of his letter, even I felt a mild tinge of "hurt feelings" inflicted by Mr. Tyler's voracious attack on not only the movie reviews but Mr. Shepherd personally.

Mr. Tyler states that he is a "gentleman and a retired professional," yet his whole letter is an onslaught of hatred and disdain felt towards Mr. Shepherd. "I'm sure that Miley looks better at three in the morning or after a hard workout than he [Mr. Shepherd] does at his best in a tux"? Is Mr. Tyler really inserting a quip about the reviewer's physical appearance into his review-on-movie-reviews? Not very gentlemanly or professional, if you ask me.

I will continue to read Mr. Shepherd's reviews — favorable or unfavorable of the movies — because he has garnered my respect by providing an interesting perspective on movies and leaving accurate ideas of what one might expect, whether I agree with his reviews or not.

After reading Mr. Tyler's letter thoroughly, I am convinced that he possesses the same "apparently cynical, pretentious, emotionally callous," etc., personality that he accuses Mr. Shepherd of having — and I bet he has never even met the guy. Next time Mr. Tyler writes a letter, he should try a little harder to live up to his self-administered "gentleman and retired professional" description.

Melissa Roberts
via email

Caught By The Constitution

In "The Check Will Never Be in the Mail" ("City Lights," April 22), the victims fell into the trap of using the bureaucracy's administrative remedies. This created adhesion contracts that stripped them of their rights. That is why no agency or court will give them justice within that context, if it goes that far.

The U.S. Constitution provides for this conundrum, in the First Amendment, by guaranteeing your unalienable right to petition for a redress of grievances. This is a demand for action, not merely for "hearing the complaint." Redress means:

Compensation for injuries sustained; recovery or restitution for harm or injury; damages or equitable relief. Access to the courts to gain reparation for a wrong.

Just sidestep the minions and go right to the mayor's office. By law, they must provide a timely and substantial response; they can't lawfully say "no" or ignore the petition. If the executive branch of government will not enforce against itself (more likely), then you, as sovereign, have the power and right to enforce your petition. If a right is not enforceable it is no right at all. Your only rational recourse is to withhold present and future monies from that government until your grievance is redressed. That is exactly what our forefathers did, as a first step, against the king.

This is the only legal means at your disposal that does not need a lawyer, tons of money, and years of judicial meandering. The U.S. Supreme Court recently declined to hear a case requiring them to define the "petition clause" and missed a historic opportunity to, for the first time in our history, create an original ruling here. The group, which spent 15 years trying to petition Congress in this case, is found here: *givemeliberty.org/*.

Nevertheless, we must rely on the plain meaning of this clause and proceed because when the City ignores your petition and sues for revenue, the clause will become evidence for proper legal intent and procedure by your citizens' group. No subsidiary statute or regulation can lawfully contravene this clause because it is the supreme law of the land.

If more citizens around the country would employ this right, then many cases would work their way up to the Supremes again, and they would be forced to address it. They don't want to because the "sovereignty" now claimed by the government over us "servants" would be exposed as a fraud and their house of cards would fall.

The Revolution was fought over this very issue: the king and his court refused even to acknowledge the petition presented by his English colonists in America. This precipitated the Declaration of Independence, which, by the way, includes that very petition within its text. This is why our right to petition was included within the First Amendment: because it is the most important right we have. Not even the free speech clause can compel the government to redress!

The petition right/power is one of only two clauses that give citizens direct control over their servant government, without deferring to representatives. The other is the jury power (the only power/right mentioned in the Constitution *three* times). Most important is the right and power of jurors to nullify bad laws when the government attempts to enforce them. How? By voting with their conscience, judging the law as well as the facts. (See: *fija.org* for more info.)

These laws must be learned and used by all of us whenever possible because our representatives, as well as the top bureaucrats, are owned by the wealthy who have demonstrated that they do not have our interests in mind.

Pat Palmer
Normal Heights

Gee Whiz!

This is concerning your article entitled "My Friday Night Adventure in La Mesa" (Feature Story, April 15). Basically, the lady, in my opinion, is overreacting. The 290-sex-offender status can encompass anything from child molestation to indecent exposure — a drunken little mishap where you're taking a whiz and someone would call you in and report you. Indecent exposure is considered a sexual offense. Even though it might be inappropriate to take a whiz out in the middle of nowhere, the sex offender that she's complaining about could have a 20-year-old case. Jessica's Law changed a lot of how that is dealt with and how that's reported.

David Morgan
via voice mail

What Happened?

Recently a friend in San Diego introduced me to the *Reader* and the puzzle page. Wishing to "Astound my friends & become famous," I completed and submitted crossword puzzles for three separate weeks. One of those puzzles was selected as correct, while the other two were rejected as being incorrect. The problem is, all three were correct, and now my intelligence and reputation have been publicly impugned. I would like to know if the entries were received by your editor, and if so, why were they rejected? Was it something I did wrong?

Bruce Campbell
via email

Among the various reasons that puzzles are not counted as correct: the wrong side of the page is faxed (we receive a page of ads); the edge of the puzzle is obscured or cut off; the name of the sender is obscured; the entire fax is too dark to read. For best results, photocopy the puzzle and fax the photocopy. For those submitting Sudoku puzzles, please send the entire half-page rather than cutting out only the puzzle you complete. — Editor

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Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 6

READY, SET, TASTE

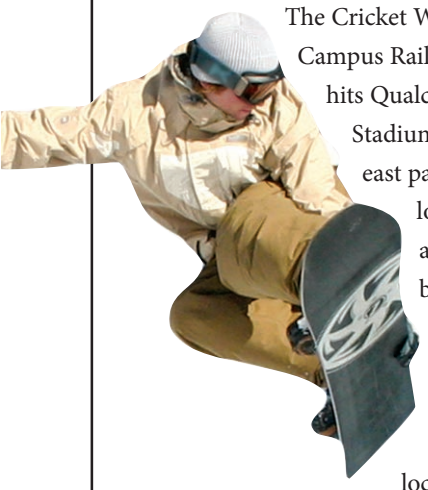
The 19th annual Taste of National City features over 20 restaurants offering an array of pan-cultural food, all lined up in the town's historical Brick Row at A and 9th. Music by Latin jazz band, Afro Mestizo and the Sweetwater High School Mariachi. Additional entertainment includes art exhibits, Ballet Folklórico, and more. See **FOOD & DRINK**, page 70.

Friday | 7

8000 POUNDS OF CRAWDADDIES

Get ready for a weekend-long crawfish boil — Mitch Oliver from Crawfish Corner in Louisiana has carted 8000 lbs. of live crawfish to the Spanish Landing Park for the ninth annual Gator by the Bay bluegrass/swing/zydeco music festival. More than 70 performances on six stages, plus dance lessons and cooking demonstrations. See **SPECIAL**, page 66.

WINTER WONDERLAND?



The Cricket Wireless Campus Rail Jam Tour hits Qualcomm Stadium's northeast parking lot, with a course built using 25 tons of snow trucked in from local mountains. Dozens of skiers and snowboarders will compete, and a local pro skateboarding team will demo tricks on a half-pipe. See **SPORTS**, page 75.

Saturday | 8

MEET AN ASTRONAUT

What do you want to be when you grow up? Local astronaut Jim Newman, who has helped spacewalk-repair the Hubble Space Telescope, shares stories of his career during Space Day at the San Diego Air and Space Museum. Enjoy hands-on demonstrations and activities with local and national space experts. See **SPECIAL**, page 68.

EXPECT SPEECHIFYING!

Student orators gather to see who says it best at San Diego City College. The Toastmasters Speech and Evaluation Contest features inspirational speeches covering a variety of topics, "as well as contestants giving their constructive thoughts to a guest speaker." Listen and learn! See **SPECIAL**, page 68.

Sunday | 9

MOTHER'S DAY ON THE BAY

Take Mom outside for an introductory kayaking lesson followed by a scenic paddle under the Coronado Bridge to the Coronado Ferry Landing for a no-host brunch to celebrate Mom's special day. This outing is hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum; fees include equipment and instruction. See **SPORTS**, page 75.

FRIDAY, MAY 7: 8000 POUNDS OF CRAWDADDIES

NINA

The Ira Aldridge Repertory Players present the world premiere of Calvin Manson's musical tribute to the "deep blues" and "even darker hues" of Nina Simone, the "High Priestess of Soul." Dinner-theater packages available. See **THEATER**, page 115.

Monday | 10

SHAKING ALL OVER

With recent worldwide events and all the quaking we've had, consider it a reminder of the instability of our geologic world. What can you do to prepare? Find out during "San Diego NOW: California Shake Out! Anticipating the Next Earthquake" at the San Diego History Center. See **LECTURES**, page 74.

Tuesday | 11

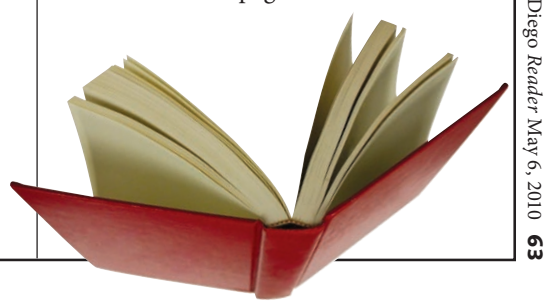
KNOWLEDGE, ACTION, SUSTAINABILITY

The Greenovation Forum presents speakers from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Planetary Skin Institute, and Red Cross/Red Crescent Society, who will describe their research, their commercial impact, and partnerships between UCSD and global non-profit organizations and industry. See **LECTURES**, page 74.

Wednesday | 12

TALKIN' ABOUT BOOKS!

It's never too early to join a book club! Join the "Grades 1–3 Parent/Child Book Club" when they convene to discuss Julianna Hatkoff's *Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again* at the Clairemont Library. Meetings include discussion of the selected book and a related craft. Make sure to read the book before attending. See **FOR KIDS**, page 71.



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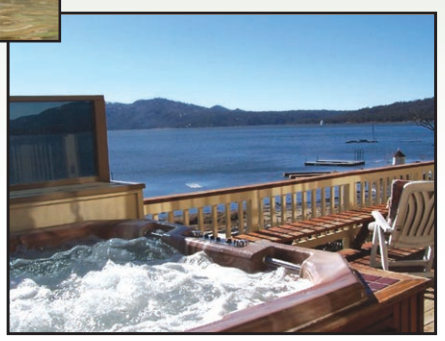

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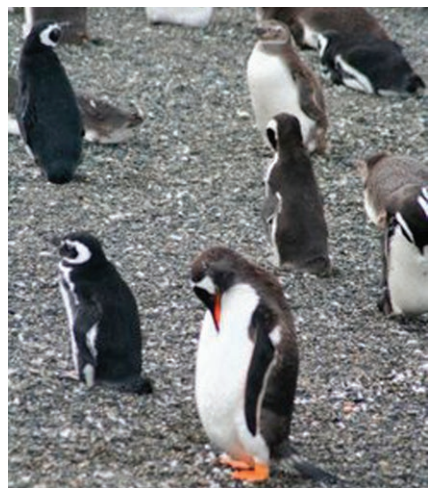

Colonies of penguins stood by as we took pictures.

Ushuaia, Argentina

By M'Liss Hinshaw

Paddling and swimming in the cool waters, the white tuxedoed chests of the Gentoo and Magellan penguins are at home near the southernmost part of the world, Ushuaia, Argentina.

The capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province, Ushuaia is nestled on a picturesque bay between the Andes Mountains and the Beagle Channel. Known to many as the end of the world and a jumping-off point for Antarctica, its waters led us to sand bars in the Patagonia-Argentina region full of sea life and sea birds. Colonies of penguins and sea lions stood by as we took pictures.

Visiting the area between September and early February is the time to see the scores of penguins clustered together on the shore and making nests for the impending new births. I even saw some young ones with their baby feathers molting and pairs engaged in lively talk and antics.

While in Ushuaia, I used my Skype system connected to the internet and called friends to say, "I'm calling you from the southernmost part of the world; I'm at the end of the world." The reception on Skype was clear, and my friends were amazed!

Santa Teresa, Costa Rica

By Chad Deal

I rolled into Santa Teresa early in the afternoon. The sun beamed down its scathing agenda, burning my tender gringo flesh. Cars and motorbikes threw a lingering cloud of dust from the bumpy dirt road through town, and I thought of Burning Man.

Santa Teresa is a lot like Arcata except with great weather, amazing surf, beautiful tanned *chicas* everywhere, and a happening nightlife. Okay, so it's nothing like Arcata. Everyone has dreadlocks and the place has a definite hippie vibe. A hint of magic on the wind. You get the feeling that the secret got out not long ago. The place is a veritable gringoville, teeming with a certain breed of tourism. But it's a relaxed, free-flowing kind of place, and I can see why it's such a sought-after destination.

I strung up my hammock at Zaneidas campground and hopped in the ocean for a while. The waves here are huge, consistent, and barreling. I got out

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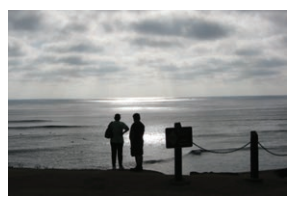
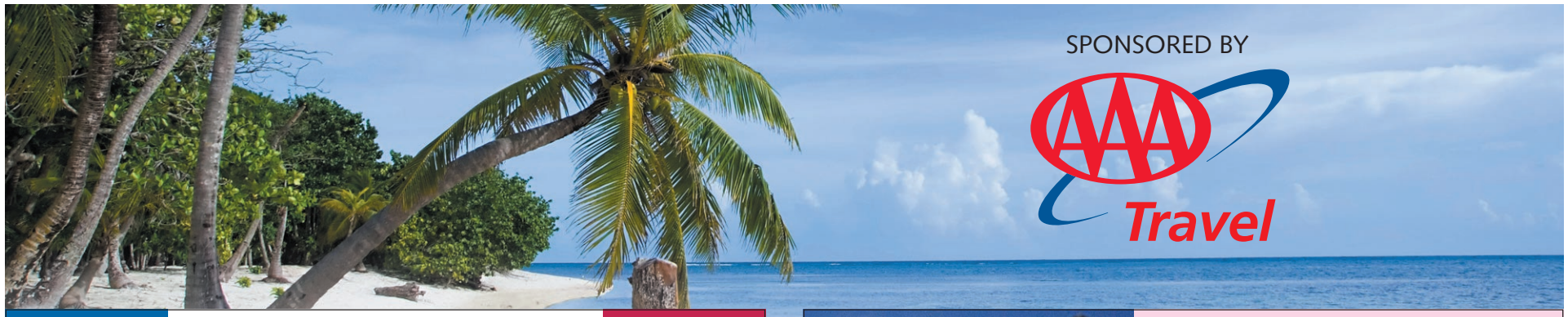
Other Adventures



gabriellesotter: A couple staring out into the ocean from on top of the cliff.

TESOL_Teacher: Art galleries in Xiamen are quite different from ones in the U.S.

meliweli: The dead in Germany get buried with beauty.



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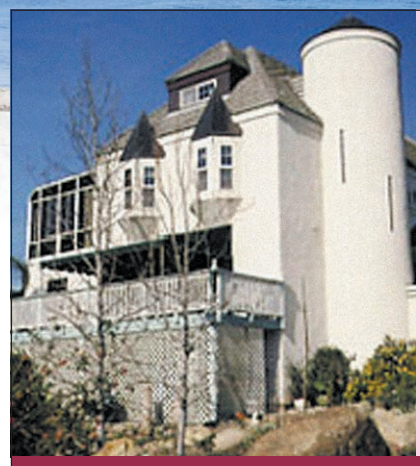

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OUTDOORS

San Diego's Coastal Wildflower Bloom continues practically unabated this year owing to late-season rains in April. On north-facing slopes and in shady canyon bottoms, where the sun's drying effects have not yet taken hold, look for native red monkeyflower, blue-eyed grass, wild hyacinth, and nonnatives such as chrysanthemum and mustard. Irrigated freeway embankments, with showy African daises, blooming ice-plant, and other forms of groomed landscaping continue to exhibit brash coloration.

Chamise and Buckwheat, two of the most common native flowering plants in San Diego County's sage-scrub and chaparral plant communities, are in flower this month through June. Chamise, also known as greasewood, readily sprouts from root crowns after fire. Since the extensive wildfires of 2003 and 2007, the foothill and mountain regions of the county are being smothered by this upstart, dominant type of drought-resistant vegetation. The stems of chamise and buckwheat are tipped by clusters of small white or cream-colored flowers, fading to russet-brown by July. Near the coast look for flat-top buckwheat, common on south-facing slopes. Here it shares space with other low-growing sage-scrub plants like black sage and California sagebrush.

Wild Lilac (ceanothus) is currently blooming mostly at elevations higher than 4000 feet in San Diego County. Blossom colors range from pure white to various shades of blue or lavender. Some fine examples may be seen along the upper Noble Canyon Trail in the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area atop Mt. Laguna.

The Planet Venus, appearing like a steadily glowing white lantern, absolutely dominates the western sky during and after the evening twilight period throughout May and June. Venus is in the middle of a nine-month tenure as an "evening star," a perfect ornament lingering over the twilight glow of sunset.

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours Walking tours start at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, May 8, 11am; $2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Cactus Wren Habitat Restoration Help restore cactus wren wildlife habitat; participants will prepare site, plant native plants in Santa Luz grasslands. Bring water, good footwear, gloves if you have them. RSVP for refreshment head count: 858-342-8856. Saturday, May 8, 9am; free. South Village Neighborhood Park, 14756 Via Azul. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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)

Geology Walk Through Time Geologist Don Albright leads hike "through hundreds of millions of years of geology." Visit waterfall, see a rare fossil. Wear good footwear for steep trail. 858-484-3219. Saturday, May 8, 9am; free. López Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

International Migratory Bird Day Celebrate "The Power of Partnerships in Bird Conservation" and Endangered Species Day. Learn from an expert avian curator how multiple groups can successfully breed endangered species like light-footed clapper rails. Also: live bird presentation, bird and nature walks, games and crafts for kids. 619-575-3613. Saturday, May 8, 9am; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Mission Hills Meander Join Walkabout explorers to see great views, picturesque homes and gardens during moderately paced walk. 619-231-7463. Friday, May 7, 6pm; free. Espresso Mío, 1920 Fort Stockton Drive. (MISSION HILLS)

Mothers in Nature Blooms complemented by birds, bugs, butterflies during trail-guide-led walk. "Learn basic patterns of life in the park, all common to you." 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 8, 9:30am; Sunday, May 9, 9:30am; Wednesday, May 12, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Outside in Otay Valley Join San Diego Natural History Museum Canyoneers for easy walk along river in Otay Valley Regional Park. 619-255-0171. Saturday, May 8, 9am; free. Otay Valley Regional Park ranger station, 2155 Beyer Boulevard. (CHULA VISTA)

Palm Walk Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, May 8, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Field Ornithologists Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, May 8, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Seek Shooting Stars Search for Saturn and Jupiter, stars, and more during stargazing parties planned (weather permitting) in MiraCosta College's baseball field. Call to confirm: 760-757-2121 x6201. Friday, May 7, 8pm; Saturday, May 8, 8pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Visit a Salt Marsh Wetland Tend California native plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough in this salt marsh wetland. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, May 8, 9am; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

Wild and Scenic North San Diego Wild Heritage Campaign leads day hike in "rugged upper reaches of the proposed San Diego River Gorge Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River." Hikers drop 1000 feet from trailhead, intersect the San Diego River, travel upstream through riparian oak woodland, "deep into the scenic gorge." Expect six miles of moderately difficult hiking.

To join group, turn south on Pine Hills Rd., bear right on Eagle Peak Rd., proceed to end of Eagle Peak Road. This is 11 miles of driving over narrow, windy, sometimes unpaved roads. Allow at least one-half hour from Highway 78/79 intersection. Required RSVP: yourpartners@partners4nature.com. 858-442-1425. Saturday, May 8, 9am; free. 16 and up. San Diego River Gorge Wilderness trailhead, Eagle Peak Road. (JULIAN)

SPECIAL

"A Walk to Remember" Explore "Kate Sessions and Her Legacy in Banker's Hill" when Mission Hills Garden Club hosts 12th annual self-guided walking tour. Visit 12 gardens showing "Kate Sessions' direct or indirect influence on garden landscape design and plant choices during the first half of the 20th Century." Tour begins at Mission Hills Nursery (buy tickets there), with trolleys available to transport participants. 619-260-8312 or 619-297-3175. Saturday, May 8, 10am; $25-$30. Mission Hills Nursery, 1525 Fort Stockton Drive. (MISSION HILLS)

"Art Traxx" Visual artists, musicians, dancers perform along Sprinter train line, from Oceanside Transit Center to San Marcos Civic Center station. Performers include Blues Lyne, Peter Hall, Ruben deAnda, and Notas Antiguas, Dominique Eichi, Mojalet Dance Collective. Information: lisahamel@cox.net or corrinejewelry@aol.com. Friday, May 7, 4:30pm; free. Oceanside Transit Center, 313 South Cleveland Street. (OCEANSIDE)

"As Good as One Thousand Words" Awards presentation and opening reception for exhibit juried by Joe Nalven. Exhibit entries came from across county, with both traditional photography and digital images. Show closes Saturday, June 19. 619-267-5141. Saturday, May 8, 5pm; free. Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 4355 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

"Graffiti and Lace" San Diego Mesa College hosts 29th annual Golden Scissors Fashion Show; event is organized by fashion program students. Reception, auction (5:30pm), followed by show (7:30pm). 619-388-2206. Saturday, May 8, 5:30pm; $15-$50. Westin Gaslamp Quarter, 910 Broadway Circle. (DOWNTOWN)

"Moda" Palomar College fashion merchandising and design students announce this year's fashion show. Reservations: 760-744-1150 x2349. Friday, May 7, 7pm; $15-$20. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

"Mother's Day Fancy Dress Swim" Wear your "Mother's Day finest" to take part in fundraiser for World Swim Against Malaria. In this case, "a quick dunk under qualifies" at north pier beach. Donation. 760-803-0837. Saturday, May 8, 9am. Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

8000 Pounds of Crawdaddies! Ninth annual Gator by the Bay Festival showcases Louisiana music, food, dance. Seventy performances on six stages, dance lessons, the aforementioned crawfish, Gaelic musical storytelling, cooking demonstrations, New Orleans-style-style parades, more. 619-234-8612. Friday, May 7, 3:30pm; Saturday, May 8, 10am; Sunday, May 9, 10am; free-$25. Spanish Landing Park, 4077 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

American Indian Cultural Days Dancing, drumming, bird singing, powwow activities, storytelling, and more. Gourd dancing (11am), grand entry (noon). Over 40 juried artisan booths offer wares. Children's crafts. American Indian food for sale. 619-281-5964. Saturday, May 8, 10am; Sunday, May 9, 10am; free. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Antiques and Portraits! North San Diego County Antique and

Costa Rica

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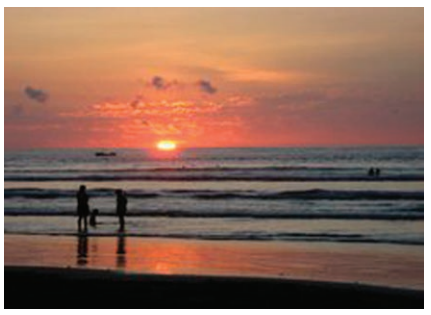
and went to a pay phone to call my folks. The phones were in use and I waited. A dreadlocked Jamaican walked by, did a double-take, turned around, and said, "Hey man, what is that on your shoulder?" I told him the tattoo was Sagittarius. His face lit up. "I am the 15 of December, man." It's my birthday, too, I told him. The Jamaican laughed loudly and cried out, "How did I know? How could I know? Come, man, let's share the beer."

I went to his place next to the campground and we drank a Pilsen. His name was Pineapple Head. He showed me around his place, which he built himself. He was a sculptor and had several cement figurines around the yard. Pineapple Head read my palm and told me I am blessed, protected by a dead relative, bound to live a long life. "You're never gunna be married, man." I shrugged my indifference. "No, wait, you gunna be married one time." He said the last name of an ex-girlfriend who I had already, in fact, married, in an impromptu morning matrimony sesh at a Persian-themed martini lounge at Burning Man years ago.

"How did I know, man?" Pineapple Head proclaimed. "I am only the vessel."



Santa Teresa is a hard place to leave.

We talked late into the night, drinking beer and cheap vodka. Santa Teresa is a hard place to leave. One succumbs to quixotic visions of endless surf, early retirement at Zeneidas campground, and the ultimate french fry. The allure is *Blue Crush* meets Mad Max Goes to Disneyland mostly naked. Everyone zooms around in beachwear on bicycles, quads, and motorbikes looking like 1930s bank robbers behind big shades and handkerchief masks. More than a hint of mischief lurks on the breeze.

But maybe someday I will return to Santa Teresa and work for Pineapple Head at the hotel/sushi bar/internet café he is building — ET's Magic Beach Place. I will sip fine *batidos de papaya con leche* in a hammock, let my hair grow long and dread itself in the surf, and never wear a T-shirt again.

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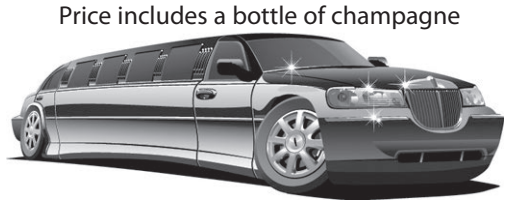

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Collectible Show hosts dealers presenting variety of antique and collectibles. Mother's Day portraits: $5. Professional appraisals: $5 per item. 858-232-9474. Sunday, May 9, 9am; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Art in the Valley Carmel Valley Artists host 47th annual spring show and sale with work in variety of media by many artists. 760-945-6922. Saturday, May 8, 9:30am; free. Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 9675 Scranton Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Eco Blast 2010 This "goodwill raiser" is "designed to…educate people on the small ecological changes that make a big difference to our planet." Event will cover "every aspect of green living." Live entertainment, author's corner, kids' zone with obstacle course, recycled crafts. 760-942-1111. Saturday, May 8, 10am; free. Encinitas Country Day School, 3616 Manchester Avenue. (ENCINITAS)

Etched, Fused, Torch Worked... Over 30 glass artists show off their work during Art Glass Association and Art Glass Guild's annual patio show and sale at studio 25, boasting all manner of glass items. 619-702-8006. Saturday, May 8, 10am; Sunday, May 9, 10am; free. Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Expect Speechifying! Toastmasters Speech and Evaluation Contest promises inspirational speeches covering variety of topics, "as well as evaluation contestants giving their constructive thoughts to a guest speaker." Competition takes place in cafeteria. Tickets include lunch. 619-300-8141. Saturday, May 8, 9am; $7. San Diego City College, 1313 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

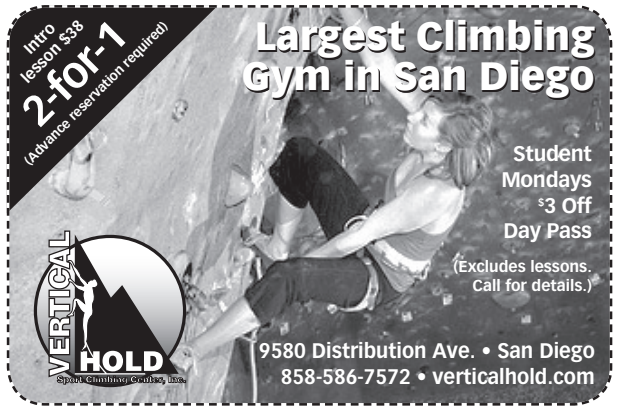
Friday Night Liberty Evening of art, music, food, drink, exhibits supports local artists and designers. Among attractions: "Give in to the Islands" runway show hosted by fiveloaves twofish, Swann Soirees, DJ Oscar Otanez, dancing by Malashock Dance, drummers from Recreational Music Center, more. 619-573-9260. Friday, May 7, 5pm; free. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

House of Italy Enjoy lawn program at International Cottages with dance, music, cultural costumes. 619-234-0739. Sunday, May 9, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (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)

Meet Elected Officials San Diego North Economic Development Council hosts luncheon "to connect with and give feedback to local elected officials" including U.S. Congressmen Brian Bilbray and Darrell Issa, Senator Mark Wyland, Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher, County Supervisor Bill Horn, San Marcos Mayor Jim Desmond. Event features "polling system" to track audience responses against elected officials' statements in real time. Reservations: 760-598-9311. Friday, May 7, 11:30am; $55-$70. Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa, 5480 Grand Pacific Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Meet an Astronaut Local astronaut Jim Newman, who helped repair Hubble Space Telescope dur-



ing spacewalks from space shuttle, shares stories of his space career during Space Day. Enjoy hands-on demonstrations, activities with local and national space experts. 619-234-8291. Saturday, May 8, 10am; free-$15. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Psychological Therapies... Do they work? Consider topic with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, May 6, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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

Scrape, Scribe, Stamp, Score Do these tasks with "favorite and unusual tools" when Lisa Bebi leads "oversized journal" workshop. Participants will gesso sheets of rosin paper, get down and dirty, learn "coveted mixed-media techniques." Registration: 619-223-0058. Sunday, May 9, 10am; $50-$58. 15 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Time for a Tour (with Mom) Annual Mother's Day Weekend Artist Studio and Garden Tour hosted by San Dieguito Art Guild boasts eight homes, gardens, art studios. Each home on self-guided tour features several artists, offer refreshments. Studios are in North San Diego coastal area. Tickets good for both days. 760-942-3636. Saturday, May 8, 10am; Sunday, May 9, 10am; $20. Off Track Gallery, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Suite C-103. (ENCINITAS)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"100 Years Ago in Europe" San Diego State University Symphony Orchestra performs "Fanfare to La Péri" by Paul Dukas, Debussy's "Première Rhapsody," "Sieben frühe Lieder (Seven Early Songs)" by Alban Berg, Stravinsky's "Symphony No 1 in E flat." 619-594-1017. Thursday, May 6, 7pm; $10-$15. Smith Recital Hall at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"American Experiments and Skull-Splitting Soprano" Who can resist? Spring Music Festival continues with concert presented by UCSD's graduate music students. 858-534-3229. Saturday, May 8, 7pm; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"CSI: Beethoven — Inside Ludwig's Head" Orchestra Nova offers "rare look inside Beethoven's creative mind," playing the master's "Leonore Overtures," the *"Fidelio* Overture," "Symphony No. 4." 858-350-0290. Friday, May 7, 7:30pm; $22-$60. Saint Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

More of "CSI: Beethoven" Orchestra Nova offers "rare look inside Beethoven's creative mind," performing the master's "Leonore Overtures," the *"Fidelio* Overture," "Symphony No. 4." 858-350-0290. Saturday, May 8, 8pm; $30-$99. Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

"CSI: Beethoven" Redux Orchestra Nova wraps up season with "rare look inside Beethoven's creative mind," playing the master's "Leonore Overtures," the *"Fidelio* Overture," "Symphony No. 4." 858-350-0290. Monday, May 10, 7:30pm; $35-$45. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

"Munson Commission" "And yellow-faced men in powdered wigs" featured during Spring Music Festival concert presented by UCSD's graduate music students. 858-534-3229. Saturday, May 8, 9pm; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Bach, Bloch, Burkhard, Baker... Karen Elaine performs selections by these composers for closing recital of Winter/Spring 2010 Concert Series. Elaine plays on a Guarneri-style violin and a 16½ -inch Stradivarius-style viola. 619-236-5810. Sunday, May 9, 2:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Banana-Meat/Meat-Banana Performance presented by UCSD's graduate music students, for Spring Music Festival. 858-534-3229. Friday, May 7, 8pm; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Chamber Ensemble Concert San Diego Youth Symphony's most advanced chamber ensembles en-

tertain. 619-233-3232. Thursday, May 6, 7pm; free. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Choral Concert Listen for Duruflé's "Requiem" and other choral works when the USD Concert Choir, the Choral Scholars, and Torrero Singers entertain. Offering. 619-260-4171. Friday, May 7, 7pm. Saint Joseph's Cathedral, 1535 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Mother's Day Concert Civic organist Carol Williams plans special recital. 619-702-8138. Sunday, May 9, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Symphony of Horror! "Silent Film Nights" return for winter pops concerts with *Nosferatu* (1922) starring Max Schreck, hosted by San Diego Symphony, with "film music restoration expert" conductor Gillian Anderson. 619-235-0804. Friday, May 7, 8pm; Saturday, May 8, 8pm; $20-$30. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

red fish blue fish UCSD's renowned resident percussion ensemble returns to play music by UCSD music professor Philippe Manoury and music alumnus Mark Applebaum, as well as selections by Mauricio Kagel and Lewis Nielson. 858-534-3229. Tuesday, May 11, 8pm; free-$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Rhyme & Verse

English con Salsa

–Gina Valdés

Welcome to ESL 100, English Surely Latinized,
inglés con chile y cilantro, English as American
as Benito Juárez. Welcome, muchachos from Xochicalco,
learn the language of dólares and dolores, of kings
and queens, of Donald Duck and Batman. Holy Toluca!
In four months you'll be speaking like George Washington,
in four weeks you can ask, More coffee? In two months
you can say, May I take your order? In one year you
can ask for a raise, cool as the Tuxpan River.

Welcome, muchachas from Teocaltiche, in this class
we speak English refrito, English con sal y limón,
English thick as mango juice, English poured from
a clay jug, English tuned like a requinto from Uruapan,
English lighted by Oaxacan dawns, English spiked
with mezcal from Mitla, English with a red cactus
flower blooming in its heart.

Welcome, welcome, amigos del sur, bring your Zapotec
tongues, your Nahuatl tones, your patience of pyramids,
your red suns and golden moons, your guardian angels,
your duendes, your patron saints, Santa Tristeza,
Santa Alegría, Santo Todolopuede. We will sprinkle
holy water on pronouns, make the sign of the cross
on past participles, jump like fish from Lake Pátzcuaro
on gerunds, pour tequila from Jalisco on future perfects,
say shoes and shit, grab a cool verb and a pollo loco
and dance on the walls like chapulines.

When a teacher from La Jolla or a cowboy from Santee
asks you, Do you speak English? You'll answer, Sí,
yes, simón, of course. I love English!

And you'll hum
a Mixtec chant that touches la tierra and the heavens.

Gina Valdés grew up on both sides of the U.S.–Mexico border. Her work has been published in journals and anthologies in the United States, Mexico and Europe. She is the author of two poetry collections, Eating Fire *and* Borders and Bridges*, both from Bilingual Press. The poem is published by permission. Photo by Veronica Cunningham.*

DANCE

"Belly-Dance Nights" Showcase features Annamarie, Heather, Marianna, Sabrina. Live drumming by Frank Lazzaro and Cairo Beats. 619-282-0437. Wednesday, May 12, 8pm; $5. Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Celebrate Balanchine" City Ballet wraps up season with performances including *Valse Fantaisie, Rubies* from *Jewels, Sonatine,* and *Walpurgisnacht Ballet.* 858-272-8663. Friday, May 7, 8pm; Saturday, May 8, 8pm; Sunday, May 9, 2pm; $29-$59. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Argentine Tango Colette Hebert leads Argentine tango lessons in studio 106. First time free. 514-726-5567. Mondays, 7pm; Wednesdays, 7pm. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

Belly-Samba Show Performances by Lucia and Tarciana. Tickets include open dancing, full meal. 619-702-8087. Friday, May 7, 7pm; $19. 18 and up. Avo's Mediterranean Cuisine, 1153 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Creativity and Imagination Revealed! Palomar dance faculty members present "lively dance extravaganza" in variety of styles, directed by Patriceann Mead. 760-744-1150 x2453. Friday, May 7, 8pm; Saturday, May 8, 8pm; Sunday, May 9, 2pm; $8-$12. Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (PALOMAR COLLEGE)

Dance Break 2010 Annual spring concerts with diverse choreography by faculty and students in a variety of classical and contemporary dance styles showcased. 760-795-6815. Friday, May 7, 7:30pm; Saturday, May 8, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, May 9, 2pm; $8-$12. MiraCosta College Theatre, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Indisputably Great Paul Taylor Dance performs "Public Domain," "Piazzolla Caldera," "Promethean Fire" for La Jolla Music Society. 858-459-3728. Saturday, May 8, 2pm and 8pm; $30-$65. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (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)

Salsa and Merengue Classes *Salsero* Jose Bello leads salsa and meringue classes. Pay $10 per class or $32 for four lessons. 619-275-3533. Friday, May 7, 6pm. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

The More the Merrier Bring your instrument to sit in with the community band while Steve Barlow calls for San Diego Folk Heritage contra dance (8pm). Beginners' workshop: 7:30pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, May 8, 7:30pm; $7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Veils, Fans, Swords! Zorba Stars dancers perform belly dance stage show including veil, fan, sword, drums, candle tray pieces. Greek buffet, full bar, live music, open dancing after show. Reservations recommended: 619-422-8853. Fridays, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; Saturdays, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; through Saturday, May 29; $15. Zorba's Greek Buffet, 100 Broadway. (CHULA VISTA)

FILM

Anak (The Child) Heritage Language Program Film Festival continues with 2000 film by Rory B. Quintos. Catch the film, in Filipino with English subtitles, in Muir Campus applied physics and math building room 4301. 858-534-0693. Saturday, May 8, 10am; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Calendar Girls Enjoy Helen Mirren and Julie Walters in this 2003 film. Free popcorn! 858-581-9637. Wednesday, May 12, 7:30pm; free. 13 and up. North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Cyrus ArtPower "sneak peak" of film written and directed by Jay and Mark Duplass. 858-534-TIXS. Wednesday, May 12, 7pm. Price Center at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Earth Days Film tracing modern environmental movement screens for Sierra Club Movie Night. 858-569-6005. Friday, May 7, 6:30pm; free. Sierra Club, 8304 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #101. (KEARNY MESA)

Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room See this Academy Award-nominated documentary, stay for discussion with shareholder class-action attorney Bill Lerach and Pulitzer prize-winning writer Patrick Dillon (6:30pm). Book signing follows. 619-282-0437. Sunday, May 9, 5pm; free. Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

In July Faith Akin's 2000 "classic romance" screens for International Film Series. Screening takes place in room 204; film repeats at 7pm on Oceanside campus. In German with English subtitles. 760-944-4449 x7758. Friday, May 7, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

An Amiable Ramble *Medicine for Melancholy* by Barry Jenkins — a "bittersweet paean to San Francisco" — showcased for Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Monday, May 10, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Border Perspectives *La Americana,* screening for ArtPower, follows "personal and political tragedy of one undocumented immigrant in New York City." 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, May 6, 8pm; $5-$8. Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

International Film Series Faith Akin's 2000 "classic romance" screens for final installment in series in room 3601. In German with English subtitles. 760-944-4449 x7758. Friday, May 7, 7pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

FOOD & DRINK

Beach-to-Brewery Beer and Music Fest Seventh annual event showcases 21 beers on tap plus five casks; music by Stranger, the Silent Comedy, the Howls, Writer. San Diego Bicycle Club hosts noncompetitive, 4.4-mile bike ride (start at Pacific Beach Library, finish at brewery). Admission includes souvenir tasting glass, five samples. Proceeds benefit local Surfrider Foundation. 858-273-2739. Saturday, May 8, 2pm; $25-$30. 21 and up. Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 5985 Santa Fe Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Fight Hunger, Find Beauty During "Empty Bowls Lunch," guests select handcrafted pottery bowls donated by local potters, which are then filled with soup and bread from many local restaurants. You keep the bowl, your donation goes to Third Avenue Charitable Organization (TACO). Requested donation: $20. 619-235-9445. Saturday, May 8, 11am. United Methodist Church, 6063 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Quel Fromage? Enjoy beer and artisan cheese pairings. 760-471-4999. Tuesday, May 11, 7pm; $39. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Ready, Set, Taste Taste of National City returns for 19th year, with local restaurants offering an array of pan-cultural food. Music by Latin jazz band, Afro Mestizo, Sweetwater High School Mariachi; art exhibits. 619-477-9339. Thursday, May 6,

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4pm; $10-$25. Heritage Square, A Avenue at 9th Street. (NATIONAL CITY)

What's Not to Like? Chocolate Festival promises dozens of chocolate tastings, demonstrations, chocolate fountain, children's activities (with additional fee), "variety of Mother's Day gifts." Tasting tickets sold on site. 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, May 8, 10am; free-$12. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

FOR KIDS

"Mother's Day, Animal Style" Read a story about an animal mother and her babies, meet an "irresistible" mother animal, create "a craft no mom can resist" during Kindernights and Kindermornings program. Fee does not include admission to zoo. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. Friday, May 7, 6:30pm; $12-$15. 3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

"Theatre Tots" Children (4-6 years old) introduced to "art of acting through the exploration of children's literature," led by an Old Globe teaching artist. Students introduced to elements of story, voice, movement, imagination. Children perform short play presentation of featured story. Enroll: 619-238-0043 x2145. Saturday, May 8, 10am; $25. 4 and up. Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's show is final Youtheatre production of season. Reservations: 760-746-6669. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 7pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, May 9; $7-$10. Patio Playhouse, 201 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Give Handmade Art Design an animal diorama shadow box frame to show how much you appreciate your mom using a collection of reused fabric, yarn, wallpaper, buttons, cardboard. Regular admission (0-$10), plus $10 materials fee. 619-233-8792. Saturday, May 8, 11am. New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

Mother's Day Tea Party Lily's Tea Time hosts party with craft and dress-up fashion show and "special princess guest by Cinderella's Crown," portraits by Pam Birmingham. Champagne Bakery caters party in outdoor courtyard. Required reservations: 760-230-6000. Saturday, May 8, 1:45pm; $20. 2 and up. Childish Couture in Rancho Santa Fe Plaza, 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Suite E-30. (ENCINITAS)

Pirates, Princesses, and Pizza! Kids, don a costume for musical revue by the Supper Club (2pm) and pizza party (3pm). Reservations: 858-459-5045. Saturday, May 8, 2pm; $10-$15. Congregational Church of La Jolla, 1216 Cave Street. (LA JOLLA)

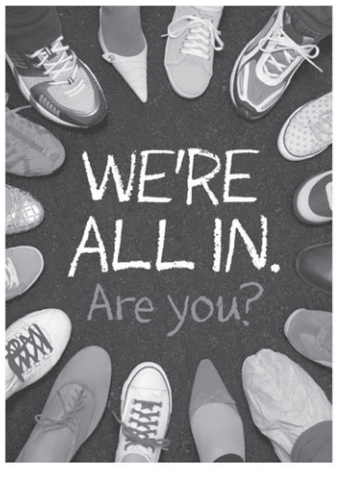
Straw Into Gold Enjoy *Rumplestiltskin* when Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales take stage. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, May 12, 10am and 11:30am; $3-$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Talkin' About Books! "Grades 1-3 Parent/Child Book Club" convenes to discuss Julianna Hatkoff's *Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again.* Meetings include discussion of selected book, related craft. "Please read the book before the meeting." 858-581-9935. Wednesday, May 12, 6:45pm; free. 6 and up. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

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)

Tots and Tales Interactive story time for preschoolers with crafts and animals. Reservations: 619-243-3432. Tuesday, May 11, 10:30am; $3. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Will the Slipper Fit? Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella,* described as "the first ever made-for-television musical," is final production of season for J*Company Youth Theatre. Reservations: 858-362-1348. Thursday, May 6, 7pm; Saturday, May 8, 8pm; Sunday, May



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9, 1pm and 4:30pm; $13-$17. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

GALLERIES

"Anatomy Lessons" Exhibit opens with reception for the six participating jewelry artists. Closes Friday, June 18. 619-692-0099. Friday, May 7, 6pm; free. Taboo Studio, 1615 West Lewis Street. (MISSION HILLS)

"Brushes with Life" Reception for "A Visual Journal of the Ordinary and Extraordinary" by San Diego artist Ellen Dieter. View paintings fusing "technical skill and artistic abandon" through Friday, July 2. 619-239-1713. Friday, May 7, 6pm; free. Swift Gallery at NTC, 2820 Roosevelt Road. (POINT LOMA)

"Comin' Up Rosy!" Reception for artists whose 95 original watercolor paintings are on exhibit through Saturday, May 29. 619-876-4550. Friday, May 7, 5pm; free. San Diego Watercolor Society at NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Road #105. (POINT LOMA)

"Imaginarium: A Voyage into Creativity" Closing reception for exhibition by group of five artists revealing "how they create their work." View rarely seen sketches, objects of inspiration, other forms of nontraditional methods and materials used in the art-making process. 619-299-4278. Saturday, May 8, 6pm; free. San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

"L7: An Installation of Paintings by Leslie Nemour" Reception for exhibit of "nearly 100 luminous oil paintings hung from floor to ceiling in idiosyncratic arrangements." View Nemour's paintings — depicting "disjointed movements, blurred boundaries, images between images, and other distortions" — through Sunday, May 30. 619-235-8466. Saturday, May 8, 6pm; free. Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Photographs of Not Here" Reception for exhibition of work by Todd Carpenter. View show — promising photographs taken during recent travel through Cambodia, Vietnam, China — through Sunday, June 6. 619-296-7009. Saturday, May 8, 6pm; free. Red Crow Studio, 3812-A Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Picture This" Reception for annual all-media juried student art awards show. Closes Tuesday, May 18. 760-795-6657. Thursday, May 6, 11:30am; free. Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Plein Air XV" The 15th annual plein air exhibition opens with reception for the 16 participating painters. Artists will be painting on grounds during reception. Show closes Sunday, June 13. 760-765-1676. Saturday, May 8, 4pm; free. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, 30352 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

"The Lost Children" Opening reception for solo exhibition by U.K.-based artist Jana Brike, continuing through Friday, June 4. The Alley features works from over 75 artists in 14 artist studios. 760-781-5779. Saturday, May 8, 6pm; free. Distinction Gallery, 317 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Three Voices" Reception for exhibition of art quilts by Katherine K. Allen, Valerie Goodwin, Kent Williams. Show continues through Sunday, July 25. Requested donation: $5. 619-546-4872. Friday, May 7, 5pm. Visions Art Quilt Gallery, NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, 2825 Dewey Rd., Suite 100. (POINT LOMA)

Drawings and Paintings Opening reception for exhibition by Germany-based artist Peter Dreher. View two-dozen *"Tag um Tag Guter Tag* (Day by Day a Good Day)" paintings, a dozen "Vitrine" still-life paintings, a group of Dreher's new flower drawings through Saturday, June 5. 858-454-3409. Friday, May 7, 6pm; free. Quint Contemporary Art, 7739 Drury Lane. (LA JOLLA)

Jazz-Inspired Art Opening reception for exhibition by Patrick Carney and Sharif Iman Carter. Closes Sunday, June 27. 619-436-8312. Saturday, May 8, 5pm; free. Edgeware Gallery, 4186 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

IN PERSON

"Brew Ha-Ha Coffee and Comedy Night" Stand-up comedy show featuring headliners Kurt Swann, Chris Clobber, Zoltan. No cover or drink minimum. Reservations: 619-922-9057. Saturday, May 8, 7pm; free. 17 and up. Twiggs Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang" Stand-up comedian/actress/*Chelsea Lately* host Chelsea Handler entertains. 619-570-1100. Saturday, May 8, 8pm; $55-$70. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"For the Beauty of Music" San Diego Children's Choir plans 20th anniversary spring concert, with guest conductor Matthew Garbutt of San Diego Symphony. 858-587-1087. Sunday, May 9, 3pm; $10-$20. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"It's Your Time to Lighten Up" Local author/comic Lisa Pedace presents ways to "Change Your Habits, Improve Your Health" in celebration of National Women's Health Week. Pedace is author of *The Diet Joke.* 858-272-8148. Wednesday, May 12, 6:30pm; free. City Heights-Weingart Library, 3795 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Luscious Noise" Multimedia performance experience where live classical music, dance, and film converge, created by California Ballet music director-conductor John Stubbs, with members of San Diego Symphony. 619-595-0300. Sunday, May 9, 7:30pm; $10-$15. Anthology, 1337 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

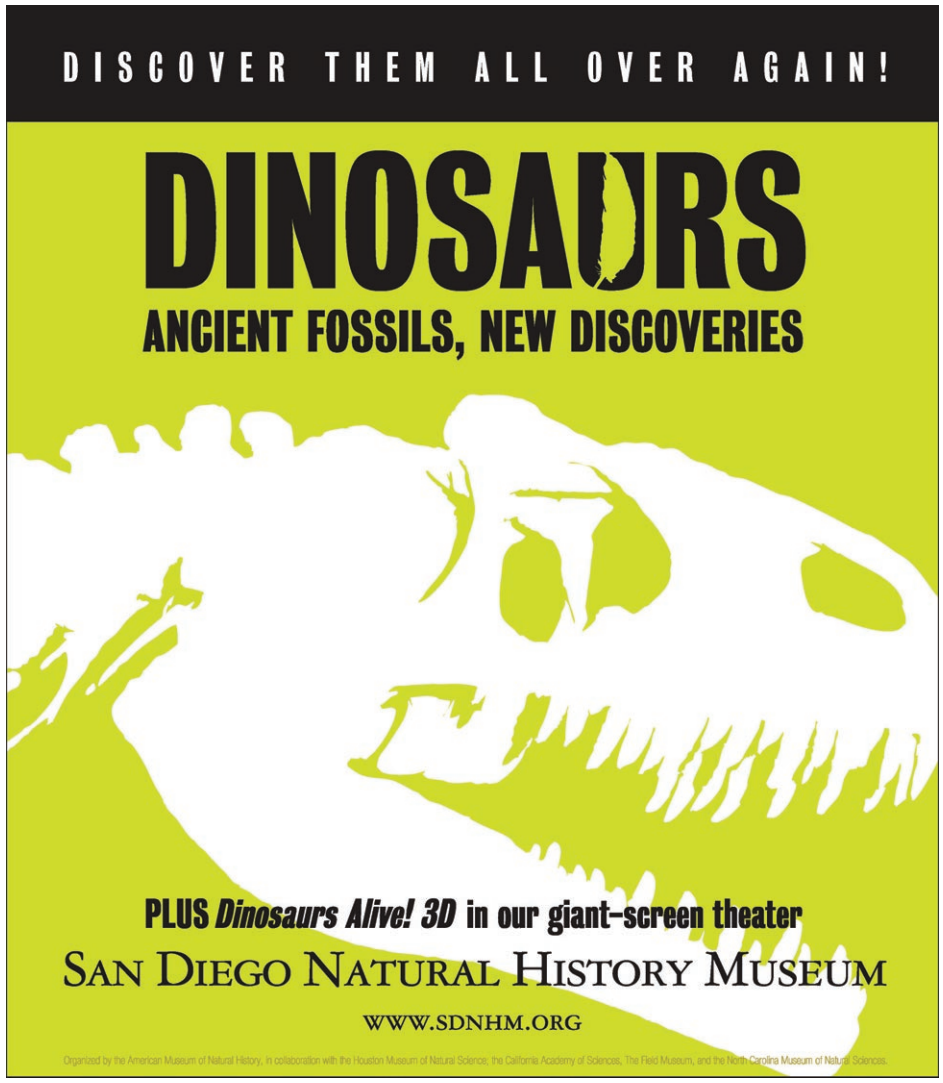
"Why Not? Sometimes We Turn Upside Down" Donald Davis, "possibly one of the best-loved modern storytellers," entertains for Storytellers of San Diego gather in Manchester Executive Conference Center. 619-298-6363. Saturday, May 8, 7:30pm; $10. 12 and up. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

17th Birthday Bash Mysterious Galaxy celebrates anniversary with appearances by many authors, including Jeff Mariotte (*CSI: Blood Quantum,* 10am); Beth Fantaskey (*Jekel Loves Hyde,* 11am); and Janni Lee Simner (*Thief Eyes,* 11am). Meet Emily St. John Mandel (*The Singer's Gun,* noon); Keith Thomson (*Once a Spy,* noon); Michael Gruber (*The Good Son,* 1pm); Charlaine Harris (*Dead in the Family: A Sookie Stackhouse Novel,* 2pm). 858-268-4747. Saturday, May 8, 11am; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Solving the American Health-Care Crisis Umang Malhotra discusses the health-care system, signs books. 619-236-5817. Wednesday, May 12, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

The Diet Joke Local author/comic Lisa Pedace presents "It's Your Time to Lighten Up: Change Your Habits, Improve Your Health" in celebration of National Women's Health Week. What do Las Vegas and diet industry have in common? 858-272-8148. Tuesday, May 11, 6:30pm; free. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

When You Lie About Your Age, the Terrorists Win Stand-up comedian/writer Carol Leifer offers *Reflections on Looking in the Mirror* for Distinguished Author Series. Her book is a "candid autobiography written as a collection of humorous essays." Writing credits include *Seinfeld, The Larry Sanders Show, Saturday Night Live, The Ellen DeGeneres Show.* Book signing follows. 858-362-1348. Monday, May 10, 7:30pm; $12-



$14. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Why Chinese Women Are Not Broke Giovanna Pang Garcia signs, discusses her latest book "for anyone who is looking to reach success, happiness, or merely get out of a rut." 619-338-9888. Wednesday, May 12, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Beyond Blame Local author Ray M. Wong — who "spent a lifetime blaming his parents for what was wrong in his life" and would now "like to thank them for the things that are right" — shares his story. Wong is a *Chicken Soup for the Soul* contributor. 619-463-8277. Friday, May 7, 11:30am; free. Casa de Oro Library, 9805 Campo Road #180. (SPRING VALLEY)

No Blame Local author Ray M. Wong — who "spent a lifetime blaming his parents for what was wrong in his life" and would now "like to thank them for the things that are right" — shares his story. Wong is a *Chicken Soup for the Soul* contributor. 619-593-5119. Saturday, May 8, 11am; free. Borders Books and Music — El Cajon, 159 Parkway Plaza. (EL CAJON)

Not-So-Clean Comedy, Edgy Surprises... Comedienne Sindi Somers opens show with "her unique brand of stand-up comedy"; Cyanide Vogue perform their "Dirty Rock 'n' Roll." No cover. 619-421-9509. Saturday, May 8, 9pm; free. 21 and up. Archway Lounge, 684 Telegraph Canyon Road. (CHULA VISTA)

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

Stand-Up Sundays "Urban" comedy show with entertainment by Traci Stumpf, Vanessa Graddick, Jay Phillips, host Aida Rodriguez. 888-316-0722. Sunday, May 9, 8pm; $10. 21 and up. Prospect Bar & Lounge, 1025 Prospect St., Suite 210. (LA JOLLA)

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host Byron Bowers. No cover before 7:30pm. 619-708-7975. Tuesday, May 11, 7pm; free-$5. 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

LECTURES

"Back in Charge" Adrianne Ahern divulges "how to effectively use your brain to meet and conquer your life's challenges." Registration: 800-727-4777. Thursday, May 6, 6pm; free. Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, 9888 Genesee Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"Capitalism and 'Science as a Vocation'" UCSD sociology professor Charles Thorpe speaks for International Law Speaker Series in Social Sciences Building room 107. Thorpe is author of *Oppenheimer: The Tragic Intellect.* 858-822-5297. Thursday, May 6, 4pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Climate Change and the Forests of the West" Steve Running — director of Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group, Department of Ecosystem Sciences, University of Montana — delivers inaugural Keeling Lecture. Why are forests in West growing faster while simultaneously suffering from higher die-off rates? RSVP: 858-534-5771. Monday, May 10, 6:30pm; $5-$8. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Democracy, Security, and State Capacity in Mexico" Lecture by Lázaro Cárdenas Batel — former governor of Michoacán, Mexico — who recently served as public policy scholar at Woodrow Wilson Institute, with focus on immigrant reform in U.S., immigration in U.S.-Mexico and U.S.-Latin America relations. In Spanish with "a companion translation." Reception follows. 858-822-6756. Thursday, May 6, 4:30pm; free. Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

"Family Tree Maker 2010" Former computer science professor Dorothy Miller discusses the updated version of the popular genealogy software for Computer Genealogy Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome. 760-967-8635. Tuesday, May 11, 10am; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Innocents Abroad" San Diego residents Hany El-Saidany, Faith Attaguile, Larry Hampshire share photographs, tell story of 200-vehicle, 500-person peace convoy they joined to deliver ambulances, trucks filled with medical aid and humanitarian supplies to people of Gaza. Trio joined by San Diego Veterans for Peace for Matters of Controversy series discussion. Donation: $10. 858-459-4650. Thursday, May 6, 7pm. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"Poetry Bites Back" English instructor Jane Mushinsky focuses on "The Literature of Postcolonialism," featuring poetry from West Africa and the Caribbean, for "Get Caught Reading: MiraCosta College Night at the Library" series. 760-795-6612. Tuesday, May 11, 6:30pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Really Reliable Recall" Frustrated your pooch won't "come when called"? Remedy problem during workshop. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Saturday, May 8, 9am; $35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Visions (and Revisions) of Encounters and Western Expansion" UCLA history professor Stephen Aron divulges "how 19th-century mapmakers, painters, and photographers depicted Indian peoples and western landscapes and how historians have in recent years reinterpreted these images." 619-232-6203 x129. Thursday, May 6, 6pm; $5-$15. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"When Is Compassion a Crime?" Florida civil rights attorney Rob Rivas chronicles "the legal defense for the seven Exit Guides who were arrested in Arizona and Georgia and the effects of the outcomes on the right-to-die movement" when Hemlock Society meets. 619-233-4418. Sunday, May 9, 1:30pm; free. 18 and up. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

A Telescope in an Airplane? Dana Backman, director of education and public outreach for NASA's SOFIA mission, talks about the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA), a 2.5-meter infrared telescope mounted inside a Boeing 747. Lecture in Student Center building 3400 rooms Aztlan A and B followed by star party (weather permitting). 760-757-2121 x6506. Friday, May 7, 6:30pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Artist Lecture Roman de Salvo presents slide-illustrated talk in room 2242. 760-757-2121 x6268. Wednesday, May 12, 5pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Care and Feeding Mike Pfeiffer discusses proper fertilization of plumerias when Southern California Plumeria Society gathers. 619-461-5942. Sunday, May 9, 1pm; free. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Face-to-Face Gallery Talk Conversation about *Seated Man with Chinese Servant* portrait included in "Faces of the Frontier" exhibition. Learn about life, legacy of Chinese Americans in the West, and in particular of Ah Quinn, San Diego business owner and "mayor of Chinatown." Included in regular admission (free-$5). 619-232-6203 x129. Wednesday, May 12, 11am. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Going to College? "How to Pay for College Without Going Broke" workshop for parents of teens in high school led by author Ron Caruthers. Reservations: 760-599-8495. Thursday, May 6, 7:15pm; free. San Marcos Community Center, 3 Civic Center Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

How to Work a Job Fair East County Career Center hosts workshop divulging "how to succeed at finding employment," how to prepare for job fairs, more. 619-463-3006. Tuesday, May 11, 11am; free. 18 and up. Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Knowledge, Action, Sustainability Greenovation Forum presents research on "knowledge action networks." Speakers from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Planetary Skin Institute, and Red Cross/Red Crescent Society describe their research, their commercial impact, and partnerships between UCSD and global nonprofit organizations and industry in Calit2 Auditorium at Atkinson Hall. 858-822-2521. Tuesday, May 11, 4pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Neighborhood Law School Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association presents classes to help citizens become more educated about the law. "Immigration Law" examined this week. RSVP: 619-261-7781. Monday, May 10, 6pm; free. Christian Fellowship Congregational Church, 1601 Kelton Road. (EMERALD HILLS)

Rainwater Harvesting "A Special Evening with Brad Lancaster on Water Harvesting: Turning Drains into Sponges and Water Scarcity into Water Abundance" hosted by San Diego Horticulture Society. Learn "eight universal principles of water harvesting." 760-295-7089. Monday, May 10, 6:30pm; $15-$25. Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Seriously Seeking a Job? Jamie Beck's employment workshop focuses on "where to look for jobs, networking, how to apply for jobs, exploring new career options," more. Attendees may bring sack lunch. 858-581-9935. Saturday, May 8, 10am; free. 18 and up. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Shaking All Over With recent worldwide events, consider yourself "reminded of the instability of our geologic world." What can be done to prepare? Find out during "San Diego NOW: California Shake Out! Anticipating the Next Earthquake." 619-232-6203 x129. Monday, May 10, 6pm; free. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS

All Stars Versus Team Legit San Diego Derby Dolls All Stars challenge Team Legit on banked track for roller derby fun in Wyland Hall. 858-755-1161. Saturday, May 8, 7pm; $13-$20. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Big Lagoon Ride Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 50-mile ride "up and around." 619-647-3212. Saturday, May 8, 8:45am. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Cinco de Mayo Trail Run Rigorous 10k and 5k courses follow Lake Poway Trail through foothills around Lake Poway near Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Kids' Race is "fun, off-road course" about one-third mile long, with one hill (for those seven and younger). 858-748-2007 x2900. Saturday, May 8, 7:30am; $10-$30. Lake Poway, 14644 Lake Poway Road. (POWAY)

Freedom Surf Series "Anti-drug surf contest" at south pier beach. Free for spectators. 760-722-6363. Saturday, May 8, 7am. Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

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. Thursday, May 6, 8am; Friday, May 7, 8am; Saturday, May 8, 8am and

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7pm; Sunday, May 9, 8am. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Mother's Day Ride Celebrate motherhood with Knickerbikers during 26-mile bike ride starting in parking lot to west of Target. Bring lunch or money for deli purchase, followed by picnic in Santee Lakes Park. 858-279-9863. Sunday, May 9, 9am. Westfield Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Mother's Day on the Bay Outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum promises introductory kayaking lesson followed by scenic paddle under Coronado Bridge to Coronado Ferry Landing for no-host brunch to celebrate Mom's special day. Fees include equipment, instruction. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Sunday, May 9, 9am; $20-$65. 6 and up. Glorietta Bay Park, 1715 Strand Way. (CORONADO)

Pedal a Century Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 100-mile adventure to San Clemente through Camp Pendleton and back to Doyle Park. 619-561-3846. Sunday, May 9, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Pins and Pints "Shaun Phillips' Stars and Strikes Bowling Extravaganza" benefits Greater San Diego After-School All-Stars. Spectators: $20; bowlers: $65. 619-223-3916. Thursday, May 6, 5:30pm; 21 and up. East Village Tavern and Bowl, 930 Market Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Ranch and Coast Horse Show Equestrian competition. 858-481-9085. Tuesday, May 11, 8am; Wednesday, May 12, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Winter Wonderland? Cricket Wireless Campus Rail Jam Tour hits stadium's northeast parking lot, with course built using 25 tons of snow trucked in from local mountains. Dozens of skiers, snowboarders will compete. A local pro skateboarding team will demo tricks on a halfpipe. Event features DJed music, demonstration booths from action sports companies. 503-781-5179. Friday, May 7, 5pm; free. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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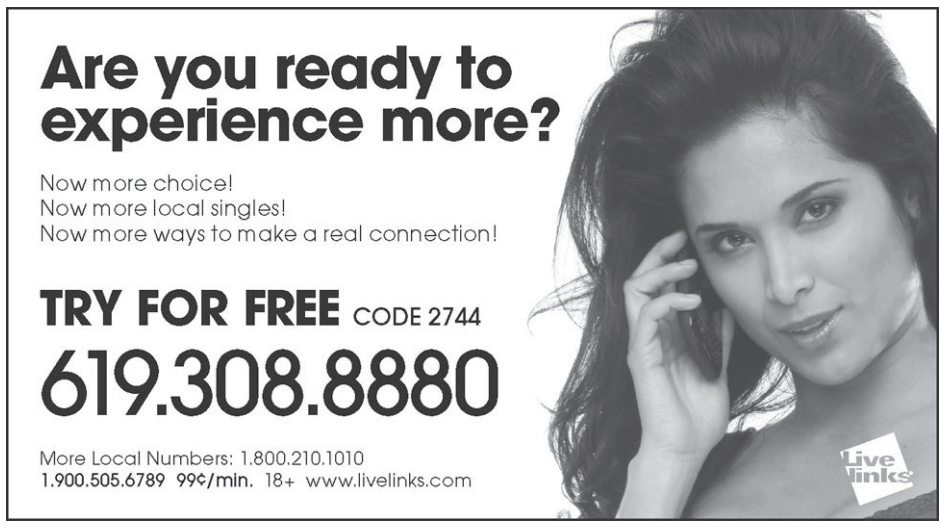

States of Mind

Every photo is an effort to free ourselves from being hostages to fortune and a small act of despair at ever being truly freed.

REVIEW
W.S. DI PIERO

Photography is a great dumping ground of sentimental clichés. Lovebirds, autumn leaves, maternity-ward prune-faces, sublime mountain streams, birthday antics... Fill in the list. Grand illusion-maker that it is, and connoisseur of the uncanny, photography is also culture's coyote, the mischievous or brutal prankster that shatters precious conceits. Next time we lose ourselves in the infinitude of the night sky and consider how those magnitudes make human affairs seem petty and inconsequential, we'll have to reckon a little differently if we've seen Trevor Paglen's photographs, which remind us we're being constantly watched, and that when we lose ourselves in the stars, we're losing ourselves, really, to our own technological nosiness. Using information from amateur astronomers and night-sky photographers, Paglen has made a series of images of the over 200 surveillance satellites that spy on our lives. One of Paglen's pictures dizzies the eye with hundreds of wiry concentric orbits, one of which conceals an eye in the sky. Another is a dust storm of thousands of celestial bodies, those points of light we lazily take to be "timeless," though more than a few of them were Made in the U.S.A. The photos don't just redefine outer space, they turn it into an inner space of secret data. They rub our noses against what Paglen calls "the secret corners of the American state" and are evidence that we've politicized the cosmos.

Paglen is one of 22 California photographers (selected from nearly a hundred invitees) represented in a juried exhibition at the Museum of Photographic Arts, and while it's specific to California image-makers, *State of Mind* isn't specific to California. It samples photographic practices you'll find around the globe, from astronomical imagery to straight-up social realism; from deadpan theatricality to micro-assemblage. One constant since photography's inception is that its practitioners are often as engaged by the mechanics of image-making as by image content, though the technical explorations themselves open up new ways of revisiting the past. Consider Claudia Kunin (like others in the exhibition, she's been a noteworthy presence for at least ten years), who grew up fascinated by her father's old 3-D camera. Stereo pictures remind us that our binocular vision creates a depth of field that consciousness normally foreshortens; 3-D dilates and exaggerates depth of field, which is why 3-D, from *House of Wax* and *Avatar* to Kunin's family-album enchantments, feels so uncanny and teases our wits. Kunin harmonizes her father's stereo archive with her own

Susan Anderson, *Jacklyn*, from the series High Glitz

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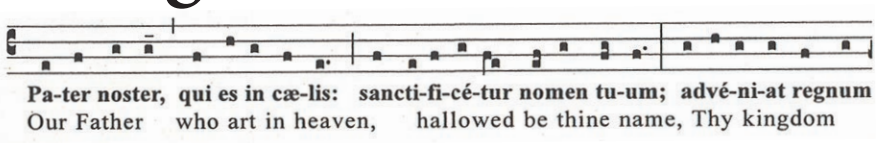

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pictures, which feature her and her mother in landscapes real and imagined. 3-D's glassy depths and the Kunins' anachronistic imagery make time slither and skip: present and past elide, and human relatedness seems a floating, half-perceived, half-imagined world airy with hope and unknowing.

Photography-as-chemistry-set-inventiveness also results in goofy, hilarious falsification. A particular way of developing a print can create an illusion of a certain time. The 19th Century wet collodion process, which involved coating glass plates with light-sensitive chemicals, bequeathed us sober, sepia-toned, occasionally smoggy imagery. Stephen Berkman, using the same process, brings a daffy *SNL* humor to his staged scene of five frock-coated, senatorially serious gentlemen who look primed to orate but who in fact compose, the title tells us, a *Mute Debating Society.* (An even more serious-looking timekeeper stands by.) And his *Fraternal Furriers* features a pair of entrepreneurs heavily mantled with sable, mink, and fox pelts, standing either side of a fur-strewn dresser. The furriers, whose identical haircuts look like roadkill modeled to resemble sartorial topiary, stand like worshippers at that altar of fashionable animal byproducts. Berkman is a performer-provocateur. He plays off the historical sobriety of "antiqued" methods against contents that send up cultural seriousness, and we're the beneficiaries of his hip, zany inventions.

We like to think that photography loves and pursues stopped time, but it's just as obsessed with time's velocity and the smeary speed of things passing through (or into) time. Every photo is an effort to free ourselves from being hostages to fortune and a small act of despair at ever being truly freed. Liza Ryan took a photograph similar to the kind we've all taken: *Scene Unseen* is a shot of forestland viewed from a train window. While the eye registers the millions of discrete nano-instants that compose the briefest moment, what we actually see is the disarticulated streaming of forms and colors. It's a fair analogue to the streaming operations of consciousness.

Ken Gonzales-Day, *Disguised Bandit*, From the Erased Lynching Series, 2006

In Ryan's image, razor-edged green and brown streaks zip horizontally like nature's staves. The image enacts the extreme brevity and unrepeatable momentariness of everything in nature. It's a postmodern Impressionist flash.

Todd Hido is best known for velvety nocturnes of nondescript suburban yards and houses lit to seem *Halloween*-creepy. His land-bound eavesdropping imagery (distant cousin to Paglen's outer-space snoopings) has an excruciatingly spooky stillness. Hido's next move was, I suppose, obvious. He would *move.* In recent years he's been taking pictures of backcountry byways through his car's windshield. His pictures in *State of Mind,* wrapped in slushy atmospheres, are reduced almost to monochromes save for the occasional redemptive headlight or traffic signal. Isolation and endlessness never looked so lush. Weather conditions and the car's motion create a phantasmal squeegee scrim, as if the landscapes have been troweled by time. Good artists are nearly always dialoguing with predecessors, and Hido's pictures double up. They don't just remodel the on-the-road armature of Robert Frank's game-changing 1955–56 photo-essay, *The Americans,* they also extend Frank's 1958 series of pictures he snapped while riding New York buses. This kind of photographic conversation not only enriches (and complicates) the medium, it reminds us that the truth of the evidence any photo proposes (whether it's by Frank, Hido, or your aunt Hildegard) is determined by a vagrant, speculative subjectivity.

We don't just inhabit culture, we *are* culture. And photography is, among other things, a merciless inquiry into ourselves as cultural products and cultural beings. As cultural products we can be a bad bunch indeed, to judge from Ken Gonzales-Day's *Erased Lynching Series,* where the photographer replicates vintage photos and postcards of lynchings but effaces the victims. We see the attending impassive or gawking or triumphant faces grotesquely deprived of an occasion for their affect. One Gonzales-Day piece replicates a different kind of historical inconclusiveness (of a most conclusive activity) by presenting not a photo but only a postcard's inscription: "This is what he got." As for the human being as a culture "site," see Susan Anderson's morally rattling portfolio of children's beauty pageant contestants, which before anything else recall the excruciating uncertainty of the JonBenét Ramsey murder investigation and its poisonous media storm. Photography is species memory: it remembers on our behalf not just cornpone happiness but also the worst of the worst. I've never been close enough to the world of beauty competitions to speculate on whatever lies behind the grotesque, twisted dramatization of a child's identity to suit the glitzy dreams of their mothers, though I suppose there's plenty of bourgeois normalcy behind the showbiz hoo-ha. Anderson's images jack up the jewelry-box glamour imposed on these kids and tweak our assumptions about childhood innocence. Anti-innocence isn't a feral, cave-children condition, it's this exaggerated pretty-in-pink artifice of contented perfection. These four- and seven-year-olds are dolled up in high-keyed colors, mostly burning reds and baby pinks — red for hot sex, pink for feminine frailty. Each girl is a canned ideal: there's the pert and pretty flirt in a lime-trimmed miniskirt and white go-go boots; another is a kiddy-fied *Baywatch* babe; the one African-American — another era would call her "a dusky enchantress" — wears a coyly brooding, holder-of-dark-secrets look. Of the many fine images in the exhibition, these are the hardest to look away from. I felt shamed to be enthralled by something so near abomination playing it so cute. ■

GALLERIES

"Anatomy Lessons" Exhibit opens with reception for the six participating jewelry artists. Closes Friday, June 18. 619-692-0099. Friday, May 7, 6pm; free. Taboo Studio, 1615 West Lewis Street. (MISSION HILLS)

"Brushes with Life" Reception for "A Visual Journal of the Ordinary and Extraordinary" by San Diego artist Ellen Dieter. View paintings fusing "technical skill and artistic abandon" through Friday, July 2. 619-239-1713. Friday, May 7, 6pm; free. Swift Gallery at NTC, 2820 Roosevelt Road. (POINT LOMA)

"Comin' Up Rosy!" Reception for artists whose 95 original watercolor paintings are on exhibit through Saturday, May 29. 619-876-4550. Friday, May 7, 5pm; free. San Diego Watercolor Society at NTC Promenade, 2825 Dewey Road #105. (POINT LOMA)

"Imaginarium: A Voyage into Creativity" Closing reception for exhibition by group of five artists revealing "how they create their work." View rarely seen sketches, objects of inspiration, other forms of nontraditional methods and materials used in the art-making process. 619-299-4278. Saturday, May 8, 6pm; free. San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

"L7: An Installation of Paintings by Leslie Nemour" Reception for exhibit of "nearly 100 luminous oil paintings hung from floor to ceiling in idiosyncratic arrangements." View Nemour's paintings — depicting "disjointed movements, blurred boundaries, images between images, and other distortions" — through Sunday, May 30. 619-235-8466. Saturday, May 8, 6pm; free. Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Photographs of Not Here" Reception for exhibition of work by Todd Carpenter. View show — promising photographs taken during recent travel through Cambodia, Vietnam, China — through Sunday, June 6. 619-296-7009. Saturday, May 8, 6pm; free. Red Crow Studio, 3812-A Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Picture This" Reception for annual all-media juried student art awards show. Closes Tuesday, May 18. 760-795-6657. Thursday, May 6, 11:30am; free. Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"Plein Air XV" The 15th annual plein air exhibition opens with reception for the 16 participating painters. Artists will be painting on grounds during reception. Show closes Sunday, June 13. 760-765-1676. Saturday, May 8, 4pm; free. Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, 30352 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

"The Lost Children" Opening reception for solo exhibition by U.K.-based artist Jana Brike, continuing through Friday, June 4. The Alley features works from over 75 artists in 14 artist studios. 760-781-5779. Saturday, May 8, 6pm; free. Distinction Gallery, 317 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Three Voices" Reception for exhibition of art quilts by Katherine K. Allen, Valerie Goodwin, Kent Williams. Show continues through Sunday, July 25. Requested donation: $5. 619-546-4872. Friday, May 7, 5pm. Visions Art Quilt Gallery, NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, 2825 Dewey Rd., Suite 100. (POINT LOMA)

Drawings and Paintings Opening reception for exhibition by Germany-based artist Peter Dreher. View two-dozen *"Tag um Tag Guter Tag* (Day by Day a Good Day)" paintings, a dozen "Vitrine" still-life paintings, a group of Dreher's new flower drawings through Saturday, June 5. 858-454-3409. Friday, May 7, 6pm; free. Quint Contemporary Art, 7739 Drury Lane. (LA JOLLA)

From Texas to Argentina

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

A smart example of how to start an ambitious neighborhood restaurant on a budget

DINING REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

SOHO, which opened on Saint Patrick's Day, instantly offered one of the most interesting, eccentric menus in San Diego, combining tastes from the South, the deeper South (Mexico and South America), Southern Europe, and a touch of North Africa. Named for my old Manhattan neighborhood (then a slum, now chic and boutique-y), once I saw the menu on the web, I was there in a New York minute, accompanied by my friends the Lynnester, Mark, and Ben-the-Stew (who was on the Tokyo track and so didn't get marooned under the volcano).

SOHO was founded by two young dudes who've worked together at several of our best restaurants. Carlos De Narvaez, at age 26, had managed to save up enough tips earned as a server (and miraculously invested wisely in the stock market) to finance the restaurant — a longtime dream. Chef Kevin Cedillo, 32, has worked at A.R. Valentien, 910, Laurel, and Whisknladle, among other fine restaurants. "I'm basically self-taught, didn't go to culinary school, so I've tried to learn something everywhere I've worked. I've been cooking professionally for 15 years now," he says.

The multicultural menu springs from his home state of Texas, along with a reflexive Southern politesse ("Yes, ma'am"). He grew up on a ranch in the Dallas area in a Mexican-American family that's been in Texas for generations (with a touch of German, typical of south Texas). "My grandma [who cooked all the meals for the ranch] is this amazing chef who was making these great exotic recipes, going out to pick cactus, wild onions, wild spinach. From a young age, I had an understanding of how to live off the earth. I always wanted to be a chef; I used to watch PBS cooking shows when I was a kid — French chefs, Cajun chefs…The food in south Texas is a combination of Hispanic and Southern and a little Cajun, and I have a lot of love for all these foods. I picked up some of the other stuff as I went along. I wanted to cook food that I understand from my own experience. Who I am is why I cook the way I do."

SOHO replaces that burned-out volcano, Vesuvio, an old red-sauce-and-pizza joint. Near the front is a short bar with two flat-screen TVs, muted, and not tuned to sports when we were there. The rest of the room is filled with comfortable booths and unclothed tables, though silverware comes wrapped in chic black napkins.

For table bread, we received a plateful of delicious, wood-fired flatbread, thin and pliable, topped with *za'atar* — a Middle Eastern thyme-based herb blend and kosher salt — a favorable omen for the pizza.

The dish that drew me here in such haste (lest it go off-menu) is called Surf and Turf — an appetizer of bone-marrow patty topped with shrimp, garnished with grilled octopus and red chimichurri (the Argentine version of salsa fresca). When simply braised, bone marrow is slickety smooth and richly unctuous. To be corralled into a more solid patty, it's mixed here with house-made cornmeal *masa,* maintaining its basic flavor, if not its ethereal texture. It's topped with a large, tender shrimp and surrounded by small pieces of chewy-tender octopus. Argentine chimichurri is usually green, a thick parsley vinaigrette. The red version here is tomato-based, tart and bright. As I guessed, this version of the dish is about to go off-menu; the chef feels that bone marrow deserves to star in its own dish, not serve as support. (I agree!) The surf and turf will be revised soon, the marrow returning later in a purer guise.

Even better are tender, wood-fired Carlsbad mussels, fabulously fresh (local grown), in a broth of white wine, tomato, caramelized leeks, and Spanish chorizo (a tighter-grained, leaner sausage than the Mexican version). Ben wished he could pour all the sauce from it into a glass and add vodka: "That'd make the ultimate Bloody Mary!"

Piquillo peppers are a Spanish breed of medium-size, semi-mild chilies, by custom lightly smoked over wood. Fresh, or more usually canned, they're a favorite in Spanish tapas bars, especially in a classic pairing with anchovies. Here, the piquillos, two to a plate, are stuffed with melted goat cheese and roasted garlic, a

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Eclectic, creative mixture of Southern, South American, Mexican, and Southern European flavors. Short, smart list of affordable wines, plus craft beers.
PICK HITS: Surf and Turf (bone-marrow patty, shrimp, octopus); wood-fired piquillo peppers with goat cheese; wood-fired Carlsbad mussels; Moroccan-spiced flat-iron steak; braised short-ribs with goat-cheese tamale; pizzas. Good bets: mini rabbit corndogs; lamb burger; salads.
NEED TO KNOW: Street parking. Plenty for lacto-vegetarians. Happy hour (4:00–6:00 p.m.), $2.50 discount on appetizers. Good potential grazing dinners from wide array of imaginative starters and salads.

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

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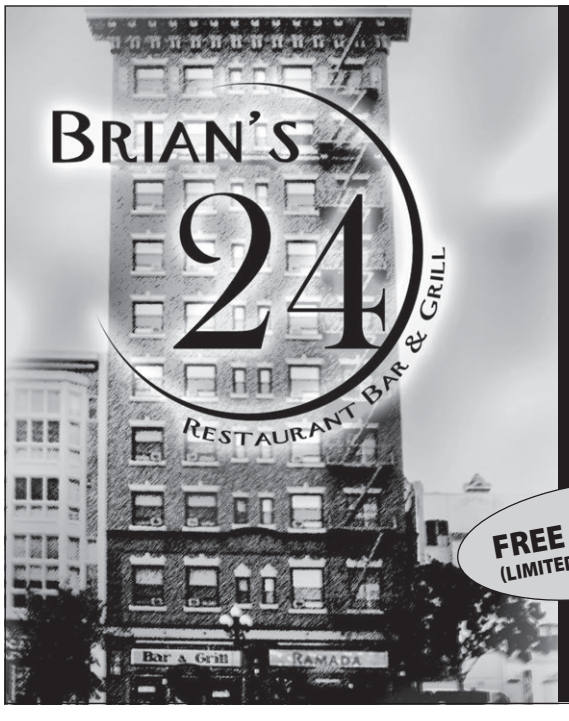

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nice combination, arriving half concealed under a dispensable lean-to of toast points.

Over the years, I've developed a taste for Southern grits, which are basically American polenta with an earthier texture from the base of dried hominy — large, lime-slaked white-corn kernels — rather than regular dried corn. In the menu's Dixie representative, country shrimp and grits, the shrimp is putatively blackened (not enough to be bothersome), and the soft grits are mixed with chopped Louisiana tasso ham for a burst of taste and texture but otherwise swamped in gravy. They're grits for people who don't think they like grits. It's a tasty but heavy starter.

(We also ordered a plateful of aged Cheddar hush puppies for the table but never got them. Even after several reminders, the waitress didn't deliver them and never explained why not.)

A creative mind is at work in this kitchen, turning out temptations based on a relatively modest pantry of ingredients put to varied and ingenious uses — a smart example of how to start an ambitious neighborhood restaurant on a limited budget. I wished I could clone myself and my friends so we could try the panko-breaded shrimp cake with cactus and avocado mousse, or the harissa-tossed fried cactus with cilantro crème fraîche, not to mention rabbit mini–corn dogs. Not so much the black-eyed pea cake with salsa verde and truffle crème fraîche. (Sorry, to me black-eyed peas are for New Year's Day, found in Hoppin' John or Texas Caviar; and that does it for the year, truffles or no truffles.) Chicken mole poblano, which takes the chef a half-day to make from scratch, is offered as an appetizer, mainly to introduce *mole* virgins to the dish. It's a filling dish (the sauce is based on chocolate), but hey, if you've never had it, may as well start here.

At several nearby tables, the starter (or perhaps main dish) was one of the four large, exuberant-looking salads: Southwestern Caesar; pear with walnuts and bleu cheese; blood orange with cheddar; and a house salad with a Middle Eastern slant, including pine nuts.

Topping the entrée menu is Meyer Natural Beef flat-iron steak rubbed with Moroccan spices. It arrived rare as requested, the meat tender on its bed of Israeli cous-cous, punctuated with gently chewy black garbanzo beans (a locally rare pulse called *channa dal* in its homeland, India). Dried currants and a tangy pomegranate demi-glace turned the dish into a faintly exotic sweet-and-sour affair, although the sauce obscured whatever Moroccan seasoning had been rubbed on the steaks.

The braised short-rib, also from Meyer, is exemplary in its tenderness and meaty flavor, set off by the brightness of a Peruvian cherry salsa. Smoked tomatoes and spinach surround a hulking tamale. Typical of South Texas home-style tamales, the masa shell is dry and heavy. It's filled with goat cheese; to my tastes, a more gooey, indulgent cheese, such as Oaxaca cheese, might give more pleasure going up against that *masa*.

We considered ordering mini rabbit corndogs as an appetizer, but under interrogation, the waitress confessed that the house-made sausages were the same in the entrée of rabbit sausage orecchiette with caramelized leeks, cremini mushrooms, piquillo peppers, and rabbit *jus*. We wanted to taste that rabbit *jus,* so we went for the pasta. It proved a hearty, interesting mix but was brought down with a thud by the blandness of the rabbit sausage slices, about as sprightly as store-bought kielbasa. (Rabbit tastes like chicken — so rabbit sausages taste like chicken sausages.) In a do-over, we'd try them as the appetizer corn dogs, where the crisp coating would liven them up.

Inspired by his stint at A.R. Valentien, chef Kevin wanted to work with rabbit but decided to gently introduce San Diego eaters to the meat — and found that even the sausages get reactions: "Is that Peter Cottontail?" In any event, the chef plans to substitute lamb chorizo for the rabbit sausage in this dish, an excellent idea, as it is a vibrant-enough meat to play against a thick pasta.

With a wood-burning oven probably inherited from old Vesuvio (what use is a pizza oven if your pizza is rolled too thick, your sauce too boring?), SOHO is a natural for making burgers and pizzas. Mark said he's looking forward to going back for a lunchtime lamb burger (with feta, pickled red onion, chermoula aioli, and tapenade, on a Sadie Rose buttermilk bun with yucca fries on the side). Shrimp pizza caught my eye: In college, my favorite pizzeria turned out a version where the shrimp seemed to swell and crackle. Here, the shrimp pizza is small, delicate, a bit soft-crusted, with goat cheese, pine nuts, tomato, and chimichurri on a light, thin crust similar to the *za'atar* flatbread that opened the meal. It has fewer and smaller shrimp than that ancient college-town version, and they don't swell and crackle, but it is quite good. It may even be better than the one I remember — after all, time is a one-way street with no U-turns.

A dessert of brioche bread pudding for two was heavy and homey, given unexpected crunch by nuts. We also tried a plateful of beignets (New Orleans–style doughnuts), but alas, they were heavy too, compared to the airy Café du Monde originals. Double alas: There's no espresso, merely Starbucks dark-roast (blah). Triple alas: Our charming, feckless waitress got distracted and forgot to bring it until we were nearly done, although we'd requested it served along with desserts.

SOHO still has some kinks to work out (e.g., service, plus some fine-tuning of the menu), but it's off to an impressive start, another terrific asset to North Park's burgeoning dining scene. "Can you imagine a place like this opening here ten years ago?" Ben marveled. In those days, aside from Kensington Grill, there was no creative cooking east of Park Boulevard, and very few interesting neighborhood restaurants. Now there really is such a thing as "neighborhood food" here — not just grim deliveries from Vesuvio's. Sometimes, it's a good thing that time is one-way — at least when it comes to eating in San Diego.

Good Restaurant News

Most breaking restaurant news now goes into my new blog on the *Reader* website. Some bloggish samples of fun eating at fair prices:

Through the end of summer, on the first Saturday of every month, Saffron offers authentic Thai street foods on the patio 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., including Thai crepes filled with shrimp or chicken and Thai-style oyster pancakes.

King's Seafood Co. restaurants now let you BYO wine with no corkage charges. So pull out that Bâtard-Montrachet you've been saving before it goes brown: May 1–July 4, they're featuring whole steamed Maine lobster with drawn butter (or, for a few dollars more, in a whole New England–style clambake with clams, mussels, etc.) at reasonable prices, based on size (starting at $23.50 for a one-pounder, on up to $43.75 for three pounds, which is about the limit for maximum tenderness). It's not the lowest price in town — I've tried places that offer weekly specials of loss-leader lobsters for less, until they run out of them fairly early in the evening — but dare I say that when it comes to lobster, you pretty much get what you pay for? ■

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Up the Stairs

"Warning: Not for the lighthearted," it says. Okay, I think we're talking "fainthearted."

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"Why don't you come up and see me sometime?"

Or was it, "Why don't you come up sometime'n see me?"

Either way, Mae West, right? In *She Done Him Wrong*, 1933, propositioning Cary Grant. Turner Classic Movies.

Can't help thinking about that line as I hit this kind of anonymous entrance to what used to be the Carnation Milk Factory. Hmm…look up the wooden stairs. Beer 'n' burger joint now.

A Bellamy Brothers song's playing as I climb up between cinderblock walls. "If I said you had a beautiful body, would you hold it against me?" Dang. If only I'd thought that up, I'd be a happy man.

At the top I come into a kind of industrial-cool lofty-looking place, a bit like Basic, the pizza outfit up the street. Dark. Bar staff dressed in black. Signs about how we should all "take down a burger." There's a dark, mottled Formica bar top, a brown-stained bare-board floor, and brown furniture. Unpainted rafters and silver ducting above. A raised stage-like area with its own skylight lets you sit and look down on the crowd and out to Tenth Street. They even have a little fireplace you can gather around.

Up at the bar, a bunch of guys in their 30s and 40s, complete with shaved heads and trophy dates, are talking business. The hyper-hip crowd. Not slick. Hip.

"Happy hour?" I ask the bartender, before I take a seat. I'm worried about costs.

"For drinks, but not food, not tonight," says Michael. "If you come Tuesday, you get two-for-one burgers. Or Wednesday, $5 grilled-cheese sandwiches or tater tots. Start you off with a drink?"

Uh, right. Got a Jackson down here somewhere. I choose a stool and come in for a landing. And I see they have maybe 20 beers on tap. San Diego's own Stone India Pale Ale is one. Going for $4 right now, till 7:00 p.m. I get one of those while I hit the menu, Janis Joplin belting out, *Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose…*

They have a collection of appetizers. Fries for $4.50, sweet-potato fries for $6? Must be mighty spuds. Fried pickle spears ("a southern favorite") are $6.50. Three sliders go for $10, spice-crusted ahi for $12.

"Have this, man," says a guy over the empty stool to my left. Gal's handing him a plate of ahi, looks like, only on a salad. Aha. See the entrée section has salads too, with optional meat or fish adds. "Name's Brian," the guy says. "I'm in social media."

"Like Facebook and Twitter and stuff?"

"That's right. That's the future." Brian crunches into his spice-crusted ahi. "But right now, you can't beat this dish."

Menu calls it the Corner Salad, a pile of greens, kidney beans, red onion, tomatoes, sunflower seeds, bacon, bleu-cheese crumbles, and the fish. Cost $5 for a half-version of the salad (full-size'd be $9.50), plus another $8 for the seared ahi.

But I'm thinking burgers. The Stone IPA's kickingly, bitterishly dee-lish. Need food that'll take it on, direct.

Burgers range from $8.50 to $12.50. But there's a good reason they're not, like, McDonald's-cheap: "All burgers…are made from USDA all-natural certified Angus beef — heirloom meat stock that is pasture-grown, all-vegetable fed, and raised humanely and naturally (with no hormones or antibiotics) on family-owned farms. It is fresh-ground, pattied here, and never frozen!"

(Brian could have added Jidori chicken breast instead of ahi, for $6 — and if it's Jidori, it's also antibiotic-free and fresh, meaning alive till a day or so ago, Japanese-style.)

Whatever, I'm happy. I like not having to eat hormones and antibiotics with my meat.

"Brian!" A vivacious gal takes the bar's last free stool, the one between me and Brian. Her name's Jenny. "We're both in social media," she says. "This is where we hang out."

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I like not having to eat hormones and antibiotics with my meat.

I'm still thinking: which burger? The basic no-frills model, the Corner Burger, is $8.50. The Jalapeño Burger's $10.50 — that should have kick. It's layered with pickled jalapeños and serrano peppers, spicy jack cheese, and chipotle. "Warning: Not for the light-hearted," it says. Okay. I think we're talking "fainthearted." Phil's Burger, with chili and cheese, costs $12. The Hippie Burger (yes, with a veggie patty, and caramelized onions, and sautéed mushrooms) goes for $10.

"The best one?" says Michael the bartender. "Well, this place is owned by two brothers, Davin and Cooper. And Cooper lived in Miami before he came here. And he brought back this recipe for a pulled-pork burger…"

He points to it on the menu. It's a grilled and pressed "Miami-style Cuban sandwich," with serrano ham, Swiss cheese, homemade dill pickles, whole-grain mustard, "piled with slow-roasted pulled pork." That one's $12.50.

Don't see nothin' about humane treatment of pigs, but I order it anyway. And Lord, good it is. It goes excellently with the IPA. That meat is juicy, as they say, to the elbows.

By now, the place is filling up. "You should come Wednesday nights," Jenny says. "The whole neighborhood's here. And Friday and Saturday, the energy, it's crazy." Turns out she's a political consultant too. Wow. Everyone here's something, well, special. Me, I'm just trying to figure if I have enough lucre for another IPA. Spent $18.68 already. Sigh.

I head downstairs and out onto Tenth. It's almost deserted. Who knew what energy and, well, fun is bustin' out behind these ol' Carnation Walls? A little cheaper, and it wouldn't take Mae West to get me back up to see them-all sometime, oftentime. ■

The Place: *The Corner, 369 Tenth Avenue (between J and K streets); 619-531-8804*
Type of Food: *American*
Prices: *French fry appetizers, $4.50; sweet potato fries, $6; fried pickle spears, $6.50; three sliders, $10; spice-crusted ahi, $12; the Corner Salad, $9.50 ($5 for half-version); add seared ahi, $8; the Corner Burger, $8.50; Jalapeño burger (with jalapeños, peppers, jack cheese, chipotle), $10.50; Phil's Burger (chili, cheese), $12; Hippie Burger (veggie patty), $10; Cuban (pulled pork) Burger, $12.50*
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Alpine

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

Baja

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Banker's Hill

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

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

Bonita

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

Carlsbad

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

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

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

Carmel Valley

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

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

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

City Heights

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

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

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

College Area

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

Coronado

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

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

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

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

Spiro's Gyros 1201 First St., Coronado, 619-435-1225. Watch the sunset sipping Greek wines. Low prices keep Spiro's popular with locals and tourists. Try moussaka or souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Inexpensive.

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Ave., Coronado, 619-435-8110. An island of serenity, with gentle dishes cooked with care. The complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all woes, and the calamari in seafood arrays is knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness. Inexpensive to moderate.

Del Mar

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere "*pho* joint," this gracious restaurant serves exquisite versions of the sophisticated Vietnamese dishes of prewar Saigon. Low-moderate.

Jake's Del Mar Waterfront Grill 1660 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-2002. Surf 'n' turf by the sea, with a patio overlooking the waves. Menu offers seafood with fusion-y touches, Prime or Choice steaks. Crabby Dungeness crab cake appetizer makes a whole lunch. Lunch and Sunday brunch moderate, dinner expensive.

Milton's Deli 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. Jewish deli goes multiethnic. Stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei,* hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

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

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ribs and marrow that beats the French classic, and creative desserts to finish with. Moderate to expensive.

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

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

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

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

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

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Dr., Downtown, 619-298-6802. Amazing bay-view venue with delicious steaks and roast beefs, plus chef Deborah Scott's creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Very expensive.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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East Village

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

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

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

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

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

El Cajon

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

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

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

Encinitas

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

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

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

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

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

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Escondido

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

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

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

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

Golden Hill

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

Hillcrest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Imperial Beach

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

Kearny Mesa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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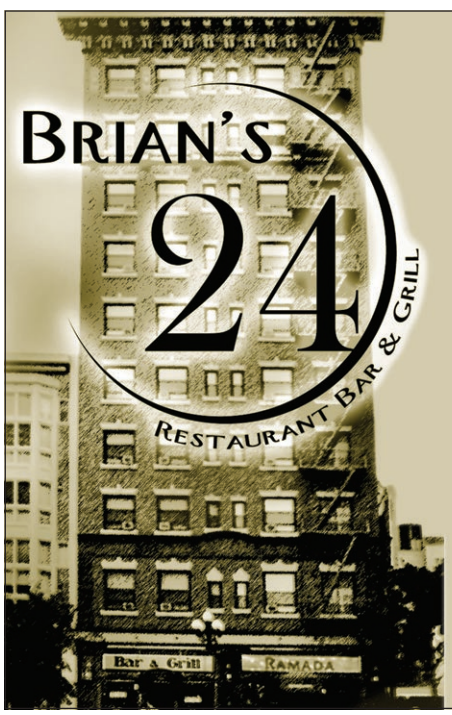

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Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for seasonal California cuisine. Early-bird three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate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

La Jolla

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

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

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

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

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

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

La Mesa

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

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

Mystic Grill and Bakery 6990 University Avenue (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-461-1985. Former pizza joint now offers exciting Middle Eastern revelations. Top ingredients (Halal Prime beef, fresh baby chickens) and skilled cooking from scratch create flawless falafel, thrilling *kibbe* (Mediterranean schnitzel), lemony spinach pie, sensitively grilled seafood and *shawarma,* and sublime desserts. (Also basic take-out pizzas.) No alcohol. Inexpensive.

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

Leucadia

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

Linda Vista

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

Little Italy

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

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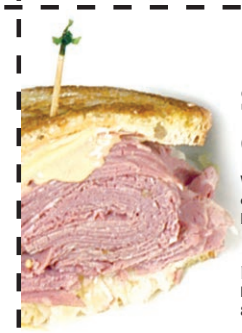

Free NY style deli entrée

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

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

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Logan Heights

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

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

Midway District

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

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

Mira Mesa

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

Miramar

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

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

Mission Beach

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

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

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

Mission Hills

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

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

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

Mission Valley

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

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

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Raw Bar *white prawn escabèche, west coast oysters, diver scallop ceviche*

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50% off entrée

Buy one entrée at regular price and get a second entrée of equal or lesser value for half off.

Skewers
Mira Mesa: 9254 Scranton Rd., Ste. 106 • 858-658-0109

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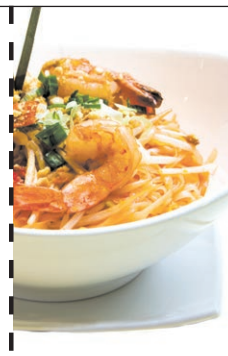

Free Thai lunch or dinner

With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Up to a $10 value. Not valid on holidays. One per table.

Jade Thai Cuisine
Mission Gorge: 10330 Friars Rd. #105 • 619-280-4048

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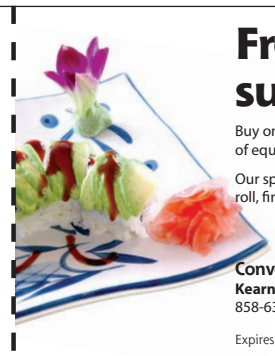

Free special sushi roll

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

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

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

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$1 off Indian buffet

Limit one per customer.

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

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Free buttermilk pancakes

Short stack with purchase of two entrées. May not be combined with any other offer. One coupon per table. Not valid on holidays.

The Trails Neighborhood Eatery
San Carlos: 7389 Jackson Dr. 619-667-CAFE

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free entrée or sushi roll

With purchase of a second entrée of equal or greater value and two drinks at regular price. Maximum value $8. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per table or per party.

Kirin Sushi
San Diego: 4111 Voltaire St. 619-223-3388

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free Asian fusion entrée

Buy any lunch or dinner entrée and two beverages, receive a second entrée of equal or lesser value free. Some restrictions.

Khan's Cave
Kearny Mesa:
9350 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Ste. F 858-279-9799

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Free Mexican combo plate

With purchase of a combo plate of equal or greater value and two drinks. Some restrictions. Valid Mon.-Thurs. only. Only combos 1-16.

Emiliano's Mexican
Del Cerro: 6690 Mission Gorge Rd. Ste. E • 619-284-2460

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Free Italian entrée

With purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. One coupon per table. Dine-in only. Max value $10. Lunch specials not included. Not valid with any other offer or on holidays.

Da Nino's
Bay Park: 410 Ashton St. 619-275-0321 • 619-275-4395

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free Sizzler entrée

Up to $10.99. Purchase one adult entrée with two beverages and receive one adult entrée of equal or lesser value free.

Sizzler
San Diego: 2855 Midway Dr. 619-224-3347
Escondido: 355 N. Escondido Blvd. 760-741-2568
Oceanside: 3805 Plaza Dr. 760-630-1551

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50% off breakfast or lunch

Purchase one entrée and two beverages at regular price and receive a second entrée of equal or lesser value at 50% off. Some restrictions.

Honey's Café
San Diego: 7947 Balboa Ave. 858-565-4244

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free entrée

With the purchase of any entrée of equal or greater value and 2 beverages. One coupon per table. Dine-in only. Max value $10. Not valid with any other offer. Not valid on holidays. Lunch specials not included.

DiMille's Italian Restaurant
Kensington: 3492 Adams Ave. 619-283-3153

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RESTAURANTS

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

National City

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

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

Normal Heights

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

North Park

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

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

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-297-4007. Georgian food sings with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht, the lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout. Moderate.

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

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

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

Ocean Beach

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

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

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

Oceanside

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-0124. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced over salad, and the gyros mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials and meaty burgers. Inexpensive.

Old Town

El Agave 2304 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-220-0692. Serious Mexican food highlighting mainland regional cuisines, including five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas). Moderate.

Pacific Beach

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. Try the Road Kill sandwich (grilled chicken breast with hot sauce and cheese) or the huge, baroque Aussie Burger. Inexpensive.

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475-C Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. Tempting dishes delivered to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. The sushi chefs have the panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls and spider rolls are tasty too. Inexpensive to moderate.

Karinya Thai 825 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. Try *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup), a meal in itself served over a charcoal fire at your table, or *pad talay,* sautéed seafoods in spicy sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont St., Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. P.B.'s most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold Mex/Asian/Cajun flavors. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. Moderate.

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí,* the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast, adding your choices of granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces. Inexpensive.

Point Loma

The Pearl 1410 Rosecrans St., Point Loma, 619-226-6100. The fare is California-eclectic and emphasizes grazing, with local produce and sustainable meat and fish. Candied pork belly, "deconstructed" shrimp nachos, wings du jour, and salmon with skin are among the hits. Moderate.

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-223-3030. Vintage waterside eatery serves seafood and steaks of uneven quality. Start with clams on the half-shell or clam chowder. Coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure; finfish fare less well. Low-moderate.

Solana Beach

California Pizza Kitchen 437 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999. Additional locations in Mission Valley, Carmel Mountain, University City, Vista, Chula Vista. The Original BBQ Chicken Pizza, the chain's first hit, is their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. Inexpensive to moderate.

Fidel's Little Mexico 749 Genevieve and 607 Valley Avenue (two entrances), Solana Beach, 858-755-5292. Old-line place where the Del Mar race crowd goes for a "safe" Mexican experience. Yet, alluring. Look for happy hour deals. One fat taco will almost fill you up. Inexpensive to moderate.

Sorrento Valley

Corner House Café & Pizzeria 11815 Sorrento Valley Rd., Sorrento Valley, 858-755-3183. You lunch outside in country-style gardens, hidden inside a glossy business park. Sandwiches reign: try the Ironman (chicken, avocado, cheese) or Sorrento's Choice (turkey, cream cheese, sunflower seeds). Sophisticated pastas, too. Inexpensive.

South Park

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape St., South Park, 619-234-5789. Judy "the Beauty" Forman presides over this highly social scene of big healthy breakfasts and lunches, including from-scratch waffles, muffins, omelets and scrambles, vegan choices. Inexpensive.

University Heights

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4645 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-2801. Try the pomegranate soup or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. *Ghourmeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. Inexpensive.

Free sushi roll

With purchase of a sushi roll of equal or greater value and two beverages. Maximum value $12.95. Dine-in only. Not valid during Happy Hour. Some restrictions.

Nami Sushi Bar & Fusion Japanese
Hillcrest: 501 University Ave.
619-297-7888

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

$5 off Mexican cuisine

Any check over $25. Some restrictions.

Casa Machado
College Area: 6390 El Cajon Blvd.
619-287-6858
Montgomery Field:
3750 John J. Montgomery Dr.
858-292-4716

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Free breakfast, lunch or dinner

With purchase of equal or greater value and two drinks. Excludes manager & window specials. Some restrictions. Max $7 value.

ChickeNest
La Mesa: 7200 Parkway Dr.
619-589-0088

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Free entrée

with purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value & 2 beverages. Not valid with reservations. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per party. Only good at Lemon Grove location. Dine-in only.

Boll Weevil
Lemon Grove: 6966 Federal Blvd.
619-589-6966

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free Italian entrée

With purchase of an entrée and two beverages. One per table. Max value $13.95. Not valid on Friday or Saturday or for lunch specials. Some restrictions.

Taste of Italy
Rancho San Diego:
2512 Jamacha Rd. • 619-660-6300

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free smoked BBQ sandwich

With the purchase of a sandwich of equal or greater value and two large beverages. Some restrictions.

Geno's BBQ
El Cajon: 291 West Main St.
619-444-3667

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free Italian entrée

With the purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Up to a $9.95 value. Excludes pizza and calzones. Not valid on Fridays. Dine-in only with this coupon. Some restrictions.

Ottavio's Cucina Italiana
El Cajon: 101 Jamacha Rd.
619-444-9522

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

50% off any entrée

With purchase of another entrée of equal or greater value and two drinks. Valid only at La Mesa location. Dine-in only.

Pedro's Mexican Cocina
La Mesa: 6155 Lake Murray Blvd.
619-668-1090

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free frozen yogurt

Buy any yogurt for $2.50 or more and get a free yogurt valued up to $2.50. Some restrictions.

YoYo's Frozen Yogurt
El Cajon: 2650 Jamacha Rd.
619-660-7362

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Italian dinner for two $16.95

Or lunch. Dine-in. Monday-Thursday. Includes salad and choice of six pasta entrées. Some restrictions.

Little Roma Cucina Italiana
La Mesa: 5575 Baltimore Dr.
619-461-7000

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free Thai entrée

With purchase of an entrée and two drinks. Dine-in only. Excludes lunch special. One per table. Maximum discount of $8. Some restrictions.

Thai Time II & III
Midway: 3545 Midway Dr.
619-224-3245
Clairemont: 4310 Genesee Ave.
#111 • 858-278-4949

Expires 5-27-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

Free Mexican entrée

With purchase of a second entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Maximum value $7. Some restrictions.

El Indio
Mission Hills: 3695 India St.
619-299-0333

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the inside track

The Many Voices of Ghetto Blaster "The music is schizophrenic. There's a different personality for every song. It's like *Science Fiction Theatre*," says Ryan Foxe, former front man for '90s punk band Fishwife and current singer for the Grids. We're sharing a booth at the Live Wire in North Park, and Foxe is describing his new band Ghetto Blaster.

GHETTO BLASTER'S HEARING VOICES

What started last year as a two-piece with John Cota, guitarist from Hostile Combover and drummer for hardcore act Rats Eyes, and Irradio drummer Greg Sudor, has turned into San Diego's newest post-hardcore supergroup.

An experimental math-rock-y four-piece, Ghetto Blaster is made up of Foxe, Cota, Sudor, and former Hostile Combover bassist-guitarist Cole Mears.

Sudor was in Europe, but the remaining three Blasters explained the formation of the band over PBRs and a club soda.

"I was just going to fill in at first," says Mears. "But when [Cota] gave me the recording, I said I was in."

Convincing Foxe was more of a challenge. Cota handed Foxe the recording. Weeks passed without any word from the singer.

"Yeah, I pretty much treated them like a whore. I strung them along," says Foxe with a smile. "It was an unpredictable type of music. It took a lot of effort to find the right lyrics. It took, like, ten hours to come up with lyrics for each song."

Foxe came up with some lyrics and got back to Cota, agreeing to jam with the band. Four months ago they met for their first practice and knew the band was complete.

Cota knew beforehand. "Fishwife and [Foxe] have always had an influence on my music. I like that every song has a different character."

At the table, Foxe gives the band fair warning on the different characters to come. "I got some voices coming. I don't know how they are going to take them," he says. "I keep telling them, 'You write weird shit and you're going to get weird lyrics and different voices.' "

Ghetto Blaster will play their first show May 13 at Bar Pink with Oregon punk-rock band Dog Shredder.

— Dorian Hargrove

Mash-Up Startup Last October, Creative Commons, a San Francisco nonprofit at the forefront of the copyleft movement, announced on its website that it had found the right entity to take its ccMixter to the next level: ArtisTech Media in San Diego.

ccMixter.org is a community-accessible music site aimed at remix culture. One can sample, mash-up, remix, or upload songs without fear of criminalization. The site's remixes and samples are licensed under Creative Commons, agreements that for the most part allow for noncommercial file-sharing but prohibit commercial use.

ONE PART EMILY, 50 PARTS YOU

Former MP3tunes president Emily Richards is cofounder and CEO of ArtisTech Media, which bills itself as "the Next Gen Label for Next Gen Artists."

"We're a startup," she says. "We're still in the pre-funding stage. We have 11 volunteers working full time and a team of editors and administrators."

Richards fancies that ArtisTech Media one day will become established as an online community and collaborative toolset for source-track management, at the heart of which now lies *ccMixter.org*.

"We're trying to share this with the bands here that are beginning to realize that their futures are not going to be with a [record] label," she says. One such band is Rodeo Drive, she says, their first local group. "Some of the members are from Tijuana, and the others live in San Diego."

Of ArtisTech Media, guitarist and director of artist and business development Jason Brock says, "It's completely changing music."

"I'll post an a cappella track," says Richards, "or Jason will post a guitar track, and we'll get back 50 different songs." She and Brock call it an example of crowd-sourcing in music. And from the record-label purview of ArtisTech Media, Richards says that ccMixter allows artists to be developed by listeners.

"The future of music is happening," says Brock. "It's just happening in places where people aren't looking."

— Dave Good

Chant Master "San Diego holds a very special place in my heart," says Bhakti Yoga devotee Krishna Das, called "the Chant Master of American Yoga" by the *New York Times*. "I've sung at the Seaside Church in Encinitas for the last ten years or so and love the area, especially the enthusiastic local chanters."

The practice of *kirtan* — chanting the names of God — is at the heart of Bhakti Yoga, which means "union with God through devotional practice." "It's a way of getting in touch with yourself," says Krishna Das, "of opening the heart and letting go of the mind and thoughts. It opens the inner eye residing in the heart and cleans the mirror of the heart, so it may reflect with clarity and purity the truth within."

After traveling to India in the late '60s to study with Maharaj-ji, Krishna became an appointed pujari (priest) for the Durga temple in Maharaj-ji's ashram, in the Himalayan foothills.

"At what would turn out to be my last *darshan* of Maharaj-ji's physical body [1973], I was petrified with fear about returning to the U.S. after so many years. I hadn't worn a pair of jeans or shoes for such a long time that I couldn't imagine what it would be like. All of a sudden, I blurted out in anguish,

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'Maharaj-ji! How can I serve you in America?'

"The words came to me: 'I will sing to you in America.' " Krishna has released several CDs mixing Far East and Near Western sounds, featuring original songs, invocations, Sanskrit prayers, and Hindi verses. Accompanying himself on harmonium, violin, cello, bansuri flute, organ, trumpet, piano, and guitar, the Western influences are particularly notable on his *Breath of the Heart* album, coproduced by Rick Rubin (Johnny Cash, Beastie Boys, etc.) and featuring vocal accompaniment from Krishna's Kosmic Kirtan Posse.

BACK IN BLUE JEANS, KRISHNA DAS

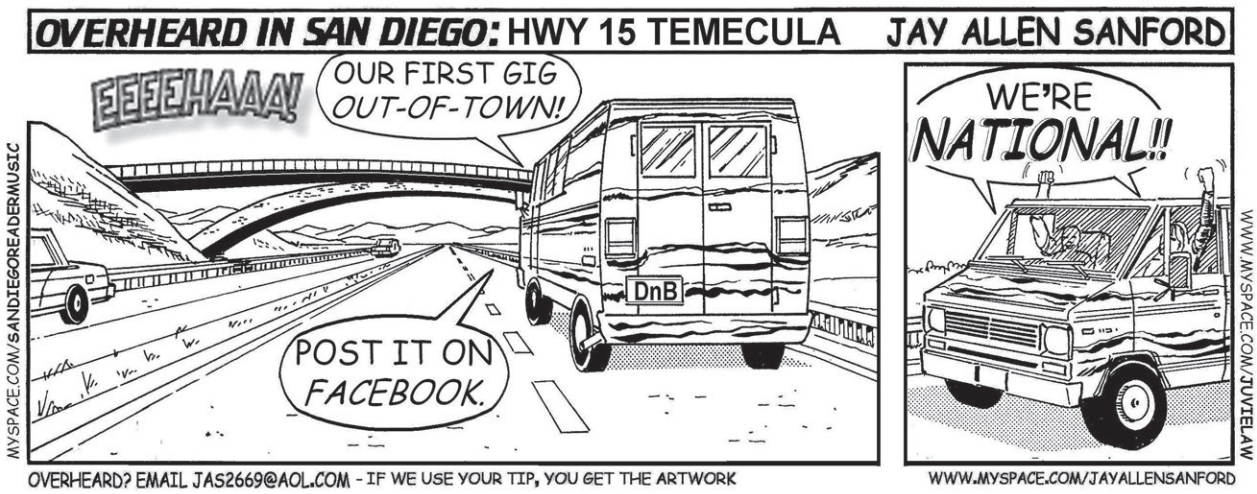
Krishna's book *Chants of a Lifetime* was recently released by his own San Diego–based Hay House Publishers, detailing his life as a *kirtan* leader and packaged with a CD of private chanting sessions. He'll perform at the I Can Do It! conference and wellness event, taking place May 13 through 16 at the San Diego Convention Center.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Now You Know: The Preteens After getting burned by bunk craigslist Coachella tickets, lo-fi love-folk duo the Preteens resorted to spending the weekend at singer-guitarist Alex Miranda's folks' place in Lake Elsinore.

"We went to the Family Fun Center, and Alex hit the jackpot and won, like, 700 tickets on the first token," says Annie Ryan, who sings and plays a stripped-down stand-up drum set.

When asked how many bracelets they got, Annie responds, "A bracelet-making kit!"



"An infinite amount of bracelets," says Alex.

Despite the name, the Preteens are one teen (Annie, 18) and one post-teen (Alex, 20). The cheery, sarcastic couple began playing their anti-folk set about seven months ago, after meeting at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

"Everyone says we sound like the Moldy Peaches, but I'd say we're more like Beat Happening," Annie says. "We have really simple percussion and guitar."

"We're kind of fun, poppy, minimal," says Alex. "No scorching solos, just because I can't do it.… Some of the new stuff is heavier and deep. Not so upbeat, but only for a couple songs."

"Most of our songs are about each other and our friends," Annie says. "I mean, we don't take ourselves really seriously."

"Who wants to be serious?" Alex agrees.

They give me a cassette (which they dubbed at home) with a fold-out Preteens stencil.

"You're the second tape holder of 200," Annie says. They oblige with autographs.

BIG HAIR AND BIG HEARTS, THESE ARE THE PRETEENS

"I always like to get some memorabilia from a show," says Alex. "That's kind of the focus of the tapes. All our songs are also online to download for free."

The collection of candid songs is reminiscent of the Moldy Peaches. Songs like "Sleeping in Light" hint at Bright Eyes and White Stripes. The gem track is underwater punk tune "Lioness," where Alex croons like a prepubescent Thurston Moore. The more melodramatic "Will" says, "You don't trust me, no you don't. And when you look at my mouth, all you do is hope."

Incidentally, you can spot Annie's mouth in Holy Molar's "Cavity Search" video, eating a soy hot dog.

The Preteens are considering a U.S. tour with teamAWESOME! at the end of summer before relocating to the Seattle area. The duo returns to the Museum of Contemporary Art downtown May 15 to play a free show between 7 and 10 p.m. Or you can catch them with Paul Baribeau at the Ché Café June 6.

Got a wicked pissah new band? Let us know by sending your MySpace thing to *barnaby_monk@sandiegoreader.com*. We'll check you/them out for our next installment of "Now You Know."

— Chad Deal

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Four Equals More

"Imagine if Death Cab for Cutie, the Editors, and Nada Surf got together for a beer."

MUSIC
JAY ALLEN SANFORD

"Our music sounds like four guys creating something that is greater than the sum of its parts," says Republic of Letters singer-guitarist Chris Venti. "The songs can be characterized as a combination of melodically driven Brit pop, ambient rock, and post-indie rock…imagine if Death Cab for Cutie, the Editors, and Nada Surf got together for a beer."

The atmospheric art-rockers were founded in 2004 by Venti and his brother (and drummer) Nick. Bassist Martin Niwinski joined the band in 2005, with guitarist Adrian Thorstensen added to the lineup in early 2006.

Nominated Best Alternative Band at the San Diego Music Awards in 2008 and 2009, Republic of Letters just debuted an EP called *Painted Hour,* with a full album slated for release later this year. The band recently shot a video for their song "Stories" at the Ruby Room.

Republic of Letters performs May 16 on the main stage at the North Park Festival of the Arts.

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Chris Venti:
1. Editors, *In This Light and on This Evening.* "The new sound is growing on me."
2. David Gray, *Life in Slow Motion.* "Great record to listen to while driving."
3. U2, *The Unforgettable Fire.* "One of my favorite albums."

Nick Venti:
1. The Jam, *Sound Affects.*
2. MGMT, *Congratulations.*
3. The Clash, *London Calling.*
4. The Helio Sequence, *Keep Your Eyes Ahead.*

Martin Niwinski:
1. David Bowie, *Let's Dance.* "Always puts me in a good mood."
2. MF Doom, *Vaudeville Villain.* "Best rhymes ever."
3. Arcade Fire, *Funeral.* "Classic."
4. Tom Petty, *Greatest Hits.* "So simple, and so good."
5. Phoenix, *Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix.* "The production is amazing."

Adrian Thorstensen:
1. Interpol, *Our Love to Admire.*
2. The Cribs, *Ignore the Ignorant.*
3. Joy Division, *Closer.*
4. The Smiths, *Meat Is Murder.*

WHAT CELEB DO PEOPLE SAY YOU LOOK LIKE?

Chris: "Someone told me I looked like Josh Groban."
Nick: "Andre the Giant."
Martin: "I get James Brown a lot, but I don't think that's accurate."
Adrian: "I was once told I look like Brad Pitt in the movie *Seven Years in Tibet,* but I had a huge beard at the time and I don't think it was a compliment."

IDEAL SUPERPOWER?

Chris: "Time travel, to check out some legendary shows I've only been able to read about."

PHOTOGRAPH BY SHANNON MARIE

Mac hearts Republic of Letters

GOLDEN-TURKEY MOVIE AWARD?

Chris: "I'm sure I've seen worse, but *Possession* with Gwyneth Paltrow comes to mind."
Nick: "*Monkey Shines* was so bad, it was funny."
Martin: "I once was in a waiting room and watched an entire Ben Affleck movie where he rents a family for Christmas."
Adrian: "*Bringing Out the Dead* put me straight to sleep in my theater seat."

WORST TV COMMERCIAL?

Nick: "Werther's Original Candy."

MAC OR PC?

Chris: "Mac hearts musicians."
Nick: "Once you go Mac, you never go back."
Martin: "Make mine Mac."
Adrian: "I prefer a Mac but currently have a PC."

BRUSH WITH FAME?

Chris: "Nick and I had a conversation with Eddie Vedder at the Casbah one night. We talked about music and being in bands."
Nick: "I saw Mike Myers walking with his wife in the St. Mark's Place area of Manhattan."
Adrian: "I scared the shit out of Mick Jones of the Clash at South by Southwest a few years back. I rushed him like a superfan and began shaking his hand, telling him how much his music changed my life. Halfway through I realized I was squeezing his hand so tight that I was crushing it. I walked away completely embarrassed."

"SOMETHING I WANT TO CHANGE ABOUT MYSELF IS…"

Chris: "…always running late. I definitely need to work on that."
Nick: "…nothing."
Martin: "…working on doing something physical every day."
Adrian: "…I would like to learn to speel. Uh, spell."

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

Chris: "I don't have a Facebook page."
Nick: "I'm good at football."
Martin: "I can juggle."
Adrian: "I'm from Utah."

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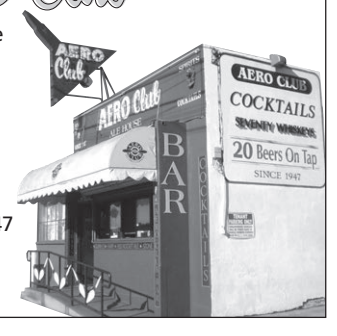

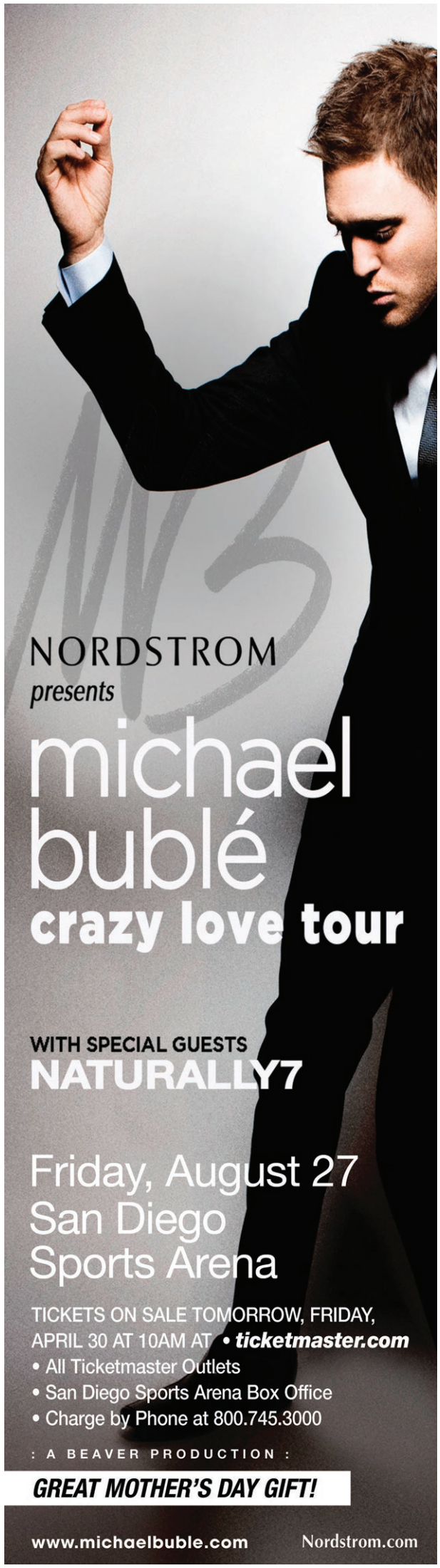
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AMSDconcerts: 4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Dave Alvin. Acoustic/roots. $22-$47.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Bert Lams. With Tom Griesgraber. Acoustic guitar and Chapman stick duo. $20.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Friday, 7:30pm — Eldar. Jazz. $23.
Saturday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm — Strunz & Farah. Jazz. $28-$34.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Chuchito Valdes. Latin jazz.

The Bailey Wood Pit Barbecue: 2307 Main St., Julian, 760-765-3757.
Saturday, 8pm — Steve Phillips and the Pescadero Pickers. Country/blues/rock.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
Thursday, 9pm — Wendy Bailey. With Royal Campaign and Echo Revolution. Rock/pop.
Wednesday, 10pm — Behind the Wagon. With Ferocious Few. Rock/punk/country.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.
Friday, 8pm — Irradio. With the Bloodflowers, Lord Howler, Joey Harris & the Mentals. Alternative/indie/rock.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday, 8pm — Martin Sexton. With the Ryan Montbleau Band. Folk/country/blues. $20-$22.
Friday, 9pm — The Stanton Moore Trio. Jazz/funk. $15-$17.
Saturday, 9pm — Dennis Quaid and the Sharks. Rock.
Sunday, 8pm — Marcia Ball. Zydeco/blues. $17-$19.
Monday, 9pm — Jah Mali. With DJ Carlos Culture. Reggae. $8.
Tuesday, 8pm — Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars. World. $16-$18.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836.
Tuesday — Los Campesinos. With the San Diego Woman's Club. Alternative/indie.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Friday, 8pm — October Burning. With Method Rising. Rock.
Saturday, 8pm — Seven Train. Rock/metal. $7.
Sunday, 8pm — Floater. Rock. $10.

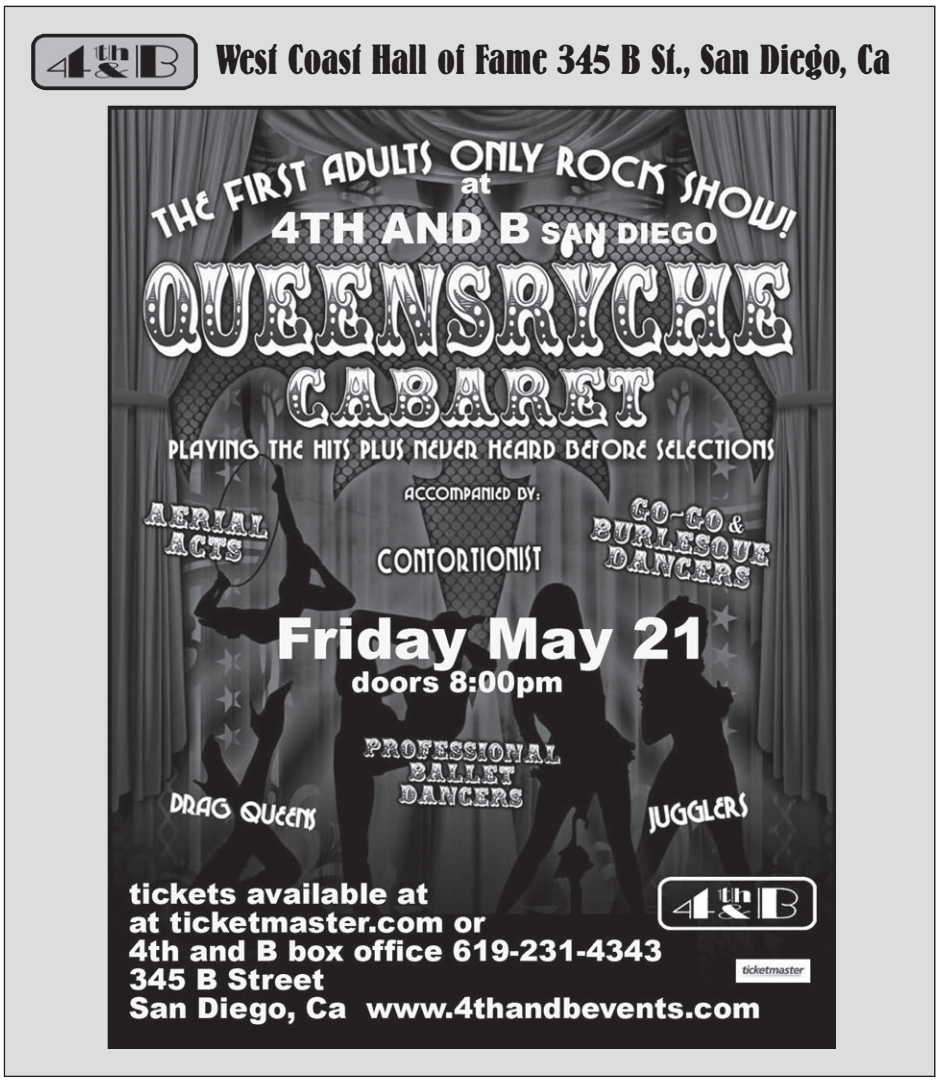
Cabo Cantina: 1050 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-0805.
Sunday, 7pm — The Ambassador. With the Chosen Few. Reggae/ska. Free.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday — Mono. $12-$14.
Friday, 8:30pm — Midnight Rivals. With Behind the Wagon. $10.
Saturday, 8:30pm — The Long and Short of It. With Boyscout. Rock. $8.
Sunday, 8:30pm — Red Sparowes. With Fang Island. Alternative/indie/rock. $12.
Monday, 8:30pm — Carney. $8.
Tuesday, 8:30pm — Trainwreck. $10-$12.
Wednesday — The Besnard Lakes. Alternative/indie. $8-$10.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
Thursday, 6pm — Clay Colton Band & the Bad Blokes. Acoustic/rock.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
Friday and Sunday, 9pm — West of 5. Classic rock.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon St., Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.
Saturday — Heavy Metal Parking Lot. With Loked, One Theory, Aghori, Comfort in Rage, Beneath Lanston, Awaiting Samara, Lindsay Hail, Shaun Fruede, Crystal Wyatt, and Destinal.



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Friday — Washing Matilda. Rock.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.
Saturday — Gilberto Santa Rosa. With Oscar D'León. Salsa/bolero.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: 5500 Grossmont Center Dr., La Mesa, 619-713-6900.
Friday, 9pm — Outta Sync. Rock/funk/covers. Free.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.
Thursday, 8pm — The Drive-By Truckers. With the Henry Clay People. Alternative/country/rock. $25-$37.
Friday, 7pm — The Kottonmouth Kings. Hip-hop. $22-$25.
Sunday — Enanitos Verdes. Latin.
Tuesday, 8pm — Ben Folds and a Piano. With Kate Miller Heidke. Alternative/indie. $35-$37.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
Thursday — Scott Carter & New Breed. Funk/reggae/rock.
Friday, 9:30pm — Johnny "V" Vernazza. Blues/soul/rock.
Saturday, 6:30pm — NovaMenco. Latin.
Saturday — Viva Santana. Carlos Santana tribute.
Sunday — Darryl Williams. Smooth jazz.
Wednesday — The Buick Wilson Band. Blues/soul.

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Thursday — Dirty Legs. Rock.
Friday — Space Nature. With D/Wolves and Paper Forest. Psych pop.
Tuesday — Paddle Boat. Pop/soul/funk. $3.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In their press material, Fang Island's music is described as sounding like "everyone high-fiving everyone." If there is an awards show for blurb-writing in music publicity, this little nugget should take home the statue. I had no idea what it meant when I first read it, but I knew I had to hear Fang Island right away. Having done so, I have to say that the description is right on the money — that is, if your idea of the sound of everyone high-fiving everyone is an indie-prog rock show where three guitarists play hammer-ons in harmony and wail out wordless sing-alongs.

FANG ISLAND

Fang Island is a gang of former Rhode Island School of Design students who live in Brooklyn — and don't let you forget it. Fang Island's videos are filled with all the recent signifiers of indie hipsterdom: cheap animal masks and cheesy costumes, ironic '80s movie references, and silly synchronized dance moves. (That said, the YouTube video of Fang Island playing in a kindergarten class is adorable.)

The music, however, is more like Joe Satriani than Yeasayer. Fang Island may be half-joking when the guitarists whip out that Van Halen two-handed tapping trick that every metal hack did in the '80s, but they've built their sound around the move. It dominates the band's self-titled debut album so much that there's hardly room for the vocals to do much more than the occasional Arcade Fire-like "whoa-oh-oh." Oh, and the rhythm section isn't too shabby either — they prove their worth with some unusual time-signature workouts. The resulting music is bombastic, technically impressive, and kind of ridiculous. You may also find it exhilarating.

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FANG ISLAND: Casbah, Sunday, May 9, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. $12.

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May 15 — Pearl.
May 21 — Queensrÿche.
May 22 — Eek-A-Mouse.
May 26 — Little Brother.
June 3 — Hole.
June 4 — Enrique Bunbury.
June 10 — Korn.
June 24 — A Flock of Seagulls.
August 28 — Lost 80's Live.

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May 14 — Michael Chapdelaine.
May 21 — I See Hawks in L.A.
June 1 — Crooked Still.
June 17 — John Keawe.
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.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
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.
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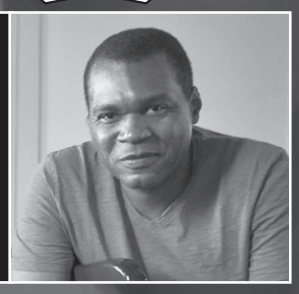

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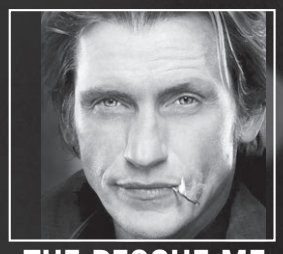

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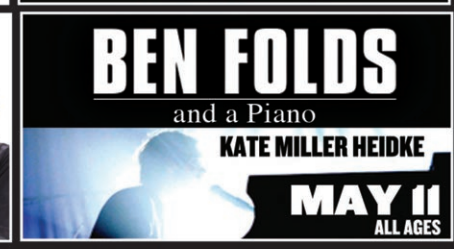

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May 23 — Nokie Edwards.
May 24 — Patrick Watson.
May 25 — Sweethead.
May 26 — Isis.
May 27 — Frog Eyes.
May 28 — Blackout Party.
June 1 — The Melvins.
June 2 — Neon Indian.
June 3 — Buddy Akai.
June 4 — Dan Black.
June 7 — The Good Life.
June 10 — Lou Barlow.
June 11 — The Sadies.
June 13 — Tortoise.
June 17 — Local H.
June 19 — Athlete.
June 26 — Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects.
June 30 — Saint Vitus.
July 2 — The Dum Dum Girls.
July 11 — Bad Astronaut.
September 12 — The Clientele.

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June 13 — Sting.
June 17 — Country Throwdown 2010.
July 7 — Lilith Fair.
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 Tour.
September 2 — Green Day.
September 28 — Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers.
October 9 — Jack Johnson.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1161.
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.

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June 26 — Gilbert Castellanos & His Quartet.
July 23 — Brian Levy.
July 25 — The Double Bass Summit.
August 26 — Joshua White.
September 15 — Bill Evans Tribute.

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May 29 — Smooth Jazz 98.1 Jazz Festival.

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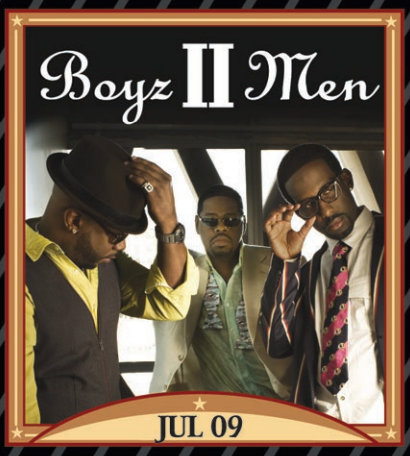

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May 20 — The John Butler Trio.
May 22— OK Go and the Shout Out Louds.
May 25 — Talib Kweli.
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May 31 — The Strange Days Tour 2010.
June 2 — Bone Thugs-N-Harmony.
June 10 — Miyavi: Neo Tokyo Samurai Black World Tour.
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August 14 — Reverend Horton Heat.
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September 15 — The Adicts.
September 18 — Hanson.
October 2 — Kamelot.
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May 18 — Indie by Design.
May 19 — Blow by Blow.
May 20 — The Soul Persuaders.
May 22 — Rockola.
May 23 — Jesse Davis.
May 24 — The Robin Henkel Band.
May 27 — Jesse Davis.
May 28 — The Mighty Untouchables.
May 29 — Detroit Underground.
May 30 — Aubrey Fay.
May 31 — The Burnsville Blues Band.

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May 18 — Broken Bells.
May 21 — The Black Crowes.
May 25, May 26 — Crosby, Stills & Nash.
June 2 — Boz Scaggs.
June 3 — Jonny Lang.
June 10 — Basia.
June 11 — Diana Ross.
June 13 — Los Van Van.
June 26 — Jesse Cook.
July 6 — Colbie Caillat.
July 9 — Chris Botti.
July 11 — Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra.
July 14 — The Gipsy Kings.
July 18 — Jamie Cullum.
July 21 — Jackson Browne.
July 24 — The Barenaked Ladies.
July 25 — Lyle Lovett.
July 28 — Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo.
July 31 — Boney James.
August 5 — Michael McDonald.
August 6 — Ringo Starr & his All Starr Band.
August 11 — Joan Baez.
August 12 — Creedence Clearwater Revisited.
August 13 — Dave Koz & Jonathan Butler.
August 16 — Rodrigo y Gabriela.
August 19 — Chicago.
August 22 — Crowded House.
August 25 — Chris Isaak.
August 29 — Three Dog Night.
September 8 — The Doobie Brothers.
September 9 — Sheryl Crow.
September 10 — The Beach Boys.
September 11 — Air Supply.
September 16 — Tower of Power.
September 17 — The Fab Four.
October 1 — Keali'i Reichel.
October 3 — America.

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July 15 — MGMT.

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May 28 — Tower of Power.
June 11 — The Temptations.
June 25 — The Backstreet Boys.
July 9 — The Steve Miller Band.
July 15 — The Gipsy Kings.
July 30 — Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo.
August 11, August 13 — Billy Idol.

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May 13 — The Pheromones.
May 14 — Flock of '80s.
May 15 — The Alternatives.
May 20 — Danny & the Tramps.
May 21 — Helicopter.

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May 20 — Chase Long Beach.
May 28 — Warbringer.
May 28 — HeXeN.
June 1 — Pat Travers.
June 2 — Mutiny Within.
June 4 — Slough Feg.
June 25 — Powerman 5000.
June 30 — The Sugar Hill Gang.

San Diego Civic Theatre: 1100 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-570-1100.
May 21 — Sarah Geronimo.
November 5 — Celtic Thunder.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

When he recorded *The American* in 1998, singer-songwriter Martin Sexton took a road trip through human emotion and gave voice (and in some cases, dialects) to characters he found along the way — in three octaves. *The American* was Sexton's major-label debut. It was a surprise performance that came out of left field and jacked the singer's status to something approaching stardom. Remarkable, really, for a graduate of a lackluster Boston folk scene.

Now comes *Sugarcoating*, an everyman collection of songs that finds Sexton mired in the same crap as the rest of us. "Had enough of the stuff they been feeding me," sings the mid-40s converted folkster, "on the daily nightly news/ and I'd climb the Statue of Liberty/ just to get a better view." In 13 tracks, Sexton comments on the war, love and fidelity, lost friendship, and our callow drive for material gain. At times he plays it off like a man in a 12-step program who must make amends. "My heart is a thundercloud," he sings, "and the rain wants out, wants out, it wants out."

MARTIN SEXTON

Martin Sexton has an uncommon voice that does more work than any one man's voice should be able to do. It is a convincing baritone and the upper reaches of his tenor are sweet, but the midrange is where he delivers the goods and conjures emotions. Overripe but never smarmy in the way of boy pop, Sexton maintains a soul-singer approach to music from within the frame of a singer-songwriter. *Sugarcoating* might at first seem a back-door attempt at self-pity, but at the end of a day Sexton still believes in something. "Aim for the stands/ Sneak under the bleachers," he offers as advice to his infant son. "Raise up your hand/ Question your teachers."

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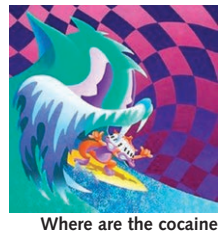
Music Reviews from Our Readers

MGMT: *Congratulations*

CD Review
by J. Dean


Where are the cocaine bass lines?

If MGMT's *Oracle Spectacle*, was fine wine, then sophomore set *Congratulations* collects the dregs. The album lacks the pop appeal and cocaine bass lines that commercial radio has become addicted to.

The nine tracks are scattered like a plane crash. "Flash Delerium" is a chaos of Willy Wonka synths, pounding drums, driving distortion, all ending in a parade of marching-band zombies. (Sounds better on paper than it does on vinyl.) The tracks lack commercial viability for length of songs ("Siberian Breaks" is a daunting 12:10), lack of lyrics and/or worthwhile lyrics ("Lady Dada's Nightmare"), or lack of danceability (see rest of album).

A few cuts have the footprint of *Oracle Spectacle*, such as the kindergarten charm of "I Found A Whistle," which features neither a whistle nor whistling but harks back to MGMT's joyous "Kids." "Someone's Missing" is a brief but potent concoction of dreamy vocals, wavy sitar, and '70s bass riffs. Fans of Bowie, Mew, or the Kinks would likely enjoy the nuggets in this auditory blend, while fans of the band's earlier work will likely lose their appetite.

The Runaways: *The Mercury Albums Anthology*

CD Review
by Andrew Hamlin

The Runaways did not shy from their date with destiny.

So maybe manager Kim Fowley did want to sheath them in transparent togs and call the whole thing statutory rape. That's one of many myths you won't find addressed in Bud Scoppa's liner notes, settling for just-the-facts about the ma'ams. Maybe it's in the *Runaways* movie....

This anthology gives you all original Runaways, their four albums over two sweaty years 1976–77. *Waitin' for the Night* sticks stickiest to my own ears. With her trashy lingerie and two-ticks-from-heroin-chic cheekbones, Currie made a fascinating centerpiece; but Joan Jett had (and has) a rasp, a shout, a screech, and a yowl, all for the ages. Riffs come swinging out of their corners, feinting with the left channel before rounding with the right.

The Runaways took new limits from Suzie Quatro, who took them from Wanda Jackson, who took them from Memphis Minnie... But somebody had to translate them into blue jeans and leather jackets and the Sunset Strip. The young women on these two discs did not shy from their date with destiny.

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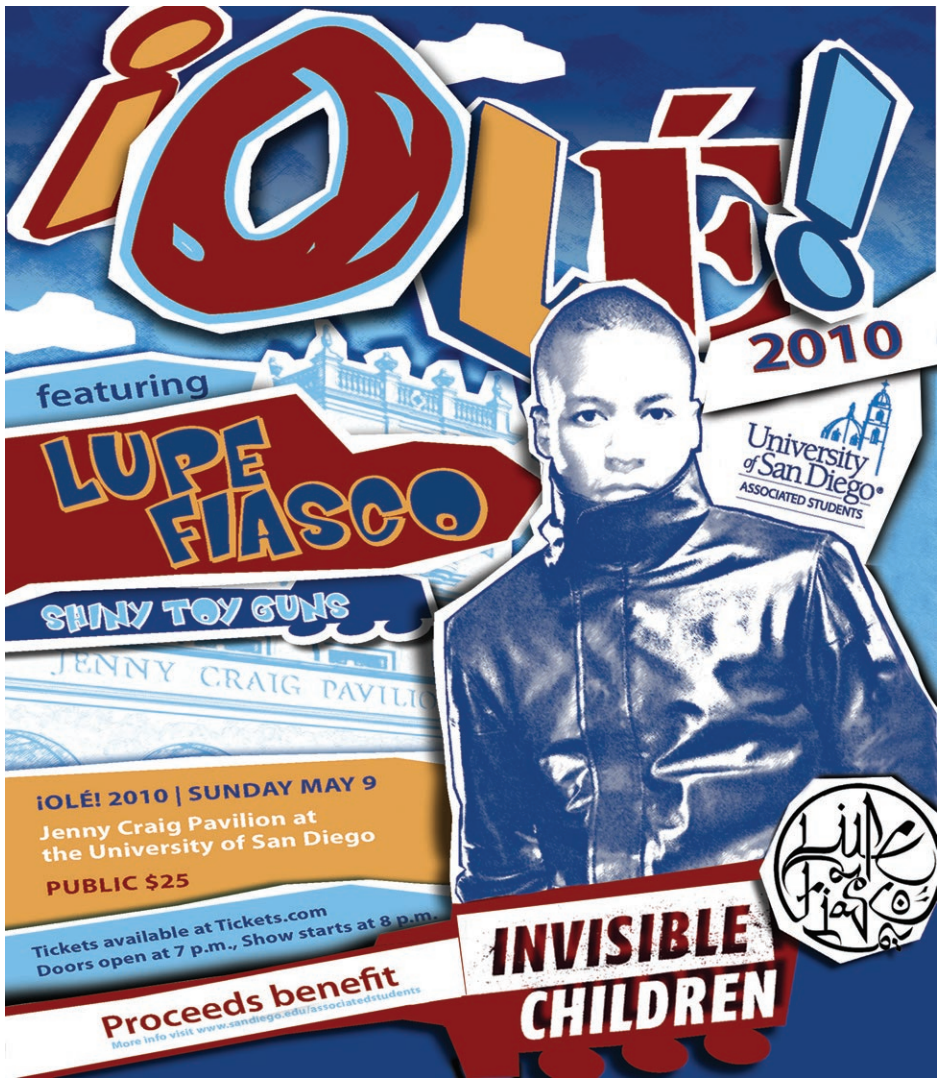

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Shards of Mayhem

Concert Review
by Robert Bush

Diminutive, 68-year-old Polish free-jazzman Tomasz Stanko led a new quintet of 30-something Scandinavians through a thoughtful, occasionally fiery 90-minute set.

Stanko has come a long way from when he was initially dismissed as a Lester Bowie imitator in 1970. Today, the Stanko sound is dark, stark, and grainy when he screeches. There's no mistaking him for any other trumpeter now, and this is good.

The Stanko sound is dark, stark, grainy.

Touring in support of his new CD *Dark Eyes*, the group began with "Samba Nova," a light, Latin groove. In the past few years, Stanko has abandoned the free-jazz dogma for something more composed and melodic. Having said that, his best moments were when he "took it out" and blew shards of mayhem into the night.

Danish guitarist Jakob Bro was particularly creative as a colorist, and Finnish pianist Alexi Tuomarila is a real find. His solos's were consistent high points.

Especially memorable was the encore, a brand new Stanko composition called "Next Day." It featured a graceful melody with a harmony reminiscent of Burt Bacharach of all people!

Concert: Tomasz Stanko Quintet
Date: April 6
Venue: Anthology
Seats: floor level, fifth row

What's So Funny?

Concert Review
by Dennis Donley

With a repertoire dating back to the late '70s, Elvis Costello's stop at the Balboa Theatre featured an eclectic mix of old, new, and rare. Playing in a solo, mostly acoustic setting, the U.K.-born singer-songwriter treated the sold-out crowd to selections ranging from his most current release *Secret, Profane and Sugarcane*, produced by T-Bone Burnett, to digging deep into his songbook for audience sing-along "God's Comic."

Costello has a distinct voice and method of phrasing well suited to a solo performance; his singing seemed to gain strength as the evening wore on. Highlights included "Watching the Detectives," with an extended ending, crowd favorites "Alison" and "Red Shoes," and Costello's rendering of Van Morrison's "Jackie Wilson Said (I'm in Heaven When You Smile)."

A rare, delightful treat.

Costello's rendition of the bawdy "From Sulphur to Sugarcane" (co-written with T-Bone Burnett) was part of an encore set that included "Good Year for the Roses" and "(What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love and Understanding?" The performance was well paced and, as a fellow-attendee stated, "It was one of those shows you wish would never stop; a rare and delightful treat."

Concert: Elvis Costello
Date: April 11
Venue: Balboa Theatre
Seats: orchestra row C, seat 101

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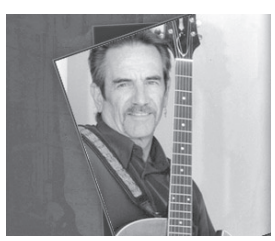

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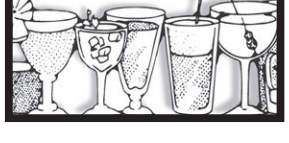

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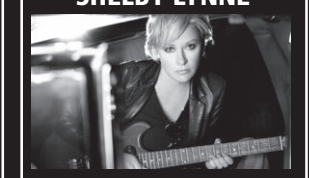


FINDLAY BROWN
TUESDAY 5/25 • 8 PM

MONIQUE – COMEDY SHOW

KYLE FITZGERALD
WEDNESDAY 5/26 • 8 PM

JUST ADDED!

5/27 MAD House II (Music, Art & Dance) w/Hyena & Guests
6/2 Resounding Joy Benefit – The Duotones
6/3 Bushwalla, Pigeon John • 6/9 The Midwinters
6/15 Rootz Underground & Stone Love
6/30 World Anthem

MATINEES

5/16 Left for Dead 3 PM
6/13 San Dieguito River Valley Benefit featuring 007 & The Souls 3 PM

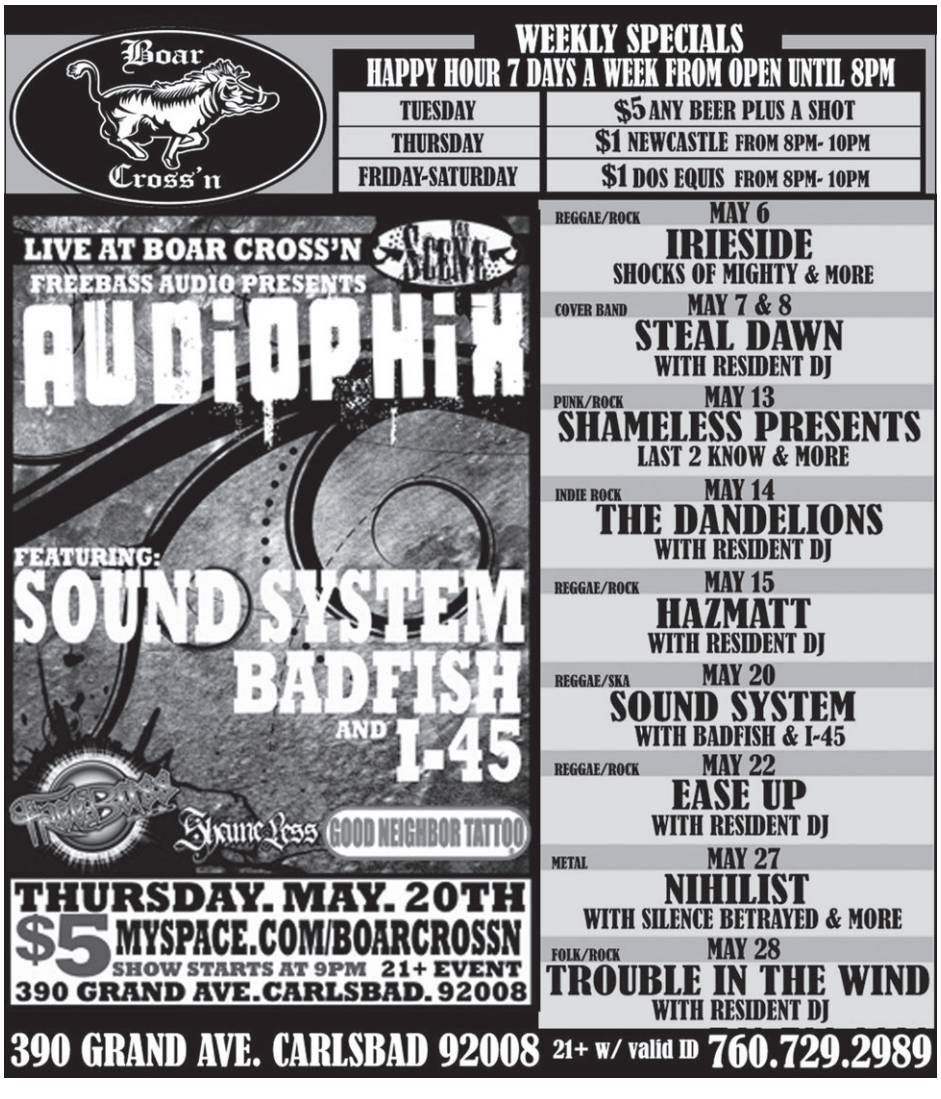
HAPPY HOURS 5:30 PM $5

5/7 Atomic Groove
5/14 The Brokers

Upcoming shows:

5/28 The Expendables
5/29 Stripes and Lines w/Dynamite Walls
5/30 Cash'd Out
6/1 Miike Snow
6/4 & 6/5 The English Beat
6/6 Mumford and Sons – SOLD OUT
6/7 Li(f)e on the Road Tour – Sage Francis w/ live band Free Moral Agents (feat. Ikey Owens of The Mars Volta) and B. Dolan
6/8 Delta Spirit
6/10 Robert Randolph and The Family Band
6/11 Common Sense
6/12 Crash Test Dummies – Early Show!
6/12 Skatalites
6/16 Playing for Change
6/17 The Whigs
6/18 Young Dubliners
6/20 Candye Kane and Stone River Boys
6/22 Josh Ritter
6/23 The Psychedelic Furs with She Wants Revenge
6/26 Switchfoot BroAm After-Party
6/27 Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings
7/1 CoCoRosie
7/3 80's Heat "Back to the Beach"
7/6 Femi Kuti
7/7 Leon Russell
7/9 Don Carlos
7/17 Pato Banton
7/18 Drinking Made Easy – Zane Lamprey
7/21 Atomic Groove - opening day party!
7/28 Level 42
7/31 Atomic Punks
8/1 Go West Young Kinky Tour – Kinky Friedman w/Mojo Nixon
8/7 Dead Man's Party
10/17 Gaelic Storm

Wine, dine & skip the line next door at the Wild Note Café • 858-720-9000



Side Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Ruby Thursdays. 536 Market St., Downtown. 619-696-0946.

Sixty-Seven Bar and Grill: *Thursdays*: Tattoo Thursdays. With DJ Viktor and DJ KB. *Saturdays*: DJ Girth. Spins hip-hop and rock hits. *Mondays*: Latino Mondays. With DJ Power. *Wednesdays*: Beer Pong. With DJ Power. 10109 Maine Ave., Lakeside. 619-561-6767.

Soda Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Expressway to Yr Skull. Punk/rap/rock. Free. 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights. 619-255-7224.

Static Lounge: *Saturdays*, 9pm: Club Backbeat. Hip-hop/rap. $15-$20. 18 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-1609.

Stout Public House: *Fridays*, 9pm: DJ CC. 1125 Sixth Ave., Downtown. 619-702-7933.

Tavern at the Beach: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ D-Skwiz. *Fridays*, 10pm: DJ BDP. *Saturdays*, 10pm: DJ BDP. With DJ MIC-E. *Wednesdays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 1200 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066.

Tiki House: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Tunes by Joe Marson. Every Tuesday. 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.

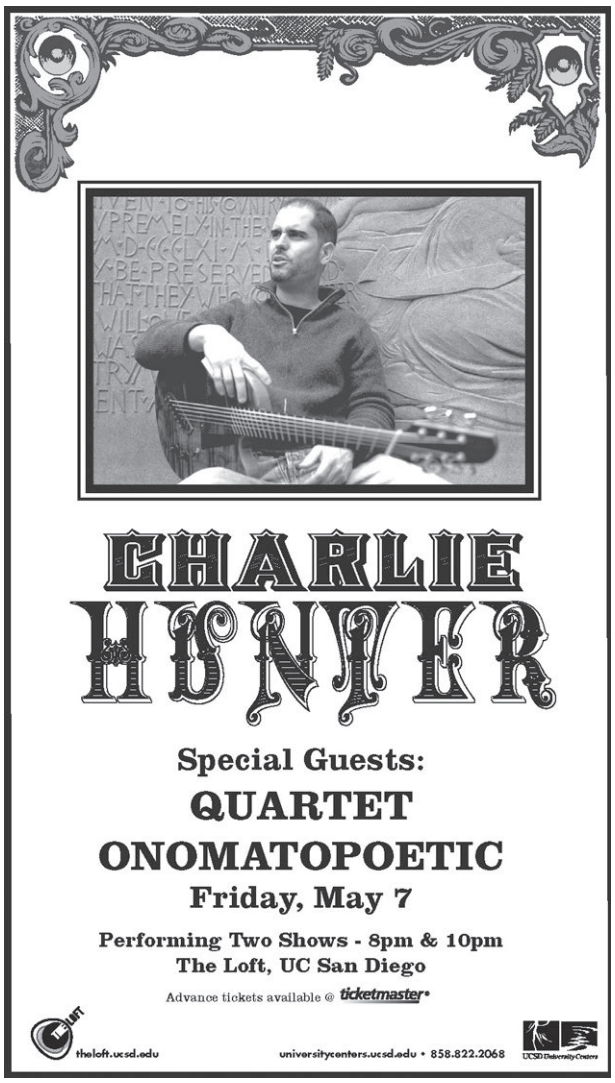
True North: *Thursdays*, 10pm: DJ Bacon Bits. *Fridays*: DJ Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. *Sundays*, 10pm: DJ Waly Mayhem. *Mondays*, 10pm: DJ Wonderbread. *Tuesdays*, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 3815 30th St., North Park. 619-291-3815.

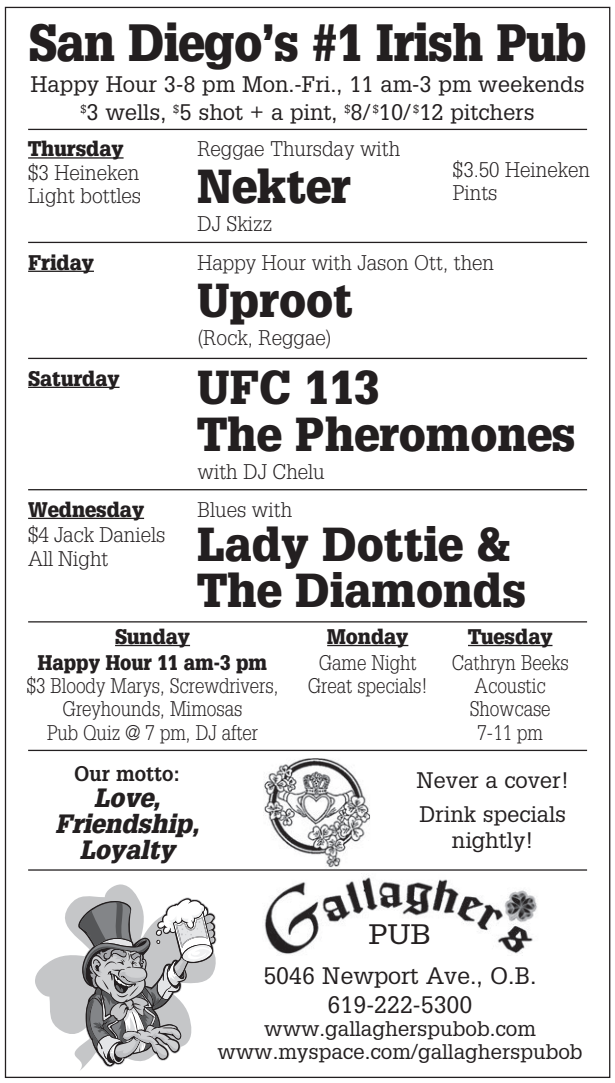
U-31: *Thursdays*, 8pm: DJ Artistic. With Cros 1. '80s and '90s hip-hop. *Fridays*, 9pm: Feel the Noise. With Gabe Vega and Saul Q. Dance/indie/rock. *Saturdays*, 9pm: Dance Party Mash-Ups. *Sundays*, 9pm: Tribe of Kings. Featuring DJs Jestor, Peril, Dash Eye, Unite, and Rashi. Reggae. 3112 University Ave., North Park. 619-584-4188.

Whiskey Girl: *Fridays*, 9pm, *Saturdays*, 9pm: DJ Marc Thrasher. Mixes music videos. *Mondays*, 9pm: U-Call-It Mondays. With DJ Marc Thrasher. 600 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-236-1616.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Sundays*, 9pm: Too Many Creeps. With DJ Mario O and guests. Post-punk. 2236 Fern St., South Park. 619-284-6784.

The Wit's End: *Fridays*, 5pm: DJ Artistic. 420 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest. 619-294-4848.





HAPPY HOUR

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ALLIED GARDENS

Emilianos Mexican Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2pm-6pm: $1 off all beer; $2 off Cadillac, strawberry, blue margaritas; $2.50 medium regular margaritas, $5.50 large regular margaritas. $2 off all appetizers.

San Diego Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $3 select house & domestic beers, house wine, well drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

ALPINE

Donato's Italian Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 domestics, $3.50 imports & house wine, $6 Long Islands, $3 wells.

BALBOA PARK

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

BANKER'S HILL

Avenue 5: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-8pm: $2 off wines by the glass; $3 drafts, wells. $2 off bar food.

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.

Besta-Wan Pizza House: *Every day*, 11am-6pm: $1 off pint, glass of house wine. $3 off pitcher.

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.

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

Mr. Peabody's: *Monday-Friday*, 10am-6pm: $2.50 domestic beer, wine, spooli shots, wells + juice. $3.50 margaritas. Free taco bar 3pm to 6pm with drink purchase.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: *Monday-Saturday*, 10am-8pm: $2.50 domestic bottles. $2.75 wells (short). $3.25 wells (tall).

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-7pm, 9-11pm: $1 beer, mixed drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.

CARMEL VALLEY

Arterra: *Every day*, 4-8pm: $3 snacks, $10 grilled calamari, $5 premium drafts, $6 Arterra wines, $7 specialty signature collection.

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

Twenty/20 Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $2 off any drink. $2 off appetizers.

CHULA VISTA

905 Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.25 Bud Light, Corona, $4.50 large Kirin, Sapporo, sake. 1/2-off appetizers.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

Blue Haven: *Every day*, 2pm-close: $2 domestic beer bottles & wells.

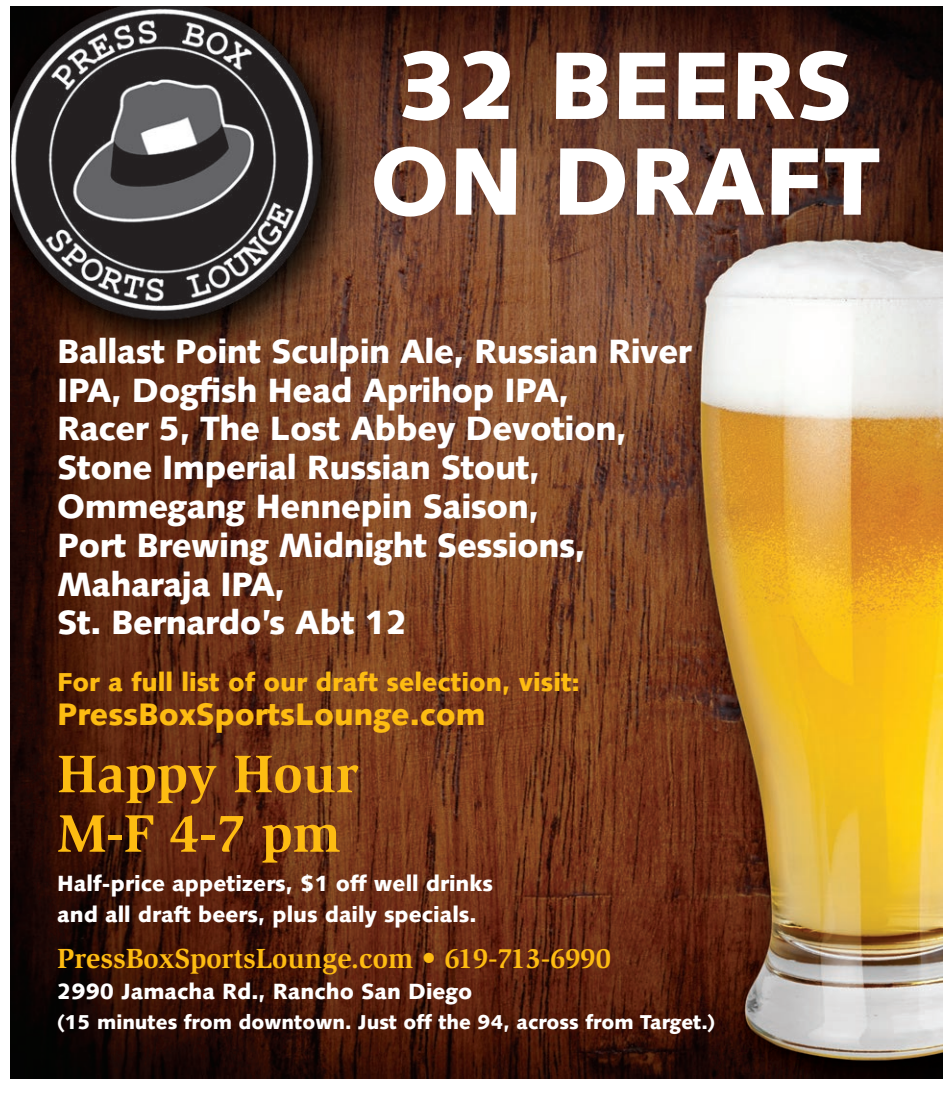
The Brew House at Eastlake: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: $3 Bud Light pints, house wine; $3.50 well drinks, house pint; $4 well margaritas; $5 well martinis; $12 Bud Light pitcher, $14 house pitcher.

Brigantine: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $1 off draft, $4 house champagne, $4.75 house margarita, $5 house red, $5.75 house Chardonnay.

D'Lish Gourmet Pasta: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-5pm: $2.50 domestic beer, house wine, pizza slice, Texas-brisket slider, three St. Louis ribs.

Dimond Jims: *Monday, Wednesday*, all night: $3 Jäger shots, $4 Jäger blasters, $5 margaritas, $9 Firehouse pitchers. *Tuesday*, all night: $2 Cuervo shots, $3 Cazadores shots, $5 margaritas, $9 Firehouse pitchers. *Thursday-Saturday*, all night: $5 margaritas, $9 Firehouse pitchers. *Sunday*, all night: $2 Cuervo shots, $3 Hornitos shots, $5 margaritas, $9 Firehouse pitchers.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2 beer, margaritas. $1.50 tacos.



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CLAIREMONT

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 wells, Bud draft, Michelob bottles, Drifter Pale Ale. Discounted appetizers.

Cucina Italiana: *Wednesday*, 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Don Patrons Mariscos Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 2-7pm: $3 domestic drafts, wells; $4 imported drafts, specialty shots. 1/2-off appetizers: chicken wings, nachos, sliders.

Fat Tony's Pizza: *Thursday*, 5pm-midnight: $2 drafts.

Joe's Pizza: *Thursday*, 6-9pm: $2 any tap or bottled beer, glass of wine.

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

COLLEGE AREA

4.0 Deli: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7:30pm: $6.75 Stella, $5.75 Uncle Jesse/Shock Doc/Hefeweizen, $4.75 Bud Light.

Casa Machado: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6 pm, $2.50 margaritas, $2.50 domestic drafts, $3.50 imports.

Marie Callender's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $1.95 draft, $2.50 well, $3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price appetizers (in bar only). *Saturday-Sunday*, $2 Bloody Mary/mimosa w/ purchase.

Pal Joey's: *Every day*, all day: $3 personal pitchers.

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.

Candelas on the Bay: *Every day*, 4-6pm: 1/2-off drinks & bar menu.

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.

Danny's Palm Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 domestic drafts, $4 wells.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 beer, wine. $1 off appetizers, $1.50 sliders. All day: $3 beer of the month.

Primavera Ristorante: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $2 off all drinks; $2 off daily food specials. *Wednesday*, 5-7pm: Wine night: 1/2-off all bottles, incl. champagne.

Yummy Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 pints, $4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

DEL MAR

Brigantine: *Every day*, 4-6pm: $1 off Kenwood wines; $5.50 Georgia Peach Mezzacorona, Chardonnay; $4 Alaska white ale, Brig Brew golden ale; $4 house margarita.

Bully's Del Mar: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: $3 bottle beer, $3 domestic pints, $4 microbrew pints, $4.50 wells, $3 house wine by the glass, $6 wine by glass. 1/2-off appetizers.

Del Mar Rendezvous: *Wednesday, Sunday*, 1/2-off select bottles of wine.

Shimbashi Izakaya: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $5 cocktails, $5 glass of wine, $3 draft beer. Sake & appetizer specials. *Saturday-Sunday*, 12-6pm: $5 cocktails, $5 glass of wine, $3 draft beer. Sake & appetizer specials.

DOWNTOWN

400 West: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $4 domestic, $5 wells, imported beer, appetizers.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: $1 off drinks, appetizers (only in the lounge).

Asti Ristorante: *Every day*, 3-6pm: 1/2-price cocktails & appetizers.

Athens Market: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30 pm: $5 appetizer menu, $4 shots, Jameson, Jack Daniel's, Jäger, José Cuervo Gold.

Bella Luna: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $5 house wine, 1/2-off appetizers.

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.

Currant: *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.

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.

Elephant & Castle Pub and Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $4.50 20-oz. drafts, house wine, well liquor; $1 off appetizers.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: $3 domestics, $4 imports. *Saturday-Sunday*, open-5pm: $3 domestics, $4 imports.

La Fiesta: *Every day*, 11am-6pm: $2.50 drafts, $2.30 domestic bottles, $3 house margaritas, $4 frozen mojitos.

The Fleetwood: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6pm: $4 calls.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 drafts, house wine, wells. Appetizer specials.

La Gran Tapa: *Tuesday-Thursday*, 5-7pm: $3 cask wine, sangria, draft.

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.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini, large Sapporo, house wine. $5 sushi roll specials, pu pu specials.

O'Brothers: *Every day*, 3:30-6:30pm: $3 bottled beer, $5 glass of wine. $7 sliders with fries.

Ocean Room and Lounge: *Every day*, 4-6pm, 9pm-midnight: $3 drafts, $4 house wine, $6 martinis. 1/2-off sushi, $1.50 oyster shooters, $5 crab cakes, popcorn shrimp, calamari, spring rolls.

Patrick's II: *Every day*, 10am-8pm: $2.50 bottle beer, $3 wells, Bud Light pints, $4 calls, margaritas, Bloody Marys.

RA Sushi: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-7pm: 1/2-off select sushi & appetizers; $1 hot sake, $2 domestics, $3 wells, imports, $4 specialty cocktails and wine, $5 Kirin with sake.

Rock Bottom Brewery: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: $3.50 pints, wells, house wine, $4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3.50 margaritas. $4 Long Islands. $3-$5 drafts.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-8pm: $5 house wine, wells, $7 Christopher's Cuvee. Noon-9pm: tasting flights.

Stage Saloon: *Every day*, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Stout Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $3 bottled beer, $4 premium pints, $4 wells, $5 cosmo, appletini, margarita; 1/2-price appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday*, till 6pm: $3 domestic and Canadian bottled beer, $4 wells, Bloody Mary, $5 mimosa.

Suite & Tender: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: $20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

Tabule: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday*, 2-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-8pm: All drinks two-for-one.

Tequila 100: *Monday-Wednesday*, 8-11pm: $2 draft, $4 margarita, mojito, glass of wine, $5 Patrón shot. *Thursday-Sunday*, 3-7pm: $2 draft, $4 margarita, mojito, glass of wine, $5 Patrón shot.

Tivoli Bar: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $1 off pitchers, $.50 off liquor.

Urban Bar & Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-7pm, 9pm-close: $3 drafts, $4 wells, $5 signature cocktails, $5 house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Wolffy's Place: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: Two-for-one all beers, $4 wells & house wine. 1/2-off all appetizers.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-8pm: $3 wells, drafts. $2 off wine. $2 off appetizers.

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $5 mason jar Russian standard vodka, $3 carafe, beer, $6 wine. Complimentary Basic pizza.

Café Chloe: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $4 verdejo, Côtes du Rhône, oatmeal stout; $5 white Bordeaux, Monte Bucciano, blonde ale; $6 Chardonnay, Zinfandel, Trapezoidale.

Hive Sushi Lounge: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $2 domestic, $4 micro, $2.50 sake, $3.50 well, $4 house wine. Miso, edamame, $.99.

Jewel Box: *Wednesday*, 6pm-2am: $5 Jäger bombs; happy hour all night w/military ID. *Thursday*, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. $3.75 calls.

Phi Bistro: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-8pm: $4 domestic bottle beers, wells, select wines. *Sunday*, all day: $4 Bloody Marys, mimosas, tequila shots.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $.50 off all drinks.

The Broken Piñata: *Wednesday-Sunday*, 11-6pm: $2 wells, $3 drafts.

Flinn Springs Inn: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $2 domestic drafts, $2.25 domestic bottles, $3 wells.

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.

Cap'n Kenos: *Monday-Friday*, 6pm-midnight: $2.50 drafts, wells. Free appetizers.

D Street Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2 wells. $2.50 domestic drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers.

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.

GRANTVILLE

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

HILLCREST

The Alibi: *Every day*, all day: $3 dipper, wells.

Bangkok Thai Bistro: *Every day*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, appetizers.

Bite Bistro and Wine Bar: *Monday-Saturday*, noon-2pm, 5-7pm: $3-$4 bar menu. $4.50 glass of wine or champagne, 25% off champagne bottles.

CJ's Club: *Every day*, 5-7pm, 9pm-midnight: All wells $2.75.

The Caliph: *Every day*, noon-7pm: $4 wells, $3 domestic bottles.

Nami: *Every day*, 5-7:30pm: 1/2-off sake, beer, $3 house wine. 1/2-off sushi rolls, appetizers.

Taste of Thai: *Monday-Thursday*, 9-11pm: $2.50 domestics, $3 imports, house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: $.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

KEARNY MESA

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 domestic bottled beer, $3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Churasan: *Monday, Sunday*, football special: $4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-8pm: $4 large Japanese beers.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6:30pm: $1 off draft, glass of wine. *Saturday*, 3pm-close: 1/2-off bottles of wine.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Beauty Bar: *Wednesday-Thursday*, 3-7 pm: $5 wine. $6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles.

The Kensington Club: *Every day*, 10am-6pm: $2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

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.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $2 Bud/Bud Light; $3.50 wells, Bull & Bear wine.

Clay's La Jolla: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $3 drafts, $4 wells, $5 sangria, $6 house wine.

Edo Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, all day: Buy one sake, get one half off. 3-6:30pm: 25% off select nigiri and maki rolls.

Extreme Pizza: *Every day*, 3-6pm: $3 premium beer.

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

La Jolla Brew House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 wells, house drafts. $4 house wine. $5 premiums.

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.

Roppongi: *Every day*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off Asian tapas & sushi rolls.

The Shack Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $1 off wells, domestic taps.

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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.

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LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

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Casa de Pico: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: Free appetizer with purchase of bar drink. $3.95 margarita.

Hearth House: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $2 domestic beers, $3 premium beers, wine & wells. $2 bratwurst & fries, $3 burger & fries.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: $1.50 off drafts, $1 off all mixed drinks, bottled beers, glass of wine.

Tarroz Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 2-7pm: $2.50 domestic beer, tequila shots, $3 imported beer, $4 premium drafts.

LAKESIDE

Coach Stop: *Monday-Friday*, 9am-noon, 4-7pm: $2.50 large drafts, domestic bottles. 7-11pm: $1.50 12-oz. drafts, $6.50 60-oz. pitchers.

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: $2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEUCADIA

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.

The Morena Club: *Every day*, 2-7pm: $2 domestic drafts, $2.50 wells and domestic bottles.

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.

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MISSION BEACH

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

Sandbar Sports Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 domestics/drafts, wells, $1 off premium beers/wine by the glass, $3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. *Friday*, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday*, 2-7pm: $.50 off beer. *Wednesday*, 2-7pm: $4 drafts, $3 bottles.

Bar Dynamite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-9pm: $2 domestics bottles and drafts, $3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.

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.

In Cahoots: *Wednesday*, $2 drinks. *Friday-Saturday*, $2.50 Coors/Coors Light. *Sunday*, any drink $2.50.

NATIONAL CITY

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

Bourbon Street: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: $3 domestic pitchers, $4 well drinks, $5 imported pitchers.

NORTH PARK

El Comal: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 beer, $4 wells. Two-for-one mixed shots.

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.

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.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $1 off all drafts, $3 margaritas. wells, $1 off select appetizers.

Portugalia: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 10pm-1am: $3 domestic beer, $5 wine.

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).

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $4 wells, house wine. $1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Alamo Mexican Cafe: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

Casa Guadalajara: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Free appetizers. $3.50 well drinks, margaritas, drink specials.

Fred's Mexican Cafe Old Town: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: $3 12-oz. house margaritas, $5 20-oz. house margaritas, $2.50 14-oz. domestic drafts, $3.50 20-oz. domestic drafts.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Monday-Wednesday, Friday-Sunday*, 4-7:10pm, *Thursday* 4-10pm: 1/2-off food & booze.

Bare Back Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 Miller Lite, amber ale, well drinks.

Bub's Dive Bar: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 drafts, $10 pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers.

Costa Brava: *Every day*, 4-6pm: 1/2-price sangria. 1/2-price tapas.

The Dog: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, $6 pitchers.

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.

Sinbad Café: *Every day*, 4-8pm: $1.50 drafts, $2 wells, shots, $2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: $12-$15 hookahs.

Tony Roma's: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $2 house margaritas, Long Island Iced Teas, $3 wells, draft beer. Appetizer specials.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 5-7pm: $3 cask wine, sangria, draft. $3 tapas selection.

POINT LOMA

The Boathouse: *Every day*, 2:30-5pm: $1.99 house margaritas ($3 Cuervo Gold), $3 beer of the month, $4 wine of the month.

Daddy-O's: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $5 domestic, $7 premium 32 oz. drafts; $10 domestic, $12 premium pitchers.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: *Every day*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Paradise Lounge and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles; $6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast.

The Pearl: *Monday*, all night: $3 beer, $4 wells, $5 wines. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $3 beer, $4 wells, $5 wines.

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.

POWAY

Brigantine: *Every day*, 3-6:30 pm: $1 off draft beer, $3.50 champagne, $4.75 house margarita, $5.75 Chardonnay, red wine, $7.50 Cuervo Gold hand-shaken margarita.

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: $1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

RAMONA

Boll Weevil Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: $2 off all pitchers.

RANCHO BERNARDO

Capri Blu: *Every day*, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells, discounted bar-menu food.

Kelly's Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $2 domestic drafts, $8 pitchers, $3.50 wells, house wines.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Press Box Sports Lounge: *Monday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $1 off wells, all drafts. $4 martinis. *Tuesday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $1 off wells, all drafts. $3 you-call-its. *Wednesday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $1 off wells, all drafts. 1/2-off wine bottles. *Thursday-Friday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $1 off wells, all drafts. *Saturday*, all day: $3 mimosas & Bloody Marys.

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SAN MARCOS

Alfresco's Italian Buffet: *Every day*, 5:30-7:30pm: All drinks 1/2 price.

SERRA MESA

Channel 1 Sports Bar and Grill: *Sunday*, $2.50 mind erasers, kamikazes. $3.50 mimosas, Bloody Marys.

SOLANA BEACH

Pacific Coast Grill: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $5 gold margaritas, $1 off draft, wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine bottles.

SORRENTO VALLEY

Ali Baba's Cave: *Every day*, 4-6pm: Two-for-one drinks.

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

SOUTH PARK

Hamilton's Tavern and Café: *Every day*, 5-8pm: $1 off local drafts.

Whistle Stop Bar: *Every day*, 2-8pm: $1 off all cocktails, pints.

TIERRASANTA

JP's Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: $2.50 wells, domestic drafts, $3.25 house wine.

UNIVERSITY CITY

Café Japengo: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $3 drafts, sake, $4.50 wells. $4 chicken spring rolls, duck potstickers, California rolls.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

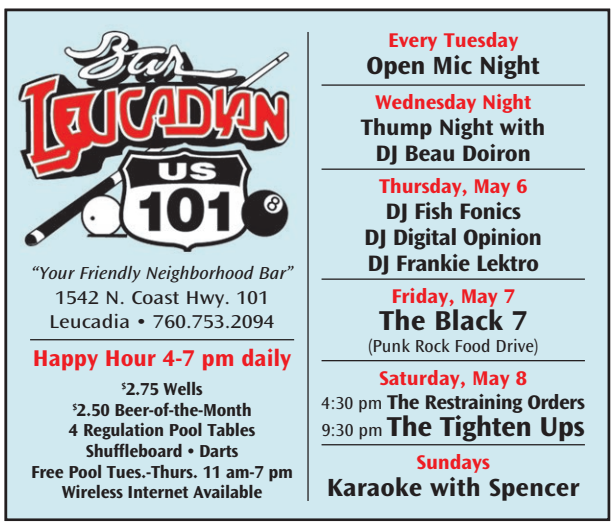
Gulf Coast Grill: *Every day*, 4:30-6:30pm: $3.95 wells, drafts, wine.

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $2 domestic. $3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

VISTA

Chili Coast Burgers: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $.50-$.75 off tap beer.



Craig Stories, Act 2

"How lucky a bonehead like me hooked up with a mentor like Craig."

Craig Noel died in his home on April third. He was 94. Friends remember the Father of San Diego Theater.

IN MEMORY
JEFF SMITH

THE PERSON

Jack O'Brien, artistic director emeritus, Old Globe Theatre. In the mid-to-late '60s, I was the lowly assistant to Ellis Rabb. Ellis visited Craig, and I carried the luggage.

I had never met anyone like Craig: mild, charming, light, and deft. He was, without being either cruel or in any way careless, perhaps one of the single wittiest hosts I had ever known. I recall sitting in the Old Globe edifice on the first day of summer rehearsals and for years afterwards, when Craig would slyly mount the stage, wearing inevitably one of his Greek fishing hats, and without any effort at viciousness, hilariously skewer every single person he introduced. By the conclusion of an opening-day welcome, we were all helpless with laughter and, as befits a joyous group, truly one family.

That was perhaps his greatest gift. No orphan in the storm, no major star, no one could resist him or his blithe and endless charm. If there is such a thing as a "charmed life," he lived it, fully, and with immense generosity to all who came in his circle of acquaintance.

Don Sparks, actor. Craig saved my life. I gravitated to the Globe after just *barely* graduating from San Diego High School, where I excelled in pot and acne. For some reason he thought I had something, thought I was funny. When I was 20, he summoned me into his office and said, "I'm going to give you your equity card, but I want you to promise me something: that you will *read, read, read!* I don't want you to become a vacuum!"

How lucky a bonehead like me hooked up with a mentor like Craig. Twenty-four years later, I became an associate artist at the Globe. For a kid from a bad place in Golden Hill with no money, grade point average, or prospects, he gave me a special gift.

Oh, and Craig? I'm going to start reading. I *promise.*

Katherine McGrath, actor. Next to his beloved theater, I think Craig loved the sea most of all. When he put in his pool, he told me it was a choice between that and a Chinese junk sailboat. Sometimes I think he wished he bought the boat.

We used to take those harbor cruises around the bay and always had lunch at a restaurant on the water. One of our favorite drives was through Rosecrans Cemetery and to the tip of Point Loma, where he could look back across the harbor and out to the sea.

Uncle Craig was custodian of the word.

I first met Craig at a very sad time. It was summer of 1978, just after a fire destroyed the original theater. We became close almost immediately. We worked very hard and laughed a great deal. He was my best friend.

Annie Thompson, Noel's assistant/secretary. People spent many years at the Globe, whether office staff, stage management, or actors. And although he loved having the familiar around, Craig was first to say, maybe reluctantly, "Go. Do the next thing in your life. Take what you've learned here and share it."

I'll bet everyone who knew him has a favorite "pure Craig" moment. Mine's when people wanted to erect a life-sized statue of him on the Globe "green." He was indignant. "I don't need a statue!" he shouted. "I need a parking space!"

Diane Sinor, actor, Old Globe education director. It was springtime 1960 — my gosh, 50 years ago! — when I met Craig. I held him in awe.

A few years later, when I was in *The Crucible*

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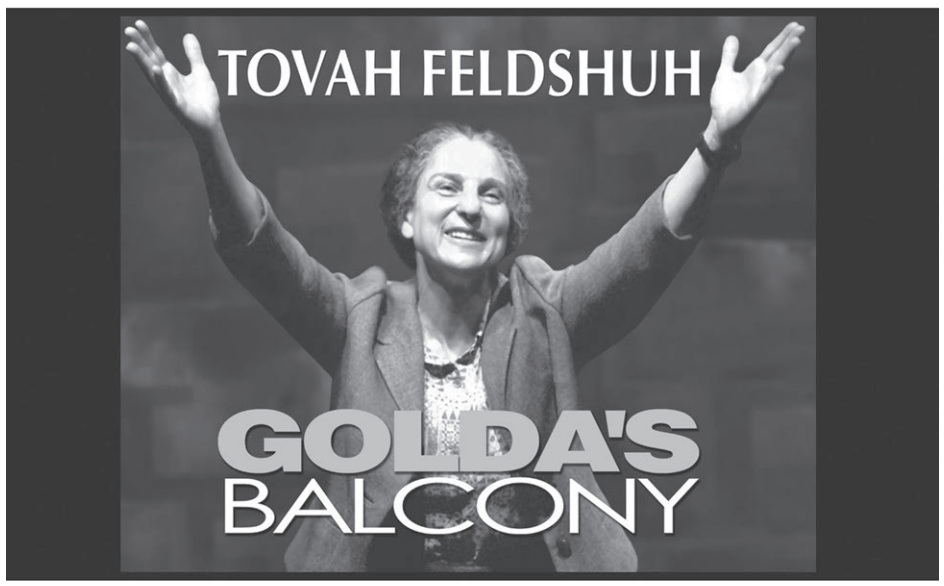

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under his direction, still more afraid of him than not, he sat on my lap and grandly announced, "You know, I've given up smoking. So now I'm going to smoke yours." And with great panache he plucked a cigarette from a package in my lapel pocket (yes, I smoked then too), and the ice was broken. We became great friends, though I was, and still am, a touch in awe of him. He was so humble, so sharp witted, so cantankerous, so funny, such a fussbudget, so wise, so prophetic.

Craig tried to quit smoking hundreds of times. In recent years, when accompanying him to the theater, I, and others, always went with him to a secluded spot where he could have his intermission smoke. We didn't condone, mind you. We just faced facts. And when folks would pass by looking askance, I wanted to say, "Hey! He's over 90 and he's still here. So lay off!"

THE NATIONAL INFLUENCE

Richard Easton, actor. In the days when the American theater profession was quite small, Craig — although based in San Diego — was very much a figure. So many of those who came together in the mid-'50s worked with him over the years that followed.

When Ellis Rabb and his then-wife, Rosemary Harris, and I formed the rather grandiosely named Association of Producing Artists — APA to our friends — in 1960, we may have been inspired by Tyrone Guthrie writing that American actors were always complaining about how the theater was run but never did anything about it. But Craig *was* doing something about it.

Over the next 40 years, we all had a lot to do with Craig and the Globe: Ellis, Conrad [Susa], and of course Jack [O'Brien]. Lots of very good work and lots of very good times. All with help from Craig.

CUSTODIAN OF THE WORD

Jim Winker, actor, teacher. I first met Craig, and he directed me, in 1980. I thought him watchful (he could size you up quickly) and somewhat contained. But if you wanted a straight answer or an honest opinion, he was the man. As a director, he was always specific. The day I'll remember most was the day he was on fire.

I had directed an MFA production of *Two Gents* in the Carter. After seeing it, Craig invited me to lunch. He wanted to talk about Shakespearean text and staging. We reminisced about past Globe productions we both had liked. Then we started talking about the recent American trend of basing Shakespeare more on visuals than on the text, and Craig leaned in and let loose. He was passionate about the supremacy of the word, about true ensemble work, of striving to understand through the text what Shakespeare meant to convey. Visuals in expense of the text went against all he loved about Shakespeare.

Craig had always been a man of strong opinions but was on fire at the Mission Hills Cafe — intense, vehement, glowing, and inspirational. He was in his 80s then but had the passion of a 20-year-old. I will never forget it.

Sister Sally Furay, provost emerita, University of San Diego. The Master of Fine Arts in Acting program, a joint venture of the Old Globe and USD, was born in Craig Noel's head. He was convinced that America's drama programs weren't teaching skills for classical theater effectively. In the early 1980s, when I was Provost of USD, I met with Craig, Jack O'Brien, and Tom Hall. We discussed a joint acting program that could combine the Globe's expertise in theater and USD's in the literature underlying effective productions. Five years later, with the great Helen Hayes as a special guest, the program was announced.

Craig was a highly gifted but humble man, more interested in preserving the Globe for the long term than in his own prominence. Seeing how other great regional theaters suffered when the leader stepped down, Craig — though only in his 60s — persuaded a rising star of the American theater, Jack O'Brien, to become artistic director. Someone with a large ego might have named a lesser successor. But all that mattered to Craig was that the Old Globe prospered.

UNCLE CRAIG

Ken Ruta, actor, director. A majority of the theater folk called him "Uncle Craig." We did that because we could tell him things we'd never tell our fathers. He coddled, encouraged, and dared. He forgave mistakes as long as you were trying.

My favorite "Uncle Craig" moment: after a none-too-successful performance outdoors, he told the leads (myself included), "All right, your director's gone now. You know your roles. Do them the way you wanted in the first place!"

It's said there are two kinds of people in this biz: those who love the theater and those who love *themselves* in the theater. Uncle Craig was of the first group. He believed with a passion that audiences not only paid to be entertained but, on some higher level, to be educated and healed, becoming involved in worlds that never were but might or should have been.

LAST WORDS

Deborah Szekely, lifelong friend. You don't sum up Craig Noel. He used to joke that he never worked a day in his life, but he has done so much and meant so much for so many. He was like a chameleon: whatever you needed, he was there for you.

When Craig was near the end, I would visit him. Often he'd recite parts of plays. One, from William Saroyan's *The Time of Your Life*, kept running through his mind. He'd say a few lines, then stop, wondering if he'd got them right. The passage obviously meant a great deal to him. One day he asked me to check the script. I did. Craig was delighted to know he'd memorized it word for word.

"In the time of your life, live — so that in good time there shall be no ugliness or death for yourself or for any life your life touches. Seek goodness everywhere and when it is found, bring it out of its hiding place and let it be free and unashamed.

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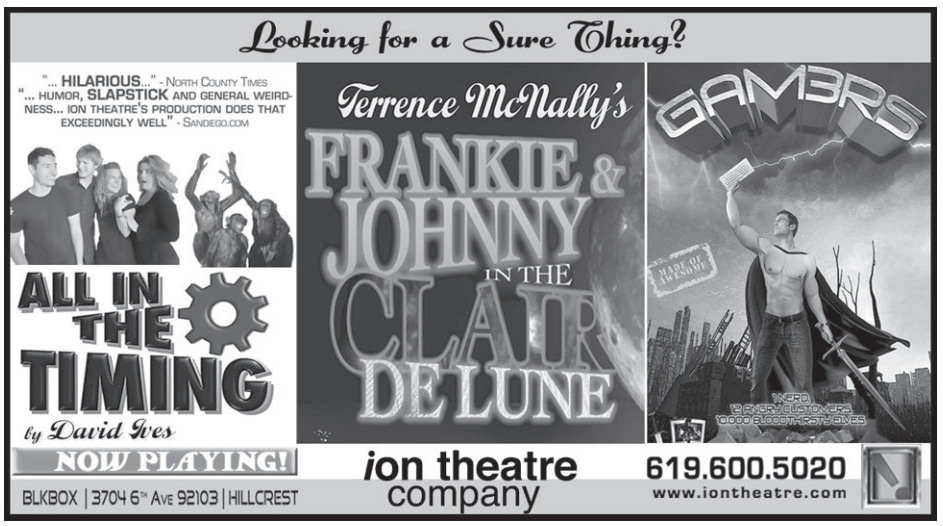

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All in the Timing
David Ives honed his craft at a theater where "the shows have to be good because the bathrooms aren't working." Ives's absurdist vignettes had to hit the mark and stay on it at top speed. As Bill tells Betty in "Sure Thing" — variations on the myriad ways a chance encounter can go wrong — it's "all in the timing." Ion Theatre has reprised its popular staging with some new cast members but the same polished, often hilarious results. Now Brian Mackey plays Leon Trotsky with an axe in his head for 36 hours; an elastic Steven Lone's the charlatan wordsmith in "The Universal Language"; Kim Strassburger returns as a monkey trying to write *Hamlet* from scratch (but coming closer to Milton's *Paradise Lost*) and Trotsky's multifaceted wife; and Karson St. John shows her remarkable range in several roles. Ives's title calls attention to technique. Under Glenn Paris and Claudio Raygoza's codirection, however, the actors never make one aware of their "timing." Instead they sustain focus on Ives's truly whacko situations. ***Worth a try.***
ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 29.

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 Apolliad Theatre presents Shakespeare's comedy about twins separated at a ship-

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wreck, mishaps, mistaken identities, madness, and confusion.
MESA COLLEGE, 7250 MESA COLLEGE DR., KEARNY MESA. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY 9.

Footloose: The Musical

Welk Resorts Theatre stages the musical based on a real-life event: a small town in Oklahoma banned rock music and dancing. Well, not for long…
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 1:45PM SUNDAYS, 1:45PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 27.

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" beliefs 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 (and performing Anne Charlotte Harvey's fine new translation), 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. (Note: Due to popular demand, NCRT has extended its run.)
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, THROUGH MAY 8.

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. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 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.

Hot L Baltimore

The Sullivan Players stage Lanford Wilson's comedy-drama about the denizens of a hotel slated for demolition. D.J. Sullivan directed.
SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 7PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH MAY 30.

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 THURSDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH MAY 8.

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 presents 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.

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 unheralded, 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.

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

The hottest show in town! Sean Murray and James Vasquez's co-staging 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, THROUGH MAY 9.

Sylvia

Point Loma Actors present A.R. Gurney Jr.'s comedy about "midlife angst and the role pets play in our lives," in particular a dog named Sylvia and her master Greg. David Sein directed.
POINT LOMA ASSEMBLY, 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-225-0044. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 16.

The Taming of the Shrew

Intrepid Shakespeare Company presents a new 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." (Note: *Shrew* runs in repertory with *King John.)*
THEATRE, INC., 899 C ST., EAST VILLAGE. 619-216-3016. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 6.

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MOVIE REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD

Back when Kathryn Bigelow was having, or about to have, her historic victory as Best Director on Oscar night, we were hearing some dire statistics about the percentage of female directors in the grand total. Seven to nine, as I recall, was the most commonly cited percent of them, but two to three was the direst. It raised my consciousness for the next little while. I cannot know for sure how those figures were determined, whether or not they included every straight-to-video action film or every subterranean porno, but a standard stipulation seemed to be "top-grossing films" or "major Hollywood releases." I can in any case say with some measure of accuracy that of the couple of dozen films I have seen over the past month, give or take, no fewer than six of them were directed by women — among them Julie Anne Robinson's *The Last Song*, Floria Sigismondi's *The Runaways*, Shana Feste's *The Greatest*, and opening locally on Friday, Nicole Holofcener's *Please Give* and Catherine Breillat's *Bluebeard*. And that's not even counting the female co-director on the animated *The Secret of Kells*, Nora Twomey, though it is most definitely counting the transsexual Kimberly Reed of the documentary *Prodigal Sons*. Those are mainly indies, plus one import, but movies are movies, I've always felt. And the movies I actually see are statistically more germane than the entire pool or exclusively the top-grossers. (Is the right to direct *Clash of the Titans* a thing worth fighting for?) The sampling of the last month or so still falls a long way short of fifty-fifty equality, but it's a sight better than two against ninety-eight or even nine against ninety-one.

Please Give is easily the best of the bunch, and its feminine sensibility asserts itself instantly in the opening credits with the educational parade of anonymous breasts of all shapes, sizes, and ages undergoing their recommended mammograms. The radiology technician (Rebecca Hall, from *Vicky Christina Barcelona*), a passive and service-oriented type with little life of her own, lines up in one circle of characters together with her looser, "prettier" sister and roommate (Amanda Peet), an unnaturally tanned facialist at a day spa, and their live-alone crabby granny (Ann Morgan Guilbert) on her last legs: "I'll save it for a special occasion," she musters up in gratitude for a birthday nightie: "Too fancy to sleep in." An intersecting circle, or intersecting triangle, is formed by the family in the apartment next door to the old lady, owners of both apartments, waiting patiently for their neighbor to die so that they can knock out a wall and remodel. The husband (Oliver Platt) and wife (Catherine Keener, Holofcener's perpetual right-hand woman) run a profitable business as estate liquidators, more bluntly capitalist buzzards, the wife looking for a way to ease her liberal guilt besides handing out bills willy-nilly on the street (failing in her tryout with handicapped kids by melting into tears at the sight of them), the

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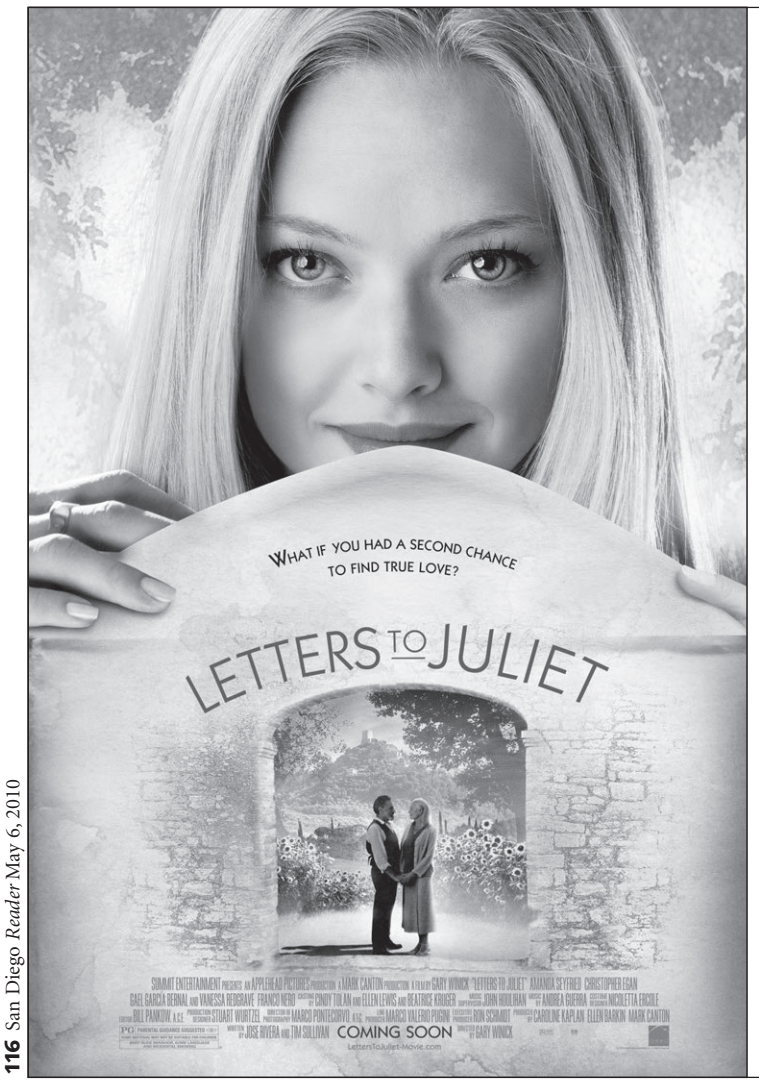

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husband developing a roving eye as soon as he meets the tawny facialist. The third and final member of the household is a chubby fifteen-year-old (Sarah Steele) with bad skin and a bad self-image. I have no hesitation in stating that Holofcener (*Friends with Money, Lovely and Amazing, Walking and Talking)* brings more to this project than Bigelow brought to her Oscar-winner, more that she alone could bring, more than mere convention and cliché. Something of a Nora Ephron without the same craving for popularity, Holofcener is a fount of sophisticated, tart, facile, casual, and, not necessarily all at once, trivial observations on her chosen sphere: the *de rigueur* autumn-in-New-York activity of "going to see the leaves," the shade of hair dye expressively labelled "menopausal red," the awkward height advantage of Hall over her prospective new boyfriend, the knotty muscle definition of the toned hottie who has stolen Peet's old boyfriend, the plug for organic Yogi Tea. And the like. All of that sort of thing — and there's very little of any other sort of thing — could appear inconsequential except for the cumulative sense of being in the flow of life, noticing the world around us, reacting to it, grappling with it. That's no small exception: a movie, to put a finer point on it, that makes you feel alive.

Catherine Breillat, the director of *Bluebeard*, and before that the assorted sexual provocations of *Fat Girl, Romance*, and (too hot for San Diego) *Anatomy of Hell*, is a name likely to strike terror in the hearts of filmgoers far more than that of George Romero, let's say, or Dario Argento. But where the 19th-century setting and idiomatic Romanticism of her last and best film, *The Last Mistress*, imposed some restraint, some decorum, the fairy-tale genre and Renaissance trappings of her latest one impose additionally some actual chasteness, some starch. True, the physical and generational disparity between the delicate child bride and the mountainous serial wife-killer (a disappointing Bluebeard, more of a realistic Graybeard) injects a strong dose of unsavoriness, and the forbidden chamber is a gruesome sight, albeit no match for the shivering chicken with its head cut off. (Oh, those French!) Yet the general effect is of something exsanguinated, embalmed, stuffed. Shot in a plain, austere, matter-of-fact style, the film amounts almost to a documentary on the artifacts of olden days: clothes, kitchen implements, furniture, with a splendid harpsichord as centerpiece. And the difficulty of stretching out to feature-length a faithful adaptation of a three-page opus by Charles Perrault manifests itself in nonstop dragginess. One device to aid in the stretching is a framing story in which an autobiographical "Catherine" tortures her older sister with a re-reading of the dreadful tale, but even though we can sense what Breillat is getting at, we do not remotely experience the danger of fiction. (For that, and with a similar deployment of two young sisters, let me recommend yet again *The Spirit of the Beehive*.) The only terror apt to be inspired in this instance is the terror of tedium.

Babies, timed for Mother's Day, is a kind of nature documentary that looks at the human species the way another documentary might look at apes: a human-nature documentary, if you like. The French filmmaker Thomas Balmès follows four newborns from far-flung corners of the globe — a Namibian, a Mongolian, a Japanese, and an American — from birth to rubber-legged ambulation. There is no commentary (nor are there subtitles for foreign tongues), so that we're left to draw our own conclusions. Inasmuch, however, as the evidence is highly anecdotal and arbitrary, any conclusions are probably better left undrawn. While there is plenty to compare and contrast, there's no apparent didactic agenda, no recommended do's and don'ts of parenthood, simply, as in a nature documentary, this and that, one thing and another, what and how. The this and that, the what and how, often divide themselves inevitably into considerations of haves and have-nots, and the well-off Japanese and American infants tend to join forces in redundancy, to cut down the variety. (How about a Latin American or a Middle Eastern?) The Namibian mother alone gets treated to some *National Geographic*-style nudity, whereas the hot-tubbing American is permitted to preserve her modesty; and when the Namibian baby leaves a smear of poo on mother's knee, the cleanup is managed with a corncob. (What? No pre-moistened antibacterial towelette?) Nothing messier than that occurs, and the procession of Kodak Moments adds up to little more than a glossy coffee-table movie or glorified home video: a rooster hops up on the bed with the Mongolian, and a goat sneaks a sip from baby's bath water; the Namibian notices analytically that her older brother has a peepee where she has none; the petulant Japanese girl's tiny tantrums in a roomful of toys are intercut with the Mongolian happily playing with a roll of toilet paper (conclusions?). Each of the newborns also has a cat in the house, adding to the entertainment value, excepting the Namibian, who has less entertaining dogs. At well under an hour and a half, the film won't wear out its welcome. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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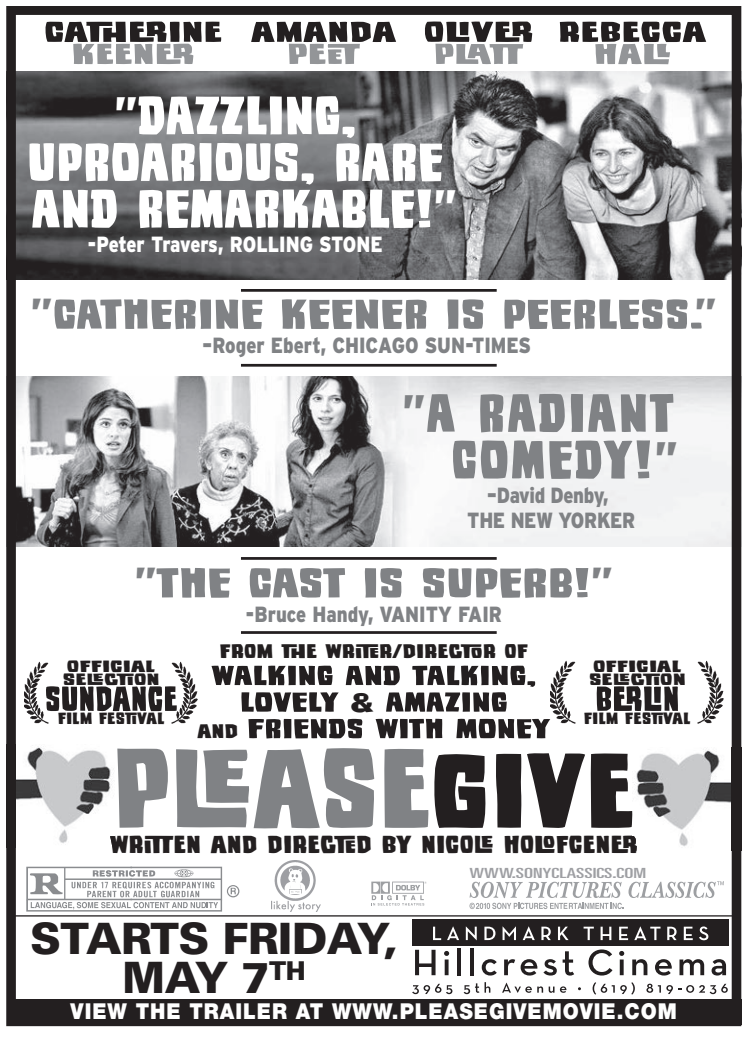
Alice in Wonderland — Tim Burton's adaptation of the Lewis Carroll classic gives him license, free rein, greased rails, to stage a congenial freak show in a hermetic netherworld: a 3-D moving-picture book. The customary merger of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and its sequel, *Through the Looking Glass*, has the innovation of a marriageable age-of-consent heroine, diving down the rabbit hole to escape a surprise engagement party and an odious snooty suitor. This innovation serves the dual purpose of heading off all the tired old sophisticated drolleries about the Reverend Dodgson's fondness for little girls and, secondly, of feeding the bottomless contemporary appetite for feminist fantasies of empowerment. (The Australian newcomer Mia Wasikowska evolves from a pasty spaced-out flower child to an armored and sword-wielding Saint Joan, Jabberwock-slayer.) In due time, in fact in short order, the movie achieves a different sort of dullness from that of the forced and haphazard novel, a dullness of satiation. Just as Alice has been taught to pinch herself to return from a dream, you can try pinching yourself to 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.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Babies — Reviewed this issue. With Poni-



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jao, Bayarjargal, Mari, and Hattie; directed by Thomas Balmès.
★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 5/7)

The Back-Up Plan — Jennifer Lopez, artificially inseminated and pregnant with twins before she meets Mr. Right, stands out as a pearl among pebbles. Her hair and makeup (in the part of a pet-shop proprietor) 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. 2010.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Bluebeard — Reviewed this issue. With Dominique Thomas, Lola Creton, and Daphné Baiwir; written and directed by Catherine Breillat.
★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 5/7)

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)

Casablanca — The City of Intrigue is converted into a large Camp ground, as Bogart feigns broken-heartedness and moral rehabilitation in this feminized thriller. Directed by Michael Curtiz, lushly. Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains, Peter Lorre, Sidney Greenstreet, Conrad Veidt. 1942.
★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 5/6 THROUGH 8, 8:30 P.M.)

Chloe — A renaming and reworking by Atom Egoyan of the French film *Nathalie* by Anne Fontaine. Despite the pedigree (Egoyan, if you need reminding, has signed such tony items as *Ararat, The Sweet Hereafter, Exotica*, among others), this would fit comfortably on the Lifetime Movie Network: a suspicious wife sics a high-end escort onto her husband as a temptation, a test. True, the escort's oral reports have a graphicness you mightn't hear on LMN ("I could feel he was excited through his pants," "I put my tits in his face"), and Julianne Moore, as the midlife gynecologist who lives in a luxurious red box with musicologist Liam Neeson, gives you more acting per second than you get from Judith Light or Joanna Kerns, and the expanses of flesh (not just the always game Moore, but also the uninitiated Amanda Seyfried as the escort) are decidedly "R"-rated, though these are matters of degree, not substance. The odor of cheesiness, both the main attraction and the main limitation of the film, never dissipates, only intensifies: the escort, gradually proving herself even crazier than her client, develops an at first reciprocated crush on the woman and then, when rebuffed, turns her attentions to the latter's teenage son. (*Fatal Attentions* might have been a franker title.) Neither of the women, in fairness, takes further leave of senses than Egoyan. The Canadian locale only firms up the Lifetime affinity. 2010.
★ (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 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)

Babies — **The well-off Japanese and American infants tend to join forces in redundancy.**

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 afterthought 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.
● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

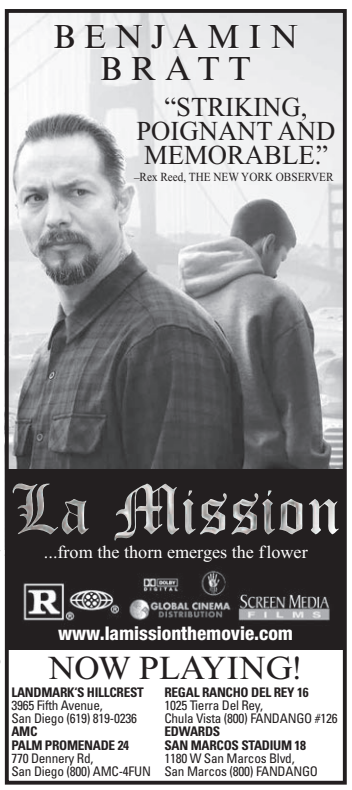
Crazy Heart — Jeff Bridges is pretty much the whole show, and a generous show it is. His Bad Blake, given name to be held back for the gravestone, is an over-the-hill and down-on-his-luck C&W singer still living the life of a C&W song, four marriages behind him, long lonely drives and cheap motels and 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 Fichtner, James Franco, Mila Kunis, and, as himself, Will.i.am. Directed by Shawn Levy. 2010.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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-American-ized 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; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 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; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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.
★★ (KEN, THROUGH 5/6)

Exit through the Gift Shop — Halfway 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 mutton-chopped 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. 2010.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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)

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; HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo — Homegrown adaptation by Niels Arden Oplev of the international best-seller by Stieg Larsson, from the Scandinavian wave of detective novels. The movie, like the book, is long: two and a half hours with almost half an hour of anti- or post-climax. In the early going, it juggles two separate cases and two separate investigators, a Leftist muckraking journalist (Michael Nyqvist, with his Richard Burtonish full-moon cratered face) and a security-firm computer geek (Noomi Rapace, a sort of young Claire Bloom) who sports two nose rings, numerous ear piercings, a Goth hairdo and wardrobe, and of course the titular tattoo over her entire back. Eventually the two investigators team up on the sketchier and shakier of the cases: the forty-year-old disappearance and presumed murder of a teenage girl whose body, on a sealed-off island, was never recovered. Mystery fans' alarm bells will begin ringing even before the girl's favorite uncle explains how she was in the habit of giving him an annual framed botanical and how he has continued annually to receive an anonymous framed botanical which he theorizes has been sent tauntingly by her killer. Kooky theory. Perhaps our indignity over the multiple revelations of ugly sexual violence is hoped to blind us to the shoddy plotting and the plodding development. (That, and perhaps also the cracklingly crisp photography.) But the would-be "touching" ending will be soured by the unasked question of how many women were raped, tortured, and murdered over those forty years so that we could have a touching ending. 2009.
● (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Greenberg — Noah Baumbach, writer and director of *The Squid and the Whale*, features Ben Stiller as a kind of middle-aged-crazy Jesse Eisenberg (nose up, shoulders forward), a self-absorbed self-conscious ineffectual intellectual, who, upon his release from a mental hospital, wants to concentrate on "really trying to do nothing for a while," aside from house-sitting for his brother in Los Angeles, maybe building a doghouse for Mahler the family pet, firing off letters of complaint to impervious corporations, and, not least, drinking like a fish. The fecklessness infects the entire film, which is sort of like a Woody Allen without the polished one-liners. Greta Gerwig, a diva of the "mumblecore" movement, as the brother's personal assistant who is always on call to assist, has an odd, ditzy, dishraggy appeal. With Rhys Ifans and Jennifer Jason Leigh (Baumbach's wife, who co-wrote the story with him). 2010.
★ (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 slobby appearance in photography and set design, plus all the irrationalities of time travel into the bargain. And what sense does it make for one time traveller to tell the dwellers in 1986 that "John Lennon gets shot"? John Lennon got shot six years earlier. With John Cusack, Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson, Clark Duke, Chevy Chase, Crispin Glover, and Lizzy Caplan; directed by Steve Pink. 2010.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Hurt Locker — Fictitious countdown of the final six weeks in the twelve-month tour of an army bomb squad in Baghdad. The living and working conditions in a color-free wasteland appear perfectly credible, and the quasi-science-fictional details of the job — the spaceman protective suits, the remote-control bomb-sniffing robot, the tangle of colored wires, the hide-and-seek triggers — are highly enlightening. And the defusing of bombs — the constant prospect of their blowing up in our faces — carries a guaranteed tension, as witness such forerunners as Robert Aldrich's *Ten Seconds to Hell* or Michael Powell's and Emeric Pressburger's *The Small Back Room*. The ambush in mid-desert, outside the squad's normal sphere of operations, is if anything even tenser: more unpredictable, more open to possibilities. Kathryn Bigelow, one of the rare female action directors, dead-set on matching any man in muscle, favors here the combat-footage filmmaking style of jostles and jars to the camera, punchy zooms, whiplashing pans, and a chronic shaky hand, not necessarily restricted to scenes of combat. This is trendy at best, a tired cliché at worst. (The amplified heartbeat and the slo-mo explosion ought to be put to bed for a rest period of not less than a generation.) She takes a lot of time on the action scenes, or more broadly the tension scenes, and not much time in between, so that the three principals — Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie, Brian Geraghty, each of them looking the part — are thin on character, static in development, no more than generic as opposed to individual soldiers. With Guy Pearce, Ralph Fiennes, David Morse. 2009.
★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Iron Man 2 — Superhero sequel with Robert Downey, Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Scarlett Johansson, and Mickey Rourke, directed by Jon Favreau.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/7)

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. 2010.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Last Song — Miley Cyrus gets to shed her Hannah Montana alter ego for an

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Showtimes subject to change.
(Bargain showtimes in parentheses.)

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
The Back-Up Plan (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:50, 1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:30 Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:20, 3:35) 5:35, 7:50, 10:00 Sun. (11:20, 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); **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; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15) 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15) 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; **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 Losers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20 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, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:40) 6:00, 8:15

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
The Back-Up Plan (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:20, 7:25, 9:45; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:35, 10:20; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 12:50, 2:55) 5:00, 7:05, 8:05, 9:10, 10:10; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 1:05, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:40 Sun. (11:45, 1:55) 6:05, 8:05, 10:05; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 12:55, 3:20) 5:40; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 4:40, 7:05, 9:20; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35) 4:25, 7:15, 10:05 Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 12:15, 1:00, 2:20, 3:05, 3:50) 5:10, 5:55, 6:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:30, 10:50, 11:30 Sun. (11:30, 12:15, 1:00, 2:20, 3:05, 3:50) 5:10, 5:55, 6:30, 8:00, 8:45, 9:30, 10:40; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:50) 4:30, 7:00, 9:35; **Letters to Juliet** (PG) Sun. 4:00p.m.; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:25) 7:55; **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 12:05, 1:25, 2:25, 3:35) 4:35, 5:50, 7:10, 8:10, 9:25, 10:25; **Oceans** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:10, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40, 9:50

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; **Bluebeard** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:40, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:40, 9:35; **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) 4:45, 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.-Sun. (11:10, 1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:10, 10:25; **The Hurt Locker** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; **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. (11:40, 2:20); **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 1:00, 2:45, 3:35) 5:05, 6:05, 7:25, 8:20, 9:45, 10:35 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; **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) 5:35, 7:55, 10:10; **Why Did I Get Married Too?** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:55) 4:35 Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 4:35, 7:20, 9:55

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Iron Man 2 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 6:30, 9:30

KENSINGTON

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Ran (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (5:00), 8:30; Sat. & Sun.: (1:30), 5:00, 8:30; **The Human Centipede** (NR) Fri.: 12:00 midnight

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
The Back-Up Plan; Date Night; Death at a Funeral; Furry Vengeance; Hot Tub Time Machine; How to Train Your Dragon; Iron Man 2; Kick-Ass; The Losers; A Nightmare on Elm Street; Oceans

La Jolla Village
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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; **Babies** (PG) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:00, 3:00), (5:15), 7:20, 9:30; Sat. & Sun.: (10:40), 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30; **City Island** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:40, 4:20), 7:10, 9:40; Sat. & Sun.: (10:50), 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40; **Mid-August Lunch** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (4:30), 10:00; Sat. & Sun.: (11:00), 4:30, 10:00; **The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:10), 6:50; Sat. & Sun.: (1:10), 6:50

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Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

Iron Man2 (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30; **A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30; **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (3:00), 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. & Mon.: (3:00), 5:30, 8:15; Tue.: (3:00); Wed. & Thu.: (3:00), 5:30, 8:15; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Wed.: (11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:15; Thu.: (10:00, 11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:15; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (12:30), 8:45; Mon.: 8:45 pm; Tue.-Thu.: (12:30), 8:45; **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; Babies; 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; Iron Man 2; Kick-Ass; The Losers; A Nightmare on Elm Street

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Please Give (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (2:10), 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Sat. & Sun.: (11:20), 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **La Mission** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:40), 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Sat. & Sun.: (11:00), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **City Island** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:50, 4:30), 7:10, 9:50, No 7:10 pm show Mon., 05/10/10; Sat. & Sun.: (11:10), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Exit Through The Gift Shop** (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (2:20, 4:50), 7:30, 10:10; Sat. & Sun.: (11:30), 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo** (NR) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (2:00, 5:10), 8:20; Sat. & Sun.: (10:50), 2:00, 5:10, 8:20

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
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 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00p.m.; **The Greatest Places** (Not Rated) Fri. 4:00p.m. Sat. 3:00p.m. 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. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 9:50; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:25, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 9:45; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 1:55) 4:00, 6:05, 8:10, 10:15 Sun. (11:50, 1:55) 6:05, 8:10, 10:15; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:45, 7:00, 9:20; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:55, 11:45, 12:35, 1:40, 2:30, 3:25) 4:25, 5:15, 6:20, 7:10, 8:00, 9:05, 9:55, 10:45, 11:50 Sun. (10:55, 11:45, 12:35, 1:40, 2:30, 3:25) 4:25, 5:15, 6:20, 7:10, 8:00, 9:05, 9:55, 10:45; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; **Letters to Juliet** (PG) Sun.; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25) 5:00; **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:30, 2:45, 3:50) 6:10, 7:20, 8:25, 9:35, 10:40; **Oceans** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
How to Train Your Dragon (PG); **Iron Man 2** (PG-13); **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)

Iron Man2 (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00; Sun.: (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu.: (3:00, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 1:45), 4:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.: (11:30, 1:45), 4:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu.: 4:15, 7:30; **A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:15, 8:30; Mon.-Thu.: (3:30), 6:15, 8:30; **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu.: (3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (12:30), 8:45; Mon.-Thu.: 8:45 pm; **Death at a Funeral** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (3:15), 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (3:15), 5:30, 8:15; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu.: 5:15, 7:45; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (11:00 , 1:30, 4:00), 6:30; Mon.-Thu.: (4:00), 6:30; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:15), 5:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.: (11:45, 2:15), 5:45, 7:15; Mon.-Thu.: 5:45, 7:15; **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; Iron Man 2; The Losers; A Nightmare on Elm Street

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)
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; Iron Man 2; Kick-Ass; The Losers; La Mission; A Nightmare on Elm Street

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
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); **Iron Man 2** (PG-13); **Kick-Ass** (R); **The Losers** (PG-13); **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R)

NORTH INLAND

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 West Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Call theater for program information.

FALLBROOK

River Village 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

Iron Man2 (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; Sun.: (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu.: (3:00, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:30), 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.: (12:00, 2:30), 4:45, 7:15; Mon.-Thu.: 4:45, 7:15; **A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu.: (3:15), 5:30, 7:45; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (12:30), 8:45; Mon.-Thu.: 8:45 pm; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu.: (3:00), 5:15, 7:30; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

Iron Man2 PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:15; **A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:30; **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15; **Kick-Ass** (R)Fri.-Thu.: (11:00, 1:30, 4:00), 6:30; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Tue.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; Wed.: (10:00, 12:15), 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Thu.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu.: (12:30), 8:45; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (3:15), 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (3:15), 5:30, 8:15; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 1:30), 4:15, 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)
Babies (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Tue.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 12:45, 3:05, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 12:45, 3:05) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 1:00, 4:05) 7:00, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00) 4:05, 7:00, 10:00

VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:05, 4:40) 7:25, 10:00; **The Back-Up Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:00, 4:45) 7:20, 9:45; **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; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:25, 4:45) 7:05, 9:15 Sun. (11:30, 1:40) 7:05, 9:15; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20); **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (9:30, 10:10, 10:50, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:10, 1:50, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50, 5:30) 6:05, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:10, 10:50, 11:30 Fri.-Sat. 12:00a.m. Sun. (9:30, 10:10, 10:50, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:10, 1:50, 2:30, 3:00, 3:;) **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:05, 4:55) 7:45, 10:30; **Letters to Juliet** (PG) Sun. (4:15p.m.); **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:25; **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 7:55, 9:40, 10:20, 12:00 Sun. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 7:55, 9:40, 10:20

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
The Back-Up Plan (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:35; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:20, 10:00; **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 7:55, 10:05

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Iron Man2 (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:15, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00; Sun.-Thu.: (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:15), (4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 7:15; Mon.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:15; **A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)** (R) Fri.: (10:15, 12:30, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat.: (12:30, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.: (12:30, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30; Mon. & Tue.: (10:15, 12:30, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30; Wed.: (10:15, 12:30, 2:45), 5:15; Thu.: (10:15, 12:30, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30; **Oceans** (G) Fri.-Thu.: (10:00, 3:45), 8:45; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri.-Thu.: (10:15, 12:45), 6:15; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (10:15, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 7:45; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:45, 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Tue.: (10:45, 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:15; Wed.: (10:45, 3:30), 5:45, 8:15; Thu.: (10:45, 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:15; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)

Babies (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Tue.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:00; **The Secret in Their Eyes** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Tue.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30; **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue.: (1:15), 7:00; **City Island** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (NR) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 4:00), 9:45; Sun.-Tue.: (10:00 , 4:00)

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
The Runaways (R) Fri. 6:40, 9:00 Sat.-Sun. (4:00) 6:40, 9:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Iron Man2 (PG-13) Wed.: 12:00; **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.: (10:30, 1:00, 3:30), 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (10:30, 1:00, 3:30), 6:00, 8:30; **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.: 2:00 pm; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.: (11:30), 5:00, 7:45; Mon.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; Tue.: (2:15), 5:00, 7:45; Wed.: (11:30, 2:15), 5:00, 7:45; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri.: (10:15, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Wed.: (10:15, 12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) 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; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Wed: 9:30 pm; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

Iron Man2 (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00), 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30), 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 1:30), 4:30, 7:15; **A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:15, 8:30; **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:00; **Death at a Funeral** (R) Fri.-Thu.: (11:45, 2:15), 4:45, 7:15; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG)Fri.-Thu.: (12:30, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Thu.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:15, 7:00; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Oceanside 16
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
The Back-Up Plan (PG-13) Fri. (10:50, 1:20, 3:50) 6:50, 9:40; **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri. (10:45, 1:15, 3:55) 6:45, 9:15; **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 1:45, 4:50) 7:20, 9:55; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:25, 5:40) 8:05, 10:25; **Death at a Funeral** (R) Fri. (12:40, 2:55, 5:15) 7:50, 10:05; **Furry Vengeance** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 1:50, 4:15) 7:05, 9:20; **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:00, 5:20) 7:55, 10:20; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:20 Fri. (10:00, 11:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 5:30) 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 9:50, 10:50; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri. (12:50, 3:35) 6:55, 10:15; **The Losers** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:20, 5:05) 7:35, 10:10; **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) Fri. (12:45, 1:25, 3:10, 3:45, 5:25) 6:00, 7:45, 8:15, 10:00, 10:30; **Oceans** (G) Fri. (2:45, 4:55) 7:10, 9:25

Good Spot. **Bad spot.**

The dreaded black spot, the worst rating given by *Reader* movie critic Duncan Shepherd, can be found next to many movie reviews. To see them log on to: **www.sandiegoreader.com/movies**

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 hasn't touched a keyboard in years, goes grippingly 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.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

The Losers — Preening action film about a five-man commando team with a delicate moral sense and robust appetite for fun. Idris Elba acts as though he were playing a real character instead of a video-game simulacrum. With Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Zoë Saldaña, Chris Evans, and Jason Patric; directed by Sylvain White. 2010.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

***Bluebeard* — The general effect is of something exsanguinated, embalmed, stuffed.**

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.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; PALM PROMENADE 24)

A Nightmare on Elm Street — Back to square one with a new Freddy Krueger (Jackie Earle Haley), directed by Samuel Bayer.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

No One Knows about Persian Cats — Shaggy dramatization of the perils of rock-and-roll in repressive Iran. Through photography often out of focus and carelessly framed, we get the general idea even if we do not get the full impact. One fine and funny scene of a motor-mouthed bootlegger talking his way out of a grilling at police headquarters. The unplentiful songs are occasions for makeshift music videos. With Negar Shaghaghi, Ashkan Koshanejad, and Hamed Behdad; directed by Bahman Ghobadi. 2009.
★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 5/7)

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; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA 12; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Please Give — Reviewed this issue. With Catherine Keener, Oliver Platt, Rebecca Hall, and Amanda Peet; written and directed by Nicole Holofcener.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/7)

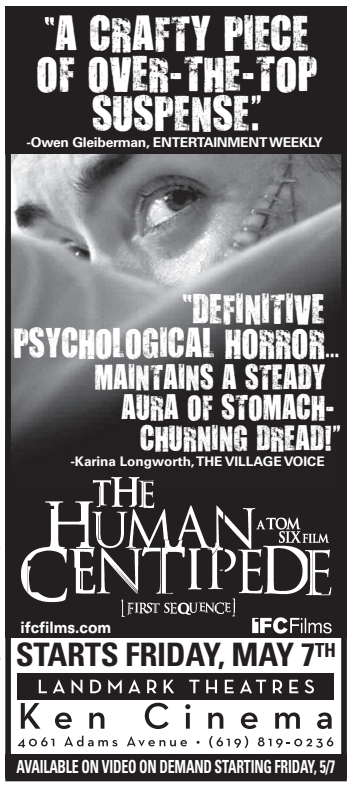
Ran — The happy coincidence of an actual old man (Akira Kurosawa, age seventy-five) electing to do a treatment of *King Lear* opens plenty of room to read things into it, and thereby to overrate it. The familiar story, freely altered to fit into the samurai genre, even down to a sex change in the three contentious offspring, retains all of its universal potency, and perhaps even picks up some extra, from the traditional Japanese perspective, in the characterization of the shockingly violent and emasculating warrior's wife, soon his widow, sooner again his brother's wife. (Great detail: her taking time out from sham weeping to crush a wayward moth, and without missing a sob.) But the movie is still rather surprisingly slow and static to have come from one of the past trailblazers of the kinetic. Its untainted showpiece is the battle scene that precipitates the protagonist's "madness," a jagged mosaic of the horrors of war, with startlingly beautiful effects from a pretty-pink fusillade of gunpowder flashes or a shower of flaming arrows, and carried on for at least half its length with no sound effects at all, only a thick blanket of Brucknerian music. This scene alone, beyond such a standard measurement as being Worth The Price Of Admission, proves conclusively that Kurosawa has not lost so many faculties as to make him fair competition for the mob of moviemakers. And in that sense one certainly ought to be careful not to identify the director too closely with his central character. Tatsuya Nakadai. 1985.
★★★ (KEN, 5/7 THROUGH 13)

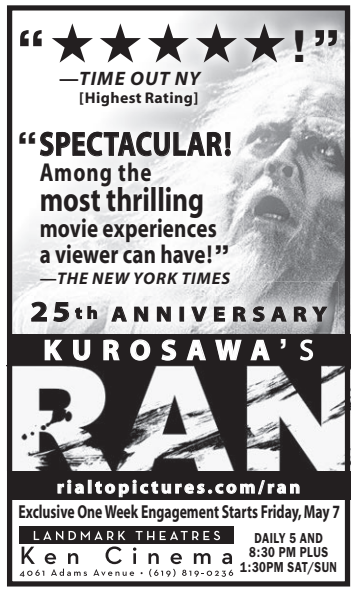
The Runaways — The story of the eponymous all-girl rock band assembles some backstage clichés to facilitate the continued growth, right before our eyes, of Kristen Stewart and Dakota Fanning, as guitarist Joan Jett and vocalist Cherie Currie respectively. "This isn't about women's lib," announces their mid-Seventies Svengali. "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.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA)

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 schoolteacher. 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.
★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 — The coming-out of the "Australian Coen brothers" (director, editor, co-producer Nash Edgerton and co-star, co-writer, co-producer Joel Edgerton), an apt analogy as long as the scope of discussion is limited to first films. Apart from the fraternal collaboration, similarities to the 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 competence, serves above all to underscore the humanness. To clinch it, the raw emotion of the climax brings 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. With David Roberts and Claire van der Boom. 2009.
★★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 5/6)





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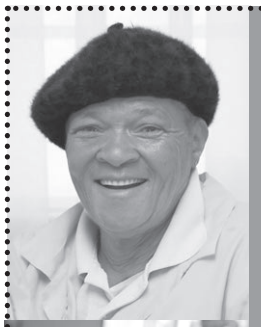

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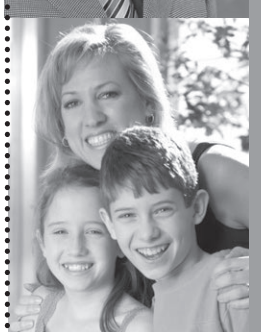

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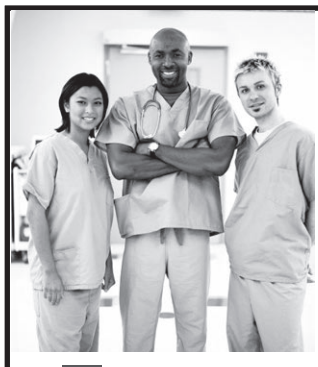

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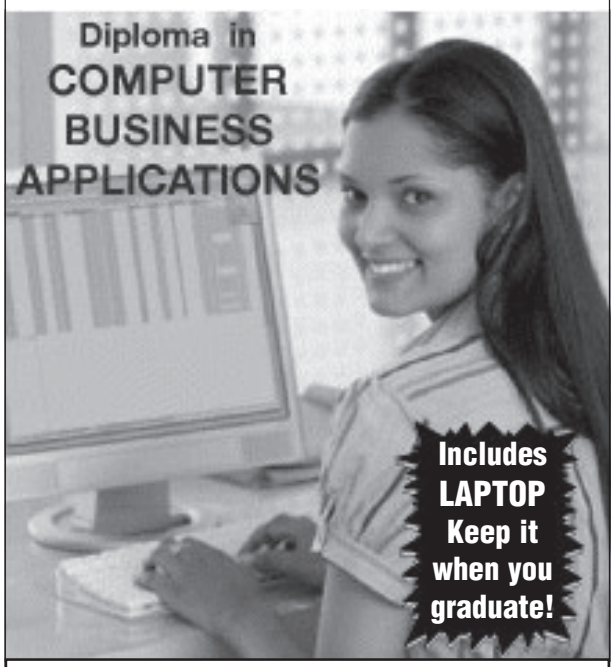

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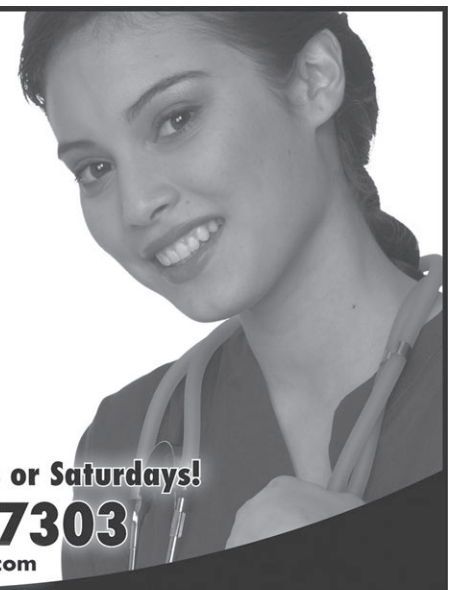

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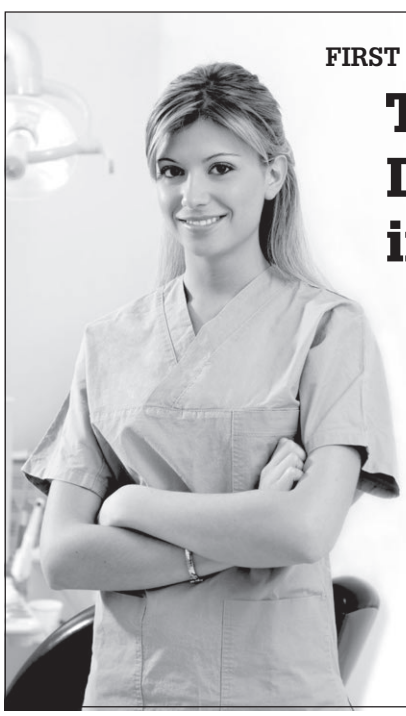

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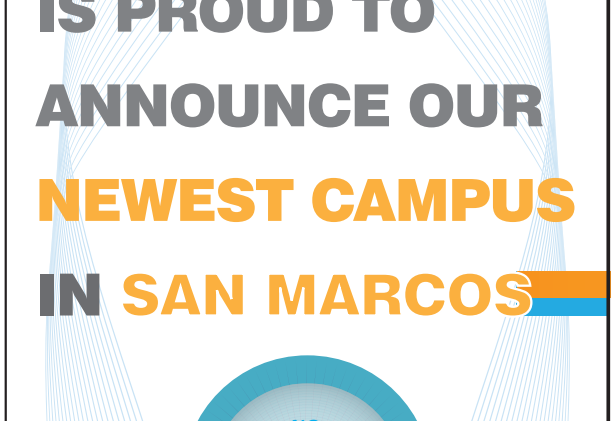

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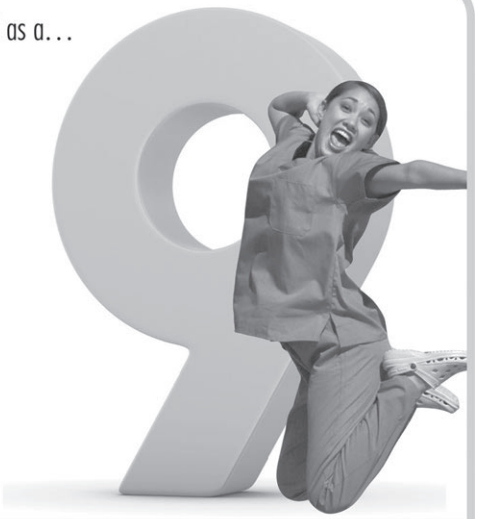

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2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.
3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!
4) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** 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.
5) 10 *Reader* T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

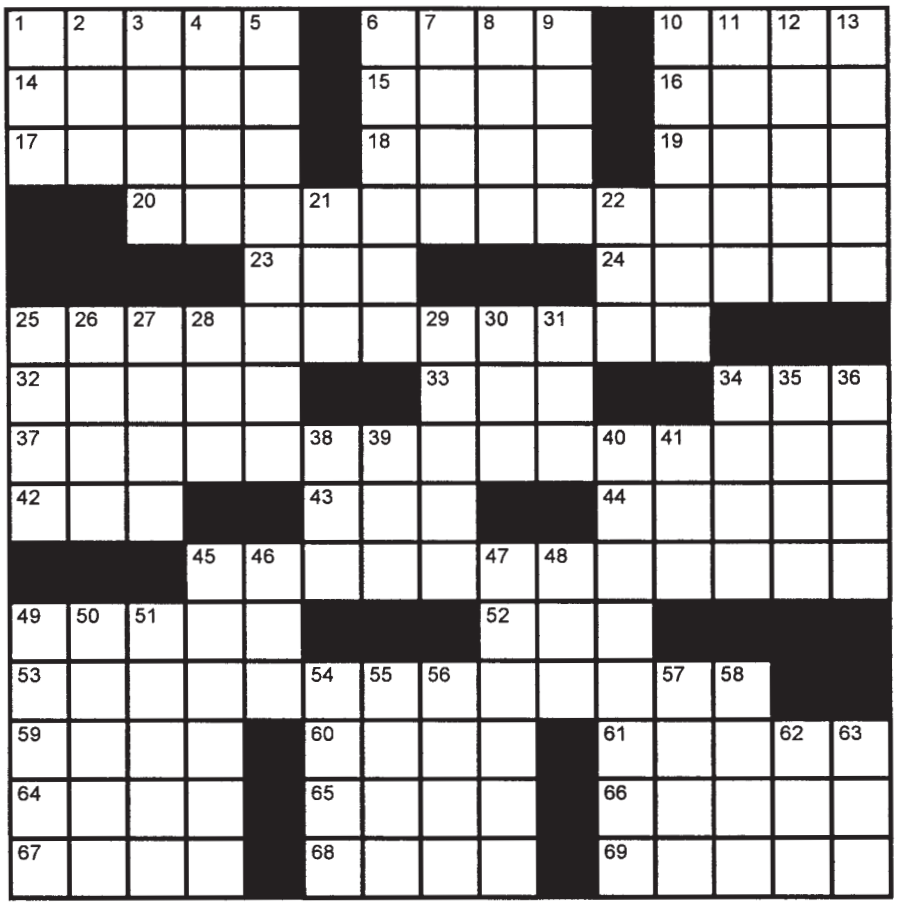
And now for the really small print:
1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
2) Late entries will not be considered.
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
4) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

1. Congregation leader
6. District
10. Bout enders
14. Result of a leadoff single
15. Baseball's Felipe, Jesus or Moises
16. Getting the job done
17. Potato chip flavor, for short
18. Study, e.g.
19. Adidas alternative
20. High-quality meal where you serve yourself?
23. Muffin grain
24. Clarinetist's supply
25. Something blown on just outside a restaurant?
32. "Ready or not, here ____!"
33. Big Apple sch.
34. Songwriters' grp.
37. "The Nutcracker," e.g.?
42. Obama cabinet member Salazar
43. MacGraw of "Love Story"
44. Ross of the Supremes
45. Occasion that marked the first time "Willkommen" was sung on Broadway?
49. Political columnist Joseph
52. Rocky salutes
53. With "The," popular cable TV show that would appreciate this puzzle's themed answers
59. Spring break?
60. Spoken
61. Wild West "necktie"
64. Squirrel away
65. "Inglourious Basterds" villain
66. Armored vehicles
67. First-floor apartment, maybe
68. Tech gadget introduced by Apple in 2010
69. Ryan of "Love Story"

Down

1. Director Reiner
2. Santa ____, Calif.
3. Titanic problem
4. Common clown name
5. Like the third word in the clue for 61-Across
6. Friendliness
7. Botanical balm
8. Origin
9. Kind of luck
10. Chewy candy
11. Butter cutter
12. Lubricated
13. ERA and RBI
21. Uncooked
22. Online address
25. QB Michael
26. Long (for)
27. Bereft
28. Virgin's parent
29. Where Francis Scott Key saw bombs bursting
30. Part of TBS: Abbr.
31. Hot ____
34. Spill the beans
35. Restaurant offering
36. "Take ____ face value"
38. Running account at a bar
39. ____ Handbook (writer's style guide)
40. Extends
41. Untruth
45. Halloween decoration
46. Mimic
47. Lens cover?
48. Outdo
49. "Don't ____ surprised"
50. Lindsay of "Mean Girls"
51. Toil (away)
54. Rice-A-____
55. Snare
56. National Council of La ____ (largest Hispanic civil rights organization in the U.S.)
57. Reddish brown
58. Voice quality
62. Calypso cousin
63. Class an au pair might take: Abbr.



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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos, 3. *Last night I 46A...*
Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 3. *It's a team effort*
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 3. *Solved it with only a pen and 1/2 my brain!*
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 3. *Hey Typo Patrol, it's Mayo. Happy May Day.*
Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 3. *Somes days you need an egret.*
Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 3. *Padres continue winning ways.*
Kaye Benton, San Diego, 3. *Credit should be given to the puzzle maker!*
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 3. *Happy to see you Hong and Lee.*
Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 3. *I got nothing.*
A.T. Certik, Bonita, 3. *Alles Affenscheisse!*
Leslie Chase, Campo, 3. *Hungry for some orange passion fruit.*
Jon Christianson, El Cajon, 3. *Is it May already?*
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 3. *Kevin, sorry about forgetting to take you to the airport.*
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 3. *"Would you be the sheriff?"*
Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 3. *Baby, baby, baby, baby, baby it's just the Bie Ber.*
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 3. *Hope to see you this summer, Bob and Ellen.*
William Cushing, Rancho Bernardo, 3. *Happy Birthday to Robbie.*
☛ **Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 3.** *Yogi Berra said: "90% of baseball is half mental!"*
John L. Drehner, North Park, 3. *I visited a medical clinic; they gave me Dr. Pepper.*
Rich Dudka, Escondido, 3. *Thanks for the t-shirt!*
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 3. *The door to the East is open for the pens! Pens.*
George Elam, Vista, 3. *Get ready for Mommy Day.*
Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 3. *Smooth sailing!*
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 3. *Go Gophers!*
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 3. *Django says hi! Jethro too!*
Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 3. *Mirta, Tony, co-op cruising. What's not to love about San Diego?*
Billy Horton, Santee, 3. *See 17 A.*
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 3. *My friend Brian went skydiving and broke his 53 down.*
George Jackson, Oceanside, 3. *Let's all support Arizona.*
☛ **Sue Janisch, Santee, 3.** *38 down is my birthday too.*
Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 3. *Thanks, great difficulty level! Each week*
Willie McGee, San Diego, 3. *Wait til next year.*
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 3. *Happy Mother's Day, Paula and Mom.*
Ron Meyer, Santee, 3. *Happy Mother's to all you great Moms.*
☛ **Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 3.** *The wars abroad distract us from conflicts inside the gates.*
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 3. *Welcome home, Mom!*
Jim Odell, Vista, 3. *It'll all go on if we're here or not.*
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 3. *Got the time? Ten to. Ten to your own business.*
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 3. *Fame or a t-shirt-I can't decide.*
John Pertle, Santee, 3. *John 11:25-26. Believe it? Good, eternal life is yours.*
John Pilch, San Carlos, 3. *Kiwanis serves the children of the world-support them.*
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 3. *Hungry for some orange passion fruit.*
Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 3. *Boil them frogs!*
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 3. *I'll be spontaneous when I get around to it.*
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 3. *Happy Mother's day to the best Mother.*
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 3. *Daphne and Erik get married in three weeks. Yeah!*
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 3. *I always use an erasable pen!*
Linda Tripp, Rancho Bernardo, 3. *Thanks for the t-shirt, it's beauuuuuuutiful!*
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 3. *I'm taking the week off.*
Norman Williams, San Diego, 3. *What da fuss??*
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 3. *What part of ILLEGAL alien don't you understand?*
Johanna Barry, Pine Valley, 2. *Good luck at the audition Woodin.*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

Bruce Campbell, Portland OR, 2. *You want oil? There's the Gulf Coast!*
Eric Cash, Escondido, 2. *Eaven is an outstanding Landry herder.*
Craig Curtis, Escondido, 2. *"Hi yo"-not "Hi ho." Was no"yo" in old west pardner!*
Vince Cuseo, San Marcos, 2. *Call for Phillip Morris!*
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 2. *Baby needs a new shirt.*
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 2. *Careless last week.*
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 2. *Super Saver! Bo-rail wins again!*
Carolyn Foley, Carlsbad, 2. *Watch for motorcycles, share the road!*
☛ **Joseph Gold, San Diego, 2.** *Obama on the job, not on a ranch playing cowboy!*
Sara Khwaja, Poway, 2. *Hi Molly and McGee, Ouilivia and Owliver.*
Archie McAllister, Chula Vista, 2. *Green grow the rashero*
Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 2. *Peanut butter and booby looby-Mommy love you.*
Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 2. *I'm astounding myself now. I love you Larry very much.*
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 2. *"Beware the fury of a patient man."*
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 2. *I really never knew it was hiyo-didn't check.*
John C. Pipes, Lemon Grove, 2. *Are you still mad?*
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 2. *A message!*
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 2. *I love you Mom! You're the best!*
Henry Romero, San Diego, 2. *Boycott Arizona!*
Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 2. *In memorium: Clyde Chandler 1939-2010.*
Robin Serfass, Leucadia, 2. *Learn to live with what you can't rise above.*
Dave Small, San Carlos, 2. *I came, I saw, I solved.*
Carly Stone, San Diego, 2. *Boycott Arizona again!*
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 2. *One day at a time!*
Duane Tremaine, East Village, 2. *And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;*
Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 2. *Right on to Mark J, Robert O, and Ric W.*
Susan Williams, North Park, 2. *Go green! Stand for less.*
David Wray, El Cajon, 2. *Where are ya' gonna graduate from?*
Ken A., Ocean Beach, 1. *Axe body spray, gift set and tees, hair gel, steriods!*
Eric Accorsi, El Cajon, 1. *Winning is like, better than losing.*
Bob Bent, San Diego, 1. *San Diego needs an NBA franchise.*
Jennine Borchort, Temecula, 1. *Love your puzzles and your newspaper.*
Ashley Bourne, San Carlos, 1. *Love you, Grandma!!!*
Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 1. *Happy Birthday all Taureans.*
Michael Bujazan, Los Angeles, 1. *Did it!*
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 1. *Happy Birthday Tess #53.*
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 1. *Hi Al!*
☛ **Sharon Dang, La Mesa, 1.** *Mahalo nui loa.*
☛ **Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 1.** *Dinner and a movie night.*
Mike Deliman, Santee, 1. *Don't trust Russian Bue kitties!*
Toni Edberg, San Diego, 1. *All 47 states-oops 51.*
☛ **Naomi Kashiwabara, Clairemont, 1.** *Long time no t-shirt.*
Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 1. *Universal healthcare for all including illegal aliens.*
W. Hodgson, Escondido, 1. *For erectile dysfunction, see Alice (cialis, get it?).*
Maureen Jacobson, City Heights, 1. *Jake and Sal: 28 years and counting...*
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 1. *Hi Kiera, Babo, ignatz and Mom!*
Kathy Law, La Mesa, 1. *Love to Bill, Al, Marylou and Rocio.*
Drew Lettington, Mission Hills, 1. *Phoebe, are you astounded?*
Vickie Meyer, Penasquitos, 1. *I love my job as a baby nurse.*
John Mobley, Lemon Grove, 1. *I need a shirt that I can wear.*
Joe Musser, Encinitas, 1. *Absolute power corrupts absolutely.*
F.A. Nalu, El Cajon, 1. *Really enjoy your game pages!*
Mary Page, Encinitas, 1. *Happy Birthday, LAP!*
Jacqueline Nguyen, Poway, 1. *I'll wear my T-shirt to Washington D.C. next month.*
P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 1. *Happy day.*
Joyce Quinn, Point Loma, 1. *It's never too late to celebrate!*
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 1. *Lord have mercy! Jake Ryan in a tuxedo!*
☛ **Debbie Schultz, El Cajon, 1.** *Hello Russ!*
Raymond Schwartz, Clairmont, 1. *Hope I got thru this time.*
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 1. *The harder I try the behinder I get.*
Chris Vitug, SE San Diego, 1. *Southeast, the hood can do it!*
Zona Wahrenbrock, San Diego, 1. *A little weird.*
Felicitas Yakut, San Diego, 1. *Alex's Red Barn rocks!*
Patzy and Leah, El Cajon, 1. *Happy Birthday Art Phelps.*

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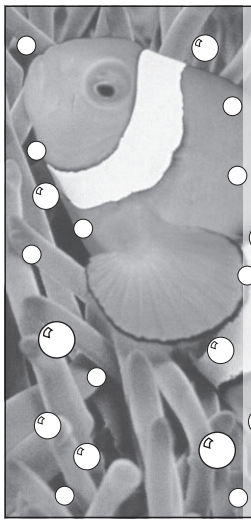

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CHIHUAHUA PUPPIES. Born 3/3. 3 females, 2 males. $300. Bill, 760-504-4344.

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KITTENS/CATS. La Costa Petco. 3239 Camino De Los Coches, 92009. Monday-Saturday 9am-9pm; Sunday until 7pm. Interact with kitties Saturday 9am-1pm; Sunday 10am-2pm; most weekday evenings. Fee includes spaying/ neutering, vaccination, microchip, more. Photos/ locations: www.rescuehouse.org.

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2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

5) 10 *Reader* T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

EASY:

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

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MEDIUM:

8	5	1	2	9	7	3	6	4
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HARD:

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EVIL:

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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

Now you can go online to check your ranking and communicate with each other! Simply visit: www.SDReader.com/puzzle. The new ranking is posted each Wednesday. To use the "comments" feature, you must be a registered site member.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

EASY:

Don Bowman, Santee, 3. *From last week… and a bank have in common?*

Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 3. *Happy B-day Roxxanna.*

Lloyd Payne, Merlin, 3. *I'll be back.*

John Pertle, Santee, 3. *Have faith alone in Christ alone. Inviting him won't save.*

D. Stiewig, Santee, 3. *Spring is here.*

Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 3. *Enjoy Filipino Festaval at Kimball Park National City May 29th.*

Duane D. Tremaine, San Diego, 3. *If you dream — and not make dreams your master.*

☛ **Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 2.** *Happy Mother's day!*

Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 2. *Easy does it.*

Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 2. *Beerfest ok. Broken Lizard awsome!*

Goldmember and R1Rabbit, San Diego, 2. *Hello Oldman Steve, Monkeyboy, Skully, and Kitten…Ride this Sunday?*

Ellen Bourne, San Carlos, 1. *Pretty May flowers!*

Matthew Hulett, San Diego, 1. *I love you mommy!*

☛ **Joy Jones, Bay Park, 1.** *Blessed with a bun in the oven!*

Omar Lara, Chula Vista, 1. *I love you my lady and babues woah!*

Judie Markson, Indio, 1. *I do love the desert…I do love the desert.*

Peter Mound, Santee, 1. *Most...*

Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 1. *Just think how greatful, we are, to have great weather.*

Rick Rotsch, Ocean Beach, 1. *Friensa make life worth living.*

MEDIUM:

Linda Bible, El Cajon, 3. *Smile — life is good!*

Harry Chiou, Mira Mesa, 3. *Happy Cinco de Mayo!*

Teddy Moore, Santee, 3. *Have a nice day.*

Oldman-Grandpa Steve , Temecula, 3. *Get out and see classic cars at Campland this weekend!*

Willam Stiewig, Vallejo, 3. *Okay- now what?*

Elliott Estrine, Poway, 2. *April showers bring May flowers.*

Saad Ghulam, Escondido, 2. *America's finest city!*

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 2. *Why hassle illegal aliens? Are they law breakers? (oops)*

Jiuli B. Richaroson, Chula Vista, 2. *...out to ..VA little league!*

Todd Wilkins, San Diego, 2. *Fruit that falls without shaking is too mellow for me.*

M. Elliott, Rancho Bernardo, 1. *TV's over fireplaces are over rated!*

Michael Faria, Normal Heights, 1. *Hey baby!*

☛ **Laura Lopez, San Diego, 1.** *I love my dog Evlett!*

Edwin Salvador, Spring Valley, 1. *The king and diesel will be victorious!*

Dave Small, San Carlos, 1. *Go Pads!*

Dr. Dave Spera, Point Loma, 1. *I love you Chrissy and your spider.*

☛ **Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 1.** *SILAD*

HARD:

Wayne Ameele, Peñasquitos, 3. *I miss Axl.*

Genevieve Coleman, San Diego, 3. *Sherrie and Robin need a head doctor 4 crazy people.*

Nel Cristobal, Chula Vista, 3. *Life is too short, make the best of it!*

☛ **Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 3.** *Happy 17 B-day Melissa te queremas mucho- Mami, Papi*

Green Dave Gietzen, Sunset Cliffs, 3. *Happy Mother's Day. LoisAnn Rogers (fondly remembered) and Claire Gietzen.*

Esther Hays, La Mesa, 3. *Life is good, as soon as I lose this cold.*

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 3. *The time has come to change, our futures past.*

Skully, San Diego, 3. *Get your M class licence at any MSP and ride!*

Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 3. *I thank God for rain, but I do love Spring.*

Marjie Souza, Ocean Beach, 3. *Go Padres!*

☛ **Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 2.** *BP=Busted pipes.*

Henry Romero, San Diego, 2. *Oh Susan!*

Erin Bailey, Chula Vista, 1. *O U 8 1 2.*

Joan Boland, Bay Park, 1. *These are getting harder.*

Teri Gharring, Rolando Park, 1. *Go Padres!*

H.M. Stiewig, Redmond, 1. *When are you coming up?*

David Tomasin, San Diego, 1. *OK, evil next week.*

EVIL:

Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos, 3. *…That somebody loved me.*

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 3. *Obamacare was manure, allowing Teaparty 2 mature 2 party Peeew!*

Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 3. *Almighty living god!*

Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 3. *Betcha that hacked password was "nit-wit".*

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 3. *Evil at first but then not so much. Hi Cindy!*

Jorge Castro, Alpine, 3. *Had a great night my... girl*

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 3. *"Common sense" seems to be uncommon these days.*

Larry Clark, Clairemont, 3. *Kelly, it's hard to fight a guy riding a bicycle.*

Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 3. *Dionne Warwick sang, "What the world needs now"... Remember?*

Roger Doughman, San Diego, 3. *We're all imperfect vessels in perfect hands.*

Michelle Dutra, Serra Mesa, 3. *Happy b-day Brian!*

Matthew Evans, Encinitas, 3. *May the force of love ...*

Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 3. *Remember our mothers.*

Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 3. *Obama care mother of all blunders.*

Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 3. *Auro says hello Beatrix!*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

J. Gorman, UTC, 3. *What, me worry?*
Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 3. *Hi y´all.*
Butch Hays, La Mesa, 3. *Message is harder for me this week than the puzzle.*
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 3. *An easy one for a change!*
Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 3. *May day, may day, here we come.*
Joan Hubert, Clairmont, 3. *3 blind mice.*
Jim Hurley, San Diego, 3. *Numbers are blowing in the wind.*
Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 3. *Today´s choices become tomorrow's circumstances!*
Raymond Land , Escondido, 3. *Live the golden rule every day.*
Roy E. Leeper, Chula Vista, 3. *Thank you for all your hard work Tom.*
Stuart Lester, Santee, 3. *3 more weeks and Mike and Dave graduate from SDSU!*
Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 3. *Don´t dawdle at traffic lights- get a move on.*
Bill Lingenfelder, Vista, 3. *Never judge a book by its cover.*
Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 3. *Life is too short to waste on those easy sudokus.*
Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 3. *It´s baseball season now! Go Padres!*
Julio Magno, San Diego, 3. *Eileen you are sexy!*
☛ **Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 3.** *Does Mary Bently still play dominoes? Please call!*
Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 3. *Addictive!*
Lee Overholser, San Diego, 3. *Keep on keep on truckin.*
Charles Reader, Del Mar Heights, 3. *More government- more taxes- more evil.*
Roy Respress, Carlsbad, 3. *Evil and oil are one and the same — baad!*
Charles Rion, Allied Gardens, 3. *Luv u K.*
David Schwartz, Clairemont, 3. *Be kind to your census worker neighbors.*
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 3. *Where was Jay the broken lizard wizard?*
Marv Simcox, San Diego, 3. *Hey sis- this one´s for you.*
Art Spencer, Oceanside, 3. *Live reversal.*
Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 3. *Save gas- bicycle!*
Susan Williams, North Park, 3. *Like a ripple in the water.*
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 3. *Invisible unfair tax — Obama´s latest lie.*
☛ **Mark Xitco, San Diego, 3.** *What can I say!*
Stan Alexander, Ocean Beach, 2. *Happy B-day Miz Coronado.*
Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 2. *Thank you Jeff Loeb!!! Happy Mother´s day.*
☛ **Bing, Little Italy, 2.** *Frank E Brown is turning 11 today. Happy birthday!*
Bill Black, La Jolla, 2. *I loved the La Jolla shores 5k.*
☛ **Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 2.** *Way to go Arizona. CA should do the same.*
Tom Burgeson, Clairmont, 2. *Go Padres!*
Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 2. *Week 1 was in the slot. No big deal!*
Rich Dudka, Escondido, 2. *Padres are still in first.*
George Elam, Vista, 2. *Ice plant doesn´t like round up.*
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 2. *Bicycle daily, clean the air.*
Geoff Hill, South Park, 2. *For every action there is an unequal and opposite overreaction.*
Kitten, Coronado, 2. *I'm never as safe as when in your loving arms.*
Jessica H. Lopez, Allied Gardens, 2. *This one was a bugger!*
Andy Ngo, Vista, 2. *One more month until going under the knife.*
MIchael Panther, Point Loma, 2. *Pete, did you not read last weeks message?*
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 2. *A message!*
Tess C. Sutton, San Diego, 2. *Love you C.*
Lindsey Wray, El Cajon, 2. *Keep the shirt sand me the money!*
Dom Blaskowsky, UTC, 1. *Attitude is everything.*
Shalamar Brown, La Mesa, 1. *Forgiveness is the key.*
Debbie Schultz, El Cajon, 1. *Love the evil.*
Alex Yakut, Gaslamp, 1. *Alex´s red barn is great!*

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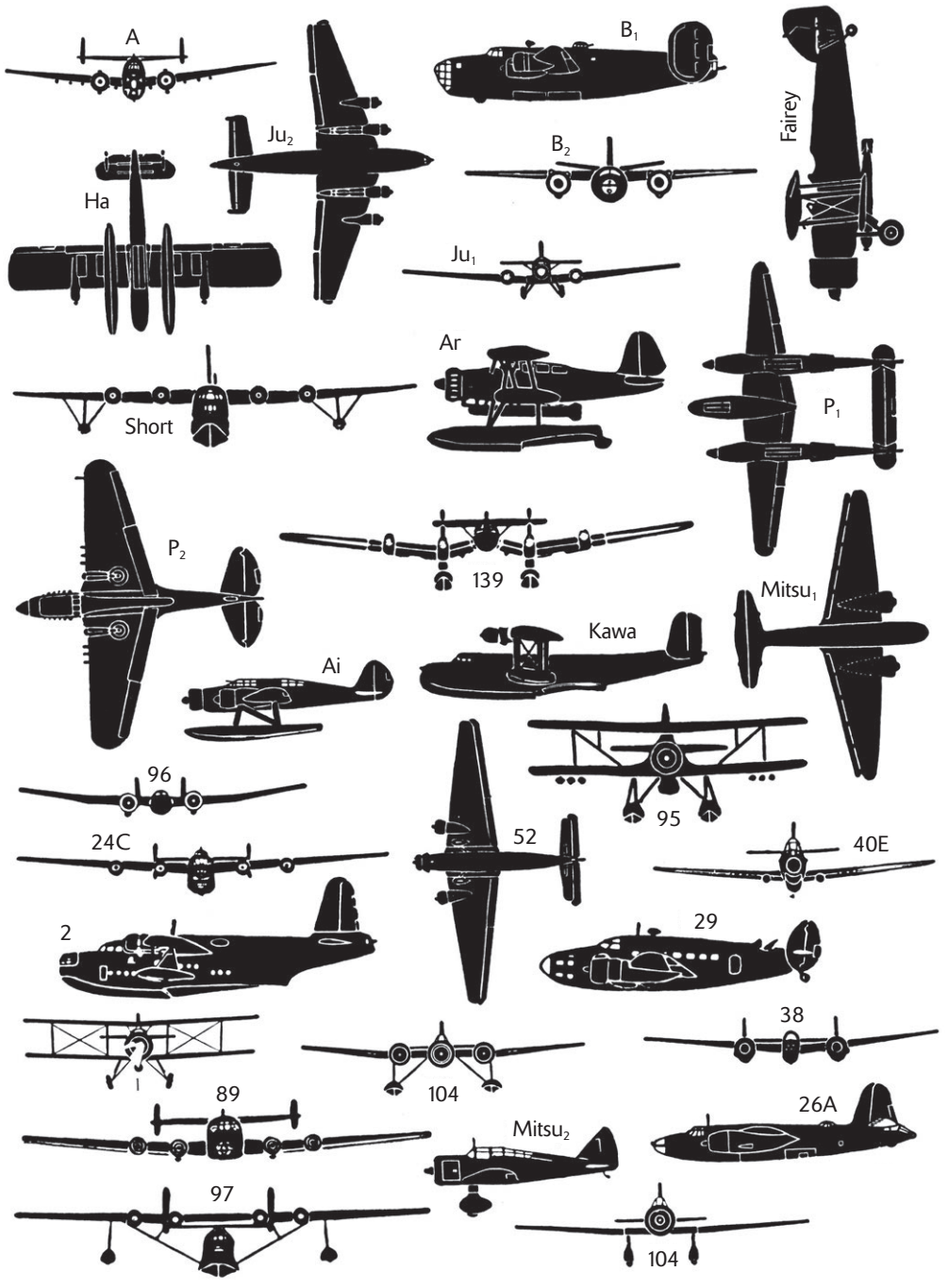

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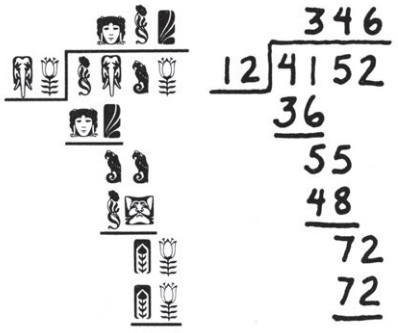

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8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

Flo Abena, Rancho Peñsquitos, 3. *No hope, no harm, just another false alarm.*

Ed Barno, San Diego, 3. *Hello regular puzzlers Joseph, Ben, Douglas, Glen and the rest.*

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 3. *Frowning uses 42 muscles- giving the finger only 4.*

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 3. *B... says I hate math!*

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 3. *Hoorah! I didn't kill all the brain cells!*

Conway Redding, La Mesa, 3. *Well then there now.*

John Redmond, Santee, 3. *Go Padres!*

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 3. *A message!*

Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 3. *Divided and conquered!*

Joe Arbusto, San Diego, 2. *Greatest time machines in the universe are embryonic ancient galaxies!*

☛ **Tom Burgeson, Clairemont, 2.** *Happy Mother's day!*

Harry Chiou, Mira Mesa, 2. *Happy Cinco de Mayo!*

Patrick Cristobal, San Diego, 2. *It seems Indiana Jones had a math puzzle.*

Gerorge Elam, Vista, 2. *I'm ready for summer now.*

Ann Gammon, Santa Clarita, 2. *Nice visit.*

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 2. *Uff da!*

Jessica H Lopez, San Diego, 2. *April showers bring May flowers.*

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 2. *Now that I have the math- time for mega millions!*

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 2. *God won't lead you where his grace won't keep you.*

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 2. *Really enjoying the variety of these puzzles.*

Ted Scafidi, San Diego, 2. *Thank goodness for Algebra 2!*

Dave Small, San Carlos, 2. *The math is elegant.*

Craig Stein, El Cerrito, 2. *Dear SDReader: Can you help? My laundry fairy's bored.*

John Strauch, San Diego, 2. *Climbed Munra Point in the Columbia Gorge, Oregon.*

Duane D. Tremaine, San Diego, 2. *if you can think and not make your thoughts your aim;*

Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 1. *Thank you Jeff Loeb! Happy Mother's day!*

Johanna Barry, Pine Valley, 1. *Go woodin!*

Don Bowman, Santee, 1. *Finally a Brainstorm — numbers is my game.*

Jeane Bradley, Spring Valley, 1. *I'd like to place my order for another Reader t-shirt.*

Ray Canto, Paradise Hills, 1. *Listen to the Mikey show FM 9414. Mornings Mon-Fri*

A.T. Certik, Bonita, 1. *Alles Affenscheisse!*

Clyde Christie, East Village, 1. *Pax vobiscum.*

☛ **Rhonda Corn, Poway, 1.** *Hi Erin, Nick, and Ava. Go Padres!*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 1. *Math: Oil drilled plus oil spilled equals ecosystem killed.*
Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 1. *SEC cant even regulate porn!*
Socorro Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 1. *Tea Party rocks!*
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 1. *Happy Mother's day! Hi Kiera, Bodo, and Ignatz.*
☛ **Don Larson, San Diego, 1.** *Whoo — almost ran out of fingers!*
Barbara Larson, San Diego, 1. *When it comes to math there are three kinds of...*
Bruce C. Mengler, Solana Beach, 1. *Live long calculators. No more long division!*
George Navia, San Diego, 1. *Numbers don't lie, neither do I!! Go readers.*
Dave Newman, UTC, 1. *Computers are dumber but much, much faster.*
☛ **Joey Riley, Grantville, 1.** *This puzzle was spring cleaning of the brain.*
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 1. *That was fun.*
Julio Cesar Ponce, City Heights, 1. *Who come's up with this stuff?*
Francisco Rios, Chula Vista, 1. *Who hate's math?*
Cory H. Robinson II, Carlsbad, 1. *I love my wife and two boys!*
Steve Schorr, Encinitas, 1. *Very nice graphics on this puzzle.*
Amber Rogowicz, San Diego, 1. *Cat should have been 9 =)*
Damien Sidhu, San Diego, 1. *I'm calling you out, Dan Brown!*
☛ **Rodney D. Skinner, South Park, 1.** *What's the fuss with 'zona?*
Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 1. *Save gas — ride the bus*
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 1. *Hey Femi — best Starbucks manager ever. When's the Scrabble rematch?*
Donna Swing, La Mesa, 1. *Done!*
Tom Thetford, Lemon Grove, 1. *So easy a caveman could do it.*

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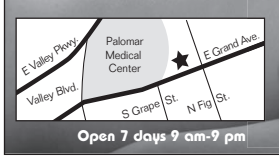

OFF THE CUFF by Jane Belanger

Should the rich have to pay higher taxes to help the poor?

James Edwards

Entrepreneur

Logan Heights

No. I think that's stupid. The government is the one who let it get that way. It's not fair to the person who is successful; they got rich themselves. Other people can do that too. If you came up from nothing and did something to get rich, that's good on you; you did something. And I think a lot of those people do contribute because they know what's going on. People that aren't married into money or just grew up with money, people that have made money on their own understand what's going on and they seem to put more back into the system than other people.

Merrily Cretton

Writer/Student

North Park

I think that in today's society that's a really complicated question. There are so many laws that help the wealthy in certain ways because the rich have the power to create laws, whereas the poor don't. There are a lot of loopholes for big corporations. So in that sense maybe there is a responsibility for people who have that kind of power, which the poor don't, to kind of balance things out a little more.

John Whittington

Construction Manager

Ocean Beach

Absolutely. I think the obnoxiously rich, the higher class, like people who are making ten times more than you and I, absolutely have an obligation. I don't know what I consider rich. My wife and I do well, but we're not rich. I don't drive a Bentley. I drive a Toyota, and I have a decent little house. We're absolutely not rich. To say that you're rich, you'd have to move into multimillion-dollar income. So, in my opinion, sure. If you're making that kind of money, then what Barack Obama is asking for is fine, sure. I say yes.

Mike Krump

Surface Combatant Coordinator

Chula Vista

If anything there should be a flat tax across the board. Everybody deserves health care. Everybody also deserves to get off their lazy ass and find a job and be able to provide for themselves too. I think people choose to sit back and wait for someone to take care of them rather than take care of themselves. That's a multilayered question because it depends on where you're at geographically. I'm originally from Illinois, and someone who is rich there compared to someone who is rich here is different. Individually, here anything over $200k is certainly rich. Back where I'm from, if you're making that kind of money per year, you're the shit.

Dominique Ceccon

Hair and Makeup Artist

Clairemont

I don't believe they have an obligation because poor is a very broad term. Some people choose to be poor, and I say screw 'em. If you choose to be lazy and you choose to be poor, then have fun with it. I think there are certain people who are poor because it's our country's karma for not doing stuff right. If you've got a lot of money, and there's people like that who are suffering from humanity's karma — like somebody who was brought into this world by people who didn't know better — it's not their fault. It would be awesome if they chose to do nice things with their money, but as far as an obligation? I don't think it's fair that they get taxed extra just because we have a lot of lazy people.

Laura Clark

Skin-Care Manufacturer

Rancho Peñasquitos

Yes, they should. I believe in charity. If you have more than you need, then you should give to others. If you can buy a Learjet, you can afford to buy somebody clothes or food. As a Christian, I believe it's your duty to help those that aren't as blessed as you. The more you make, the more you should give in taxes. I think that's just how it is. If you make $5, you shouldn't give anything back. If you make $5 million, you should give some of it back because you don't need all of it. As a human you should have the compassion to say, "I wanna help you." I think if we all gave a little more, we'd all be so much happier and there'd be so much more peace and, not *riches*, but *wealth* in the world.

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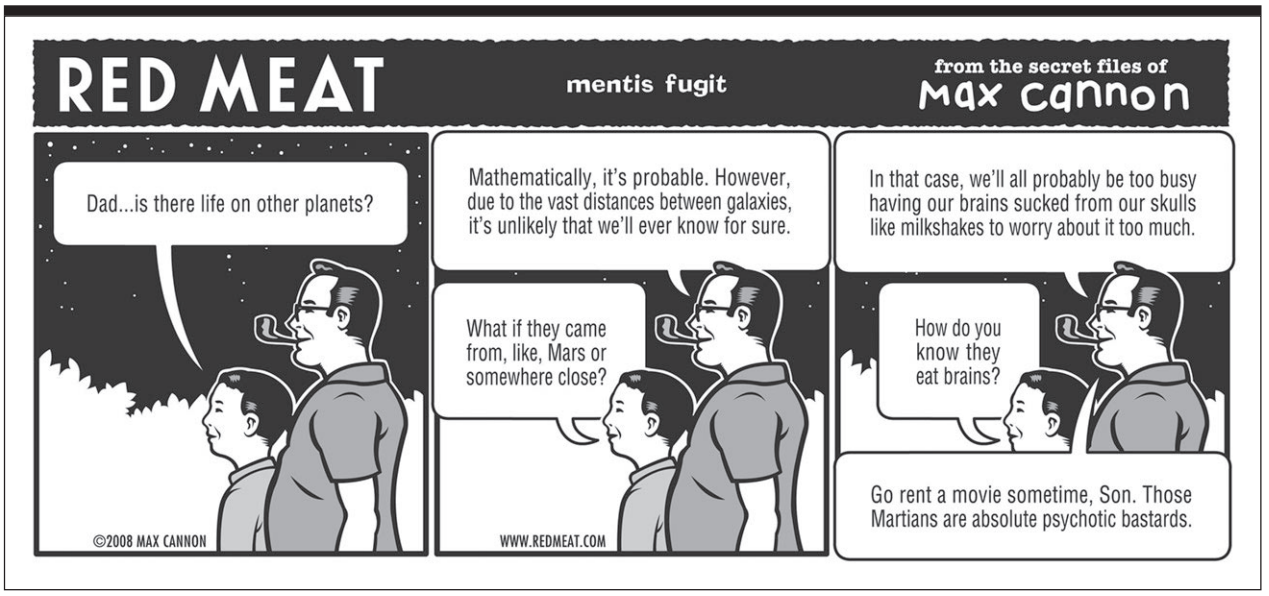

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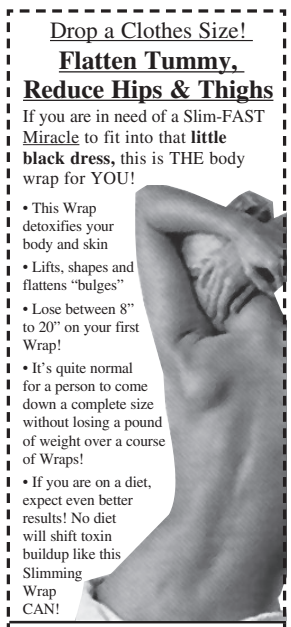

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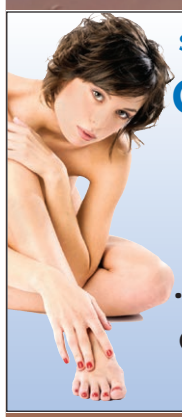

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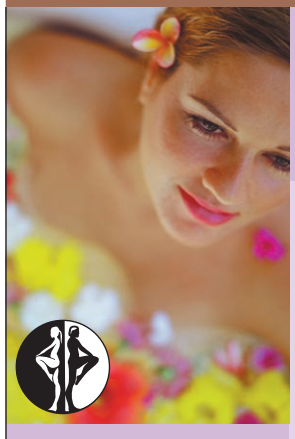

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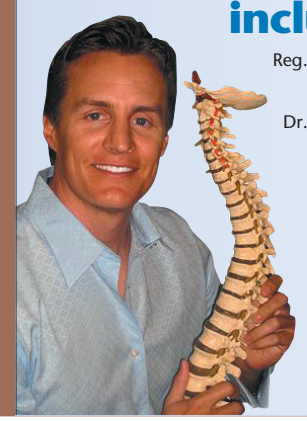

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Meditation and Healing Techniques. Saturday, May 22, 1-3:30pm. Presented by teacher, energy healer and published writer Sindi Somers. Learn life-changing visualization techniques and discover your unique healing energy. Learn grounding, centering, releasing unwanted energies and experience using your healing energy to heal yourself. Benefits beginning meditators and healers and those wishing to add techniques to their current practice. Advance registration and pre-payment of $25 required. Space limited. Email sindi@wildtame.com or call 619-384-0761.

Astrology Seminar. Thursday, May 6, 6:30-7:30pm. History of astrology. Significance of sun signs and their characteristics, dualities, triplicities, quadruplicities, polarities, symbols and parts of the body ruled. Ascendants, planets and their characteristics, houses and aspects in your horoscope. Body types and health for each sun sign. Love, relationships and compatibility for each sun sign. Admission $25. R. D. Alchemy Natural Products, 2040 India St., San Diego 92101. Regina, 619-825-6078.

Heal Your Body, Get Fit, Clear the Mind of Stress. Thursday, May 6, Tuesday, May 11. 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.

The Power of Shamans. Saturday, May 8, 2-3pm. Professor/anthropologist Steven Crouthamel provides insight into how shamans have dealt with problems of health, relationships, fertility; acted as intermediaries with world of ancestors, spirits, gods during lecture based on Yupik masks and Zuni fetishes featured in "Rite and Ritual" exhibition. Admission $5-$10. Mingei International Museum North County, 155 West Grand Avenue, Escondido 92025. 619-239-0003 x135.

Balancing Women's Hormones Seminar. Saturday, May 8, 3-4pm. Control symptoms of PMS and menopause. Balance your body's naturally occurring hormones. Get a handle on: irregular periods, hot flashes, mood swings, low libido, sleep problems and more that are associated with a woman's natural hormone system. Learn which foods, dietary supplements and herbs play a role in balancing hormones and how they can work for you. Admission $25. R. D. Alchemy Natural Products, 2040 India St., San Diego 92101. Regina, 619-825-6078.

Cinco de Mayo Trail Run. Saturday, May 8, 7:30am. Rigorous 10k and 5k courses follow Lake Poway Trail through foothills around Lake Poway near Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Kids' Race is "fun, off-road course" about one-third mile long, with one hill (for those seven and younger). Admission $10-$30. Lake Poway, 14644 Lake Poway Road, Poway, 92064. 858-748-2007 x2900.

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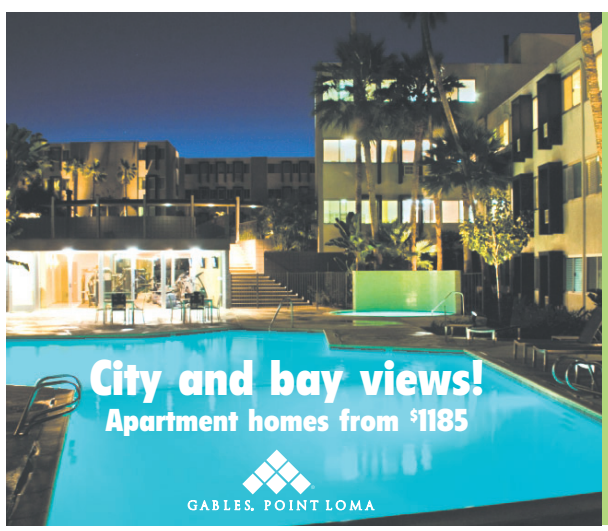

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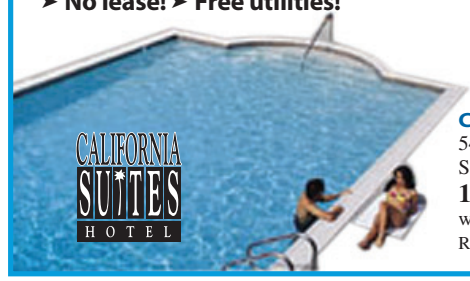

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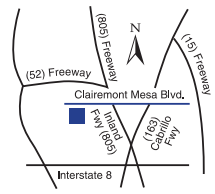

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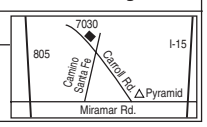

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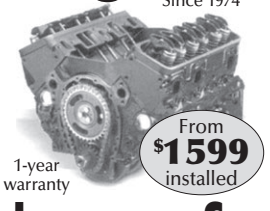

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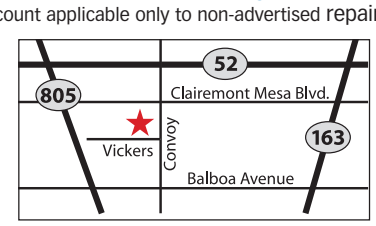

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LEAD STORY

— The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals almost never encounters an "improper" conviction but managed to ease up in February by taking the death penalty off the table for double-murderer Charles Hood, who had been sentenced to die by a jury in Plano in 1990. Hood had learned in subsequent years that his prosecutor and his judge had had a sexual relationship during his trial, but both denied it, and courts refused to investigate. Finally, by 2008, both had confessed to the affair, but the Court of Criminal Appeals still declined to call the trial unfair. In March 2010, several days after a *New York Times* report on the case, the court found a technical, face-saving ground on which to lessen Hood's sentence (while still ignoring the issue of the affair).

Least Competent Criminals

— (1) William Edmunds, 32, was charged with DUI in March when his car weaved up to the guard gate at the loading dock for the Montgomery County, N.Y., jail, and he asked if this was the Canadian border crossing at Niagara Falls (more than 250 miles away). (2) Travis Neeley, 19, was arrested in Lake City, Fla., in March for burglarizing a car. He was caught red-handed by the owner, who used the remote control to lock Neeley inside. Neeley tried several times to unlock a door and exit, but each time, the owner relocked it before Neeley could get out. He finally gave up and waited for police.

Least Competent Police

— It wasn't pretty, but sheriff's deputies in Montcalm County, Mich., got their man on March 3. Mark McCuaig, in court on an earlier charge, became unruly and escaped from two sets of officers (despite a Tasering). Another court officer tried to stop him outside, but McCuaig got loose (despite being maced). He locked himself inside a van, but officers surrounded it, broke a window, and Tasered him again, yet couldn't stop McCuaig from driving off. After a high-speed chase, state troopers disabled his tires with "stop sticks" but couldn't apprehend him before he reached his home, where he barricaded himself. Officers surrounded the house, and four of them (plus a police dog) entered, but McCuaig escaped and got into another vehicle. Finally, after another chase, he was forced off the road, Tasered a third time, and subdued.

More Texas Justice

— Despite Texas' severe pro-conviction history, one man received a full pardon in February. Tim Cole had been convicted of rape in 1986, though he relentlessly proclaimed his innocence and a 1996 confession to the crime by another man did not move officials to re-investigate. When a DNA result (ordered in 2008) confirmed the 1996 confession, Cole's innocence could no longer be ignored. In March 2010, Gov. Rick Perry issued a full pardon, but Cole could not enjoy it. He had died in prison in 1999 after wrongfully serving 13 years, the last 3 despite the fact that the actual rapist had already tried to turn himself in.

Questionable Judgments

— A recent epiphany caused millionaire Austrian businessman Karl Rabeder, 47, to be depressed about his wealth, and by February, he was in the process of giving away an estate worth the equivalent of about $5 million. Two luxury properties are for sale, with proceeds going to charities he established in Central and South America, and he plans to move into a small hut in Innsbruck. "Money is counterproductive," he told a reporter. "I had the feeling I was working as a slave for things that I did not wish or need." (According to London's *Daily Telegraph,* Rabeder's wife was with him at the time of the epiphany, but the story is silent about her view of his decision.)

Stupid Public

— Supervisors at the Department for Work and Pensions in Carlisle, England, issued a directive in March to short-handed staff on how to ease their telephone workload during the busy midday period. Workers were told to pick up the ringing phone, recite a message as if an answering machine, and immediately hang up. That message: "Due to the high volume of inquiries we are currently experiencing, we are unable to take your call. Please call back later."

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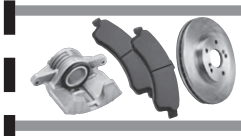
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Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: Theology on Tap
Dress: casual to formal
Diversity: mostly Caucasian and Hispanic
Sunday worship: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour
Website: *santasophia.org*

Much of the interior of Santa Sophia was straight out of the Jet Age — everything groovy, expansive, and clean. A pair of curved entrance tunnels led to a church whose high walls and ceiling flowed together into one smooth arch. Up in the sanctuary, a presider's chair straight off the bridge of the USS *Enterprise* sat below a pair of mid-century modern chandeliers.

But it also sat below the largest crucifix I had ever seen up close and dead-personal, rough-hewn and heavy, and maybe 40 feet tall. Nothing Jet Age about it; it was more modern-primitive — something new patterned after something ancient. And once I saw it there, I saw it all over the place. In the candles — three on either side of the altar, plus the towering Paschal candle in front, signifying the Easter Season. And again in the bucket of water that Reverend Devdas blessed at the opening of Mass: "Loving Father, Your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth." In baptism, "it washes away our sins and brings us eternal life. We ask You now to bless this water and give us Your protection.... Renew the springs of Your life within us." (Devdas then processed through the congregation, sprinkling water this way and that. As the drops fell, the faithful bowed their heads and made the sign of the cross. The cantor sang in a grand, warbling voice: "Springs of water, bless the Lord, give him glory and praise forever.") And yet *again* in the preparation of the gifts — the altar girls laying out cloths on the altar, bringing up cups and bread and wine and water, washing the priest's hands before he represented the sacrifice that was also a supper: bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Jesus, to be consumed by the faithful. The blood of the New Covenant — offered 2,000 years ago and offered again today — itself an updating of the Old Covenant between God and His people the Israelites. "Through the Eucharsist which we celebrate," prayed Devdas, "make us worthy to sit at His table in the heavenly kingdom."

The second reading, taken from Revelation, spoke of that kingdom — the "new Jerusalem," in which God will dwell with humanity, "and they will be his people.... He

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Sermon	
content	★★★
delivery	★★
Liturgy	★★½
Music	
congregational	★½
band	★★
Snacks	no snacks
Architecture	★★½
Friendliness	★★

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will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning." But the Gospel, taken from John, focused much more on the here and now. "Jesus said...'I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.'" And that was the verse Devdas examined in his homily.

"Today's Gospel," he began, "reminds me of the life of Saint Damien. Damien was sent to Molokai, to work with the people there who had leprosy. To a community which had not experienced God's love. He washed them and bandaged their wounds, and they began to experience God's love. It was known as a living graveyard; he contracted the same disease and died at age 49. A few months ago, he was canonized as a saint. Through his life's example, he radiated God's love."

About God's love, Devdas made three points. First, "God is love" — it's original source, and the reason He created humanity and made a covenant with it. Second, "God's love is manifested in Jesus. Jesus is the visible sign of God, who is invisible. In him, we see and experience God's love." Third, "We as Christians are the agents of God's love. We are invited to love one another with selfless, unconditional love. We can show our love in many ways: treating people with respect, making friends, praying for one another, forgiving their sins, not wishing them harm. Mother Teresa said, 'It is not what we do, but how much love we put into doing it.'"

During the Prayers of the Faithful, a woman prayed, "For those who find it difficult to forgive — that Jesus, who commanded us to love one another, may soften their hearts and give them words of reconciliation." And Devdas prayed, "Let our charity make us worthy for eternal salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord."

The largest crucifix I had ever seen.

At the end of Mass, a woman announced that next Sunday, Catholic Charities and Father Joe's Villages would be collecting donations for an outreach to the earthquake victims in the Diocese of Mexicali.

What happens when we die?

"In John's Gospel, chapter 14," began Devdas, "Jesus says, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.... I will come back again and take you to myself.' Jesus will come back one day and we will be taken to heaven and united with Him forever in peace and joy. And we will enjoy the paradise that we are looking for."

— Matthew Lickona

Videos of this church and others featured in this column are available at sandiegoreader.com.

City of God
St. Augustine of Hippo

In a word, human kingdoms are established by divine providence. And if anyone attributes their existence to fate because he calls the will or the power of God itself by the name of fate, let him keep his opinion but correct his language…. But those who are of the opinion that, apart from the will of God, the stars determine what we shall do, or what good things we shall possess, or what evils we shall suffer, must be refused a hearing by all, not only by those who hold the true religion, but by those who wish to be the worshippers of any gods whatsoever, even false gods. For what does this opinion really amount to but…that no god whatever is to be worshipped or prayed to? — *St. Augustine, City of God, Book V.1*

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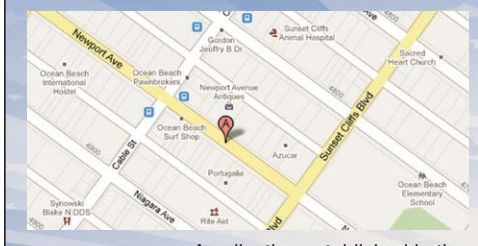

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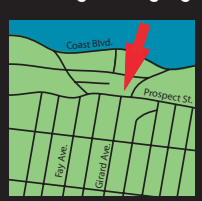

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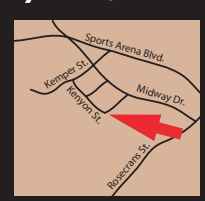

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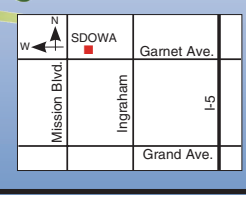

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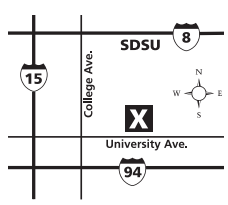

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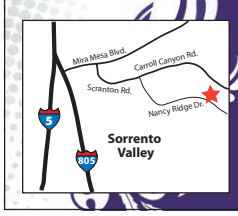

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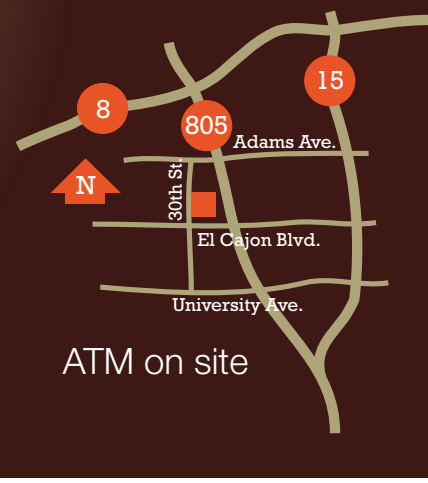

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