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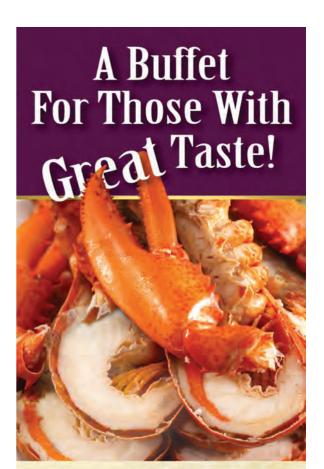
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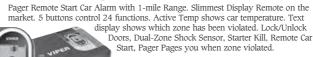
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According to the local version of the list, which provides no details about the reasons for the contracts, San Diego State's vendors included the Barona Valley Rancho Resort and Casino, which received \$59,196, and Orange County's Hyatt Regency Hotel, which SDSU paid \$175,000. The biggest local contract listed was for \$4.8 million, paid to Aztec Shops, Ltd., a nonprofit university auxiliary. The SDSU procurement office



Jenny Poliakoff

told the investigative news site *California Watch* that the money was related to the administration of Aztec Corner, the student-housing complex on Montezuma Road where 19-year-old **Shirley Jennifer Poliakoff** was found dead in her room on the morning of May 6, 2007,

the victim of cocaine and alcohol abuse. ... It was big news in Canada but caused nary a ripple among local media. Two weeks ago, U.S. District Court Judge **Jeffrey Miller** sentenced former 2002 Olympic snowboarder **Ryan Wedding** to 48 months behind bars after he was busted by federal agents for buying cocaine for a Vancouver drug ring during a June 13, 2008 sting at a San Diego hotel.

Bard-time pay Balboa Park's Old Globe Theatre escaped the great financial meltdown of 2008 relatively unscathed, at least according to its IRS return covering the 12-month period

ending in December 2008 and filed last November 18. The document was recently made available online. The nonprofit organization took in \$22,250,419 worth of total revenue and spent \$19,846,613, leaving it with a positive balance of about \$2.4 million. That was down



Louis Spist

from the \$4.2 million in revenue less expenses that the group reported for the previous year, but total net assets increased from \$46,489,620 at the beginning of 2008 to \$48,893,426 at year's end.

Chief executive and executive director **Louis Spisto** made \$277,148 in salary, along with \$32,695 in additional compensation. In addi-

tion, the Globe bought him first-class tickets, for "medically related" reasons, whenever he went on business trips, according to the return. Second-highest paid was then-resident artistic director **Darko Tresnjak**, with a salary of \$148,771 and additional compensation of \$22,981. Vice president and general manager **Michael Murphy** got \$135,238, plus \$17,498.

Voice of Frankie For years, KPBS-FM and TV, the public broadcasting arms of San

Diego State University, have been extremely deferential in handling interviews with city officials; the university is dependent on the City's goodwill for getting an array of planning and development approvals. It also relies on hefty contributions from corporations with close ties



Jerry Sander

to the city hall establishment. Other media outlets, including the *Union-Tribune* and local web news sites, whose reporters and editors regularly appear on KPBS, have ignored the lapses. But the advent of the internet now allows listeners to air their complaints on the stations' website, the most cogent case in point being last week's interview with San Diego mayor *Jerry Sanders*.

"It is a pity there were no editors or political reporters interviewing Mayor Jerry Sanders this morning instead of the pleasant and mellifluous-voiced **Maureen Cavanaugh**, who gave away half-an-hour of air time without a single hard question to a politician," wrote a commenter named **Frankie**. "This is not public service broadcasting."

Added Frankie: "Sanders was allowed to promote four huge trophy building projects he and his backers support — a Chargers stadium, a Central Library, a new City Administration Complex, another Convention Center expansion — without a single query about the financing or other possible uses for the money these projects will suck up. He was unchallenged in supporting a permanent change in the City Charter establishing San Diego's 'Strong Mayor' — a drastic measure on our June 8 ballots which is opposed by both the respected League of Women Voters and the Sierra Club....

"One week after your fund-raising campaign, I would hope you'd be figuring out how to do more with less. That would include not giving free-passes to politicians who are supposed to be held accountable by the media so that the listening public can be better informed."

- Matt Potter

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Hey, Partner, What's the Deal?

By Dorian Hargrove

n May 2009, councilmembers Kevin Faulconer and Todd Gloria sent a letter to Carol Schultz, executive director of Uptown

Partnership, the agency responsible for increasing the parking supply, enhanc-

ing pedestrian use, and easing traffic flow in Uptown. In the letter, the councilmembers suggested that the parking agency improve its



Uptown's Carol Schultz: Salaries are not overhead.

transparency, representation, and outreach to the Uptown community.

Formed in 1997, Uptown Partnership, a nonprofit community benefit corpo-

ration, receives 45 percent of the parking meter revenues — approximately \$750,000 Washington Street and Interstate 5). The Uptown Community Parking District is one of six in the City of San Diego. The other districts are in downtown, La Jolla, Pacific Beach, Old Town, and Mid-City, which stretches from University Heights to the College Area and includes Golden Hill. In addition to a five-person staff, the partnership has a board of directors comprising local residents and



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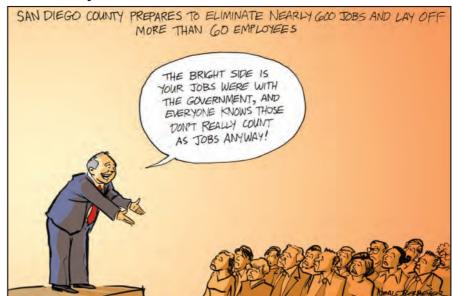
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business people. Each year, Uptown Partnership submits a list of projects and an operating budget to the city council, which votes on whether to renew the agency's contract.

At the time of the letter, relations between Uptown

Neal Obermeyer



Partnership and the communities it serves were fractured and contentious. During the May 2009 meeting of the Uptown Planners, the community-planning group for the area, a motion to abolish the parking district fell one vote shy.

A year later, many of the same complaints remain, and new protests over alleged conflict of interest, lack of oversight, and high operational costs at Uptown Partnership have circled the neighborhoods of Banker's Hill, Five Points, and Hillcrest.

At the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Grape Street in Banker's Hill, Leo Wilson, chair of Uptown Planners and the Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association, explains his concerns about the partnership.

Wilson objects to the fact

to Mission Hills, where less than \$50,000 was generated but more than \$150,000 spent.

And Wilson objects to the high cost of operations at Uptown Partnership. In the current fiscal year, Uptown Partnership's allocation of meter revenues is \$850,280; when parking card and miscellaneous revenue are added, the total income is \$978,760. Of that, 36 percent, or \$353,760, is budgeted for operational expenditures, including \$209,080 for salaries.

"It should be more like 10 percent, like any other agency," says Wilson. "I mean, this is public money we are talking about."

He points across Grape Street toward a row of modern townhouses where, he says, one current Uptown Partnership board member, one former board member.



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I'd say there's some conflict of interest.

"It's like they want their own little slice of suburban heaven," he continues. "This is just not an organization that the community respects."

Northwest from Banker's Hill, in the Five Points neighborhood, business owners are looking to secede from Uptown Partnership. Now in the process of forming a community devel-

trict in Five Points. "They were forcing this down our throat," said attorney and Five Points property owner Jim Mellos during a March 31 phone interview. "Business people were completely ignored, and Uptown Partnership was basically trying to pit residents against the business people."

The move to cut Five Points loose from the Uptown parking district will go to a vote at the Uptown Planners this summer; then it will go to the mayor's office and to the city council.

Up the hill from Five Points, in Hillcrest, the situation isn't much better. A recent study indicated that Hillcrest was 100 parking spaces short of demand, and in 13 years, since Uptown Partnership was formed, only 15 spaces have been added to Hillcrest's parking supply.

And then there are the concerns about high overhead and proposals for what many residents consider misguided projects.

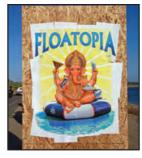
Uptown Partnership plans to tap into the \$3.5 million in its reserves to fund projects that many in the community oppose. Among those projects is a proposal to spend \$561,000 to replace all 1458 parking meters in the district with single-head meters that take credit cards and operate on solar power instead of nine-volt batteries. The new meters would make it easy to adjust rates and extend metered hours, a change

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Some Enchanted Gathering

Floatopia Gets SDPD's Full Attention

Mission Beach — "He's drunk off his ass...wavin' his dick around," said one SDPD officer to another as he pointed to a young man wearing a thong and wading through



SDPD captain: "This just does not make sense."

the waters at Fiesta Island's "Enchanted Cove" on May 8.

"Floatopia," another beerdrinking event with a floating problem, began at 11 a.m. and was expected to continue through 7 p.m. Hundreds of 20-somethings drifted on neon flotation devices while others made out (or were passed out) on the sand. A fire engine, several police cars, a lifeguard vehicle, and an

ambulance waited at the edge of the dusty, one-way Fiesta Island road.

"Generally, a peaceful, decent crowd... looks like everybody's having a good time," said an officer at 4:35 p.m.

Said Captain Chris Ball of the SDPD, "From a police department standpoint, all of the officers that we have here are on duty. There may be other things we could have them doing as opposed to standing out here babysitting a crowd of young people who are exploiting — and that's all they're doing, they're exploiting — a loophole in the law."

I asked Captain Ball what his thoughts were on having a police-monitored, designated area of beach, perhaps called "Beer Beach," where alcohol could be legally consumed.

"We were just talking about that...one way in, one way out...works for me. From an SDPD and lifeguard viewpoint, this just does not make sense," said Ball, pointing to the hundreds of people. "We're exploring ways to maybe close this loophole in the law."

> By Carolyn Grace Matteo Tuesday, May 11

Chevy Justice

Judge Accuses SD Courts of Violations

Downtown — On May 7, San **Diego County Superior Court** judge DeAnn Salcido held a press conference in front of the Hall of Justice and alleged widespread violation of the law by the superior court judges of San Diego County.

Before the press conference, several protesters passed out blue flyers and held signs criticizing the judges for giving custody of children to abusers. At around 9:00 a.m., the press showed up and set up their equipment. Then Salcido arrived, flanked by Robin



that parking-meter revenues from Banker's Hill, the second highest in the district behind Hillcrest, have been used for projects in other neighborhoods.

According to an Uptown Partnership handout, Wilson is correct. From 1999 to 2009, Banker's Hill parking revenues amounted to more than \$250,000, but only \$75,000 was spent on projects in Banker's Hill. Most of the funds were diverted and a senior project planner for the partnership reside. Wilson explains his final complaint regarding the parking organization. "Here's where some members of Uptown Partnership's board of directors live, and here's where they want to put in flashing crosswalks, install roundabouts, and reduce the number of lanes of traffic from four lanes to two. They live within 500 feet of the improvements.

opment corporation to administer parking meter revenues, they hope to persuade the city council that money collected in Five Points, which will amount to approximately \$66,000 for the next fiscal year, should be administered by the community and spent on projects there.

Leo Wilson wants Uptown parking revenue to stay in uptown.

The rebellion started when Uptown Partnership lobbied to form a maintenance assessment dis-

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Yeamans (her attorney) and Dr. Robert Geffner, president of the Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT).

Salcido said she was filing a writ in the court of appeals to force the San Diego superior courts to obey the law. She alleged that Peter Deddeh, the supervising judge of the $\frac{\Lambda}{2}$ East County branch of the superior court, systemati-

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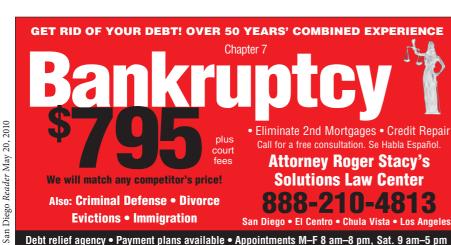


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that many residents fear is the first step in raising rates, as outlined by the mayor in his Parking Meter Utiliza-

In addition to replacing the meters, Uptown Partnership wants to give \$1 million to the future Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch Library at Washington and Front streets. The "investment," as the parking organization calls it, would add an additional 25 parking spaces to the neighborhood. Residents, however, feel the expenditure is an inappropriate use of parking meter revenue. In addition, they say the location of the library is too far from Hillcrest's congested business district to ease the parking there.

Tim Gahagan, who has lived in Hillcrest for 25 years, attends Uptown Partnership's monthly meetings. "When I heard about the progress — or lack of progress — that our local parking-solving organization had made over the previous 12 years, I was pretty unhappy," he says. "I became even more upset when I heard that money that had been allocated to create parking had been budgeted to buy new meters. And when I heard these new meters could be used to change meter rates with the flip of a computer switch, I was infuriated. And then this \$1 million donation to the library is just ridiculous.

CITYLIGHTS

"I'd like for Uptown Partnership to work, but that's going to be hard," says Gahagan. "Hillcrest earns the most revenues and has the most need for parking. Besides the 15 spaces on Normal Street, which took ten years to get, there have been studies — that's all."

Carol Schultz, Uptown Partnership's executive director, defended her organization in a March 28 email and rebuffed the claim that Uptown residents are dissatisfied with the parking organization. "Many residents and business people in Uptown support Uptown Partnership and work with our organization to develop and carry out projects," wrote Schultz. "In a harsh economic climate, such as the one we currently are experiencing, some find it easier to criticize an organization that is investing funds in the community than to roll up their sleeves and do the hard work of making those investments count for the benefit of the community."

Schultz agreed that there had been an imbalance in the allocation of parking funds among the four communities but said the problem had been addressed. "When calculating the budget for the current fiscal year, Uptown Partnership

looked at historic revenues and expenditures by neighborhood and rectified any imbalances. Therefore, the [fiscal year] 2009-10 budget includes \$488,200 for Bankers Hill/Park West projects to compensate for the past shortfall and \$0 for Mission Hills to compensate for a past windfall. Going forward, each neighborhood will be allocated a percentage of the available funds that corresponds to the percentage of meter revenues it generates."

Schultz said that Uptown Partnership's Planning and Projects Committee is not recommending construction of a roundabout and associated installations at either Sixth and Grape or Sixth and Juniper, and she said the proposals won't be included in the coming fiscal-year budget, though even if they were, Schultz added, "A director who lives in proximity to an improvement funded by Uptown

Partnership does not have a financial interest merely because of where he or she lives."

Asked to respond to concerns expressed in all communities in the parking district that Uptown Partnership is spending too much on overhead, Schultz said that salaries are not a part of overhead. She emailed a definition of overhead from businessdictionary.com and followed it by listing the various items that qualify as overhead at Uptown Partnership: "Overhead, or, indirect costs, at Uptown Partnership comprise the following categories: rent, utilities, office equipment, insurance, office supplies, credit card service charges, printing, postage and shipping, and the like."

Staff, according to Schultz, is an "integral part of a good or service, and they work on projects and community services on a daily basis. Therefore, their

compensation counts as direct labor not overhead. For the current fiscal year, Uptown Partnership's overhead is 15 percent of its total income."

And as for the many studies that Tim Gahagan referred to: "Uptown Partnership," Schultz said, "contracts for professional services when the work required to analyze data and develop a work plan for a project is beyond the scope of the staff's expertise, for example, if traffic engineering expertise is required."

The parking agency has reached out to the Uptown neighborhoods, Schultz said. She gave two examples, both of which had been recommended by councilmembers Faulconer and Gloria in their May 2009 letter.

The first example was the decision to increase the number of directors on the partnership's board from 9 to 12; new directors

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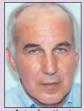
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included an Uptown Planner board member and appointments made by Faulconer and Gloria. The other example was the formation of the Hillcrest Parking Committee, an advisory group that oversees parking projects in Hillcrest and offers recommendations for new proposals to Uptown Partnership's board of directors.

Added Schultz: "Staff and directors from Uptown Partnership regularly attend meetings of the Hillcrest Town Council and Hillcrest Business Association to provide updates and solicit feedback on issues."

Some feedback was provided by the Hillcrest Town Council on May 11, when community members voted 18-0 to recommend that parking meters be removed from Hillcrest.

More feedback will come next Wednesday, when the city council's Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, chaired by Marti Emerald, will vote on whether to send Uptown Partnership's fiscal year 2011 budget and contract on to the full city council. The city council is expected to hear the issue by the end of June.■

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cally instructed other judges to break the law and did not impose the mandatory requirements for domesticviolence offenders. Salcido said that when she tried to follow the law she was harassed and retaliated against by Deddeh, who allegedly told her to administer only "Chevy justice" to domestic-violence victims and to save the "Cadillac justice" for more important cases.

Salcido said she could no longer keep silent after the murder of Chelsea King, when she found out that it was Deddeh who allowed John Gardner to plea bargain to only six years in prison for the violent rape of a child, ultimately resulting in Gardner's release and the murder of Chelsea King and Amber Dubois.

> By Kathy Brown Tuesday, May 11

Car vs. Car

New SDPD Van Nabs Parking Ticket Violators

 $La\ Jolla\ -$ An SDPD van nabbed a silver Mercedes on May 13 at the corner of Kline Street and Eads Avenue in La Jolla. My request for information resulted in one of the parking enforcement officers walking proudly toward a white SDPD minivan.



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"Did you see our van?" he said, pointing to the dual infrared cameras mounted on its roof, "The cameras are connected with a database. We can determine those with outstanding parking citations. If there are five or more citations, with the last one being unpaid for 30 or more days, the vehicle gets towed," he said as we all watched the vehicle being hooked up to

The initial pilot program utilizing this technology (called "Auto Vu") began in August 2008 and continued through the end of October 2008. Its original intent was to hunt down stolen vehicles.

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Today, the technology also allows parking-enforcement officers to determine whether or not cars have exceeded their one- or two-hour time limit, rendering tire-chalking obsolete.

> By Carolyn Grace Matteo Friday, May 14

Moms Gotta Eat

Mother's Day Brings Influx of Diners in TJ

Tijuana — Mother's Day came to the rescue of a moribund restaurant industry in Tijuana last weekend. Revenues doubled, according to César Escandón, the president of the local restaurant association.

Some eateries in the Dis-

trito Gastronómico had lines of diners extending into the streets. (Mother's Day is to Mexico what Cinco de Mayo is to the U.S.A., a holiday born elsewhere but taken seriously by its adoptive country.)

Such an influx of diners has not been seen for several years. The majority of the business boom came from the locals, who must have felt that public safety was secure enough for a day on the town.

Other traditional Mother's Day purchases — purses, watches, jewelry, stuffed toys, flowers, cards, and balloons — did not enjoy an uptick in sales in the tradi-

tional retail outlets. (Some cracker-barrel analysts claim that the "informal" economy of street vendors has cut into the sales and profits of local merchants who operate stores.)

Source: Frontera

By T.B. Beaudeau Tuesday, May 11

A Drop in the **Bucket**

SD to Make Water **Restrictions Permanent?**

San Diego - San Diego's natural resources committee met on May 12 to discuss a proposed ordinance that would make the current level 2 drought response and mandatory water restrictions permanent.

"We do live in a desert," said chair of the committee, councilmember Donna Frye. "We have also seen the commercials the mayor has put out talking about 'no time to waste and no water to waste."

Since last May, water usage has decreased 11 percent citywide, said water resource manager Luis Generoso.

After the presentation, councilmembers shared their opinions on permanent conservation. Councilmember Carl DeMaio supported the initiative but opposed sending the proposal to city council before collecting more input

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from "stakeholders." Likewise, councilmember Sherri Lightner was concerned about school fields and wanted to hear feedback from community planning groups before proceeding.

The issue will return to the natural resources and culture committee for additional discussion in June.

> By Dorian Hargrove Friday, May 14

Robber Inked

Dye Packs Lead to Bank Robber's Arrest

Chula Vista — Chula Vista police caught a Wells Fargo bank robber red-handed - almost.

The robbery took place at the Third Avenue branch at around 2 p.m. on May 13. Witnesses said the suspect, who claimed to have a weapon, demanded money and fled in a gold-colored Toyota Camry with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Shortly thereafter, a CVPD

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officer saw the car a few blocks from the scene. He stopped the driver without incident and spotted the evidence all over the male suspect: the 48-year-old San Diego resident was covered in ink — a result of the exploding dye packs hidden in the stolen money.

> By Ioe Links Saturday, May 15

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It's Alive!

Rains Bring More Wildflowers than Usual

Torrey Pines — "April showers bring May flowers." San Diego's climate does not usually follow that popular adage. This year at Torrey Pines State Reserve, though, it's true.

A walk of the Guy Fleming trail loop on May 13 showed the coastal maritime scrub flowers in all their glory. A literal rainbow of color draws the eye across the landscape: pink sand verbena, yellow pincushion, encilla and golden yarrow, red monkeyflowers, orange poppies, white popcorn

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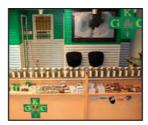
flowers, purple snapdragons, purple nightshade, blue-eyed grass, yellow barrel cactus, and ground pinks, to name a few. This year's display will probably last for another month or so before the flowers start to fade away.

Along with the floral display, the indigenous faunae are showing signs of life; on Thursday afternoon, hikers, joggers, and vehicular traffic on the park road to the Lodge at Torrev Pines were briefly halted to let a threeand-a-half-foot-long western diamondback rattlesnake cross the road. The reserve is also renowned as a place for great bird-watching - a couple of months ago, a juvenile bald eagle was seen and photographed.

> By Jimi Olsen Saturday, May 15

Feds Got Him

Feds' Raid Lands **Dispensary Owner in Jail** Downtown — San Diego medical marijuana dispen-



Green Kross pot dispensary - raided

sary operator Joseph Nunes was sentenced to one year in federal prison on May 10.

"They took him right to iail." said a medical marijuana activist who was in the downtown courtroom to support Nunes.

In September 2009 — as part of a multi-agency sweep of an undisclosed number of dispensaries across San Diego authorities raided two dispensaries operated by Nunes. According to prosecutor Sherri Walker Hobson, at Nunes's Green Kross Collective in Mission Beach, agents found marijuana plants, marijuana in bags, several edible forms of marijuana, nearly \$40,000 in cash, and two days of sales receipts totaling \$16,000. At Nunes's dispensary on Sixth **Avenue, the Downtown Kush** Lounge Cooperative, agents found 89 marijuana plants.

Three months after the raids, Nunes pleaded guilty to manufacturing marijuana, maintaining premises to sell marijuana, and money laundering, all felonies. With his plea, Nunes asked for probation, arguing that he was operating in accordance with California laws such as Proposition 215, which allows caregivers to possess and cultivate marijuana if their patients have recommendations from doctors. Currently, federal law prohibits defendants from citing state medical marijuana laws as defense against federal drug charges.

> By Shane Finneran Tuesday, May 11

One-Man Show

Lone Candidate at County Supervisor Forum

Hillcrest — From the front of the room, Stephen Whitburn, candidate for District 4 county supervisor, introduced himself to the 30 residents inside the Joyce Beers Community Center during a May 11 county supervisor forum.

It was less of a forum and more of a one-man show. Whitburn was the only candidate present from district four, a territory that stretches from **University City to Paradise** Hills and from Interstate 5 to the College Area.

Whitburn took the opportunity to denounce incumbent Ron Roberts, as well as the four other supervisors, for what Whitburn feels is a poor record dealing with the county's poorest citizens, for their support of large-scale development, and for lacking focus on public safety.

After mentioning his opponents' support of the Merriam Mountain development proposed outside of Escondido. Whitburn attacked the current supervisors for what he considers a low level of public safety in San Diego County.

"The county does not have a fire department. San Diego County needs to step up to the plate and take responsibility for providing protection from fires in the backcountry."

While taking questions from the audience. Whitburn gave assurances that, if elected, he would not accept gifts nor would he allocate money from "slush funds" to outside organizations. He cited "six free trips" to China that the San Diego World Trade Center sent Ron Roberts on after the supervisor had donated \$854,000 of taxpayer money to that organization.

The election will be held on June 8.

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By Dorian Hargrove Wednesday, May 12



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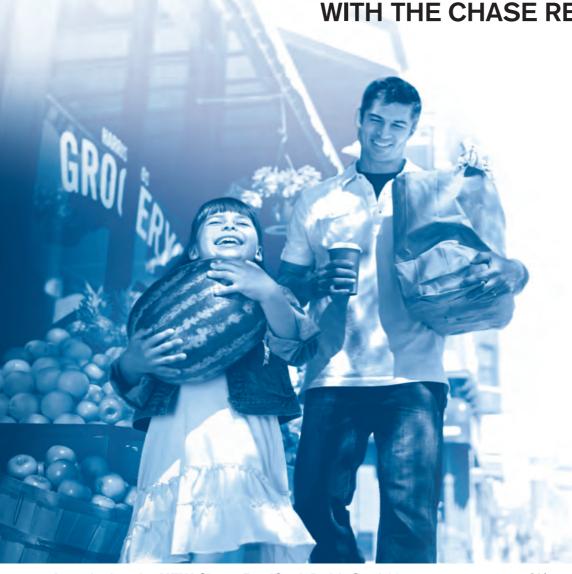
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ents are pitted against the school board. Some parents have pointed out that each of the members has served too long - more than two terms — and none have children attending Cardiff or Ada Harris elementary schools.

At the board meeting on May 13, 20 teachers showed up to present their union's acceptance of temporary pay cuts and furloughs in order to avoid next year's lavoffs and classroom reassignments. Pellegrino said he had found some additional funding from increased property tax revenue, so the salary-reduction proposal was unnecessary at this time. But the board took no action to reverse the announced layoffs.

> By Ken Harrison Saturday, May 15

Fighting Words

School Board Condemns New Arizona Law

Logan Heights — At the May 11 San Diego Unified School District Board of Education meeting, the board considered adopting a resolution introduced by board president Richard Barrera.

The resolution condemns and urges repeal of the law recently passed in Arizona that, according to the New York Times, "would make the failure to carry immigration documents a crime and give the police broad power to detain anyone suspected of being in the country illegally."

The resolution as initially proposed included a travel advisory for families and children traveling to Arizona. Board vice president John Evans introduced an amended version that struck the travel advisory clause and added a clause that would restrict district employees from traveling to Arizona for conferences.

Many of the approximately 100 people present in the auditorium appeared to be opposed to the resolution.

One of the first speakers. who gave his name as Tom Guerin, told the board, "I saw the Berlin Wall go up. I

saw the Iron Curtain go up. I fought for civil rights. But I never saw this country as ugly and hateful as it is now.... This country has a problem, blame a Mexican."

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An unidentified man in the audience who was sitting with a group opposed to the resolution responded that he had also seen the Berlin Wall go up. When Guerin was returning to his seat in the auditorium, the two men exchanged words, and Guerin challenged the man to a fight. Board president Barrera intervened, saying, "We are going to be civil."

> By Katherine Lopez Thursday, May 13

Buttinsky?

Concern over Gaslamp's Cigarette Butt Litter

Downtown — "It's like a constant subway ashtray all the way down Fifth Avenue and all around the area," said downtown resident Raymond Vinole, speaking before the San Diego City Council on May 11.

Vinole, who works downtown and lives in a condominium on Fifth and Island. voiced his concern regarding outdoor smoking at downtown restaurants, bars, and cafés. "The impact of smoking has gotten worse and worse in downtown," he said.

Vinole said that his neighborhood — in the Gaslamp District — is littered with cigarette butts, especially on weekends. "The aftermath that you see on a Sunday morning is really bad. I can probably pick up a thousand [cigarette] butts on the streets, sidewalks, and outdoor cafés," he said. He suggested that the council consider implementing smoke-free policies, similar to those in Beverly Hills and other L.A. County cities.

> By Nathaniel Uy Thursday, May 13

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Funny, Cool, Short

Re "Nothing Normal About It" (Cover Story, May 13).

It's a good story. Pit bulls will be always brave and strong, and I love pit bulls. They're really nice dogs. The story's kind of funny, you know, it has a little sense of humor. It's one of the shortest stories I've read in the *Reader*. I was expecting a little bit more, but it just ended with mariachi singers, which I thought was kind of funny and cool. Happy birthday, Grandma!

Dr. Greenthumb San Diego

Hearts Warmed

Laura McNeal's story about Mr. Benjamin's Cotillion was terrific — humorous, sensitive, and so well written ("Don't Look Down," Cover Story, May 6). I read it aloud to my husband and he agreed. We hope to see more articles written by this talented writer. How could any San Diego parent not relate to this heartwarming story?

Sue Streeper via email



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Dinos In Perris

Re "Ricardo Loves Dinosaurs..." (Feature Story, May6). The lady who did it, Jeannette De Wyze, wrote a really good article. It's very nice. I don't know if you've ever done an article on the Perris Jurassic Park, but it's a pretty nice place to go to. I would encourage everybody to take the children there.

Kimberly Howard South Encanto

She's No Group

Kudos to Naomi Wise for actually making it past the second straight review without hurling racist bile at a Mexican cook preparing food she deemed inappropriate given his heritage. Then again, this La Jolla high-society princess wannabe never lets facts get in the way of her faux hipness. In "Sensual Spa" (May 12), the song she quotes is from Little Peggy March ("I Will Follow Him," circa 1964). She was an individual singer, not a girl group! What a wonderful world it would be if we could place Wise under house arrest and confine her to a trailer park in Lakeside for life. Jeez...

> Tony Cooper Downtown

Naomi Wise responds: Wow, somebody's got a great memory! I'd totally forgotten Little Peggy March. I assumed she was a "girl group" because I remembered the heavy vocal backup (definitely more pretty girls than one on this record). A recent compilation includes her version in a CD of Girl Group Greats, so I guess I'm not the only one to conflate Miss March with a multitude.

Where's The Okra?

Naomi Wise needs a break!!! I was surprised that she was still going on about Indigo Grill while reviewing another restaurant (Restaurant Review, April 29). She goes on and on about the jambalaya. I am sure she must have heard of the Jambalaya Festival in Gonzales, Louisiana, every year. Perhaps she should attend and see the different jambalaya entries

they have. This year will be the 43rd annual festival, somewhat like a chili cookoff. This is one of the largest festivals around and going strong.

The fact that she says things like "Well, it needs this ingredient or that to be Louisiana style" is absurd. I notice the fact that she doesn't mention okra in the gumbo recipes. Did she fall off the turnip truck? I have lived in Louisiana in a place called St. Amant. Yes, we had authentic foods around and a sack or two of crawfish (crawdads).

I think she is very immature in her writings and thoughts of Indigo Grill while reviewing another establishment. I would say get a life and, oh, by the way, seven cocktails and a bottle of wine! Perhaps you were too smashed to remember anything. You kept your doggie bags in the fridge for leftovers. Gee, and you say you had better lighting and such. Food is not going to look or taste better while being left in the fridge for a few days. Perhaps you can recommend some cocktail lounges for the public to get a good drink. Things do taste different while inhaling drinks!!!

David Maynarich

From The Legal Side

I completely agree with Todd Gilbert's response (Letters, April 22) to Maribel's depiction of the Minutemen and her characterization of the illegal immigration problem in general (Letters, April 8).

Contrary to what Maribel and perhaps many people who support illegal immigration may think, not everyone who opposes illegal immigration is racist or white.

My family legally immigrated to this country from Asia back in the 1980s. A few years ago, my parents and I finally obtained our citizenship.

One facet of the illegal immigration debate that I think people tend to forget is the perspective of actual legal immigrants. I know

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S.D. ON THE Q.T.

The News You Won't Find Anywhere Else

Senior Students Skip in Plucky Protest Protest

Students ditch class after district cancels class trip to Grand Canyon

MAY 13, SAN DIEGO (AP) — With shouts of "Arizona sucks! Why punish us!?" high-school seniors all over San Diego staged a massive lunchtime rally today before walking out on their afternoon classes. The event was held in response to a San Diego Unified School board decision to forbid districtGirls (and guys) just want to have fun?

to protect all children, and part of that protection means doing what we can to ensure that they grow up in a country where they don't have to worry about coming home from school to find that their parents have been deported. Denver has set an example for educational

Seminar (IJITS), scheduled to be held somewhere in the desert outside Sedona in early June, staged an impromptu strike of sorts. According to reports from visibly shaken school officials, they left several key bathrooms uncleaned — and, in some casganize, was described in some circles as "Burning Man for the 18-and-under set" and promised to be totally epic.

Though the school district billed the event as "an opportunity to explore one of the world's greatest natural wonders while building community in a safe, supervised environment," some students had other agendas. "We were all set to ditch during the group hike to the canyon floor and spend two days just camping out in the desert," said San Diego High School's Paul Van-DerMeyer. "Joe Herschorn had scored a whole mess of [ecstasy], and I was going to sneak a bottle of my dad's Jägermeister. Ashley Minkins said she wanted to party with us! I was finally going to score!

"Now, the Man and his bureaucratic [expletive] machine have taken a political flamethrower to my dream and left it in ashes," he concluded, lofting an egg in the direction of a car parked in the school's faculty lot. "What a waste."

Board president Barrera disagreed. "Don't these students get it? We're protesting against a grave injustice. Protesting our protest is a terrible mistake, and not in the best interests of students who hope to keep their permanent records free of troublesome insinuations." But the threat of official action seemed to carry little weight with the students, who stood as one before what one senior called "the dictatorial whims of those who dared to speak out on our behalf without first gaining our consent."

"No staycation without representation!" she then cried, raising her fist into the

Toward the protest's end, senior Sally "Supersize It" Mc-



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High School Seniors "F***ing pissed" that school board canceled their trip to Arizona

related travel in Arizona, following that state's recent passage of a controversial law aimed at reducing the problems associated with illegal immigration. (The law requires Arizona police to detain, interrogate, and possibly deport "suspicious-looking characters of dusky complex-

Following the Denver school district's adoption of the travel ban in late April, the San Diego Board voted on May 12 to adopt a similar policy for both employees and students under its jurisdiction. Said board president Richard Barrera, "We have a responsibility

institutions around the country, and it's an example we are proud to follow."

The move was considerably stronger than the board's May 11 vote to warn students and their parents to avoid traveling in Arizona in order to avoid deportation. "The first vote felt pretty good," said a board member who wished to remain anonymous. "Righteous, even. We figured the second would feel even better."

The response was considerably stronger as well.

Some district janitors who had been planning to attend this year's Institutional Janitors' International Training letter found stuck to the front door of Hoover High School in City Heights explained that the move was a protest against policies that valued "dirty Mexicans over hard workin [sic] American custodial professionals." The letter had been affixed to the door by several dozen pieces of used chewing gum.

But the real outcry came from the thousands of embittered students who had been eagerly anticipating the district-wide senior field trip to the Grand Canyon at the end of the month. The trip, which took three years to orDonald expressed relief that her geology class's upcoming trip to Monument Valley was, as of press time, still scheduled to go ahead. "It's cool," she observed, "because there are all these cool rock outcroppings, and the park is, like, an Indian park. It even has this really cool [Navajo] name" -Tse'Bii'Ndzisgaii — "that you could use if you were an Indian

rapper. Anyway, part of the park is in Utah, so we'll just go visit that part." McDonald expressed concern, however, that "there are lots of Mormons in $\begin{tabular}{l} \begin{tabular}{l} \begin{tabular}{l}$ Utah, and they gave all that money to keep the gays from getting married" by donating to California's Proposition 8. "I hope the school doesn't decide to boycott them, too. $\frac{8}{5}$ At least, not until next year."

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Riddle of the Shadow Martini

Thirty-Five Years Ago

I AM GROSSED OUT! My program's first assembly had no errors at all! That never happens. Wow! Aren't you excited? - R. LeChevalier, NCR Data Processing Division. — CLASSIFIEDS, May 22, 1975

Thirty Years Ago

It is the code of travel-writing that all discoveries must be reported to the traveling public. No matter how beautiful, unspoiled,

or uncrowded a newly found place might be, no matter how much a writer would like to keep just one such place all to himself, he is bound by his profession to write about the place. He is glad each time to be faithful to his duty, but he is sad at the loss of another refuge.

— "RIDDLE OF THE SHADOW MARTINI," Stephen Heffner, May 22, 1980

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Since the first Beach Boys concert was held after a Padres game in 1982, one of the event's

highlights has been the group of more than 300 cheerleaders who romp around the stage in their school colors while the group plays its many rock hits.

[Fahn & Silva] sent out letters to the cheerleader advisers of most San Diego Unified School District high schools, inviting their cheerleading charges to attend the show for free if they promised to show up in uniform and then, immediately following the baseball game, take to the field and perform their most rousing cheers and dance routines while the Beach Boys played.

— CITY LIGHTS: "UNTIL DADDY TOOK HER RELEASE FORM AWAY," Thomas K. Arnold, May 15, 1985

Twenty Years Ago

Sea World offered to pick up the \$30,000 tab for keeping the City's public swimming pools open ten Saturdays this summer in exchange for a chance to promote itself and its new owner, Anheuser-Busch.

[T]he City has already entered into several agreements with private sponsors, including one with Lincoln-Continental to provide [mayor Maureen] O'Connor with a discount lease on a luxury car equipped with a compact disc player. Other deals include one with Nissan to furnish four-wheel-drive vehicles for lifeguards and another to cover the \$5

million cost of the stadium scoreboard.

— CITY LIGHTS: "MO COOL TO POOL PITCH," Matt Potter, May 24, 1990

Fifteen Years Ago

It's hard to believe that there are people who, like me, miss evenings spent sleeping on cement sidewalks, hours and even days wasted doing absolutely nothing but standing in line. But I do. We wanted the best seats to the best concerts, and nothing would keep

> us from attaining that rock-androll mythopoeia, that holiest of grails — the front row ticket.

— "GUESS WHO'S SCALPING?"

Jay Allen Sanford, May 18, 1995

Ten Years Ago

In 1980, the county had nearly 5000 acres of land planted to flowers, the third highestvalued farming industry behind fruits and poultry. By 1985, flower growing ranked

first in value in the county. Today, according to Farm Bureau statistics, ornamental crops (including cut blooms, bulbs, and interior and landscape plants) are grown on more than 8000 acres and are still the county's top-value farm crop, despite modern pressures on a traditional industry.

- "THE 300-MILLION-DOLLAR BOUQUET," Linda Nevin, May 18, 2000

Five Years Ago

San Diego Reader, May 22, 1980

Marking from this year's Masters, it's been two and a half years since Woods last won a major. Nowadays, he plays golf like someone who doesn't diligently practice.

I don't think the constant reconstruction of his swing is to blame for his drop in play. He's newly married to a movie-star beautiful, 24-year-old Swede. He bought a threestory, 155-foot yacht, named her Privacy, and my guess is, he's decided to have a life and be one of the best golfers in the world instead of living alone and playing golf in a place where only he can compete.

I think what he's telling us is that he doesn't want to be a god anymore.

— SPORTING BOX: "QUIETLY NUMBER ONE," Patrick Daugherty, May 19, 2005

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Dear M.A.:

When I really have to pee bad, why do I do that little pee dance? I'm squeezing muscles

and shifting my weight back and forth on my feet and sometimes bending over. It always seems to happen when my roommate is hogging the bathroom. I guess it gives me time to try to figure out why wiggling around would be something I'd do automatically. I didn't make up the pee dance. It's something my body seems to do on its own. So what's the deal? — Marissa, outside the bathroom

The pee dance is sort of like a variation on the cha-cha, dontcha think? Step together, wiggle wiggle, step together, squeeze those muscles. Add a sparkly little skating costume, and you're ready for Dancing With the Pee-ers. Doctors' comments on the situation say, all that wiggling and clenching is displacement activity. Displacement is stuff we do to distract ourselves from an uncomfortable situation we can't control. We gotta go, no place to go, bladders screaming, so our brains take all that stressful energy and funnel it into hopping or humming or clenching or deep breathing — anything to distract us from the real problem. Everybody does it. It's more popular than the Macarena.

Matt:

How long are fortune cookies valid? Does your fortune expire after a certain amount of days or upon receipt of a new fortune cookie?

— Tim, via email

We dug around looking for a fortune-cookie expert to figure this one out for us, but nobody seems to have thought ahead like that. Does it last until you pay the bill and leave the restaurant? Until you're hungry again after a Chinese meal? Until you figure out exactly what the heck your fortune actually means? Fortune cookies aren't even Chinese to begin with. They're Japanese. But when Japanese were interned in POW camps here in the U.S., Chinese restaurateurs grabbed the idea and made it their own. Apparently they didn't know what they were taking on, though. Today, the largest manufacturer of the tidbits claims a library of 10,000 philosophical musings that they rotate in groups in their cookies. Their head fortune writer finally ran out of ideas and actually hired some freelance writers to provide more. So, consider that your next message was probably written by some ink-stained wretch with no deep well of spiritual knowledge, just a desperate desire to hang on to his free-

lance life long enough to pay his rent.

No wonder we get stuff that sounds
as if it was written by some old
hippie still on a bad acid trip.

So, is there any indication that a cookie fortune will change your life if you take it to heart? Yes, actually. One San Francisco manufacturer prints fortunes with "good luck" numbers on them. One week, 110 people split a \$19 million Power Ball jackpot. Smelling some kind of rat, the Power Ball people investigated and found that all 110 had bet

the number that appeared on their cookie fortune. The largest cookie manufacturer claims to get angry letters from diners who don't like the fortunes they've gotten. "Too vague" is a common complaint. Predictions are the most popular types.

So, what have we learned from all this? Well, about as much as we learn from the average fortune cookie. If we get a nasty fortune, we can crumple it up and throw it on the uneaten chow mein. A good fortune? Makes us feel perky for, oh, 15 minutes or so, until we forget we even got it. Fortunes are made up by overworked, brain-fried writers or cookie makers, not gurus, so I'd say they fall somewhere between the nonsense of a Ouija board and the solid, trustworthy predictive ability of the Magic 8 Ball.

Hey, Matt:

I've noticed that if I have a cut or something, if I go in the ocean, it will heal really fast. Am I right? Does the ocean somehow help cuts heal?

— Anonymous, via email

You bet it does. A nice refreshing dip will cure what ails you, skin-wise. Saltwater (even homemade) actually sucks the life out of any bacteria in the wound and helps things heal up really well. Think back to biology class — membranes, osmosis, that kind of stuff. Saltwater is a more concentrated solution than the bacteria innards, so just as they told you in class, the watery bacteria insides seep out through the cell walls into the saltwater, and the bacteria bite it. Fewer bacteria, faster healing. Better a trip to the beach than a trip to the doctor's.

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-EVE KELLY

There's music floating around our backyard. It comes from a mockingbird perched atop the pecan tree, the phoebe sitting on the sprinkler head, house finches chirping over the bird feeder, and our chickens clucking around their coop. The symphony has me yearning for some indoor bird music. But what do I know about bird ownership?

Enter Erik of Our Feathered Friends in Mission Valley (619-280-5134). "If it is your first bird, you want to start small because you're basically buying a twoyear-old for life. Parakeets, lovebirds, and cockatiels typically live anywhere from 10 to 25 years, but the bigger birds' lifespan is 30 to 50 years. The birds have the intellect of a four- or five-year-old but the emotional maturity of a two-year-old, and they don't grow up. Birds are sensitive, intelligent creatures, so once you build trust with your bird, it is like having a kid.

"As far as a cage, the bigger the better," continues Erik. "Birds need stimulation and enrichment. A lot of birds get bored in captivity, and then you start to get behavioral problems like screaming and feather plucking. Think of an animal flying around in the wild and then clipping their wings and putting them in a cage — you're depriving them of all that exercise and things they do. So you have to think about their life in the wild and apply it to captivity. A lot of the birds are equatorial, so they're not used to extreme heat or extreme cold. If it's uncomfortable for us, it's typically uncomfortable for them. It's not recommended to have them outside year round. They can acclimate, but you have to be careful."

And their food?

"They eat all different things in the wild; they are scavengers. People food is the healthiest thing for them — fresh fruits and vegetables. What is good for us is good for them. A seed mix isn't bad. You can also introduce a pellet mix. Pellets are formulated to be very healthy and vitamin-enriched. Certain species are prone to obesity, and you need to be careful from the get-go if you get a young bird. You need to pay attention to what they are eating.

"All our birds were typically hand-fed at one time or another, and a lot of people have a misconception that if a bird is hand-fed, then it is tame. But that is not true. I have hand-

"The birds have the intellect of a four- or five-year-old but the emotional maturity of a two-year-old, and they don't grow up."

fed hundreds of birds, and I have had these same birds bite me — sometimes a day later, sometimes a year or two later. The process of keeping a bird tame is constant work. They have to come out every day and be handled.

It is fun hand-feeding; there is a bonding process there, for sure. But if you hand-feed a bird and then don't hold it for a few weeks or months and think it is going to be tame, that is unrealistic."

> At Our Feathered Friends, parakeets start at \$19.99, lovebirds are around \$100, and cockatiels range from \$79 to \$119. "A parakeet or a cockatiel

would be a good first bird because you can interact with them," says volunteer Mark at Birdland in North Park (619-285-9601). "They are friendly. The cockatiel is more friendly than the average parakeet, but they are both good. The parakeets come in all colors...blue, green, yellow, white. The cockatiels are anywhere from albino, which is completely white, to a yellow to a gray and then a mix.'

The birds shouldn't take residence next to the kitchen "because the Teflon from pans will kill them. And

no drafts."

For cages, "If the cage is bigger, the birds are fine with that. And length or width is more important than height, because birds don't fly up, they fly side to side."

"Most birds that are going to be pets are better by themselves," offers Jessica Ambriz, assistant manager at Bird Crazy in Clairemont (858-576-9858). "If you give them a mate, they bond with the mate and they no longer want anything to do with you."

Bird Crazy offers grooming services. "Grooming for birds is offered free for customers who buy from us, \$10 for those who don't. Grooming is done usually every six to eight weeks."

Without grooming, Ambriz says, "Their nails get too long — they are sharp and pointy. We clip and file them."

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by Barbarella

The essence of pleasure is spontaneity. — *Germaine Greer*

ormally, it would kill me to desecrate a beautiful filet mignon by shredding it with plastic cutlery on a paper plate. But extraordinary circumstances demand extraordinary measures — it's not every day you find a food truck from San Francisco serving French bistro fare in a parking lot by Seaport Village.

There were ten of us, all hovering over the table and eating from the same few plates. A boom mike floated above our heads to capture our mouth-filled answers to questions posed by a Food Network cameraman. In a conversational manner, and "in com-

When the final morsel had been eaten and the last plate discarded, the group formed a circle in the parking lot to figure out what to do next.

plete sentences, please," we explained how we'd come upon the truck and that, yes, we would most definitely venture from our beaten paths at the prospect of a deluxe food truck at the end of a less-trodden

I stabbed a spear of grilled asparagus with the flimsy fork and spared a thought for my friend Sarah. It was Sarah who'd tipped us off (her sisterin-law works at the truck's parent restaurant, Chez Spencer). The day before, as David consulted Google

Truckin'

maps on his phone and Sarah received texts hinting at the truck's location, I zigzagged through Old Town and then along Harbor Drive until we alighted on the prize just beyond the USS Midway Museum. But "Spencer on the Go," having only just arrived, was not yet prepared to serve food. Given the choice of waiting 40 minutes or returning the next day, David and I chose the latter.

When the final morsel had been eaten and the last plate discarded, the group formed a circle in the parking lot to figure out what to do next. One of our compatriots, Charlie, said, "A member of the film crew told me all the trucks started on Cass Street in Pacific Beach "

David and I had met Charlie the night before at a friend's birthday celebration. While standing around the party hotspot that is the kitchen, Charlie had explained that the meat on his nacho dish was beef he'd simmered in goat broth, which he'd made himself. Only a diehard food enthusiast would go to such lengths for nachos.

We told him about the truck Sarah had led us to and asked Charlie if he and his wife Jen would like to join us there for a bite the following afternoon.

The next morning, three hours prior to our food date, David received a text from Charlie. It read, "The Nom Nom Truck is at the Hillcrest Farmers Market." David told me that Nom Nom, based in Los Angeles, was famed for its Vietnamese sandwiches. A few texts and 30 minutes later, we were with Charlie and Jen at the market, sharing Vietnamese tacos in front of a film crew.

"So, what's the deal with all this?" I asked, after the cameraman had lowered his lens. He looked to his cohorts, as if checking to make sure it was okay to answer. In few words, he revealed that Food Trucks was the working title for the show they were filming and that the trucks were traveling from city to city in a competition to see which among them could bring in the most customers. After some carefully phrased questions, we learned that seven trucks were currently posted at various San Diego attractions.

"We saw a truck at the Roots Fest on Adams Avenue yesterday," Charlie whispered to us. "I bet that's one of them."

"Let's go," David said. We still had an hour before we were supposed to meet the others we'd told about the rendezvous (Brenda, whom I ran into on my way to the farmers' market; Hanis, a local chef; Kimberly and Shawn, who live in our neighboring building; and Jordan and Katie, who we'd recently befriended).

Because Jordan and Katie live in

Normal Heights, David texted to let them know we were in their 'hood; they caught up with us at the festival. Once there, we were delighted to find not one, but two of the competing food trucks — one serving "puddin' and wings," the other Cajun food. My usual germophobiness forgotten, I shared spoons with our growing cadre. Roots had set us back, time-wise, so the six of us hustled over to Seaport Village to join up with the other four.

"When I woke up this morning, I had no idea I'd be eating at four food trucks," I said, as I dropped the last of my French gar-bazh into the trash bin. Eight of us remained now — Hanis had to work and Brenda had plans. The rest of us were figuring out what to do next.

"We know there are seven trucks, and we've already found four of them," said David.

"We've come this far," added Charlie. "I say we try for all seven."

"P.B.? I don't know," I said. Up until that point, we'd known where each truck would be — we hadn't *hunted* for them. Caravanning blindly around town would be like swinging at piñatas. I gauged the faces around me — a hodgepodge of people who had only just met but who shared a common goal. "Okay, I'm in," I said.

The eight of us split up into three cars and hit the road. Charlie and Jen rode with me. We made it to Cass Street first, scouting the length of it to no avail. I called David and Shawn to report that Cass had been a bust and that I was going to head south on Mission Boulevard. It was Katie's idea for us to try the popular Mission

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"Uh, guys?" said David, his voice piped through the speakers of my car's Bluetooth system. His next words were like Oprah telling us to look under our seats: "We've found two trucks!"

The eight of us were giddy as we skipped across the parking lot toward Grill 'Em All, which offered "heavy metal and hamburgers" and a truck from Austin serving paninis called Austin Daily Press. Nowhere near hungry, but certainly famished with curiosity, we ordered a few paninis and burgers to share.

"Six down and just one to go," Charlie said. We drilled the competitors to find out where the remaining truck might be. But the trucks had searched independently for an ideal place to park,

so none of them knew where the others were.

"If they're smart, they found out about ArtWalk and they're somewhere near Little Italy," I said. This elicited an encouraging raised brow from one of the producers.

At 5:30 p.m., seven hours after our escapade began, we were on foot in three groups, scouring the annual art festival in Little Italy for the seventh truck. At 5:33, I received a text from Kimberly: "State 'n' Ash — crepe truck."

"How fitting that the last truck we find has dessert," I said, taking a bite of the banana, strawberry, and Nutella crepe we'd ordered from Crepes Bonaparte.

"The only thing we have to figure out now," David said, pausing after savoring a section of the cinnamon apple crepe, "is where to go for dinner."

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PIE'S THE LIMIT

by Chad Deal

t's 7:30 at the House of Bromance by Lincoln and Washington in University Heights. Childhood friends from Massachusetts Ian and Patrick moved into the secondstory house about six months ago, stoked on the large windows and colonial architecture. Five pies steam on the table now, and maybe eight of us mill around sipping summer brews. Ian, a pastry chef at the Linkery in North Park, prepared a Canadian pork pie, an asparagus quiche, a blueberry pie, a Marlborough pie, and a strawberryand-cherry dessert quiche. Katie and I add a banana cream pie to the spread.

Local poet Adam, who hasn't had a whole lot to drink in one sitting in over a decade, explains his newfound interest in absinthe. Everyone knows that booze is the quickest and most reliable way to invoke the muse. Adam found compromise between temperance and efficiency in a \$60 bottle of Lucid, which he swirls in the traditional absinthe glass with sugar and water. He's heard that the hallucination thing is a myth but hasn't taken enough to test the theory, yet.

Mickey arrives with a vegan pot pie and two chocolate tarts with homemade strawberry sauce.





We have 9 pies among 14 people.

Sammu shows up 20 minutes later. "How are you, baldy?" he asks Jason in Spanish. "Bien, flaco," Jason says. We have 9 pies among 14 people. We eat too much and talk about what's new. Ian's been racing at the velodrome, Andrea's hand has recovered from a trip through a dough roller, and Sammu has a line as an extra in a movie.

My makeshift meringue pools

"Hey, you're
eating an entire
lobe of that
heart."

up like glue on the corners of the banana cream pie, so we take it out back and blow it up with a generous splash of absinthe. Everyone howls and sings as the confection flambés in the moonlight. The hooch adds an invigorating fennel and anise edge to the otherwise traditional pastry.

Sammu asks what's in it, mijo? I tell him, "Milk, flour, eggs, sugar. Bananas." "Tenderness," says Katie. "Cares, affection. Blood, sweat, and tears," Ian adds, and then, "Hey, you're eating an entire lobe of that heart," referring to the pot pie, which is in a heart-shaped dish. We end up discussing head cheese — how I don't think I could stomach it, how a good head cheese contains little chunks of head meat which I shouldn't find intimidating, how they serve it with whole pig snout in Little Italy.

Sammu polishes off his fourth piece of pie and tells us about the movie he is in. "I don't know the name of the movie. They don't tell us anything about it," he says in his deep storyteller's voice and Uruguayan accent. "I know I'm

working with Sarah something, who is supposed to be very famous."

We all congregate around the sofas for a photo and Sammu, who is taking the picture, asks Ian, "¿Porque la cara del culo?" (Why the assface?) Everyone laughs and he snaps the photo.

In the kitchen, Adam pours me a glass of absinthe and relates his recent service to the community and justice with three days of jury duty — the magic of a *Miami Vice* defense attorney, frozen yogurt lunch breaks, flawed evidence. The topic shifts to triathlons, agro jock surfers, and

the consensual fear of deep water. "It's not the real shit I'm worried about," Ian says. "It's the cryptozoological holdover sea monster that shouldn't be there, in 20 feet of water."

Eventually, the people dwindle and only a few sweet slices remain. Write 3.14 on a piece of paper. Hold it up to a mirror. Read. ■

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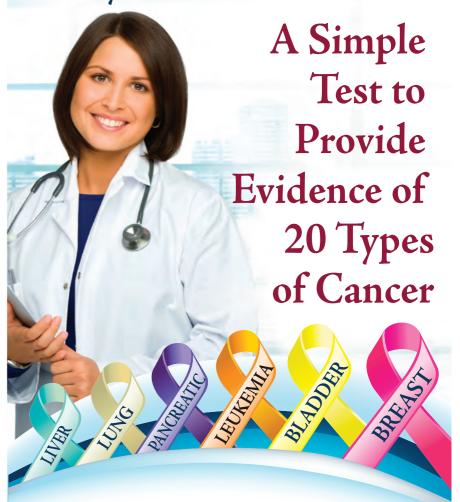
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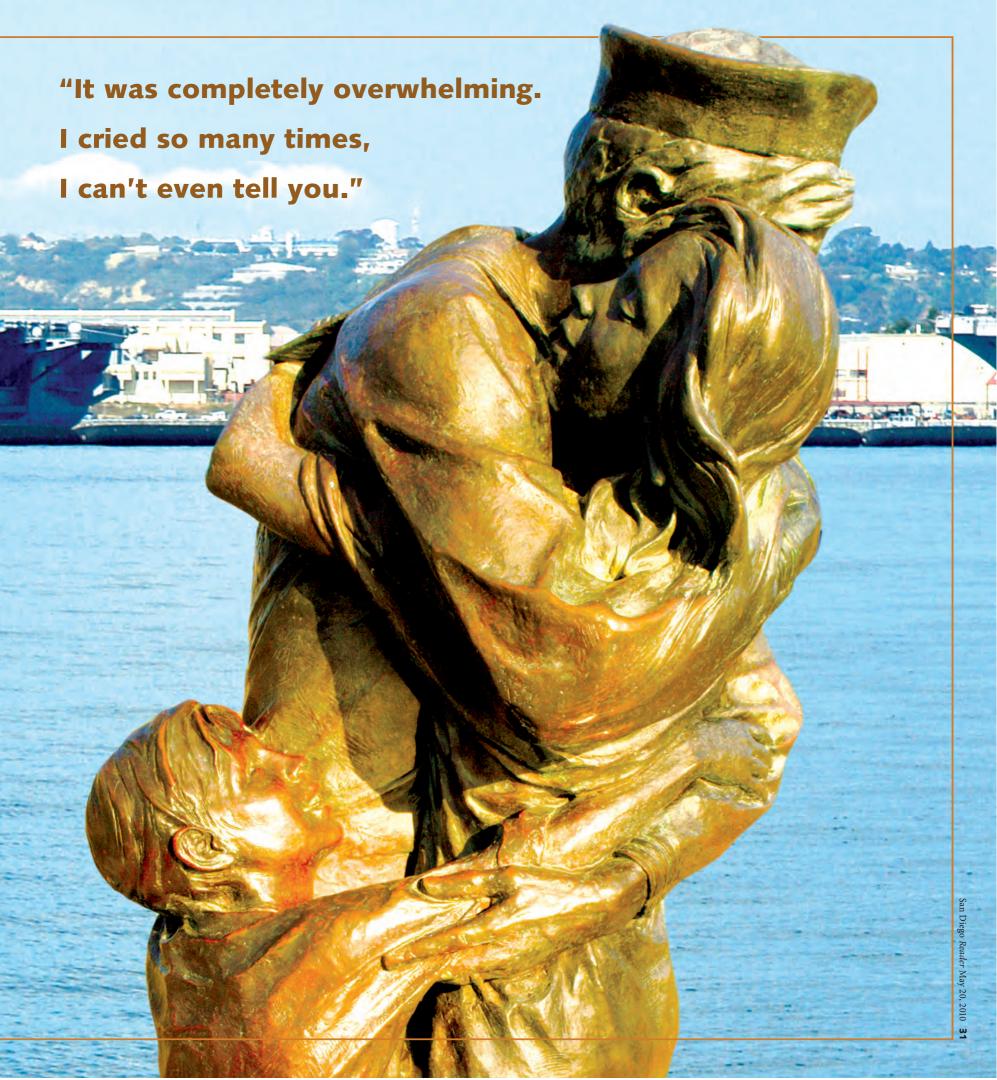
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Daddys home. Mow what?

On Halloween 2009, around 7:00 p.m., a sugar-crazed group of costumed children and their adult chaperones works its way through one of those North County neighborhoods where the rows of prim two-story homes are painted in homeowner-association-mandated tans and terra-cottas. Near the center of the crowd, Cherise Worth, a 32-year-old nurse, holds court with the neighbors

and keeps random children in check (no leaping over hedges or eating candy that has not been inspected). Her husband Donovan, who returned two weeks ago from a five-month deployment on the USS Ronald Reagan, hangs back at the edge of the activity, sipping rum and Coke from a disposable plastic cup.



An hour later, in the sparsely decorated den of the Worth family home, Cherise examines each piece of candy the children have collected and tosses them one by one into a pile on the floor. Afterward, she organizes and oversees the selection process during which each of three children (her two and one cousin) chooses ten pieces of candy in turn until the pile is reduced to a few unwanted Tootsie Rolls. Again, Donovan sits apart, in the kitchen now, still

nursing his drink.

He doesn't speak about it tonight, but Donovan will later claim that his distance from the Halloween festivities has more to do with his quiet personality than any kind of disorientation. He will, however, admit that he usually tries to steer clear of social activities for a while after a cruise.

"You don't want to surround yourself with a lot of extra people outside of your immediate family when you come home," he says. Instead,

he would prefer "two weeks, three weeks, a month or so" to get back in step with home life.

Donovan's situation is far from unique. This is evidenced by the plethora of available resources — pamphlets, workshops, websites, and even comic books aimed at helping service members reintegrate after deployment. Do an online search for "military," "homecoming," and "problems," and vour first hit will likely

be healthyhomecoming. org, a consortium of private and governmental groups whose

methods and materials to assist with reintegration. At Naval Base San Diego, the effort is led

Navy Region Southwest escorts me to a squat grayish tan building on the "dry side" of Naval

"His wife was crying these big crocodile tears. And I looked at my wife, and she wasn't crying at all."

self-proclaimed goal is "ensuring every service member, veteran and family a healthy homecoming from war." Each branch of the armed forces has its own

by the deployment team at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

One rainy Monday afternoon in early December, the assistant public affairs officer for

Base San Diego. Upstairs, in the Fleet and Family Support Center, I meet a man named Stanley Beason.

Beason, the deployment support coordina-



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tor, sits me down at a large conference table immediately inside the office. The beefy ex-sailor, dressed in an earthy tweed jacket and khaki slacks, tells me he went out on his first deployment at age 20 and retired just 5 years ago. He's been married for 32 years.

Beason's authority as coordinator of "Return and Reunion" education comes from his experience on the job and his willingness to speak frankly. One story he tells is about the time he and his best friend left their wives for their first deployment. "I remember his wife crying these big crocodile tears. And I looked at my wife, and she wasn't crying at all. I questioned if she loved him more than my wife loved me. What I didn't

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know at the time is that people grieve differently. Unfortunately for him, he's been married and divorced three times."

Mary Kirby, the chief of services, joins us a few minutes into our conversation. As a Navy daughter, she is empathetic to family members during R&R, as it's called.

Beason and Kirby tell me that the reintegration process has three stages: anticipation, reunion, and adjustment.

The anticipation stage begins as soon as the service member learns the date of return. This can be weeks, days, or just hours before it happens. Anxiety about the reunion is common for both the sailor and the family at home.

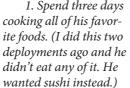
On one deployment, Beason's wife had to move while he was away. He recalls "coming home not only to my wife and children who I had been separated from for six months, but I'm also coming home to an entirely new household. That happens all the time in sailors' lives."

Rebekah Sanderlin, Army wife and author of a blog called Operalists in her January 19, 2009 post. The first consisted of the "homecoming preparations" she would make before her husband's return. It like breaking the kids of sleeping in her bed, cleaning the house, and dusting off the pots and pans. The second list, "Things that I've done in preparation for past homecomings that I surprising:

- 1. Spend three days cooking all of his favorite foods. (I did this two didn't eat any of it. He wanted sushi instead.)
- to wear to meet him. (He never noticed.)
- 3. Hang a big "Welcome Home" banner on the front porch. (He said it was a security risk because anyone driving through our neighborhood would know that we're military and that *he deploys.)*
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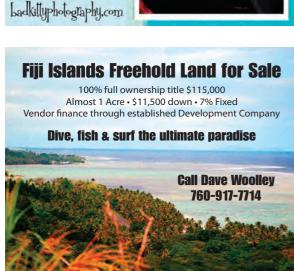
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"We did about three and a half months in the Indian Ocean, and the rest of the time was pretty much transit to and from," Donovan Worth recalls from atop one of the leather cubes that serve as chairs at his kitchen table.

Five months is a

long time to live on a ship, even if that ship is a fifth of a mile long, rides 20 stories high over the water, and can house nearly 6000 barbershops, life on board hardly resembles civilian life.

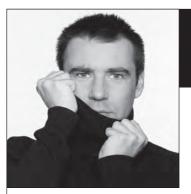
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sailors and 80 aircraft. "A city at sea" is how a *National Geographic* television special referred to USS *Ronald Reagan*. While it has familiar conveniences, such as snack stores, a post office, a gym, and

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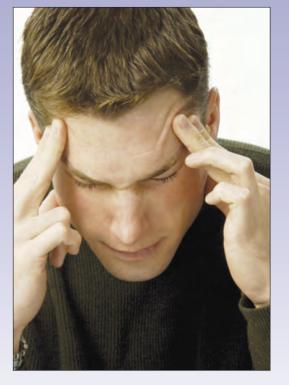
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Despite the massive size of the ship, living quarters are tight, and most sailors spend the majority of their time in a very small section of all that square footage.

As both a lieutenant commander and a division officer, Donovan is one of the fortunate few who live in staterooms rather than the berthing quarters that hold over 100 racks (beds). For the five months of his recent deployment, he had five roommates, and the room they shared had three sets of arrangement of only six sailors to a room is a luxury afforded to few on board a Navy ship.

"All this is pretty much 90 or 100 feet from where I work,"

"There's a time delay on the phone, and you feel very distant," Donovan said. "It gets kind of old."

bunk-bed-style racks, which he says are "long enough to fit in but not really [wide] enough to roll around in." It also included a small livingroom area with desks and a television. While many civilians may squirm at the thought of so little privacy, this

Donovan says, referring to his sleeping quarters. In fact, most sailors' accommodations are located on the same deck as their primary work space. Even the wardroom (officers' dining/meeting room) was less than 200 feet from Donovan's stateroom.

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• Type 2 Diabetes

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- Study medication

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Research Study

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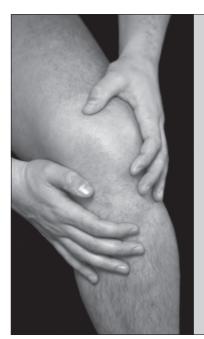
ment positions. Sometimes they need a little guidance on how to do their jobs."

In some ways, Donovan says, daily life on board the ship is simpler than life at home.

to search for the right word, "people people. But they make rank, and now they're in manageThis means being available at all hours.

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Free time is nothing more than snatches of time here and there. For Donovan, it means going to the gym or working on projects like

organizing his iTunes library. Sometimes, if he has a little privacy and the time difference works out, he calls home to check on Cherise and the kids.

"Being a division officer, I have access to what they call a POTS line, which allows me to make phone calls from the ship." (POTS stands



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

If you or someone you know is:

- · Male or female · Between the ages of 45 and 90
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Have you been diagnosed with schizophrenia and currently taking medication?

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for "plain old telephone service." The only other way to make calls is with pay phones, but they're expensive.)

As much as he misses his family, the phone doesn't always help.

"There's a time delay on the phone, and you feel very distant," he says. "It gets kind of old too, because, 'Hey, what did you do?' 'Oh, I went to work today and the kids went to school.' You get a few new things that come up, and sometimes we have stuff to talk about. Then other times, there's just not that much."

Donovan's social demeanor is neither tightly wound nor particularly authoritative, as a civilian might expect in a Navy officer. He is, however, the typical military man in that he refuses to complain. All the details he offers are just that — details, not complaints. Even as he admits that it's hard to be away

ocean and watching the sun set or watching planes fly off the flight deck."

In some ways, he says, daily life on board the ship is simpler than life at home "because

In Donovan's absence, the day-to-day life Cherise leads is anything but simple.

from his family for so many months at a time, he is quick to point out the perks of his job, such as recent stops in Dubai, Thailand, and Singapore. He says he appreciates the quiet moments of ship life, such as "being out in the middle of the

you only have to worry about you. Obviously, you worry about your work, but as far as taking care of yourself, you wake up, you go to a place where the food's already made, and you eat. You don't have to cook. Pretty much everything you need is there. You eat, sleep, use the restroom, go to work, and that's it. There's nothing else you have to worry about."

Meanwhile, in Donovan's absence, the day-to-day life Cherise leads is anything but simple. A week or two after my conversation with Donovan, she sits leaning against the arm of a bone-colored sofa in her den, snacking on a bag of cherry-flavored Craisins.

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Friday, she tells me, she's up at 6:00 so she can get her 12-year-old daughter Bailey to the bus by 6:45. (Twice a week, she's up at 5:00 to fit in time at the gym.) Next, she bathes, gets herself ready for work, and wakes her 9-yearold son Cameron so he can catch his bus by 8:35. Then it's off to work at the nursing agency from 9:00 to 5:00.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, Cameron has football practice from 5:30 to 7:30, and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, Bailey has cheer practice. So immediately after work, Cherise races home to pick up the kids, drops them off at practice, drives back home to

start dinner, picks up the kids again, feeds them, and gets them going on their homework. Then it's bath time and bedtime.

Saturday means football games, one for each kid, up to three hours each, though sometimes in different cities so that Cherise has to choose one and send the other child with another team parent. Sundays are reserved for church, housework, and getting ready for Monday.

All that seems like more than enough, but Cherise is determined to maintain the same lifestyle her children have when their father is home. And so, in addition to everything else on the weekly schedule, she also hosts

the occasional precompetition hair party, with 30 girls from Bailey's cheerleading team, and, during this past cruise, a slumber party with 13 nine-year-old boys for Cameron's ninth birthday.

Cherise's comfortable posture and easy laughter belie the military precision she employs in her husband's absence. Order, she says, is the key to keeping on top of the finances, the housework, the children's schoolwork and extracurricular activities, and her own job.

"I have a system in place and where I like things," she says. "While [Donovan] is out at sea, that's just how I adjust. I have to have things a certain way."

Diabetes Clinical Study

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"I didn't know what to expect. It was hard because you're used to seeing your spouse all the time, and then all of a sudden, they're never there, and there's all these bills. It was completely overwhelming. I cried so many times, I can't even tell you."

Cherise's small, curvy frame and the dainty manner in which she pulls out one Craisin at a time, eating with polite femininity, might give the impression that she is a delicate woman, perhaps even prone to crying. But her voice is strong, clear, and full of laughter as she details the difficulties of her life as a military spouse. Sitting across from her and listening

to her story, it's hard to imagine that there was ever a time when she broke down because she couldn't handle the pressure.

"When I got married, I never thought

cause their partner isn't there — or if they don't have a partner."

On Harbor Drive, at G Street Mole Park, a bronze sailor stands in most energy is directed toward the reunion stage, it comes and goes the fastest. News cameras zoom in on a kiss, a hug, a cheering crowd, and a sailor holding his newborn

"We're past the honeymoon part, and now we're in the pushy-houseguestwho-has-outstayed-his-welcome-anddoesn't-understand-kids part."

I'd be a single parent. But what you realize is, when they leave, you are basically a single parent. You do have the benefit of the second income, so that's good, but other than that everything else is your responsibility. If one of the kids gets sick, you have to take off work and go to the doctor. There's no one to cover for you," she says. "You just put one foot in front of the other, and you get it done. I think that's how it is for a lot of moms when they have everything riding on their shoulders bea frozen embrace with his wife and child. The statue is called Homecoming. A few yards away, a 25-foot-tall sailor kisses an equally gigantic nurse. Though sculpted to replicate a photo taken on V-J Day, at the end of World War II, it, too, has come to represent that blissful moment of homecoming we see on the news when Navy ships sail into port.

All the hoopla is reserved for the reunion, which is the second stage and the part that everyone looks forward to. And though the baby for the first time. Then the cameras shut off, the news blurb ends, and it's over.

The adjustment phase begins.

On February 9, 2010, in response to a friend's inquiry about how her own reintegration process was going, Rebekah Sanderlin wrote, "We're past the honeymoon part, and now we're in the pushyhouseguest-whohas-outstayed-hiswelcome-and-doesn'tunderstand-kids part. But that's just my take on it. If you asked him, he'd probably tell you that we're at the bossyb*@ch-who-won'tshare part."

From the number of comments that each of Sanderlin's postings receives, it's clear that others relate to her and appreciate the opportunity to talk candidly about the issues she brings up.

Mary Kirby, of Fleet and Family Services, calls this final phase "the renegotiation of the family contract." Stanley Beason, in his more plainspoken manner, likens the adjustment phase to a new marriage.

"Everybody looks



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forward to the wedding," he says, "but then you wake up the next day and all of a sudden you're married."

Both Beason and Kirby agree that this stage is when their work is most critical.

Fleet and Family Services provides
Return and Reunion
workshops to help
couples deal with
exactly the kinds of
stresses and anxieties
that Sanderlin refers
to. These are 45- to

60-minute classes with titles such as "Reunion: Returning to Intimacy," "New Parent: Returning to Your Bundle of Joy," "Stress & Anger Management," and "Returning From Combat/ Hazardous Duty."

Each command chooses the workshops it thinks will help its sailors most. The classes are taught on board the ship while it sails from its last port to San Diego. Some command posts make certain classes mandatory; others merely recommend classes.

And not only are special workshops available to Family Readiness Groups, or families awaiting the arrival of a service member, an abundance of comic and activity books, DVDs, pamphlets, and brochures are available to help toddlers, teens, spouses, and other family members cope with the stresses of deployment

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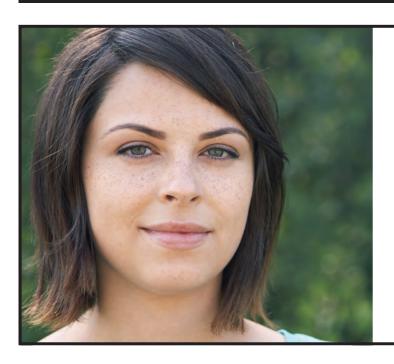
- Be 18 years or older Have Diabetes Mellitus (Type I or Type II) and
 - Painful Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy for at least 3 months
 - Be currently receiving medications with inadequate pain control
 - And already taking antidiabetic medication

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- Study-related medical care at no cost Reimbursement for time and travel up to \$725
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and homecoming.

All this paraphernalia and the profusion of workshops and other self-help tools suggest that the brass is aware of the problems inherent in the military lifestyle. But the question is whether they go deep enough to help in any real way.

Sanderlin claims that workshops and briefings aren't of much use to a family that has been through the deployment cycle several times. On January 27, 2009, she wrote about a conversation she had with her husband before she attended a homecoming-preparation meeting.

"What do you think they're going to tell you?" he asked.

"Oh, the usual,"

I said. "Don't plan a bunch of stuff for right after he gets home, don't let relatives come to visit right away, don't load him down with a honey-do list the moment he walks in the door, don't dump the kids off on him — all

he said.

In October, sailors on board USS Ronald Reagan offered friends and family the opportunity to participate in a "tiger cruise," to ride the ship from Hawaii

"He's been living Groundhog Day for the last five, six months," Cherise says.

that nonsense," I said.

"You know a lot of wives don't think that's all nonsense," he said

Then I asked what was said during his redeployment briefing.

"The same 'don't kill your wives' stuff they always tell us," to San Diego. This required that some sailors leave the ship and fly home to make room for guests. Donovan chose to fly home, and his family met him at Lindbergh Field. Although he had just completed his fourth

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deployment, he was still a bit anxious.

"I was excited to come home, but then at the same time nervous because, you know, you're leaving the environment you've been in for a while. You're glad to leave it, but then you know that when you get home things are going to be different from when you left."

As he made his way past the glass partition in Terminal 2, he could see Cherise and the kids waiting below.

"Cameron looked bigger. He had a new haircut. And Bailey had sprouted some boobs that she didn't have before."

By now, Cherise knows to expect Donovan's disorientation when he returns.

Although he knew logically to expect some changes, seeing his children was a stark reminder of how deceptive the monotony of ship life is.

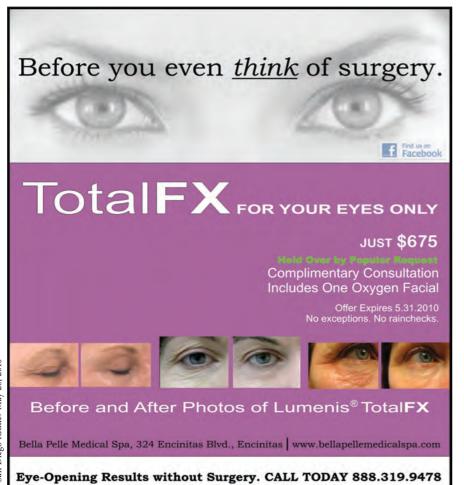
more people have moved in and out, the traffic's just a little heavier on our street. The gas prices have changed. He even says that when he's at home,

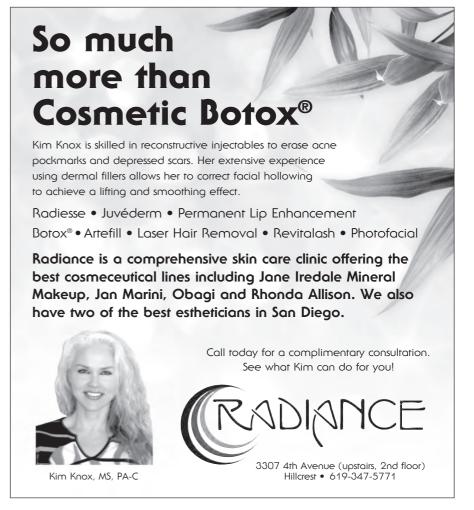
"I make a lot of effort to come in and not knock any of her control."

"He's been living Groundhog Day for the last five, six months," she says, referring to the 1993 movie in which Bill Murray's character relives the same day over and over again. But at home in Rancho Bernardo, time has passed. "Even in our neighborhood,

it still doesn't feel like his house for a couple of days. He's not used to having a sofa to sit on and a big bed to lie in because they have these tiny quarters. Just being able to take a bath, for example, instead of a shower. So he just kind of walks around in a daze a

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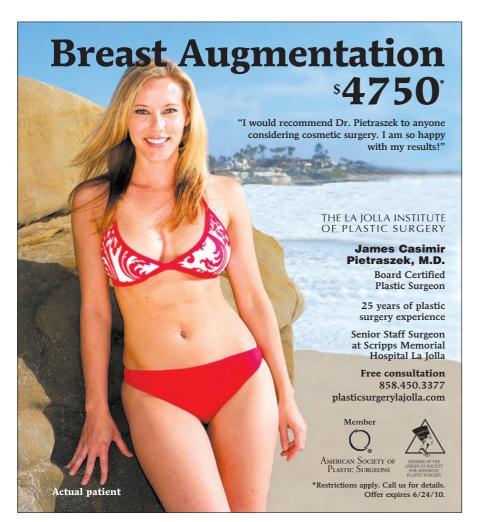
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little bit for the first couple of days until he adjusts."

To help him with the transition back into home life, Cherise gives him a tour of the house when he returns. She leads him from room to room, noting any changes in layout, procedure, or routine.

"He knows where everything is, but I have to tell him new things that have come up. I keep the floors clean, and the best way I know how to do this is to make sure the kids take their shoes off when they come in the door. And so the downstairs isn't cluttered, as soon as [the kids] come through the door, the routine is take your backpack up to your room, hang it on the

hook, come down, get a snack, then go up and start your homework. Period. The end. No TV, no outside, no anything. So I give him my schedule and what I do with the kids."

Though Donovan may, by habit, want to step in and do things his way as soon as he gets home, he tries not to. The hardest part is "finding the common ground so I'm not stepping on her toes and I don't feel like she's stepping on mine," he says. "I make a lot of effort to come in and not knock any of her control. I try to step back, let things go how they normally go, and then help out where I can."

As much as each tries to be sympathetic to what the other goes

through during this reintegration process, it takes time to get into a rhythm with each other. After five months on a ship, where "even when you're asleep, you're at work," Donovan was restless his first week back.

"I went to a movie, and I couldn't sit comfortably through it without getting bored. It was probably a decent movie. It's just the state I was in at the time. I had no interest in sitting there for two hours."

It made sense, then, for Cherise, who had just begun a new and demanding oncall schedule with the nursing agency when he returned, to put him in charge. She went to work, leaving

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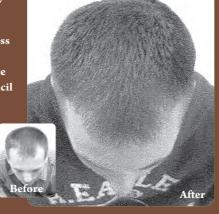
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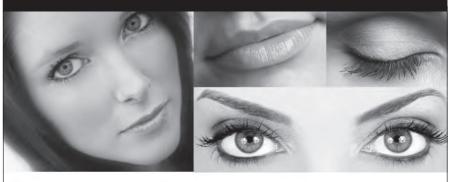






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him responsible for the children and the household. He figured it would be no problem. He is, after all, a lieutenant commander. How tough could it be to take the kids to football and cheer practice, get the homework done, and get dinner on the table?

Cherise laughs as she remembers.

"He had," she pauses, "a lot of difficulties. Let's just put it like that."

For Donovan, the memory isn't quite so funny. "I was late to everything. I was running behind. I was stressed out. Homework was going until 10:30 at night, and I was overwhelmed. I was like, man, I don't even have a job right

now. All I have to do is get them where they have to go, and I was just fumbling."

minutes late to cheer practice. And if Bailey is 20 minutes late to practice, then she has

"Every military marriage is doomed."

As funny as she finds it in hindsight, Donovan's fumbling made Cherise crazy at the time.

"If he doesn't follow the schedule I have laid out — which works pretty perfectly, I might add — then things start to get out of whack."

She goes on to say that if Donovan is 30 minutes behind starting Cameron on his homework, then Bailey is going to be 20 to do push-ups. And if she has to do push-ups, they'll never hear the end of it.

"Sometimes I do feel like he's holding up my schedule," Cherise confesses. "But then I realize I have to share. I've been so used to being the number-one person in control all this time. I don't want him to feel like we don't want him there and we don't need him there, but yes, sometimes I do

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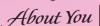
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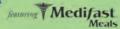
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feel like he's in the way."

Although the workshops Fleet and Family Services provide are meant to help with the more common transitional issues military families have both during and after deployment, the center also provides free counseling to service members and their families who need more help than they can get through the hour-long workshops.

Beason, who joined the Navy before Fleet and Family Services began in 1979, believes that the stigma against counseling "no longer exists like it used to" and that "the Navy is far out ahead of society in this particular effort because of the constant deployments and the separation." He also states, "The vast majority of Navy families manage this whole process very well, without Affairs Department reported a 26 percent jump in suicides by 18to 29-year-old veterans from 2005 to 2007) and a handful of homicidal rampages by military

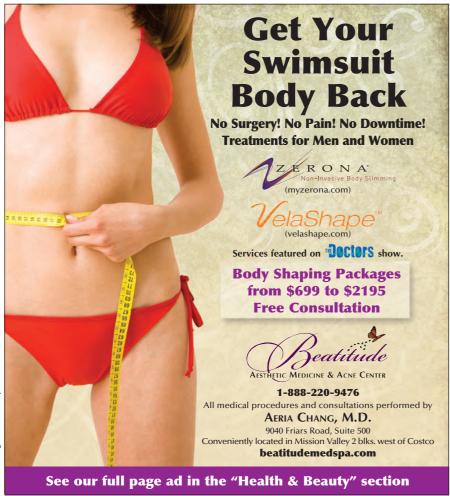
The odds are stacked against military families even before you throw in the deployment and homecoming challenges.

the need for counseling or outside assistance."

While the latter may be true, it's hard to believe no stigma against counseling exists. In light of recently published suicide numbers (the Veterans personnel (see "The Hell of PTSD," *Time*, November 30, 2009), it seems there are plenty of service members who need counseling but don't seek it.

Whether or not the stigma is any less today

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than in previous years, it does make sense that some service members, thinking their marital problems minor in comparison to the more serious issues of post-traumatic stress disorder, would not seek counseling.

All those minor issues, however, can put a strain on a marriage. According to Rebekah Sanderlin, the odds are stacked against military families even before you throw in the deployment and homecoming challenges.

On February 3, 2010, in a post called "The Odds of Staying Married," she writes, "What I learned from the 2009 edition of The State of Our Unions is that basically every military marriage is doomed." She then goes on to list the findings from the report (issued by the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia and the Institute for American Values) and compare them to the circumstances of military families. For example, "The likelihood of getting divorced decreases if you own large assets, such as a house. (Most military families move too often to own their own homes.)" And "You are more likely to get divorced if you live in southern or western states. (The majority of military installations are located in the south and west.)"

At the end of her list of comparisons, she writes, "So if you are married to an officer, were raised by two married parents, got married after age 25 and waited a little while to have kids. own your own home, go to church, are white and live in the north — you

can breathe easy, you're golden. Now for the rest of us..."

On January 17 of this year, Donovan and

Cherise Worth visited the home of a family friend to watch what turned out to be the final Chargers game of the season. After filling their plates with fried

fish and macaroni and cheese, they found a corner of their own in the house full of babies, children, and married couples. When Philip Rivers threw the gameending interception out of the Chargers' own end zone, they shouted at the TV along with everyone else in the room. A photograph taken that afternoon shows

Donovan and Cherise seated on the floor with their backs against a tattered couch and their arms around each other. Both are smiling.

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I used to work filming all the bands with my Sol Cam, burn a DVD, and sell it — bam — out the door, \$20 or \$40.

ple. I set it by the window, and my tunes are ready to go in half an hour. Cost less than ten bucks. It's just a three-inch solar panel bought off the internet.

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12 volts. So that charger that came with the iPod has a transformer in it which steps the voltage down to 6 or 12 volts, and the rest of the energy gets wasted, turned into heat. That's why the plug is always warm.

I've made a solar cooker which I call the Sol Q. Let me see if I've got a video here on my computer...Check this out... this is just a big magnifying glass — actually a Fresnel lens — which I strapped to an old drafting table frame. It can cook steak, lobster, anything. In this video it's cooking a half-pound lobster tail with focused sunlight. I can also use a mirror to reflect the light up onto the bottom of a frying pan and cook that way.

The problem is, a roughly threeby-three-foot Fresnel lens like this costs \$100–\$150, though I got this one for free. I was out at the now-closed Hot Monkey Love Cafe on El Cajon Boulevard, near 70th, behind the Salvation Army. I used to work filming all the bands that came in, with my Sol Cam, burn a DVD, and

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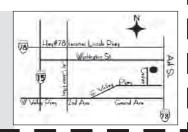
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sell it — bam — out the door, \$20 or \$40. I had a studio there. I had been looking for these lenses online, and there was one out on the side of the Salvation Army, next to an old TV. It had been the TV's screen

In this video, I have the lens mounted on an old drafting table frame. Eventually, I put it on top of a barbecue. That is going to be one of the things that I try to market and sell, the Sol O. Just think, you're at the beach and everybody's trying to light their charcoal barbecues, which are hot and smoky and bad for the environment. But you set up your Sol Q and cook hot dogs, steak, fish, anything you want using focused sunlight.

The big lens makes the Sol Q a bit expensive. So I've developed a smaller cooker that uses simple magnifying lenses, the kind you can buy at Rite-Aid that sit right on the page of the book. I've mounted them in a frame above four cooking dishes. You could have your meat in one, potatoes in another, and maybe some beans and veggies in the other two. Set it next to your lawn chair and let the sun cook a four-course meal for you. Meanwhile, your beer is chilling in a solarpowered cooler, tunes are going on your solar-powered stereo, and you're catching the whole scene on your Sol Cam.

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down on his luck — well, actually, he was probably a tweaker. But he wasn't quite homeless. He lived in a garage, surrounded by dozens of bicycles which he worked on all day. He was known

around Ocean Beach as the Bike Man. Anyway, after talking to him, I started buying car batteries and solar panels and hooking them up to amplifiers and video equipment and just blowing stuff up and melting batteries.

The first solar kit I bought was about \$300, which was a lot of money, but it was a huge kit. I had no idea what you could do with these

things. So I took a set of big video-camera batteries, and hooked it to the solar panel. This was my first time ever charging anything off it. I came back, and the batteries were melted all over

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the place. Over time, I learned to reduce the size of the solar panels. So instead of using a panel like this 12-by-12-inch one here to charge my video camera, I learned that all I needed was something like this four-inch. But I melted a lot of batteries and fried a lot of circuitry before I figured it out.

Now I've got it down, and I've got all these ideas for marketable products. But people don't want to listen, or they want to steal my ideas. My best customers have been migrant farmworkers up in Carlsbad and Carmel

These guys live in cardboard shacks under bushes that grow in the canyons up there, a stone's throw from multimillion-dollar mansions. By day, they work in the flower fields and strawberry farms that you see when you drive up I-5. There's an organization out of Encinitas called Las Casitas that was trying to help these guys build better housing for themselves, basically adobe huts made of sand bags. I went out there to video the whole thing, and I thought, they can't get power to these little huts. Solar power would be perfect for them. Because these guys were burning candles inside cardboard huts in superdry chaparral canyons, putting themselves and the neighboring houses at risk. So I put together a suitcase-sized solar kit, which included a 10-watt lamp, a four-inch TV, a radio, a battery pack, and a solar panel. I was going to donate the kit to them, but they wouldn't let me. "No, no," they said. "¿Cuanto?" How much?

I didn't want to take money from dudes living in cardboard shacks. But they insisted, so I said, "Uh...\$200." Right there, one of them pulled out a big roll of hundred-dollar bills from his pocket, peeled off a couple, and bought the kit. I was hoping my Sol Mates — that's

what I started calling my kits — would make their lives in the canyon a little bit more comfortable. But the funny thing is, I made the most sales when their work was done and they were getting ready to go back to Oaxaca or wherever. They wanted them for their houses back home.

I probably sold about 20 kits to those guys. It was a hot business for me. And the irony, man...I couldn't get over the irony. Here I am in the richest country in the world trying for 15, 20 years to get people interested in this technology that could change the world. And my best customers turn out to be migrant farm workers from the Third World.

But I'm not giving up on solar power. There's just too much potential there. That little briefcase over there — the I like being able to go off to Peru for a couple of months to help build adobe houses in a village in the Andes — which is

I'm a gypsy by nature.

Sol Mate — can change the world. And the Sol Q could make millions and millions of dollars. In the meantime, I make a little money with my video work, and I do a little sales work with rooftop solar-panel companies. That's all I need to survive. I don't have a lot of bills...haven't paid rent in several years. I crash on that couch over there, or kind of bounce from friend to friend. I'm a gypsy by nature.

something I did recently and hope to do again. I've been building a drum circle at the World Beat Center in Balboa Park, kind of a mini-amphitheater. I love volunteer work. But don't get me wrong, I love money, and solar power will make me lots of it. I can wait. I've already waited 20 years. I don't think I'll have to wait another 20. ■

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The Star Bar starts to get a little crowded by noon. I went back in, and all I knew was two things. I knew that Hank was broke and he would ask me for money, and I knew at some point there would be a fight in there, sooner rather than later. Hank asked me for money straightaway. I had a

twenty and a five and a wad of

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one-dollar bills, but I had to tell him no, even though I had a bit put away in my room. I'd buy him a couple of beers more, but that was it.

Hank was going after the gal sitting there and sipping her drink, and I wasn't about to invest in his quest.

When she got up and went to powder her nose, Hank woke Tony up and lifted some cash. Hank was good for it. He'd be fired by the end of the day, but he'd get something else in a week. I was never that lucky. I had to watch my cash. I knew I had something lined up on Monday, but I never know how long



it will last. For Hank, it always lasts as long as he wants it to last.

"I'd buy you a beer, pal, but I have to save what I got for a date," Hank said.

"No problem, Hank. We're friends, don't worry about it."

And then it started. Francisco was waiting for it, and when she came out of the restroom he introduced himself and bought her another drink. Fran-

cisco is a good guy sober, but he's a big, mean bastard when he's drunk. And there isn't a woman in the world he thinks doesn't belong to him. In that way, Hank isn't much different. I didn't figure I would referee that fight, and it was the only thing I was right about all afternoon. But I learned a long time ago that I never really know what's going to happen next.

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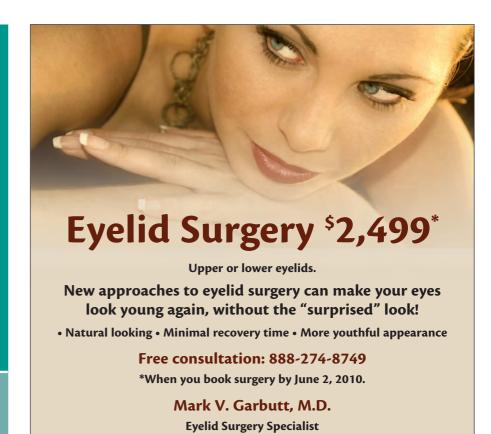
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"What about the Mets this year, Teddy?" "Screw the Mets.

They're gonna go at it, Hank and Cisco."

"Yeah, I know. What say we just watch this time?"

Teddy nodded. It started out amicably, at least from a short distance; they all got along swell. She drained Francisco's drink, and then it was backed up by one from Hank. Teddy and me drank and watched.

Then Hank and Francisco traded off buying shots for the three of them. Then Francisco slipped his arm around her. That was it. Hank got cute after that. The barfly peeled Francisco's arm off of her and turned to Hank, and then Francisco got mad and reached for a full bottle. I jumped up instinctively, I still don't know why.

In the short time it took me to grab Francisco's bottle out of his hand, Teddy got up to hold me back, but Tony — now awake and watching — tripped Teddy, and Teddy fell to the ground. I looked in back of me, and then Francisco punched the back of my head. I turned and slugged him in the stomach, and that doubled him over.

Meanwhile, Hank grabbed the broad and went back a few feet.

Francisco isn't easy. He got up quick and gave me a right hook to the eye, and somehow I countered and caught him good, directly to the nose, sending him backward and down. Tony held Teddy firm. Out of the corner of my good eye I caught Lolita dialing the phone. I knew what was coming next. Francisco tried to get up, but he couldn't. There was a lot of blood. We were both panting. I looked at him and felt stupid.

"Sorry," I said. He nodded, blood still pouring from his nose. I helped him up with my left hand because my right hand hurt too much. It was over. The cops would be there in a few minutes. Teddy took Francisco into the restroom, and I threw a couple of dollars on the bar and left, Hank and his new girlfriend following. We walked three blocks to my room. I had a couple of bottles of cheap red

wine up there. I went into the bathroom and changed my shirt and cleaned up. My eye wasn't swollen shut, but I'd have probably been better off if it had been — the shade of purple didn't flatter me. My hand hurt more than anything else. I came out, and the three of us polished off the wine in a couple of hours. The street came

in through the window, along with some sun, and there wasn't a lot to talk about other than Hank thanking me for having his back. He would have mine some other time.

She got up and went to the bathroom,

Marguerite would be in there for the afternoon people, so I walked back down and crossed Broadway. Everything was busy now. There were a dozen people out in front of the place, smoking. Inside there is no concept of morning,

It's funny when you're a drunk: you can go for days without eating, but when you get hungry it hurts.

and Hank slipped me a ten-dollar bill. "It's all I can spare. Do me a favor and give me an hour."

The sidewalk was

warm down there. It was three in the afternoon, and I was hungry. It's funny when you're a drunk: you can go for days without eating, but when you get hungry it hurts and nothing can stop the hurt until you eat something. Anything will do — it doesn't matter, just some sort of food. There is a Chinese joint around the corner that loads up a big container for two and a half dollars, and a lot of us drunks eat there. Drunks with no money can get full eating out of the trashcans in there, and some do, and so would I if I ever ran out of money.

I ate everything and thought about getting more, except that Chinese food is like one of those hydra monsters where when you cut off the head, another one grows. The more Chinese food you eat, the hungrier you're going to be later. You're better off eating a bunch of it all at once and getting the hell out of the place. I was full, and that was all that mattered for the moment. I sat there and wondered where to go next.

The Star Bar had already changed shifts. afternoon, and evening — it's starting, continuing, and finishing. It's mostly empty, mostly

about mostly full is that there aren't many fights. I was halfway through my second when Hank walked in. He sat next to me and

full, and time to leave.

The only good thing

got a beer. "Nice shiner," he said.

"Yeah. You can have

Hank took a drink. "She wasn't worth it. I owe you for this. I'm gonna quit that place and get my last check tomorrow. Let me take you somewhere. Maybe we'll go down to the Pinto.

"Yeah, maybe. I'll let you know."

I finished my beer and left. The sun was casting longer shadows, and I walked up Sixth and passed my hotel and went to the liquor store around the corner and bought a bottle of wine. I drank it up in my room and watched the twilight creep in. The sound of the city never changes. I imagined the next shift of drunks finding their way through the streets, in and out of the Star, the Chinese joint, and the liquor store. It was only a question of when the next fight would break

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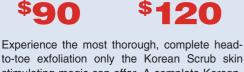
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I do not speak for all legal immigrants, not by a long shot. I do know, however, that many other legal immigrants I have met and know share my sentiments when I say that amnesty for illegal immigrants is wrong.

There are hundreds of thousands if not millions of people all around the world who would like to come to America, many of whom are trying to do so the legal way. To grant amnesty to illegal immigrants would be a smack in the face to those would-be legal immigrants by allowing illegal immigrants, who broke our immigration laws, to cut in line in front of everyone else.

It would be akin to the loud, obnoxious family who shows up at a busy restaurant and demands seating only to have the management cave in and seat the family ahead of other people who are patiently waiting in line for their table.

I firmly believe not only that illegal immigrants should be deported but that the employers who knowingly hire them should be prosecuted as well. Under criminal laws related to illegal drugs, the government can seize a house, car, or other items used in connection with the manufacture or distribution of illegal drugs.

Similarly, I would go so far as to say the government should apply similar forfeiture laws to businesses who are caught knowingly employing illegal immigrants. I think if a business is found to be knowingly employing illegal immigrants, the government should be able to seize the property and building upon which that business does business.

Lastly, I will end with a famous saying that says if you point your finger at someone, there are three fingers pointing back at you. The Mexican government may like to point its finger at Arizona and anyone who dares speak out against illegal immigration, but the Mexican government should look at its own laws as well before it points its finger at anyone.

For example, did you know that Article 27, Section I of the current Mexican constitution states that only "Mexicans by birth or by naturalization as well as Mexican corporations shall have a right to acquire legal domain over lands, waters, and their accessories"?

Furthermore, illegal immigrants in Mexico may not even be afforded due process under Article 33 of the Mexican constitu-

tion, which states that "the Executive Branch [of the Mexican federal government] shall have power to expel from national territory, without a trial and in an immediate way, any foreigner whose presence is considered to be inconvenient. The foreigners shall not participate in the country's political affairs."

Those two articles are only the tip of the iceberg of Mexico's hostility towards illegal immigrants within its own borders, so I find it incredible that the Mexican government has the audacity to accuse anyone of racism or discrimination simply for seeking to enforce immigration laws and deport illegal immigrants. In fact, there is not a single country in the world to my knowledge that does not have immigration laws. I know of no country that allows people to come and go as they please, completely unchecked.

Name Withheld via email

Good Job!

It was nice and refreshing to read an article on Jehovah's Witnesses that was factual and without bias ("Sheep and Goats," April 8). Mr. Lickona did a very nice job on his article. Thank you.

M.S.L. via email

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Beautiful piece. I had never heard of this poet, or read his work, that I recall. Thanks, I will have to look him up.

Of Notes **Published May 12**

By lifesbeengood 5:33 p.m., May 15, 2010

According to Keith Richards, in the latest issue of RSM, "Mick Taylor was such a virtuoso. He still amazes me. If I had my way, he'd still be in the band."

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By pitbullsarentevil 1:40 p.m., May 12, 2010 This story about an "evil"

pitbull is BS! You cannot tell a dog is "evil" from a block away or even right in front of you unless you see his teeth bared or hear growling. You are merely assuming it is evil because it is a purebred pitbull. You are helping to give them the bad rap that they do not deserve. If the dog was evil, he would have attacked and not just stood his ground. He most likely followed because he wanted to meet other people/dogs and was lonely because he has a "worthless idiot" owner. I take it you're jealous of his size, too. Also, if he was "evil", he would have attacked the guy with the stick out of defense and not run with his tail between his legs. The guy in the tye-dye was not a good samaritan but only a cruel dog-hater! Lastly, your dog was the initial aggressor and the other chose not to engage. Another sign of a GOOD dog. I realize your dog has pit blood in him as

well, but you seem to think

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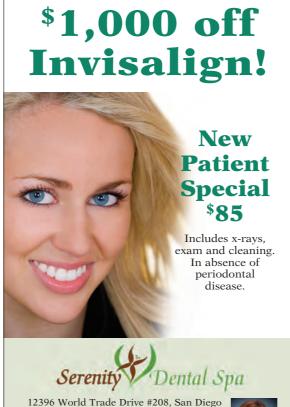
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that because he's mixed with other breeds, he's much better and superior. Quit attacking pit bulls!!! It's people like you that are making it harder to own pit bulls and other dogs with similar reputations.

By thestoryteller 6:04 p.m., May 12, 2010

As I've posted previously, I've worked with more than 500 pit bulls and own two. There are plenty of them I wouldn't want to have around, but not all of them are bad. My dogs are victims of pit bull prejudice every day and they are great dogs.

The problem is that the general public doesn't know what to look for in terms of whether a dog is good or bad. I know that those of us who have been around them in shelters for years tend to cringe when we see one on the loose.

I do think that pit bull owners should be required to have their dogs temperament tested at their own expense. They should wear orange tags to give the public some assurance of safety—he's one of the good ones, guys.

I think owners of strong breeds should be held to a higher standard of care than other owners because of the potential damage they can inflict.

Pit bull owners should pay a heavy fine if their dogs run at large—it's only fair.

By antigeekess 8:22 p.m., May 12, 2010

"Go home and show your parents the knot on your head and tell them it's their fault! Come back, you forgot the bag!"

LOL. Lovin' me some Hank.:)

Agree with everything above: "I think owners of strong breeds should be held to a higher standard of care than other owners because of the potential damage they can inflict."

Absolutely. That breed's ability to cause permanent disfigurement and/or death is reportedly so far and above that of other dogs that they are in a class by themselves — a deadly weapon with a bite more on the scale of an alligator or gila monster than a dog. They can rip skin and

muscle right off, down to the bone.

http://www.dogsbite.org/blog/uploaded...

http://img.medscape.com/pi/emed/ckb/e...

http://pit-bull-awareness-center.chri...

Yeah, apparently a thief. But what did these children do to deserve their pitbull maulings?

http://www.golivewire.com/forums/img....

http://www.dogsbite.org/ blog/uploaded... Or any of the children in

these news stories?
http://www.clipsyndicate.

com/video/pl... What did Molly do to de-

serve her pit bull attack? http://www.youtube.com/

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What about Vico, the little pug that was killed this

what about vico, the little pug that was killed this past Saturday, April 24 by a pit bull at the Grape St. Dog Park?

http://www.dogster.com/local/CA/San_d...

What about all of these people?

http://www.dogsbite.org/ img/tanya-bar... http://www.wral.com/

news/local/story/...
http://pit-bulls.christian-

http://pit-bulls.christian-funfair.org...

http://www.dogbitelaw.com/Dog%20Attac...

This is what comes up when you put in keywords "pit bull injuries" on You-Tube. Certainly plenty to watch.

http://www.youtube.com/results?search...

If you Google "pit bull attacks," you'll get approximately 2,840,000 hits. There's plenty of evidence as to how dangerous the breed is, and plenty of information about them on the internet. Most people who own them are simply ignorant, and there's a good chance that someone ELSE — be it their child, another pet or a random stranger, may very well suffer for it.

http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/20...

http://www.sandiegoread-er.com/news/20...

I remember a few years ago working with a young woman whose male friend had called her distraught, crying "My dog killed another dog!!!" Of course it was a pit bull. What else?

City Lights, by Don Bauder Published May 12

By paul 12:52 p.m., May 12, 2010

The legitimacy of Bridgepoint appears to be through the two schools they purchased, in Iowa and Colorado.

Why are they here in San Diego?

By SanDiegoParrothead 1:12 p.m., May 12, 2010

Don: Just want to say thanks for the info on Bridge-point. I read (and was fooled) by the SDUT article, so much so that I went online and was thinking about applying there. Then I read your blog a few days later and decided to deep six those plans.

If they lose the fed gov't money, I can see a lot of lay-offs coming ...

By dbauder 1:50 p.m., May 12, 2010

The CEO and founder of Bridgepoint had spent much of his career at the University of Phoenix. Maybe, like many Zonies, he preferred San Diego. There are a number of companies based in San Diego because of the weather, beaches, golf courses, etc. As to the purchase of the small land-based schools in Iowa and Colorado: generally, the for-profit schools purchase a land-based institution for accreditation purposes. Best, Don Bauder

By CogSciGuy 4 p.m., May 12, 2010

As a long-time enrollment advisor for Bridgepoint, I can attest that we certainly do get paid for how many students we enroll and are therefore quite eager to enroll anyone who is willing...and to try to convince those who are less willing. Tami's (the former EA here) comments on the Frontline piece were entirely accurate.

By dbauder 5:51 p.m., May 12, 2010

When you say you are "quite eager to enroll anyone who is willing," do you consider whether the person is qualified to enter college? And able to take on debt? Not simply willing to enroll? Best, Don Bauder

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Thursday | 20

(THAT'S NOT) THE STORY

Stop by the reception for this exhibition of art and poetry created by San Diego City College students showcasing stories and life journeys of the recipients of Special Delivery, a volunteer-run service providing meals to critically ill homebound people. Donations of canned goods for Special Delivery are encouraged. See **SPECIAL**, page 69.

CINECUCINA — APERITIVO

The San Diego Italian Film Festival and Slow Food present shorts and documentaries about food from an Italian perspective — "where it comes from, what one does with it, and even some Italianfood myths." Mangia! See **FILM**, page 71.

Friday | 21

THEY CAME TO PLAY

This documentary follows competitors in the Van Cliburn Foundation's International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs, providing an "intimate look into the lives of these multifaceted competitors." Producer Lori Miller is on hand to present insights. The evening concludes with brief performances by local "Outstanding Amateur" pianists. See **SPECIAL**, page 69.

Saturday | 22

GOIN' TO JUVIE

At the County of San Diego Probation Department's annual open house, see how more than 300 local juvenile delinquents spend their days at Kearny Mesa's juvenile hall. Parents can learn about resources available to keep their children out of the justice system. See **SPECIAL**, page 70.

ALL IN THE TIMING

Brian Mackey portrays Leon Trotsky with an axe in his head for 36 hours, Kim Strassburger performs as a monkey trying to write *Hamlet* from scratch (but coming closer to Milton's Paradise Lost), and Karson St. John displays her range in several roles: just some of the absurdist vignettes penned by David Ives, presented at Ion Theatre. See **THEATER**, page 119.

Sunday | 23

FESTA DO DIVINO ESPIRITO SANTO

The Feast of the Holy Spirit, presented by the United Portuguese Hall of San Diego, celebrates the history and heri-

tage of "San Diego's oldest ethnic festival." Enjoy Portuguese music, food, dance,

and traditional festivities. Plus, San Diego Council mem-

bers and 1500 others will march in a "lively parade."

See SPECIAL,

page 70.



SUNDAY, MAY 23: HOP

HOPE

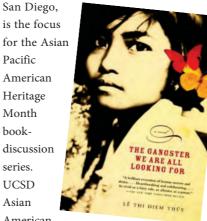
Blum the Clown returns from 20 years of travel with a Pandora's Box of wonders collected from around the world. See what he's found during this 20th anniversary of the Fern Street Circus production with clowns, jugglers, acrobats, aerialists, and wire walkers. See IN PERSON, page 74.

Monday | 24

THE GANGSTER WE ARE ALL LOOKING FOR

Lê Thi Diem Thúy's book, set in

is the focus for the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month bookdiscussion series. **UCSD** Asian American



literature professor Lisa Lowe will lead the discussion at the San Diego Public Library. See **SPECIAL**, page 69.

Tuesday | 25

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TIME

Do you have what it takes? Enter the Everyday Heroes No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament at Pala Casino. Half of the proceeds awarded to the top six players, with the other half going to the Ambassadors Foundation's "Everyday Heroes" program. The buyin is \$100. See **SPECIAL**, page 71.

Wednesday | 26

LOVE **CANEBERRIES?**

California Rare Fruit Growers meet to discuss varieties and growing techniques

for blueberries and caneberries (blackberries, raspberries). Berries will be offered for tasting, and various berry plants, other fruiting plants, and garden accessories will be available for sale. See **LECTURES**, page 78.

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The motto of Cave Caulker is "go slow.

Caye Caulker, Belize By Paul Todd

Caye Caulker is a sleepy backwater island nestled between the Belize coast and Belize Barrier Reef. With warm waters, cool breezes, and friendly locals, it's a little slice of Caribbean paradise — too small to accommodate a heavy tourist trade but large enough to offer memories of a lifetime.

The well-deserved motto of Caye Caulker is "Go Slow." Once you step foot on the island, the stress seems to melt away. Getting there's half the fun. The Cave Caulker water taxi runs out of Belize City. With eight scheduled runs a day, you're sure to make the connection from the airport. Corozal, Belize, also runs a water taxi to Caye Caulker via San Pedro Island at 7:30 each morning, and Tropic Air flies small single-engine planes to Caye Caulker daily from Belize City, San Pedro, and Corozal. Want to rent a car while in Caye Caulker? You're out of luck — only bicycles and golf carts allowed. (Yes, they're both available for rent.)

Caye Caulker's not for everyone. If you're looking for a resort experience, you should look to the island's larger neighbor, San Pedro.

You'll find plenty of clean, modest accommodations on the island, along with simple, well-prepared food. Don't be surprised if a local comes up and just wants to chat. There are no paved roads, and the two main roads do not need traffic lights. At night the stars come out with the sound of a child's laughter or occasional dog barking in the background.

While Caye Caulker is laid back, there are plenty of things to do. Some of the best dive and snorkeling sites are located minutes away at the Belize Barrier Reef, the second largest reef in the world. Be sure not to miss the great blue hole, a natural limestone sinkhole that's a quarter-mile wide and over 400 feet deep. The great blue hole was once featured in a Jacques Cousteau special and is considered one of the best dives in the world. If you've never tried scuba diving, there are plenty of places with highly qualified instructors.

If getting under the water is not your thing, no worries. Caye Caulker also offers wind surfing, kayaking, sailing, and nature tours. Dining options are numerous and outstanding. Try Rose's - not much to look at but some of the best seafood on the island. Rose's does not have a menu; it just serves the tastiest seafood caught that day. For breakfast anytime, try Tropical Paradise, serving well-cooked pancakes, French toast, and omelets.

The Winchester Mystery House

By Derek Ray

Do you long for an excursion into a world rich with mystery and a healthy dose of the supernatural? On a nondescript street in San Jose stands one of the most fascinating homes in the country. The Winchester House is not

continued on page 68

Other Adventures



sanso66: Chinatown, San Francisco. This building was rebuilt after the earthquake and fire of 1906. It was previously the Chinese Telephone Exchange.



emilyo: The shot was of a little boy who had a june bug tied to a string in Rosarito



mveseskis: Bungalow sunset in Huahine, Tahiti



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Mule Deer by the dozens continue to roam through the 25,000-acre Cuvamaca Rancho State Park, where the smoldering landscape of October 2003 has given way to thriving shrubbery and saplings of pine and oak amid the blackened tree trunks. Take an early morning drive down Highway 79 through the park, and you'll likely spot deer on or near the road.

Agaves, or century plants (Agave

americana), have been sending up their asparagus-like flower stalks all over the San Diego area lately. In warm weather, the tips can rise as much as a foot a day. During summer, big clusters of yellow and green flowers should appear on the tops of the stalks, some up to 30 feet tall. After the blooming cycle ends, the spinetipped, fleshy daggers at the base of the stalk die (after a life of 10 or 20 years, not a century) and the stalk dries up, but suckers usually

after which you can enjoy an

easy and breezy descent amid

the fragrant eucalyptus groves

of Scripps Ranch. Cross over

Interstate 15, and go left on

Kearny Villa Road. This part of

Kearny Villa Road is the old I-15

highway, now rendered almost

traffic-free on the weekends.

Pass over Highways 163 and

52, and be sure to keep straight

on Ruffin Road just past the 52

Next, make a left on Claire-

mont Mesa Boulevard, a left on

Santo Road, and a right on the

ramp eastbound onto Highway

52. The nearly five-mile stretch

of freeway ahead, which goes

up and over a pass, is not only

bicycle-legal, it has a posted

bike route on its shoulders, too.

The two-mile descent on the

far side of the pass is another

screamer - especially if the

wind is in your favor. Be sure to

exit the freeway at Mast Boule-

vard in Santee, the end of the

Go east on Mast, make a

right on Cuvamaca Street, and

go left (east) on Mission Gorge

Road. Ahead, Mission Gorge

becomes Woodside Avenue,

and that takes you back to

bike-legal stretch.

freeway.

remain to continue a new cycle of growth, flowering, seed production and death. The smaller desert agaves (Agave deserti), which are native to the western edge of the Anza-Borrego Desert, are now finishing their blooming cycle.

Highest Tides this month. measuring +6.3 feet, occur on Wednesday, May 26, at 8:41pm, and also on Thursday, May 27, at 9:19pm. The lowest tides of the month, measuring -1.2 feet, occur on Thursday, May 27, at the inconvenient hour of 3:46am, and again on Friday, May 28, at 4:27am. For very early morning exploration of tidepools, you might try low tide the following day (Saturday, the 29th). On that morning a -1.1-foot tide happens at 5:07am, more or less during the day's first light.

"Dew a Nature Walk" Trail guide naturalists lead walk through aromatic grasslands, willow thickets, old growth oaks to historic Old Mission Dam. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 22, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Big Loop Hiking This 7.5-mile afternoon fitness hike led by naturalist Rita Ospelt follows many trails at brisk pace. Expect some steep uphill and downhill sections. Not suited for children. 760-839-4680. Thursday, May 20, 4:30pm; free. Daley Ranch- La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

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 22, 9am; free. South Village Neighborhood Park, 14756 Via Azul. (CARMEL

Calling Novice Naturalists Walk highlights diversity of species through native plant and animal habitats. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 22, 9:30am; Sunday, May 23, 9:30am; Wednesday. May 26, 9:30am; free, Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Desert Garden Tour Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, May 22, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Explore Encinitas The inaugural Downtown Encinitas Walking Tour, with local dignitaries, starts at Moonlight Beach concession stand. Wear walking shoes, be prepared to get your feet sandy at beach. Participants encouraged to print out map, download recording to an MP3 player from website before walk. 760-943-1950. Tuesday, May 25, 2pm; free. Moonlight Beach, 200 B Street, (ENCINITAS)

Explore Little Italy Learn 139 years of neighborhood history during guided walking tour. 760-736-1138. Saturdays, 10am; free. Café Zucchero, 1731 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Explore Ocean Beach Walkabout walkers wander along ocean. onto pier, and visit a "secret garden" during moderate 1.5-hour walk starting at restrooms. 619-231-7463. Friday, May 21, 10am; free. Robb Field, 2525 Bacon Street.

Explore Open Spaces Join California Native Plant Society for an introductory walk, learn 20 native plants. Bring sturdy shoes, water. 619-501-3789. Saturday, May 22, 10am; free. Torrey Pines Extension trailhead CNPSSD, Mar Scenic Drive at Del Mar Heights Road.

Explore Plants and Plant Communities Mike Crouse leads class for wildlife trackers — and anyone with an interest in regional flora - wishing to enhance their knowledge of plant communities and associated fauna. Required registration: 858-775-7227. Saturday, May 22, 8am; \$30. Julian Café and Bakery, 2112 Main Street. (JULIAN)

Hike Through Bracken Ferns, Oaks, Conifers Join San Diego Natural History Museum Canyoneers on strenuous hike to Thunder Spring and Chimney Flats in Palomar Mountain State Park, Meet in Doane Pond parking lot. Parking fee: \$6, 619-255-0171. Sunday, May 23, 9am. Palomar Mountain State Park, 19952 State Park Drive. (PALA)

Miner's Loop Trail Walk Naturalist-led hike along trail on north face of Black Mountain Park. Wear hiking boots, bring water. 858-484-3219. Saturday, May 22, 8am; free. Black Mountain Open Space Park staging area, 14850 Carmel Valley Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Nuttall's Woodpecker on Life List? Audubon Society birders head into protected woodland as well as main part of park in search of variety of birds. Typical sightings include red-shouldered hawk. song sparrow, more. 619-282-8687. Sunday, May 23, 8am; free. Mast Park, 9125 Carlton Hills Boulevard.

Sycamores and a Waterfall Naturalist Linda King leads moderately paced loop walk to Carson's Crossing, waterfall, and Sycamore Crossing. 858-484-3219. Sunday, May 23, 8am; free. Del Mar Mesa trailhead, 7107 Park Village Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Where's Harper Creek? Join San Diego Natural History Museum Canyoneers on moderate hike in Cuyamaca Rancho State



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Morning clouds over San Vicente Reservoir

County's most important wo of inland San Diego east-west highways, Scripps-Poway Parkway and the Tierrasanta-to-Santee stretch of the Highway 52 Freeway, have been designed to carry bicycle as well as auto traffic. They can be used to string together a more-or-less circular route of 38 miles. By bike-riding the route marked by arrows on our map, you can experience some of the smoothest, fastest stretches of pavement in San Diego County.

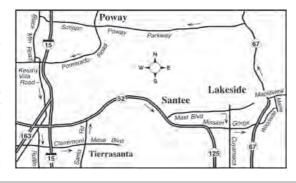
Although most road shoulders along the route are typically wide and even signed as bike lanes, fast traffic alongside can be unnerving for less-thanexperienced riders. It's by far best to undertake this trip early on a Sunday morning, when traffic volumes are relatively low. Begin anywhere you want along the route, but Lakeside is recommended as a start point to take advantage of the west wind that often kicks up by midday. With elevation changes of more than 2000 feet, this is a trip for strong cyclists only.

Start on Woodside Avenue or Maine Avenue in Lakeside and reach northbound Highway 67 via Mapleview Street, After three miles, the highway broadens to two northbound lanes plus a shoulder, and you commence a thousand-foot ascent up through desolate hills at

about an 8 percent grade. This is the most difficult and dangerous (traffic-wise) part of the ride, and it's best done as early as possible to take advantage of cool weather and light traffic. Three more miles of somewhat easier pedaling follows. until you reach the traffic light at Scripps-Poway Parkway. Turn left and descend the blacktop pavement of this curving multilane road. You sweep down toward Poway's south industrial district, reaching frightening speeds in excess of 30 miles per hour if you don't do any brake work.

The road levels out amid a whole row of boxy, gleaming office and industrial buildings overlooking Poway. Soon enough, a steep downgrade takes you to an intersection with Pomerado Road. Turn left. You negotiate another upgrade,

Lakeside. Bicyclists should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The Reader and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.



Winchester continued from page 66

your typical quaint Victorian mansion — it's an officially recognized haunted house, one of two in California along with the Whaley House in San Diego.

Sarah Winchester was the widow of William Winchester, the son of the manufacturer of the Winchester Rifle. Attempting to contact the spirit of her late husband during a séance, she was instead supposedly confronted by the spirits of those killed by Winchester rifles, mainly Native Americans. They threatened her and insisted that she move from her home in New Haven, Connecticut, to the West and devote her fortune to building a mansion nonstop according to their specifications.

Sarah immediately set out for California in 1884, bought a little farmhouse, and spent the last half of her life devoting her spectacular wealth to building onto and transforming the



160 rooms, 950 doors, and 10,000 windows?

house. Heir to the Winchester fortune, Mrs. Winchester had nearly unlimited financial resources to devote to this purpose. Work ensued on the house seven days a week, 24 hours a day, for 38 years. The mansion grew to 160 rooms with 950 doors and 10,000 windows! She lived alone there, except perhaps for the spirits that she feared.

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Park. Meet at parking area south of Sweetwater Bridge along Highway 79. 619-255-0171. Saturday, May 22, 8am; free. Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, 12551 Highway 79. (DESCANSO)

SPECIAL



"(that's not) the story" Art exhibition, reception showcasing art and poetry created by San Diego City College students showcasing "stories and life journeys of the recipients of Special Delivery," a volunteer-run service providing meals to critically ill homebound people. Donations of canned goods for Special Delivery encouraged. 619-227-6826. Thursday, May 20, 5pm; free. Saville Theatre at San Diego City College, 14th and C Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Celebrating the Theatrical Legacy of Craig Noel" Remember this "San Diego icon and pioneer of the American theater" during memorial. Noel, founding director of the Old Globe, died in April at age 94. Required reservations: 619-23-GLOBE. Monday, May 24, 7pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road.

"Esthetique" Enjoy "A Celebration of Haitian Art — The Story Retold" when students from San Pasqual High School unveil more than 160 Haitian-inspired paintings they created. All student artwork for sale during outdoor arts festival, with portion of sales benefiting Haiti Relief Fund. Event includes silent auction with artwork created by San Pasqual art teachers and local artists, mural painting, live music, farm stand, refreshments. 800-988-4253. Saturday, May 22, 4pm; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

"Francophollies 2010" Enjoy "déjeuner sur l'herbe" — eat, nap, chat, play, "discover six French-American Associations gathered." Bring picnic, food for potluck. RSVP: 619-275-2315. Sunday, May 23, noon; free. Kate Sessions Park, 5115 Soledad Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Homegrown Racers and Motorcycles" Julian Classic Motoring Show promises mixture of vintage sports and racing cars, classic touring cars, vintage motorcycles. Spectator admission: \$5.760-765-1857. Sunday, May 23, 10am; Menghini Winery, 1150 Julian Orchards Drive. (JULIAN)

"Make a Joyful Noise" Jamie's Joy plans event "in loving memory of Jamie Morgan Mychael

Bratton-McNeeley on his 14th birthday," with entertainment by singer-songwriter Karl Anthony, transccenDANCE, silent auction, activities for kids, more. 619-282-2553. Friday, May 21, 7pm; \$15-\$20. Christ Church Unity, 3770 Altadena Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

"May Flowers" "Art in the Heart of RB" reception for watercolorist Katherine Reeder, photographer Doreen Long, plein air watercolor painter Emma Mossy. RSVP: 858521-7000. Wednesday, May 26, 4:30pm. UBS Financial Services, Inc., 17140 Bernardo Center Dr., Suite 350. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

The Gangster We Are All Looking For Lê Thi Diem Thúy's wonderful book, set in San Diego, is focus for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month book discussion series. UCSD Asian American literature professor Lisa Lowe leads discussion. 619-236-5816. Monday, May 24, 6:30pm;

free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street, (EAST VILLAGE)

They Came to Play Documentary follows competitors in Van Cliburn Foundation's International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs, providing "intimate look into the lives of these multifaceted competitors." Producer Lori Miller on hand to present insights into project. Evening ends with brief performances by several local "Outstanding Amateur" pianists.

760-438-5996. Friday, May 21, 7pm; \$12-\$15. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Arts and Music Festival Day promises ballet folklórico, Connection Children's Dance Group, M.A.D.A. Children's Choir, Monarch School Steel Drummers, Nation of Praise, vocalist Rachel Celeste, Shades of Soul Singers, student art exhibition, vocal and dance performances by students,

West African String Players, more. 619-668-8635. Saturday, May 22, 11am; free. Harriet Tubman Village Charter School, 6880 Mohawk Street. (COLLEGE AREA)

Banner Day! Arts Alive Banner Project 2010 culminates in live auction. The 101 fine-art banners created by local artists have been on display along Coast Highway from Leucadia to Cardiff. Minimum bid: \$150. 760-944-6027. Sunday, May 23, 2pm. Cardiff Town Center, at



Calendar

HOW TO SEND US YOUR LISTING: Contributions must be received by 5 pm Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to READER EVENTS, Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SDReader.com by clicking on the

San Elijo Avenue and Birmingham Drive, (CARDIFF)

events section.

Be Grounded and Centered!

Teacher/energy healer/writer Sindi Somers leads meditation and healing workshop. Learn visualization techniques, "discover your unique healing energy." Participants must be at least 18 years old or accompanied by parent or guardian. Required advance registration: 619-384-0761. Saturday, May 22, 1pm; \$25. Active Recovery, 830 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Suite E-2. (ENCINITAS)

Book Sale All manner of books on offer, along with music and movies. 619-533-3902. Saturday, May 22, 9:30am; free. College-Rolando Library, 6600 Montezuma Road. (COLLEGE AREA)

Booked! Friends of the Library book sale. 858-581-9935. Saturday, May 22, 9:30am. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Celebrate Kensington's Centennial View six gardens within walking distance of each other in Kensington during San Diego Floral Association Historic Garden Tour. 619-272-5762 or 619-222-5207. Saturday, May 22, 10am; \$20. San Diego Floral Association garden tour, Marlborough Drive at Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

Create an Outdoor Oasis

Learn to design an outdoor fireplace, barbecue, pizza oven, bar with refrigerator during outdoor living seminar. Company experts will demonstrate design, technique, process of building these outdoor features. Required registration: 800-572-7625. Saturday, May 22, 9am; free. KRC Rock, 700 North Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Crossroads of the West Gun **Show** Exhibits designed to appeal to hunters, gun collectors. 801-544-9125. Saturday, May 22, 9am; Sunday, May 23, 9am; free-\$12. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, (DEL MAR)

Del Mar Quilt, Craft, and Sewing Festival Variety of supplies, notions, techniques for sewing, quilting, needle arts, embossing, more. Workshops, seminars, demonstrations. 858-793-5555. Thursday, May 20, 10am; Friday, May 21, 10am; Saturday, May 22, 10am; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard.

Explore "Exposed Binding Structures" San Diego Book Arts leads "Exposed Binding Book Workshop" on May 22 and 23. Attendees will create at least four different exposed binding structures with book artist, teacher Lucia Farias. 619-295-1001. Saturday, May 22, 9am; \$100-\$140. 18 and up. Pat D'Arrigo Arts Center, 2820 Roosevelt Road Suite 106. (POINT LOMA)

Extreme Autofest Tenth annual car show and concert features hundreds of tuners, trucks, SUVs, muscle cars, exotics, lowriders. Live performances by New Boyz. Also planned: hot bikini contest, laser tag, lowrider hop, breakdance competition, more. 619-801-1949. Sunday, May 23, 11am; \$20. Qualcomm Stadium, 9449 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Festa do Divino Espirito Santo

The Feast of the Holy Spirit, presented by United Portuguese S.E.S. Hall of San Diego, celebrates history, heritage of "San Diego's oldest ethnic festival." Enjoy parade to

Mobile Bike Shop May Special \$49 Full-service tune-up 1 FREE inner tube







Saint Agnes Church, Portuguese music, food, dance, traditional festivities. 619-223-5880. Sunday, May 23, 7pm; free. Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. (POINT LOMA)

Fiesta Arco Iris Pro La Familia

Family fiesta promises performance by Mexican-American magician team Rafael and Katia (noon-1pm), flamenco dancers (2-3pm), mariachis, other entertainment, crafts, stories for children in Spanish. 619-588-3726. Saturday, May 22, 11am; free. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

French Favorites! "Classic French Dishes" cooking series gets underway with croque monsieur, salad Niçoise, quiche Lorraine, berry-topped profiteroles. Registration: 858-964-8513. Wednesday, May 26, 6:30pm; \$45. RB Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way, Suite

Goin' to Juvie See what life is like for more than 300 local juvenile delinquents, "learn about resources available to keep your child out of the justice system" during County of San Diego Probation Department's annual Juvenile Hall open house. 858-514-3212. Saturday, May 22, 9am; free. Juvenile Hall, 2901 Meadow Lark Drive, (KEARNY MESA)

Grand Opening and Art! Opening reception for exhibit of paintings by Japanese artist Koji Toyoda. Party, celebrating second Surfindian location, includes music by DJ Jasmine, food by Kafe Yen, 858-412-5334. Saturday, May 22, 6pm; free. Surfindian, 4658 and 4652 Mission Boulevard. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Grow Food, Not Grass Discover (in detail) how to convert a resourceconsuming lawn into a productive edible landscape using approximately one-eighth the water during class led by Paul Maschka. Class followed by field trip to local converted lawn; tour farm, harvest produce, prepare food, see cooking demonstration, enjoy light lunch (May 22). Take home handouts, resources, heirloom seeds. 619-255-0203. Thursday, May 20, 6:30pm; \$35-\$43. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

House of Israel Take in ethnic music, songs, and dances for lawn program at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, May 23, 2pm; free, House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard, (BALBOA PARK)

Influence Future of (Local) Bicycling Stop by to review, provide feedback on Draft San Diego Bicycle Master Plan. The plan features "40 top priority bicycle improvement projects, a citywide bicycle network, bicycle program recommendations." 619-236-6576 or 619-269-6043. Thursday, May 20, 6pm; free. San Diego Hall of Champions, 2131 Pan American Plaza. (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)

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. World-Beat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Neighborhood Law School Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association presents series of classes to help citizens become more educated about the law. This week: "Search and Seizure and the Fourth Amendment." RSVP: 619-261-7781. Monday, May 24, 6pm; free. Christian Fellowship Congregational Church, 1601 Kelton Road. (EMERALD HILLS)

Paint a Wine Glass Sallie Brown leads class when participants "create fabulously painted wine glasses for a special occasion." Learn to create designs and/or transfer patterns onto glasses. Enamel paints, brushes, glassware, patterns provided. 619-223-0058. Wednesday, May 26, 1pm; \$48-\$54. 21 and up. Bravo School of Art at NTC Promenade, 2690 Decatur Rd., studio 206. (POINT LOMA)

Palm and Cycad Sale Limited and rare palm and cycad species from exceptional Southern California nurseries on offer. Included in regular admission. 619-291-4605. Saturday, May 22, 9am; free-\$12. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Palomar Observatory Tours Guests get close look at famous 200-inch telescope, hear astronomy lecture, view sky through multiple telescopes atop Palomar Mountain

(weather permitting) during event sponsored by Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Fee includes roundtrip bus transportation, with San Diego and Escondido pickups. Dinner not included. Reservations: 619-238-1233 x806. Saturday, May 22, 3pm; \$65-\$75. 10 and up. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

Pet-a-Palooza Bring your pet, watch demonstrations, have your picture taken with "celebrity pet Chopper the Biker Dog" at Viejas Outlet Center (across from casino). Animal Planet show It's Me or the Dog host Victoria Stilwell answers questions, provides training tips. Pet look-alike and best trick contests. Fifty pet vendors on hand. 619-659-2070. Sunday, May 23, 11am; free. Viejas Casino, 5005 Willows Road, (ALPINE)

Politically Speaking... P&R Discussion Group gathers to consider San Diego politics. 619-370-1027. Thursday, May 20, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Q: How Are Sewer Lines Cleaned? Learn answer during educational tour of facility planned by City of Encinitas Public Works Department and San Dieguito Water District. Learn about maintaining city's infrastructure, including streets, storm drains, sewers, buildings, water system. Program includes displays, equipment showand-tell. 760-633-2657. Friday, May 21, noon; free. Encinitas Public Works Building, 160 Calle Magdalena. (ENCINITAS)

Quest for Basic Dignity Girls Think Tank hosts community festival at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. Expect "calls to action from religious, labor, and nonprofit leaders" including Lorena Gonzalez, Reverend Madison Shockley, David Ross. Music by Charlie Imes, As the Sun Sets: Fire!, SoulRaye. Art, kids' zone, fashion show, dancing, more. The \$15 donation covers admission, a meal for yourself "and a homeless neighbor." 858-344-5490. Saturday, May 22, 12 noon; Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Wav. (BALBOA PARK)

Rainbow Days Picnic The civic organizations in Rainbow host event with plant sale, "Sinatra with a Z" starring Michael Sinatra with Franco Z (11am), barbecue lunch (\$4), games for children of all ages, more. 760 728-2088. Saturday, May 22, 10am; free, Rainbow Park, 5157 Fifth Street (RAINBOW)

Real Homes of the South Bay Home tour of four "beautifully

decorated family homes." Meet designers, trade professionals who worked on the spaces. "Wine and Design" reception follows (5-7pm). Proceeds benefit Send Me and Homes of Hope. 619-397-4854. Sunday, May 23, noon; \$20. 10 and up. Foliage Furniture and Interiors, 851 Showroom Place. (CHULA VISTA)

See Spot Surf! Loews Coronado Bay Resort hosts fifth annual surf dog competition. Day begins with practice sessions led by Coronado Surfing Academy (10-10:30am). Heats begin at 11am. Free for spectators. Registration for competitors: 619-424-4416. Saturday, May 22,





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888-474-6953 flamingolimousine.com 10am; \$50-\$55. Dunes Park Beach, 700 Seacoast Drive. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Spring Open Studio Artists Barbara Miller, Corinne Geras, Penny Ottley, Eve Allen plan studio and garden art exhibit, displaying work in variety of media. 760-432-0212. Sunday, May 23, 11am; free. Barbara Miller Studio, 1571 Hillstone Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Stylish Spaces This "Interior Design and Outdoor Living Expo" promises "a plethora of indoor and outdoor exhibits...including the latest trend of edible landscapes," an "Urban Plantation," and interior design vignettes. 888-970-3976. Saturday, May 22, 10am; Sunday, May 23, 10am; free-\$7. San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Texas Hold 'Em Time Everyday Heroes No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament. Half the proceeds awarded to top six players, half to Ambassadors Foundation's Everyday Heroes Program. Buy-in: \$100. 858-715-8005. Tuesday, May 25, 5pm. Pala Casino, 35008 Pala Temecula Road. (PALA)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"Hurrah! It's Spring!" North Coast Symphony Orchestra performs Copland's "Appalachian Spring" and Vivaldi's "Spring," with Cheryl Swem on the solo violin, in Concert Hall building 2400. 760-795-6815. Sunday, May 23, 2pm; \$8-\$10. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"To Be Sung" Enjoy staged production of Pascal Dusapin's chamber opera. "This haunting work, with text by Gertrude Stein, is a kaleidoscope of colors and textures for both voices and instruments," featuring Kallisti vocal ensemble. 858-534-8497. Wednesday, May 26, 7pm; \$1-\$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Vespro della Beata Vergine 1610" Bach Collegium San Diego concludes season with performance of Monteverdi's "remarkable work," celebrating 400th anniversary of piece. Ensemble joined by cast of 15 singers plus instrumentalists including the Whole Noyse, a group specializing in Renaissance wind instruments. 619-341-1726. Sunday, May 23, 7pm; \$15-\$50. 7 and up. Saint James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street, (LA JOLLA)

All Chopin! Pianist Orion Weiss performs selections such as "Two Polonaises," the "Impromptu No. 2 in F-sharp Major," and "Four Mazurkas," among many others, for La Jolla Music Society. 858-459-3728. Friday, May 21, 8pm; \$25-\$75. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Folk Inspirations Travel to distant lands during concert inspired by folk music from Europe and Asia when Connections Chamber

Music series continues. Program includes selections by Bartók, Dvořák, Chinary Ung, others. 760-753-7376. Sunday, May 23, 2pm; \$10. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Guest on the Organ Former civic organist Jared Jacobsen plans recital. 619-702-8138. Sunday, May 23, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road.

Select Single Movements San Diego Young Artists Symphony advanced soloists perform single movements of their favorite concerti; listen for works by Bach, Telemann, Dragonetti, Mozart, Vivaldi, Haydn. 619-235-8067. Sunday, May 23, 3pm; \$10-\$15. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLGREST)

Spring Concert The 40-member New City Sinfonia performs works by Dvořák, Glinka, Brahms, Glière, and Mozart. 619-527-4457. Sunday, May 23, 2pm. Saint Mary Magdalene Church, 1945 Illion Street. (BAY PARK)

Symphony Exposed! San Diego Symphony plays Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 5 in E minor," described as "a 'happy' symphony from the composer's famously stormy life." 619-235-0804. Thursday, May 20, 7:30pm; \$20. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street.

Symphony Season Finale! San Diego Symphony, joined by young Armenian violinist Sergey Khachatryan, presents all-Tchaikovsky season finale. Program includes the "Violin Concerto" and "Symphony No. 5." 619-235-0804. Friday, May 21, 8pm; Saturday, May 22, 8pm; Sunday, May 23, 2pm; \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B

Van Cliburn Gold Medalist in Concert La Jolla Music Society's Discovery Series concludes for season with concert by 19-year-old Chinese pianist Hoachen Chang, first-prize winner of 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Program includes selections by Mozart, Brahms, Chopin, Schumann, Stravinsky. 858-459-3728. Sunday, May 23, 3pm; \$5-\$30. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

DANCE

"Night in Paris" Firehouse swing school's roster includes "Lindy Hop 1" class focusing on eight-count Lindy basics; Lindy 2, spin and turn variations; and specialty class on collegiate shag with Joel and friends. Class fee (\$15 per class, or \$50 for four weeks) includes admission to Parisian swing night with music by Gypsy Groove (8-11:30pm). Dance only: \$15. All ages. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, May 26, 7pm. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego WomAn's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

"Shock Showcase" Performances by Culture Shock San

Diego's companies — Culture Shock, Future Shock, Mighty Shock, Afta Shock. Show opens with group number featuring all troupes dancing together; in later numbers, each group tells "its own story and show off its unique brand of hip-hop mastery." 619-299-2110. Friday, May 21, 7pm; Saturday, May 22, 1pm; \$12-\$15. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Belly Dancing Show Raine and Shalimar perform to live Mideast fusion music by Middle-Earth Ensemble. 858-488-4200. Sunday, May 23, 8pm; \$10. Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Body Rock Dance Competition Hip-hop dance competition seeks "to promote and preserve the positive growth of hip-hop dance as an art form." Show boasts cast of nearly 500 performers including preshow acts (5pm), competing teams and exhibition crews (7pm). 619-570-1100. Saturday, May 22, 5pm; \$17-\$22. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue.

Dine and Dance Caller is JoAnn Koppany, the Remnants make music for contra dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage at 8pm. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30pm. Optional potluck supper at 6:30pm; bring food/beverages to share. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Saturday, May 22, 6:30pm; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street.

Everything Swing, Latin, and Tango DJ and host play swing, Latin, and tango, plus requests for couples and singles of all ages. Argentine tango lesson (7-8pm), cha-cha lesson (8-8:30pm), open dancing (8:30-10:30pm). First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, May 22, 7pm; free-\$8. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Milonga Nocturna Night of Argentine tango music for dancing. 858-565-9575. Saturday, May 22, 9pm; \$10. Dance for 2, 7528 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Tamburitzans of Duquesne University Ensemble presents dances, folk songs, music of Eastern Europe and neighboring cultures. 619-588-0206. Friday, May 21, 7:30pm; \$24-\$27. East County Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Tango on the Beach Krista Ann teaches Argentine tango classes focusing on basics — walking, embrace, basic figures, floor craft, dance etiquette. No partner or experience required. 989-413-3055. Tuesdays, 6:20pm; free. 16 and up. Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

FILM

"CineCucina — Aperitivo" San Diego Italian Film Festival and Slow Food present shorts, documentaries



about food from an Italian perspective - "where it comes from, what one does with it, and even some Italian food myths." Donation: \$5. 619-459-1638. Thursday, May 20, 7pm. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

"CineCucina — Secondi" Time for "Italian Film + Slow Food + You," presented by San Diego Italian Film Festival. Photographer Douglas Gayeton shares "Slow Life in a Tuscan Town" with narration and photographs, followed by screening of Focaccia Blues. 619-459-1638. Saturday, May 22, 6:30pm; \$15-\$18. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

"Up&Coming Film Festival" UCSD student film festival promises screening of Malibu, Russell, Again Comes November, Keep Your Hands to Yourself, Just Curious, Imagining Love, When I Blink U Bust In, Thousand Cranes. Music by B.F. Taddy and the Moonlight Swingers; postscreening chat with jury panel members. Pay what you can. 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, May 20, 8pm; Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

9500 Liberty Screening of documentary chronicling "battle over immigration policy which erupted in 2007 when elected officials in Prince William County, Virginia, adopted a law requiring police offi-

Rhyme & Verse A Gift

— Jack Marshall

For a long time now I have not been able to listen to Dinu Lipatti's slender, ascetic fingertips pressing ever so gently firm on the piano keys

in his last recorded transcription of Bach's Cantata "Jesus bleibet meine Freude" given to me by George Oppen the year he died.

It is too sad to hear that severe, geometrically measured stroll of the soul healthily light-stepping into heaven,

and has become sadder with each loved one's death: the slow, spare, stately pace wrenching the heart with its graceful ascendancy over grief,

and staring as if straight into the face of God either everywhere or nowhere, leaving us nothing to say, nothing to hear as luminous

and meltingly tender as the air fills with silence, and the heart with loss,



Jack Marshall is a poet based in San Francisco. He is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship in Poetry and the author of several poetry collections and a stunning memoir, From Baghdad to Brooklyn, the story of his youth as a Sephardic Jew struggling with his orthodox religious heritage. George Oppen (1908-84) was an influential and much admired American poet. "A Gift" is from Gorgeous Chaos: New and Selected Poems 1965-2001, published by

Coffee House Press and used with permission.

captioned documentary focuses on lives of four deaf and hardof-hearing performers. Directorproducer Hilari Scarl and lead actor C.J. Jones will answer questions fol-

Santouri: The Music Man Heritage Language film festival concludes with Dariush Mehrjui's 2007 film, in Farsi with English subtitles. Screening offered in Muir Campus Applied Physics and Math Building room 4301. 858-534-0693. Saturday, May 22, 11am; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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cers to question anyone they had

'probable cause' to suspect was an

undocumented immigrant." Escon-

dido City Councilwoman Olga Diaz

speaks afterward. 760-941-4319.

Saturday, May 22, 7pm; free. Palo-

mar Unitarian Universalist Fellow-

ship, 1600 Buena Vista Drive. (VISTA)

See What I'm Saying Openlowing screening. 858-496-8427. Thursday, May 20, 6:30pm; \$5-\$10. 13 and up. Madison High School, 4833 Doliva Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil View, discuss film chronicling how Cuba dealt with massive reduction of fossil fuel availability after 1990, when oil imports were "cut by more than half and food imports cut by 80 percent," Donation, 619-298-9978 x8014. Sunday, May 23, 1pm.

First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street.

Wake Bijou Phillips stars in Ellie Kanner's 2009 film, showcased during Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Monday, May 24, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

SDSU Filmmakers Showcase School of Theatre, Television and Film at SDSU hosts screening of new works by television and film students. Program includes fiction, documentary, animation, experimental works. 619-594-6884. Thursday, May 20, 7pm; \$10. Don Powell Theatre at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

FOOD & DRINK

Cooking with Herb "Cannabis Chef" plans cooking demonstration covering "all aspects of medical marijuana cooking." Make your own quality baked goods! 858-864-8787. Saturday, May 22, noon; \$99. 18 and up. Legal Cannabis Institute Mira Mesa, 9808 Waples Street. (MIRA MESA)

Delicious, Simple, Healthy Learn to make wonton soup, "Kung Pao better-than shrimp," celestial garden salads during cooking demonstration with food samples, cookbook raffles hosted by Vegan San Diego. 858-705-3987.

Saturday, May 22, noon; free. Tierrasanta Library, 4985 La Cuenta Drive. (TIERRASANTA)

International Cooking Club Cook up some "Foods from India" to taste with guest chef Pallavi Kulkarni. Learn "how to buy specialty items for the dishes that are being prepared and take home recipes." Reservations: 858-964-8513. Saturday, May 22, 6:30pm; \$45. RB Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way, Suite H. (ESCONDIDO)

Mad Hatter Pub Crawl Wear a crazy hat, bring your friends for party along Garnet Avenue. Remember: "ball caps just don't cut it here." Donations benefit Surfrider Foundation. Bring money for food, drinks. 619-807-5957. Saturday, May 22, noon; 21 and up. Open Bar, 4302 Mission Boulevard. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Mastering Mexican Favorites Make fresh corn tortillas for beef and chicken tacos and fresh tortas. 858-964-8513. Thursday, May 20, 6:30pm; \$45. RB Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way, Suite H.

Taste of Cardiff Stroll, savor tastes from 17 local restaurants downtown, on restaurant row, and Bull Taco in San Elijo State Campgrounds. Cast vote for Cardiff Golden Fork Award winner. 760-436-0431. Thursday, May 20, 5:30pm; \$20. Cardiff 101, 124 Aberdeen Drive. (CARDIFF)

Taste of Little Italy Purchase a "passport" (ticket) to be stamped in exchange for tastes of featured



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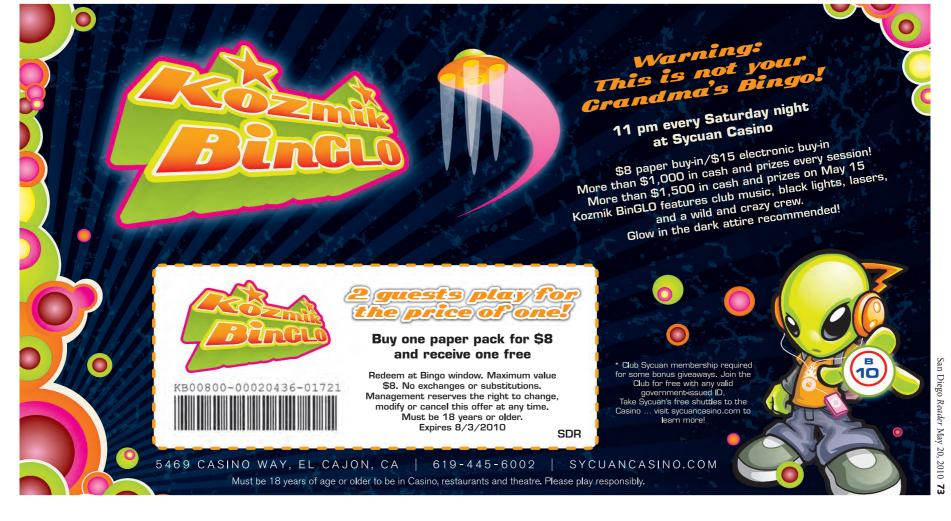
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Wine and Chocolate Pairing Experience wine from Piedmont region in Italy and Guanni organic Peruvian chocolates. Six artisanal truffles selected to match wines. 619-238-1818. Saturday, May 22, 5pm; \$37. 21 and up. Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue.

FOR KIDS

"The Cause" Join professional skateboarder Brian Sumner, professional surfers Bryan Jennings and Matt Beacham, NFL player Marlon McCree, Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher for an evening of music, extreme sports demonstrations, "presentations in support of Chelsea King and Amber Dubois." 858-523-1002. Friday, May 21, 6pm. Horizon Christian Fellowship — North County, 6365 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

"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 22, 10am; \$25. and up. Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

A Midsummer Night's Dream Students from School of Creative and Performing Arts present "one of Shakespeare's most beloved stories with a full orchestra and choir" for "Center Stage: Performances for Youth" series for those in grades 6-12. 800-988-4253. Wednesday, May 26, 9:30am and 11:30am; \$2. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Folk Art Fun Make whimsical masks, "trees of life," tissue-paper flowers during family open studio in conjunction with "Tesoros Mexicanos." Rancho Buena Vista High School's dance troupe performs ballet folklórico. Materials provided. 760-602-2021. Saturday, May 22, 11am; free. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library. 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Green Day Build a solar car to take home during annual Green Day celebration; enjoy hands-on activities focusing on renewable energy, interact with local scientists. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, May 22. noon: \$8-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet

Science Center, 1875 El Prado.

Inspired by Masterpieces A professional storyteller shares tales for the family, inspired by museum masterpieces. 619-239-5548. Saturday, May 22, 11am; free. 5 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Slow and Steady Enjoy the tale of *The Tortoise and the Hare* when Gaston's Puppets entertain. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, May 26, 10am and 11:30am; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Straw Into Gold Enjoy Rumplestiltskin when Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales take stage. 619-544-9203. Thursday, May 20, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, May 21, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, May 22, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, May 23, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West.

GALLERIES

"DoubleVision" Reception for exhibit of photographs by Craig Fuller and Carolyn Corbett. On view through June. 619-231-6664. Friday, May 21, 6pm; free. L Street Gallery, 628 L Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Dr. Seuss: Rare Editions" Opening reception for display of rare, "museum-quality...Dr. Seuss artwork," on view through May. Curator Bill Dreyer on hand during gala. RSVP: 888-456-9906. Saturday, May 22, 7:30pm; Legends Gallery of La Jolla, 1205 Prospect Street Suite 100-B. (LA JOLLA)

"Galaxy of Glass" Opening reception for 13th annual glass exhibition, showcasing "broad spectrum of hand-made glass created by artists and artisans." See work made in myriad processes including blown, torched, slumped, fused, cast. Closes Sunday, June 27. 760-728-1414. Saturday, May 22, 5pm; free-\$10. Fallbrook Art

Center, 103 South Main Avenue.

"Shaker Loops" Opening reception for exhibition of large-scale paintings by local artist Ellen Salk. Paintings are created by process "in which repetitive patterning is utilized to create dense, driving imagery, at once minimal and complex."

Concurrently, see eighth annual "SDSU Art Council Scholarship Exhibition" and Fischli/Weiss selections from Athenaeum artists' book collection. Through Saturday, June 19. 858-454-5872. Friday, May 21, 6:30pm; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

"An American Salute" Big Band and Jazz Hall of Fame present tribute to patriotic music with the Fabulous Earrings vocal trio performing a cappella, big-band, and ensemble musical arrangements. Program includes Big Band's "Armed Forces Medley, songs by American composers from Stephen Foster to George M. Cohan, big-band-era classics. Vocalists Barbara Roman and Jan Sutherland also perform. Reservations: 760-724-2110. Sunday, May 23, 2pm and 6:30pm; \$15-\$21. Avo Playhouse, 303 Main Street. (VISTA)

"Brew Ha-Ha Coffee and Comedy Night" Stand-up comedy show featuring headliner Albert Linton. No cover or drink minimum. Reservations: 619-922-9056. Saturday, May 22, 7pm; free. 17 and up. Twiggs Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Comedy and the City" Laugh with comedians Vicki Barbolak, Jessi Campbell, Diane Jean, Jackie Kashian, Julia Lillis, Karen Rontowski, Bethany Therese. Evening includes fashion, shopping, prizes. Proceeds benefit Operation Courage Is Beautiful. 858-353-0850. Thursday, May 20, 6pm; \$10-\$15. Jasmine Seafood Restaurant, 4609 Convoy St., Suite A. (KEARNY MESA)

"Hope" Blum the clown returns from 20 years of travel with a Pandora's Box of wonders collected from around the world. Explore the wonders during this 20th anniversary Fern Street Circus production with clowns, jugglers, acrobats, aerialists, wire walkers, fun. 619-235-9756. Friday, May 21, 8pm; Saturday, May 22, 1pm, 4pm and 8pm; Sunday, May 23, 1pm and 4pm; \$7-\$14. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way.

"Shir L'Chaim" Variety show benefiting Jewish Family Service Older Adult Centers. Performers include the teen band Kavannah, Joan Kurland, Alisha Zalkin, Jasmine and Matt Commerce, Yochanan Sebastian Winston. Tickets include reception. 858-362-1348. Sunday, May 23, 2pm; \$20. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (IA JOLLA)

"The Human Comedy" Expect "belly laughs and insights about the human dilemma" when "comedy queen" Vanda Mikoloski performs. Reservations: 619-303-6609. Saturday, May 22, 7pm; \$20-\$25. 14 and up. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

"The Rhythm of Life" Combined choruses of Pacificaires and Cedar Center plan concert. 858-232-7548. Sunday, May 23, 1:30pm; free. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Falling to Heaven Psychologist, author Jeanne Peterson discusses her debut novel, a story of two American Quakers who trek over the Himalayas into Tibet as Chinese are invading. 858-755-3735. Wednesday, May 26, 7pm; free. Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

From the Graveyard of the Arousal Industry Launch party for memoir by Justin Pearson,

"vocalist or bassist for several punk bands including the Locust, Holy Molar, and Head Wound City." 619-702-7160. Saturday, May 22, 7pm; free. Pokez Mexican Restaurant, 947 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

My Ancestor's Village Author Roberta Labastida signs copies of her book as part of "If You Love Cats" fundraiser. 619-235-1129. Saturday, May 22, 11am; free. Allied Gardens Recreation Center, 5155 Greenbrier Avenue. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Opening to the Light Author Gary D. Guthrie discusses, signs his new book, in which he has collected "52 messages received from near-death experiences throughout history...fashioning them into weekly meditations and affirmations." Bring questions, comments. 619-244-8495. Saturday, May 22, 1pm; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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's 858-272-8148. Thursday, May 20, 3pm; free. College-Rolando Library, 6600 Montezuma Road. (COLLEGE AREA)

Wanna Get Lucky? Debut mystery author Deborah Coonts signs her book, set in Las Vegas. 858-268-4747. Saturday, May 22, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302.

An Asian State of Mind Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist Len Novarro, Chicken Soup for the Soul contributor Ray M. Wong, author Wayne Chan (The Problem With Being Perfect) discuss journalism, cultural identity, family, humor. 619-236-5816. Wednesday, May 26, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Authors of Horror... Christopher Farnsworth (*Blood Oath*) and Nathan Long (*Bloodborn*) discuss, sign their work. 858-268-4747. Sunday, May 23, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Belly-Dance Showcase Jasmina, Marissa, Tarciana, Victoria perform to live music by John Bilezikjian and friends. Donation: \$5.619-688-9845. Thursday, May 20, 8pm; Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Beyond Pendragon Young adult author D.J. MacHale "launches a dark new trilogy with a haunted young protagonist" in *Morpheus Road: The Light.* 858-268-4747. Monday, May 24, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

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. 619-660-5370. Saturday, May 22, 11:30am; free. Rancho



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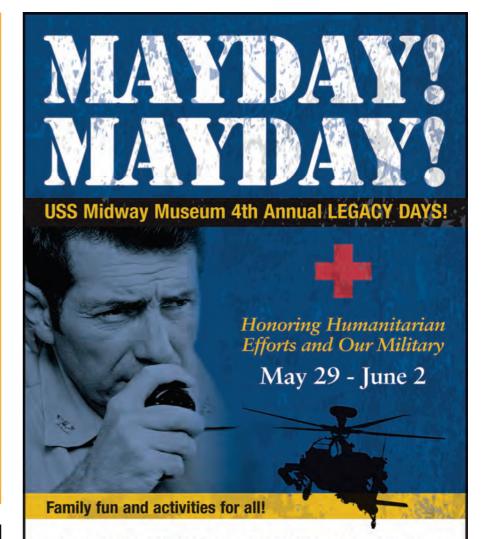
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Point Loma Fign School Concert Band is joined by Todd Rewoldt, head of woodwinds studies at SDSU, for recital in Crill Hall. 619-224-7342. Friday, May 21, 6pm; \$40. Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

Comedy Without a Script Stage Monkeys San Diego present improvisation show, utilizing "a single audience suggestion" to "improvise untold numbers of games, scenes, characters, plots, songs, dances, and whatever the hell else comes to mind." 858-598-7620. Friday, May 21, 8pm; \$5. 18 and up. Moxie at Rolando Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Blvd., Suite N. (COLLEGE AREA)

Conscious Comedy Explosion Host is Danny Boy, with DJ Barry spinning tunes, opening comedians Charles and William. Headliner is Mal Hall. Live African funk by Akayaa. Reservations: 619-564-4425. Friday, May 21, 7pm; \$7-\$12. 18 and up. Upaka Center, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA) Distinguished Author Series David Rubinger discusses Israel Through My Lens: Sixty Years as a Photojournalist, which credits Shimon Peres and Ruth Corman as co-authors. "Rubinger has recorded the history of Israel since its birth in 1948." Book signing follows. 858-362-1348. Monday, May 24, 7:30pm; \$12-\$14. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Elks Variety Show for Charity Enjoy comedy, singing, dancing, music, maybe even a magician. Performers include "drumming sensation" Hot Rod Steve Bidrowski, local celebrities Bill Imms, Bryant Wright, Kimberley Ryan, Walter Kebler of OSO Big Band. 760-433-1561. Saturday, May 22, 7pm; \$8. Oceanside Elks Lodge #1561, 444 Country Club Lane. (OCEANSIDE)

Ex-Addicts, Ministers, Authors Chaplain Art Lyons, Reverend Carl Smith, Reverend Eric Smith sign their recently written books aiming to help people struggling with alcohol, drugs, and/or incarceration. 858-292-8052. Saturday, May 22, 11am; free. Berean Christian Stores, 8807 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

Harvey Milk Legacy Concert San Diego Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence host concert with performances by San Diego Gay Men's Chorus, San Diego Women's Chorus, In aChord, and youth talent showcase in celebration of first Harvey Milk Day. Proceeds benefit center's youth programs. Donation: \$10.619-692-2077. Saturday, May 22, 7pm. San Diego LGBT Community Center, 3909 Centre Street. (HILLCREST)

Jazz Concert UCSD music students perform a range of challenging jazz compositions, with plenty of improvisation. 858-534-3229. Thursday, May 20, 8pm; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

King Crimson! The Police! School of Rock kids present spring shows with music by King Crimson, the Police, "various artists under the theme Women Who Rock." 619-696-9343. Friday, May 21, 7pm; \$10. Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street.

Military Comedy Night Comedian Mike Dittamo performs his comedy "blended with a mix of military-themed jokes and mirthful stories of his experiences." Reservations: 760-435-3720. Saturday, May 22, 7pm; \$5-\$10. 18 and up.

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

Ocean Beach Comedy Local stand-up comedian Jeff Bilodeau hosts; headliner is Joe Charles, featured comics are Zach Boylston, Jono Zalay, Sindi Somers. Openmike comedy at 6pm, show at 7pm. 619-222-6822. Friday, May 21, 6pm; \$5. Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Open Mike with the Idiots The Village Idiots Literary Society hosts open reading "with no featured writer." Participants will "let the wealth of artwork in the gallery inspire us to write to or about it." Open-mike readings follow. 760-685-6470. Friday, May 21, 7pm; free. Gallery 204, 204 Main Street. (VISTA)

Open-Mike Night Musicians, singers (including karaoke), actors, poets, comedians invited to entertain. Purchase requested. 619-299-360. Sundays, 8pm. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLOREST)

Poetry Ruckus at the Duck Local poets read from their work. To participate, email ruthlesshippies@gmail.com. 760-632-0488. Wednesday, May 26, 7pm; free. Ducky Waddle's Emporium, 414 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA) Resolved Men's Quartet The foursome and "their support musicians" perform a mix of gospel arrangements, hymns, spirituals, contemporary sacred anthems. Offering. 619-232-7513. Sunday, May 23, 6pm; 8 and up. First Presbyterian Church, 320 Date Street.

Speculative Fiction Author Paolo Bacigalupi signs Ship Breaker, her new young-adult novel. 858-268-4747. Sunday, May 23, noon; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Stand-Up Sundays Urban comedy show with entertainment by Yassir Lester and Ron Gee, host Aida Rodriguez. 888-316-0722. Sunday, May 23, 8pm; \$10. Prospect Bar & Lounge, 1025 Prospect St., Suite 210. (LA JOLLA)

Stress-Free Tuesdays Comedy show by Aaron Edwards, Clayton Thomas, host Byron Bowers. No cover before 7:30pm. 888-316-0722. Tuesday, May 25, 7pm; free-\$5. 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Summer Reading Gala Meet a plethora of authors, working in a variety of genres, including Richard Harland (*Worldshaker*), Greg vanEekhout (*Kid vs. Squid*), Megan

Whalen Turner (A Conspiracy of Kings), Barrie Summy (I So Don't Do Makeup), Cindy Pon (The Silver Phoenix: Beyond the Kingdom of Xia). 858-268-4747. Tuesday, May 25, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Tales — True or Tall Have a story to tell, without notes, in five minutes or less? Share your story — personal, tall tale, folktale, historical, funny or not. Listeners well-come too. 858-484-1325. Wednesday, May 26, 7pm; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

Third Thursdays Donna Watson, editor of Lavanderia: A Mixed Load of Women, Wash, and Word, plans presentation, book signing. 619-232-4855. Thursday, May 20, 6:30pm; free. Upstart Crow Bookshop and Coffeehouse, 835 W. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

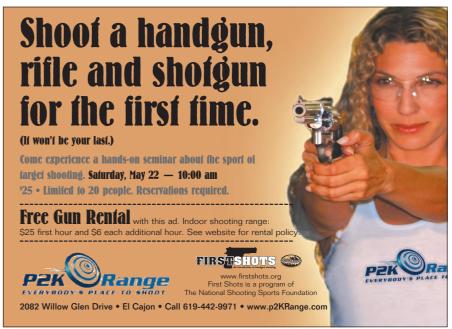
Traditional Taiwanese Song

Taiwanese-American Heritage Week closing ceremony includes concert by soprano Hui-Ju Chen and baritone Yi-Cherng Lin. Admission: free; call ahead to reserve box dinner: \$10. 858-560-8884. Saturday, May 22, 6pm. Taiwanese American Community









Center, 7838 Wilkerson Court.

Unravelled Improv The Unravelled long-form improv troupe improvises "a complete play from audience suggestions." 619-647-4958. Saturday, May 22, 8pm; \$5. 14 and up. North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

LECTURES

"Advantages of Natives in Your New Landscape Plans" Debbie Evans Tree of Life Nursery addresses Mission Hills Garden Club. She'll bring plants from the nursery for purchase. 619-546-6051. Wednesday, May 26, 6pm; free-\$10. Mission Hills United Church of Christ, 4070 Jackdaw Street (MISSION HILLS)

Birds: Showcases of Evolution Professor Kevin Burns of SDSU's biology department discusses how birds demonstrate evolution in action when San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry meets. 619-421-5844. Sunday, May 23, 7pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLOREST)

"Editing for Different Genres"
Fiction editors Kathi George and
Jed Lewis, nonfiction editors Georganna Hancock and Sandra Chew
Phillips discuss characteristics,
similarities, differences, challenges
in editing their specific genres for
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Network (SD/PEN). 619-281-6951. Thursday, May 20, 6:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Home Sweet Home: Friend or Foe?" Many of us would like to stay in our homes as we age; designer Anne Kellett explains how to make independent living feasible, attractive. 619-463-3236. Thursday, May 20, 6pm; free. Casa de Oro Library, 9805 Campo Road #180. (SPRING VALLEY)

"Mental Health and Aging: Don't Miss the Obvious" Conference hosted by Senior Mental Health Partnership with topics including hoarding, gambling addiction in older adults, senior financial abuse from the victim's perspective, maintaining mobility and reducing pain, vision loss, grief. Registration: 619-584-5564. Thursday, May 20, 8:30am; \$20-\$50. County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway. (DOWNTOWN)

"Rational Thought at UCSD" Jonathan Whitmore, head of UCSD Rational Thought student group, speaks for Atheist Coalition of San Diego. 619-342-7388. Tuesday, May 25, 6:30pm; free. North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Sex, Love, and Death"
Brian H. Spitzberg, Senate Distinguished Professor in SDSU's School of Communication, discusses "Socioevolutionary Theory and Science." Technical lecture, touching on works of Popper, Lakatos, Kuhn, Gould, focuses "on how

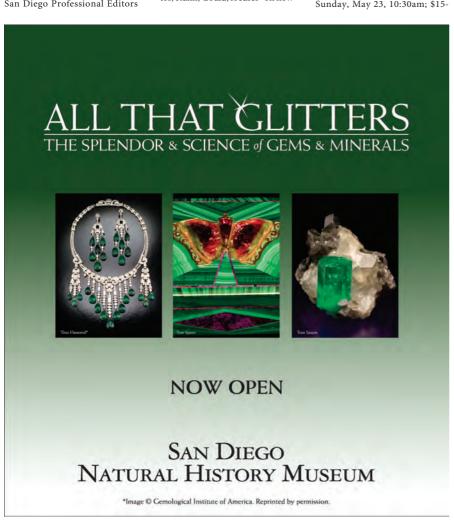
to see the way forward in guiding future socioevolutionary exploration." 619-590-0491. Sunday, May 23, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Stories of Racial Healing" Authors Phylis and Gene Unterschuetz "tell how they came to heal their own racial biases" when Life at MiraCosta learning group gathers in room 1068 (2:30pm). Beth Owens and Maureen Fleming discuss "Project Care and Senior Services for the City of Oceanside" (2:30pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, May 21, 1pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Crescent Conundrum"

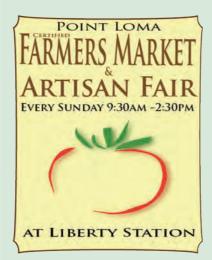
"Crescentics are an uncommon flaked stone artifact, yet an unusually large number of them were found in the 4S Ranch area. Why?" Find out when local archaeologist Tracy Stropes focuses on "Understanding the Role of Eccentric Crescentics in Prehistoric Southern California" for San Diego Archaeological Society. 858-538-0935. Tuesday, May 25, 7:30pm; free. Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RAN-CHO PEÑASOUITOS)

Thrillers, Spillers, and Fillers The Plant Wiz landscape designer David Olson discusses "Container Gardening with California Natives." Olson will assemble a container garden, discuss soil needed for natives, choosing containers, plant colors, textures, more. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Sunday, May 23, 10:30am; \$15-





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\$25. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIFGO)

Witness Against Homophobia Retired Anglican bishop Christopher Senyonjo examines "Death vs. Human Rights in Uganda," talks about proposed legislation in Uganda making homosexuality punishable by death. 619-297-4366. Thursday, May 20, 7:30pm; free. 16 and up. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Your Best Year Ever" Theme is "Women and Money" when personal finance maven Suze Orman speaks for third annual fundraiser benefiting the Jenna Druck Foundation's Young Women's Leadership Program. Registration: 619-294-8000. Wednesday, May 26, 11am; \$75. Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

An Afternoon with Peter Kaye Contrarian author Kaye draws on his 50-plus years in news business to discuss revolution in media, what it means to America, for San Elijo Life program in room 201. 760-757-2121 x7782. Friday, May 21, 1pm; free. 18 and up. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Census Times Past Joel Weintraub, a National Archives and Records Administration volunteer, focuses on "The 1940 Federal Census" for North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome. 858-509-4937. Tuesday, May 25, 10am; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Curatorial Walk and Talk Meet Glen Knowles, curator of "Painting World War II: The California Watercolor Artists" exhibit. Learn how he came up with idea for this historic exhibition. 760-435-3720. Thursday, May 20, 7pm; free-\$5. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Eminent Domain Port and city staff plan short presentation on Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan and answer questions during Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association meeting. Mayor, city attorney, council candidates

attending allotted three minutes to introduce themselves. 619-425-5771. Monday, May 24, 6:45pm; free. MAAC Charter School, 1385 Third Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

Grow Citrus the Healthy Way Licensed pest-control advisor Carolyn Kinnon divulges proper care of citrus to reduce pests when California Rare Fruit Growers meet in Horticulture Building room 7003. What are best methods to control problems when infestations occur? Members may bring bagged leaves or fruit of infested trees for her guidance. 760-518-9922. Friday, May 21, 7pm; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard

Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Home Grown: Worms Master gardener, composter Diane Hollister focuses on care and feeding of worms. Learn to use worms as composters, create a worm-friendly environment in your garden. Reservations: 800-262-4167 x4. Saturday, May 22, 2pm; free. El Corazon compost facility, 3210 Oceanside Boulevard. (OCEANSIDE)

Love Caneberries? California Rare Fruit Growers meet for discussion of varieties, growing techniques for blueberries and caneberries such as blackberries. Berries for tasting, various berry plants available for sale, as well as other fruiting plants and garden accessories. 619-846-3337. Wednesday, May 26, 7pm; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Powerful Insights Revealed Terry Wise is keynote speaker for seventh annual Jewish Family Service luncheon in support of mental health awareness. Wise is author of *Waking Up: Climbing Through the Darkness*. Registration: 858-637-3231. Wednesday, May 26, 11:30am; \$42. Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine, 3777 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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. Thursday, May 20, 6pm; free. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Vegetable Gardening 101 Learn basics of soil preparation, companion planting, gardening in raised beds, protecting plants from critters, what and when to plant for success during class led by horticulturist Kathleen Eagle. Registration: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, May 22, 9am; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

SPORTS

"Fit, Fun Families" Vista Recreation hosts family fitness-oriented event to encourage "variety of heart-healthy activities in the park to encourage every family to play 60 minutes a day." 760-639-6151. Saturday, May 22, 9am. Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive (VISTA)

"One Mount and Two Lakes Tour" Bicycle up Mount Helix, head to Santee Lakes, Mission Trails Regional Park, and Lake Murray with Knickerbikers. The 35-miler starts in Vons parking lot. Bring money for lunch at Lake Murray Café. 619-466-0359. Sunday, May 23, 9am; free. Vons Market— La Mesa, 5630 Lake Murray Drive. (LA MESA)

A Sporting Life Festival promises skater Tony Hawk and others performing tricks, routines on his halfpipe ramp. Athletes on hand for autographs include Sinjin Smith, Willie Banks, Linda Benson, Kurt Bevacqua, Paul Caliguiuri, Felix "Night Hawk" Giles, Vencie Glenn, David Hackett, Steve Hegg, Mitch Gaylord, Al Joyner, Pam Teeguarden, many others.

Sports demonstrations, volleyball games, Frisbee contests, basketball free-throw contests, wall climbing, much more. Music by Eve Selis Band (10:15am), the New Archaic (11:30am), Stripes and Lines (3:30pm). Children under 12 must be accompanied by adult. 760-753-6041. Sunday, May 23, 10am; free-\$10. Oak Crest Middle School, 675 Balour Drive.

Liver Life Walk Select a 5k walk/ run or 1.5k turtle walk through San Diego Zoo. Registration: 6:30am; walk: 7am. Requested minimum donation: \$25. 619-291-5483. Sunday, May 23, 6:30am. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)



Pads Host Cardinals San Diego Padres play baseball against the St. Louis Cardinals. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5555. Tuesday, May 25, 7:05pm; Wednesday, May 26, 7:05pm; \$10-\$63. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Rank Bulls, High Scores, Big Wrecks Professional Bull Riders Rodeo Touring Pro Division competition. 760-510-5100. Saturday, May 22, 2pm; Sunday, May 23, 2pm; \$23-\$58. Pala Casino, 35008 Pala Temecula Road. (PALA)

Ride the Fallbrook Hills Join up with San Diego Bicycle Society riders for 75-miler starting in upper parking lot at Third and C. Bring money for deli lunch. 619-561-3846. Sunday, May 23, 8:45am; free. Moonlight Beach, 200 B Street. (ENCINITAS)

San Diego vs. Santa Cruz! San Diego Roller Derby's Starlettes' flattrack roller derby team takes on Santa Cruz Derby Girls. 858-560-9349. Saturday, May 22, 5:30pm; free-\$12. Skateworld, 6907 Linda Vista Road. (LINDA VISTA)

Smucker's Stars on Ice Tour returns with ice skaters including Olympic gold medalist Evan Lysacek, Davis and White, Olympic silver medalist Sasha Cohen, Shen and Zhao, Yuka Sato, many others in "combination of athleticism, artistry, and great music." 800-745-3000. Saturday, May 22, 5:30pm; \$12-\$135.

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

Spring Del Sol Classic Horse Show Equestrian competition. 858-259-1148. Saturday, May 22, 8am; Sunday, May 23, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real (DEL MAR)

Stand-Up Roundup Want to try "the fastest-growing water sport in the world"? This flat-water festival of stand-up paddling includes booths staffed by over 20 manufacturers, demonstrations. The "\$1000 winner-take-all Knockout Race" is open to all; eight paddlers sprint 100 yards, and the last-place finisher gets knocked out; remaining seven racers then sprint the course again, and so on. 760-436-3589. Sunday, May 23, 8am; free. Bonita Cove, 1100 West Mission Bay Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

Sun Diego Surf Series Surf competition takes place at south harbor jetty. Free for spectators. 760-607-4532. Saturday, May 22, 7am; free. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis Event with casual two- to three-mile stroll benefits Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. Donation. 619-497-1300. Saturday, May 22, 5pm. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Tuesday Night Racing Velodrome bicycle racing season continues with racing in many categories. Racing is open to riders with an appropriate track bike and sufficient track-racing experi-

ence. Free for spectators. 931-233-5749. Tuesdays, 6:30pm; through Tuesday, September 28, free. San Diego Velodrome, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Walk for Hope City of Hope hosts day to raise funds for women's cancer research. Registration opens at 7am; the 4k Coastal Challenge and 2k Scenic Stride step off at 9am. 858-452-6846. Saturday, May 22, 7am; \$20-\$30. Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

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

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

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

Birch Aquarium at Scripps 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. (IA JOLLA)

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

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

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

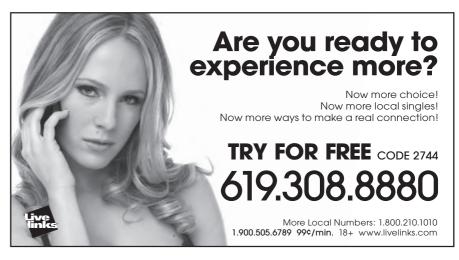
Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 1000 Gunpowder Point Dr., 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art 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

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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)

Japanese Friendship Garden Pan American Rd., 619-232-2721. (BAI BOA PARK)

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

La Mesa Depot Museum Located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941

Spring St., 619-465-7776. (LA MESA) **Magee House Museum** Built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of

caboose. La Mesa Boulevard and

the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. 258 Beech St., 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Mingei International Museum

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

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

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

Museum of Making Music

"ON! The Beginnings of the Electric Sound Generation" focuses on years (1900-1965) when Thaddeus Cahill, Leon Theremin, Lloyd Loar, George Beauchamp, Laurens Hammond, Alvino Rey, Leo Fender, Les Paul, and others worked to harness electrical energy to produce sounds, tones in variety of electric and electro-acoustic musical instruments. Through September.

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

National City Depot San Diego Electric Railway Association operates museum in this historic Santa Fe depot with exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 922 West 23rd St., 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

Oceanside Museum of Art

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

"Painting World War II: The California Style Watercolor Artists" provides "examination of paintings by California-style watercolor artists on the subject of WWII." The 55 paintings depict scenes of California mobilizing for war and images of the war overseas by artists including Arthur Beaumont, Rex Brandt, Hardie Gramatky, Dong Kingman, Barse Miller, Phil Paradise, Charles Payzant, Ed Reep, Millard Sheets, Milford Zornes. Through Sunday, October 3.

"Impressions of San Diego: Paintings by Robin Hall and Jeff Yeomans" presents scenes from "illimitable coastline to dense urban landscapes that color the city." Show includes new paintings of Oceanside inspired by recent transformation of urban development in the area and iconic scenery from the county. Through Sunday, July 4.

"Plastic Fantastic: Allison Renshaw" explores contrast between McMansions, plastic surgery, and artificiality of high-end living with 5D's seaside, weather, and natural beauty. Renshaw's new mixed-media paintings may be seen through Sunday, June 20. "While seemingly random and difficult to decipher, 'Plastic Fantastic' references today's open-source culture of sampling and recycling." 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

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

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum Complex of historical

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

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

San Diego Model Railroad Museum Museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

"Heroes: Mortals and Myths in Ancient Greece" — on view Saturday, May 22, through Sunday, September 5 — explores inherent human need for heroes through arts of one of the oldest, most influential cultures in history. Exhibition is divided into three sections: "Heroes in Myth," "Heroes in Cult." "Hero as Role Model," showcasning more than 100 objects. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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

"All That Glitters: The Splendor and Science of Gems and Minerals" includes an assemblage of gem specimens and jewelry designed by renowned jewelry houses. Displays showcase workmanship, signature elements relating to specific styles and time periods. Discover how Earth's processes produce gemstones and precious metals.

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



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Deliverance Is at Hand

Some nights, you don't want to dress up for a restaurant or, worse yet, keep wearing that same stiff corporate outfit for 14 hours straight. But you don't want to cook, either. You just want to get into your sweats and veg out — no more striving, no more driving. But, after a nightmare workday, when you're too tired to eat out or cook, alternatives, such as frozen dinners, tend to be especially limited and dispiriting. (Women do get weary/ Of eating that same old Lean Cuisine...) Sometimes we want the Really Good Food Fairy to show up at the door, bringing bounty — preferably bounty we can afford. Two years ago, searching for that elusive mid-ground between restaurant meals and frozen supermarket slop, I checked out a couple of local home-meal delivery services run by caterers. The food, delivered frozen (with soggy veggies when reheated), proved more healthy than tasty — and pricey, too, up to \$25 for a dinner for one, with sizeable minimum orders required. The search continued.

So, I was excited to discover that a distinguished chef, David Abella (former chef de cuisine at Roy's La Jolla), has opened a home-delivery meal service called ATE Comfort Cuisine. He cooks one dish per evening from a menu that changes nightly (some heartland American food, and some gentle Asian fusion) and sells them for a mere \$10 per portion, including tip and delivery. "I thought this would be something really useful for working women, single mothers, college students…" he told me. (Add to that target group busy seniors and recession-battered Baby Boomers who've realized they can't afford retirement after all.)

It's a one-man operation. David cooks the meals during the day and delivers them himself during dinner hours — he doesn't have a fleet of delivery trucks (yet). Hence, the limited delivery area (see boilerplate).

I sweet-talked him into a one-time delivery to my benighted neighborhood. David's dish of the day was "Tuscan white bean chicken cassoulet." I was initially put off by the title "cassoulet" (the

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This was the best chicken dish I can remember eating in years.

French version is made with goose or duck, not lowly chicken), but at first bite I said, "OMG, wow!" and by the third bite, almost in tears, I said, "Oh, this is so good!" Comfort food? Yes, literally! I felt as

if I was eating a meal cooked, well, not by my mom but by somebody else's sainted Italian grandmamma.

It's not hyperbole to say this was the best chicken dish I can remem-

FREE DELIVERY (LIMITED AREA & HOURS)

ber eating in years, and one of the most savory entrées of any sort I've tasted in months. It was a true one-dish meal, with those healthy and delicious Italian white beans, shreds of greens, slightly spicy, zingy tomato sauce, onions, a few carrot chunks, a few slices of sausage (Spanish chorizo, probably), and a scattering of whole garlic cloves, grown sweet with the braising. The chicken itself — five substantial, tender, skin-on pieces — included a dainty drumstick, a thigh, two meaty wings, and a hunk of breast. To my appetite (I'm obviously well past

the ravenous teen years), that's an ample dinner for two. I hadn't asked David why he left Roy's, but I suspect the answer lies in his beautiful young son, whom he brought with him on this delivery. (Chefs

> like to see their offspring sometime before the kids grow up and leave home, and I know several who've departed large, high-pressure eateries like Roy's for this reason.)

Other items that rotate through the menu include barbecued baby-back ribs with macaroni salad (or, in a Texas-style BBQ, with potato salad); Bolognese meat sauce with garlic bread; Mom's Style meat loaf with shiitake mushroom gravy (shiitakes? hey, not *my* mom's); panko-crusted chicken katsu; grilled marinated skirt steak with potatoes and veggies; chicken adobo with glass noodles; Chinese salt-and-pepper chicken with stir-fried Asian veggies and steamed rice; mac 'n' cheese with baby greens; Asian baby-back ribs

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with Vietnamese noodle salad; and roast pork with curried lentil-vegetable stew. (You'll find the dated menu on the website, or call to see what's on for the evening.) You've got the option of subscribing to a series of dinners, but you don't have to — no pressure. Except from me, of course: I want ATE to survive and flourish so that David can develop a delivery fleet that goes even to my neighborhood. As the Bible says: Not by pizza alone...

If you can't get delivery, maybe you'd like to try cooking some dishes from your favorite local restaurants. Some of the most popular are on our version of Bali Hai, Coronado island, where the streets are cleaner, the sun shines brighter, and you're so happy to be there that the food tastes better, too.

If so, you're a potential reader for *Top Tables Coronado, Celebrating the Island's Favorite Restaurants and Recipes* (Chefs Press, 111 pages, \$14.95; available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com, from the publisher, and from restaurants covered). This is the latest book issued by Chefs Press, a new publishing company specializing in cookbooks by San Diego restaurant chefs. Their first was *Cicciotti's Kitchen*,



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a hardcover by the chef of Cicciotti's Trattoria in Carmel Valley. This autumn, Jeff Rossman of Terra will have a hardbound book out. In between those two is this just-issued volume of Coronado restaurant recipes, a softcover with some 40 dishes ranging from upscale concoctions from the Hotel Del's several restaurants (including a useful recipe for braised beef cheeks from 1500 Ocean) to simple, easy choices from Chance's Bistro and Spiro's Gyros. Other contributors include Bistro d'Asia, Brigantine Seafood, Costa Azul, Island Pasta, Miguel's Cocina, Peohe's, Primavera, Vigilucci's, and Yummy Sushi. (Alas, there are no recipes from Mistral or Candelas.)

I wouldn't recommend this book for a total cooking beginner, due to editing problems which I'll detail later. But there's a lot of admirable work in here that would make this welcome to a moderately skilled cook. I love the fact that Spiro's Gyros (with probably the best chapter

of all) gives a homemade recipe for gyros meat — it's bound to be better than the mass-made commercial product - along with other lucid, inviting recipes that actually might inspire you to cook. Not only is there a perfect recipe for tzatziki sauce, but the recipe for avgolemono soup is way above average, all fluffy from beaten egg whites. (I am a bit worried about the souvlaki recipe, though, which seems to call for brushing the cooked meat with its raw-meat marinade — a health no-no nowadays. Nine more words would solve this problem: "Pour over meat to coat well; reserve extra marinade.")

Primavera's fine recipe for spaghetti carbonara incorporates the culinary reasoning behind their recipe. Try it once, and with the insight it gives you, you'll never again wind up with either raw or scrambled egg in the dish.

Chance's Bistro's recipe for Mussels and Clams looks like a keeper — I love the first step of briefly roasting the tomatoes with herbs and garlic to dry them (very cheffy). Their blenderstarted rendition of tortilla soup cuts right to the chase, an easy method that saves hours of time and probably preserves the freshtomato flavors better than more laborious preparations, precisely what you want when your garden (or farmers' market) tomatoes are burgeoning.

And Peohe's discloses how to make their sublime Halibut Mai'a with Frangelico, a favorite dish that you can easily cook at

Not every chef was able to turn out perfect recipes for this book, and the book needs a stronger editorial hand to make it easier to use. Pretty food photography doesn't compensate for what I can only call lax editing; worse yet, as in that souvlaki recipe, rigid considerations of book-makeup sometimes seem to outweigh common sense: You can't sacrifice nine possibly lifesaving words in a recipe for the sake of a pretty picture or a rigid formula for layout.

Chefs Press doesn't work like a traditional publishing company. Most book companies offer the writer an advance against royalties, a lump sum typically paid half upon signing the book contract and half upon manuscript delivery. (The company is gambling that there will be royalties because the writer gets to keep the advance.) Here, instead, the publisher invites the chef/ writers to become publishing partners. That is, the chef must make a firm commitment to buy a substantial number of copies of the book at half-off to sell in his or her restaurant, and/or to his friends and relatives, or at his garage sale in a few months... (The writer does get 50 percent of the list price for the copies she sells and royalties on outside sales.) The book company takes charge of design, production, printing,

and marketing, and they seem to have a staff food photographer to shoot all the dishes and make them look pretty.

But here's where a few quibbles come in: there doesn't seem to be much editorial intervention in any aspect of the book — not the general text and not the recipes. Reading the restaurant introductions in Top Tables, I found a few glaring grammatical errors. And reading through the recipes, I noticed that each restaurant's chef seemed free to make up his or her own recipe format. Most were okay, but several violated a basic rule: in standard American recipe-writing, all ingredients are listed in the order in which the cook handles them — not by importance or cost or bulk. Even if the recipe calls for, say, a skinned wild gazelle and a pound of peacock's tongues — if the first thing the cook touches is an onion, that should start the ingredient list.

Finally, a cookbook editor checks that every ingredient mentioned ends up being used and that every ingredient mentioned in the dish is listed at the start. In Bistro d'Asia's Orange Shrimp recipe, the shrimp in the ingredient list turns into chicken in the instructions. (This restaurant has some of the easiest recipes but least trustworthy directions and measurements. Three pounds of beef to serve four in Mongolian Beef? A whole cup of heavy oyster sauce in a dressing for Siamese lettuce wraps for four? I doubt it.)

Some ingredients need more explanation. For example, we learn that "tamarind sauce" for glazing a salmon is available at Whole Foods and Amazon but what exactly does this term mean? Is it the thick, viscous, intensely sour tamarind purée

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that comes in jars from India? Or some new commercial product? The "resources" section of the book doesn't specify. In addition, several recipes call for sauces for which there are no recipes. I can overlook the call for chocolate sauce, but when it comes to Vigilucci's requirement for marinara sauce or Costa Azul's call for ranchero sauce, do they really mean just any old supermarket brand? Will Vigilucci's dish taste the same with Ragu?

In addition, some two-column recipe layouts are wacky and confusing, running left to right across the columns, instead of the classic format of straight down in column one, then start again running straight down in column two. (Made me dizzy. Magical realism recipes?) Forget the pretty pictures and spiffy layout — the book needs more editorial attention to the words that convey the vital information about how to cook these dishes.

I'm quibbling only because I want to help Chefs Press get off on the right foot. I think a local cookbook publisher is a great idea. All the people involved are publishing pros — but, unfortunately, not *cookbook* publishing pros until now, so they still have much to learn.

For the launch of this book, they're working with the Coronado Chamber of Commerce and Coronado restaurants to create a monthlong dining event in Coronado. Top Tables Restaurant Month will be held during June and will offer diners an opportunity to eat at selected Top Tables locations at a discount if they purchase a copy of the book at one of the restaurants or at the shops on the property of the Hotel Del.

The hot food-science news of last week, reported by Nicholas D. Kristof of the New York Times, is that the President's Council on Cancer came out and said we've got too many damned industrial and agricultural chemicals in our lives and our foods, few of them tested for human safety, and that this is probably a factor in many cancers. The American Cancer Society, a more conservative and seemingly industryfriendly group, came back and basically said, "There, there, don't you worry your pretty little heads, just stop smoking and you'll be fine." (The ACS still hasn't even seriously considered the issue of gasoline fumes, which are vastly more

Then came the battling letters to the editor, scientist vs. scientist. A plurality of the independent scientists who wrote to the Times seemed to favor the viewpoint of the president's council: our bodies and bloodstreams have become repositories of potentially toxic chemical residues.

ubiquitous.)

The council offered a few recommendations. Top among them: choose organically grown produce, and if not, rinse thoroughly to remove the pesticide and weed-killer residues likely to be clinging to them. Choose natural meats raised without antibiotics, growth hormones, pesticides — and don't char them or cook them well-done. Get a water filter (here in SD, that seems almost a necessity, given the flavor of our tap water), and store the filtered water in glass, not plastic. Use glass containers and covers, not plastics, when heating foods in the nuker. All this goes double if you're pregnant, nursing, or have small children.

Finally, a bit of sad restaurant gossip. Blanca's chef, Jason Neroni, has gone back to New York. He loved his unprecedented creative freedom while working at Blanca, he says, but his wife couldn't find a job here in her field (arts administration), and supporting a family on one salary proved impossible. Blanca's owners are searching again. I'm just glad I got to eat his exciting cooking while he was here.







Such a Deal

"Which was better, the Gaslamp 50 years ago or now?"

lue skies, smiling at me/ Nothing but blue skies do I see...

It's an oldie but goodie, and Irving and I launched into it when he mentioned

that the guy who wrote it had the same birthday, May 11, as him, *and* the same first name, Irving. Wow. Irving Berlin, just one of the greatest songwriters in history, right?

We met in this tiny space called the New Café. Chinese and American chow. I never would have known about it, except I spotted — all the way from Broadway — a lone, sandy-brown umbrella sticking out on the corner of E and Ninth. It was across from the main library and the main post office. I gave up waiting for the Number 2 bus and sprinted down to check it out.

Oh, yes. Used to be a Hawaiian joint, I think. A painted sign says something about American breakfasts, Chinese food. Specials are scrawled on a piece of paper Scotch-taped to the glass door. And, Lordy, the retro prices. Beef stew, \$5.25. Teriyaki Chicken Bowl, \$4.95. Pork Chops, \$5.99. Liver and Onions, \$4.50. Beef Meatloaf, \$4.75.

The inside's one long counter in front of a kitchen with four sit-up chairs at the counter and four two-chair window-side tables. It's painted olive-green and brown, with big, clean, white and gray floor tiles, and the place is filled with great long leis of artificial flowers strung from the ceiling. It feels welcoming and cozy.

A guy was collecting his takeout as I came in. "I mean, come on, man, where else around here are you going to get a hamburger and fries for \$2.75?" he says. Name's either Buck or Bob. Didn't quite catch it. "Or a bacon cheeseburger for \$2.90?" he says. "But my favorite thing here is the chicken curry. I spent time in England. I know good curry. It's great."

He takes off, loaded with his burgers and a container of fries he says he's going to leave

with the homeless guys outside the post office.

It's mostly older people coming in now. "We want to get in ahead of the evening rush," says Evelyn. She's here to pick up three pork

chops and some veggies for the maintenance man at the Silvercrest Salvation Army– built apartments at Eighth and E. "We love it here," she says. "Suzie knows us all."

Suzie's the Chinese-American lady in the pink cardigan who's running in and out from behind the counter.

While Evelyn waits and I'm wondering what I'm going to have, we get to talking. She was born in Texas — "My granddaddy was a Texas Ranger" — and she and her seven brothers came to live in Old Town San Diego back in 1946. "It was out in the country then. You could buy three candy bars for 12 cents."

Suzie passes by with a bowl of rice and something that looks absolutely scrumptious. "Shrimp rice bowl," she says, "\$5.50. You ready to order?"

Hmm...I'm looking. All-day breakfasts are such deals. Like, two eggs with hash browns, toast, *and* coffee go for \$2.99. An egg sandwich is \$1.70. Most of the Chinese dishes run \$5–\$6. I'm almost tempted by the New Café Chop Suey with chicken, pork, and shrimp, plus soup, rice, and hot tea for \$6.95. But Buck's words ring in my ears. So, curry chicken (\$6.25) it is.

In a nanosecond, Suzie has flapped out of the kitchen through the split curtain with the Japanese geisha painted on it and put down a bowl of egg flower soup and crackers. Part of the deal. For my taste, it needs a little something, so I splot in some soy sauce. The chicken curry takes a while to come. That's good, because it means Suzie's husband the chef is cooking it fresh. And fresh it is, with lots of chicken, onion, and green peppers, and a good prickly curry, all on a red-painted china plate, with a second plate holding a ball of rice. Good sign: the rice isn't a sticky, gooey mess like you



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sometimes get. It falls apart. I toss it into the curry and plow in. Except, there's a lot. So, I'm kind of relieved at the distraction when this gal in a rainbow-colored tie-dye shirt bursts in — Mary — and gives the guy at the last table a big hug. "Irving!" she says. "I'm having breakfast. How about you?"

"Me? The lo mein," says Irving. "Pork."
That's when we started talking. Turns out
Irving has another claim to fame: he's been
living here in the Gaslamp for 50 years. Half a
century! "Back then the Gaslamp was chockfull of sailors," he says, "and locker rooms
where you could change out of your uniform
and take a shower before you hit the town. It
was so-o different."

I have to ask. "Which was better, the Gaslamp 50 years ago or now?"

He thinks a moment. "Better then. You didn't have to be rich. All this development today, it's for the big man. They ignore the small man. But ignore the small man and watch out. Because at some point the small man ain't going to take it anymore. You don't want it to get to like back in Russia, 1917."

Irving's getting up. Mary follows. "Suzie's our mama here. She makes it like family. But she needs our space for other customers."

Yeah, it is a bit cramped. We get outside. I look up. "Hey, Irving."

"What?"

"Blue skies."■

The Place: New Café, 901 E Street, 619-595-1785

Type of Food: American and Chinese

Prices: Two eggs with hash browns, toast, coffee, \$2.99; egg sandwich, \$1.70; egg fried rice, \$4.50; pork egg foo young (with soup, rice, tea), \$5.50; New Café chop suey (with chicken, pork, shrimp, soup, rice, tea), \$6.95; curry chicken, \$6.25; kung pao chicken, \$6.25; hamburger and fries, \$2.75; bacon cheeseburger, \$2.90; bowl of ice cream, \$1.50

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Alpine

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef-lovers heaven, with a juicy special ground-in-house (so rare-cooked is feasible) Texas burger. Crowded weekends. Moderate to expensive.

Baja

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

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388, Tijuana, 664-685-4955. The food's Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but try baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) à *la vizcaína*, trout with olive oil and garlic. Inexpensive to moderate.

La Escondida Santa Monica #1, Tijuana, 664-681-4458. House specialties at this hidden mansion are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (cacerola de mariscos); the tambor (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork); or the roasted baby Monterrey goat (cabrito tatemado). Moderate.

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, km. 59, Rosarito, 646-155-0307. The bilingual menu, written on chalkboards, changes nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house, Baja wines. Great breakfasts, lavish Sunday brunch buffet, blissful patio seating. Inexpensive to moderate.

Original Ortega's Calle Principal (next to Casa de la Langosta), Puerto Nuevo. The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are fried in lard, finished off on the grill, and served with melted margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Many other starters, entrées, desserts available. Moderate to high, low-moderate specials.

Los Pelicanos Calle Cedros #115, Rosarito, 661-612-0445. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little sister, with a shorter menu. It serves good steaks and surf 'n' turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty oceanview terrace. Moderate.

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and Third, Tijuana. The cart is only here from 6pm to 6am, but from tongue to chicken mole to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, carne asada, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create meals right there. Inexpensive.

Balboa Park

Japanese Tea Pavilion 2215
Pan American Way, Balboa Park,
619-231-0048. The teriyaki bowl
with salmon, the sweetish *udon*soba noodle soup with tofu kitsune, and even the California
sandwich piled high with "krab"
meat are good and feel Japanese.
Inexpensive.

The Prado 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. Exquisite setting in the park offers generous portions on a something-foreveryone menu. Top choices: meaty crab cakes, slow-roasted pork loin, banana *tres leches* cake. Moderate to expensive.

Banker's Hill

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is a deli rightly famous for its Original Philadelphia Cheese Steak Sandwich. Inexpensive.

Avenue 5 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-542-0394. Chefowner Colin MacLaggan offers a short, tasty menu of creative, seasonal, French-influenced Cali-

fornia cuisine (and house-made desserts) in a chic, classy-casual neighborhood bistro. Happyhour bargains at bar; otherwise high-moderate.

Azuki Sushi Lounge 2321 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-238-4760. Skillful, creative sushi and sashimi in a convivial atmosphere. Don't miss the spicy Pon Hama (yellowtail sashimi with yuzu juice and chili powder) or the fusion-y RU Kidding Me roll, the owner's favorite. Moderate to expensive.

Cucina Urbana 505 Laurel St., Banker's Hill, 619-239-2222. Uptown food at neighborhood prices. The creative, playful Italian menu emphasizes light, shareable dishes — mini-bites on through appetizers, pizzas, polentas, and interesting pastas and entreés, with adventurous wines priced only \$7 over retail. Lively, comfortable, noisy. Bar grazing until midnight. Moderate.

Joe's New York-Style Deli 3401 First Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boar's Head liverwurst is da bomb. Inexpensive.

Carlsbad

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-9291396. Also 4645 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. It's not Southern so much as SoCal "Q," but the meats are genuinely smoked. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor; ribs come in three versions. Inexpensive to moderate

Pizza Port 571 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-720-7007. Also 135 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the Pizza Carlsbad or the Pizza Solana. Inexpensive.

Carmel Mountain

Athens Market Café 11640 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Mountain, 858-675-2225. Vickie Pappas (sis of Mary) serves up the Greek classics at this offshoot of Athens Market, with particularly flavorful lamb souvlaki and lamb chops. Inexpensive to moderate.

Chollas View

Thai Garden 110 47th St., Chollas View, 619-527-8890. They do Thai here, but cognoscenti come for the Lao cooking. This place is the town's unofficial Lao Embassy, and the *larb* and fresh-pestled

green papaya salad are the real thing. (A great place for buying Lao silks, too.) Inexpensive.

Chula Vista

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. Rustic-looking family-run restaurant offers Italian-American standards, big portions, low prices, late hours. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite" eightinch pizza. Inexpensive.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill 311 Palomar St., Chula Vista, 619-426-4545. Zesty Peruvian dishes include papa rellena (creamy potato with a lively beef and raisin filling), seco de cabrito (young goat in a complex, herbal stew). Mexican-style seafood served here, too. Inexpensive to

City Heights

El Borrego Restaurant 4280 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-281-1355. Specializes in fascinating Mexican lamb dishes, including spicy, smoky *mixiote* (lamb cooked inside thin maguey skin) and *pancita*, similar to haggis. Inexpensive.

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Ave., City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned Ethiopian cuisine served on a porous pancake, *injera*. The



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kitfo (spicy beef tartare) is good, the gored gored (meat in spicy butter) is excellent. Vibrant veggies, too. Inexpensive.

Super Cocina 3627 University Ave., City Heights, 619-584-6244. Mexican housewives prepare specialties for the restaurant. They're complex meat or poultry stews made without border compromises. The dozen entrées change daily from a rotating repertory of about 100. Inexpensive.

Tom's Chinese BBO 4414 University Ave., City Heights, 619-563-8225. The roast ribs, roast pork, and BBQ spare ribs are excellent. So is pork fried rice and the dim sum. But you should also try the pig's rectum, duck's feet, stomach lining, ears, and wiggly small intestines. Inexpensive.

Van Hoa Vietnamese Restaurant 4016 54th St., City Heights, 619-582-2642. They have 20 versions of pho — dac biet ("special combo") is a good place to start - plus rice and rice vermicelli plates and Vietnamese crepes and spring rolls. Inexpensive.

Clairemont

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint 4577 Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 858-483-9500, Create-your-burger options include horseradish, artichoke hearts, carrots, cranberries, cheeses, and mushrooms. Chop and tuck these into raw burger meat, like a joey into mama roo's pocket. Inexpensive.

Lightnin' Jack's BBQ 4705-H Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Mall atmosphere, but hickory-fueled Texas-style pit barbecue turns out tender, moist pork ribs and reasonably smoky brisket. Nice fried catfish, too. Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the tastiest sides. Inexpensive to moderate.

College Area

4.0 Deli 5844 Montezuma Rd., College Area, 619-281-4040. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a kick-butt Southwestern dressing.

San Diego Desserts 5987 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-287-8186. What was just a wonderful bakery has expanded to include full sit-down lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunches. Comfort dishes like meatloaf and chicken pie, sandwiches, salads. Good wines, wicked desserts, great patio. Inexpensive to moderate.

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-265-0999. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat - are pressed, tossed, and folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy. Inexpensive.

Coronado

Bistro d'Asia 1301 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy Lizard Lounge serves gentled-down dishes from East Asia. Good sushi bar in the Lounge. Moderate.

Crown Room Hotel Del, 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-6611. In this vaulted dining room, presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. Open only for elaborate Sunday brunch, with cooking not quite up to the visual grandeur. Expensive.

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-4545. Sidewalk tables, daily made-on-thepremises semolina pasta - and dog-friendly, too, plus a nice wine list. A good vegetarian special: verdure pasta, with artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives. Inexpensive.

Mexican Village 126 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3111. Old restaurant revives with new (Mexican) owner. Old Coronadans say the signature burritos (filled with tripe, pork and potato, chorizo and eggs, etc.) match even their gilded Korea- and Vietnam-era memories. Inexpensive to moderate.

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-2121. Meat and fish choices are prepared simply with generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta is the answer that's where the kitchen shines. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

Del Mar

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-509-9293. Italian seafood, garden setting. Best are the daily specials, including spaghetti a cartoccio (baked in parchment) and lobster risotto. Save room for dessert, especially if offerings include torta alla nonna. High-moderate to expensive.

Poseidon 1670 Coast Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-9345. It's all about the glorious seaside view. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood. Dinner dishes mingle Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. Moderate to expensive.

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Manly retro atmosphere, huge portions. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. Expensive.

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th St., Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Pristine California cuisine highlights local produce in deluxe, seasonal dishes that engage the mind along with the palate, e.g., a lemon-pistachio cake that changes as vou cut it, crumbling into a

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berry coulis. High-moderate to expensive.

Downtown

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-230-0382. Mainly plain Tuscan cuisine, highlighted by pleasing vegetarian pastas and risottos featuring earthy porcini mushrooms. Moderate (pasta) to expensive.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-0101. Skillful, healthful cooking from an ancient high cuisine. Refined entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborately garnished; rose-flavored Persian ice cream is a romantic ending. Moderate.

Beach City Market 3 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-232-2491. Enjoy soup-and-sandwich deals like minestrone and the Londonport roast beef sandwich flavored with port, white herbs, and spices; or the Deluxe roast beef with horseradish. Inexpensive.

Café Sevilla 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-5979. A loud, convivial tapas bar adjoins a quieter, romantic Spanish restaurant, but you can get tapas in the







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restaurant and entrées at the bar. At both, the choices are varied, interesting, and cosmopolitan. Great sangria. Moderate.

Café de L'Opera 1354 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-0425. Pastry chef Thierry Cahez offers a genuine French feeling and food, in a pâtisserie with exquisite dessert pastries, breakfast croissants, and Gallic lunches like mini-pizzas and croque monsieurs (toasted cheese sandwich with ham). Inexpensive.

Candelas 416 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here - chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in sophisticated, delectable Mexican haute cuisine made with French techniques. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive.

China Too 916 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-4283. The menu claims "New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." How about decent Bronx-style eat-in/ take-out? Cheap but good fare, including huge lunch specials, made with no MSG, minimal cornstarch. Free delivery to a wide area. Inexpensive.

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-232-8414. At this Euro-style sidewalk café, try the spicy grilled breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also salads: taco or Southwest chicken. Inexpensive.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, transported whole hog from the Ould Sod, offers Irish music live most nights. Try the herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty - potato crepes with a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Low-moderate.

Hub Market & Deli 748 Sixth Ave. Downtown, 619-544-1917 Take-out only, with a hot pastrami sandwich that draws long lines. Breakfast? Try the giant three-egg burrito stuffed with sausages and hash brown patties. Open morning till late night, daily. Inexpensive.

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-237-4900. Fifties-style surf 'n' turfer owned by King's Seafood, with fine fish quality, simple fare. Best dishes include New Orleans BBO shrimp — a buttery, spicy Creole extravaganza (available as starter or entrée) - and the huge, juicy rib-eye Cowboy Steak. Fish moderate, meats expensive.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant Omni Hotel, 675 L St., Downtown, 619-645-6545. Nationwide seafood chain with good, simple, freshfish dishes. Awesome weeknight happy-hour offers. Each for under two bucks: steamed mussels, chicken satay, a half-pound burger and fries, California rolls, fish cakes, cheese plate. Regular entrées upper-moderate.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-1183. Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood are ballast for the real gourmet fare: tropical umbrella drinks. Moderate.

Morton's of Chicago 285 J St., Downtown, 619-696-3369. Swanky, manly Chicago steakhouse offers juicy, marbled grainfed beef in numerous cuts and sizes, wet-aged and grilled to your specification, or good fish. Pricey à la carte sides. Very expensive.

Oceanaire Seafood Room 400 J St., Downtown, 619-858-2277. The best dishes tend to be the least ambitious, from the "Simply Grilled and Broiled" section. Or you can gamble on more elaborately composed entrées. Great crab cakes. Happy hour at oyster bar moderate, dinner very expensive.

Osetra Watergrill 904 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-1800. Las Vegas glitzy decor here. Appetizers tilt Asian, but most entrées are Italianate seafood. The restaurant has switched from the endangered Caspian caviar it's named for to a California-farmed sturgeon product (at the same steep tab). Very expensive.

The Palm 615 J St., Downtown, 619-702-6500. The fare features tender dry-aged and wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for high-rollers, monstersized Nova Scotia lobsters. Also consider shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes. Very expensive.

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-233-7800. Family-friendly menu offers greaseless dishes to suit all tastes. Tofu with eggplant and the Mongolian Hotpot, a meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage, are among the more authentic choices. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate.

RA Sushi 474 Broadway, Downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant creates a high-energy atmosphere with loud music and louder decor. The grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus substantial noodle dishes and entrées. Moderate.

Super Jr. Market & Deli 1036 Seventh Ave., Downtown, 619-232-6367. Sandwiches include Boar's Head meat, cheeses, and fixings galore. Hot dishes sold by the pound: pork loin, chicken fajitas, honey ham, turkey, catfish, tilapia — all with two side dishes like rice, veggies, baked potato. Inexpensive.

Taka 555 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-0555. Top-quality seafood enlivens exquisite sushi, with rice freshly made all evening and savory appetizers like miso-baked cod and mushroomtopped agedashi (lightly fried) tofu. Reserve and go early for quiet. Most dishes inexpensive, but they add up.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse 2150 Harbor Island Dr., Downtown, 619-291-9110. Convivial bayview spot offers seafood, steaks, weekend roast beef, Sunday brunch buffet. Heavy "retro" treatments range from classic clam chowder and Oysters Rockefeller to sludgy lobster bisque. Oysters, raw or seductive "Cortez Style," are a highlight. Moderate to very expensive.

East Village

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Ave., East Village, 619-239-5478. Stick to their Hakka specialties, like the sizzle plate stuffed tofu deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in the tender centers, resembling meatflavored roasted marshmallows. Mainly inexpensive.

Juice in the Raw 1060 J St., East Village, 619-550-1240. Algae, anyone? This fitness bar serves raw, organic, meal-sized smoothies loaded with stuff like goji berries, almond butter, hemp protein, bee pollen, ground chia seeds, blueberries, plus bars loaded with blue-green algae from Lake Klamath, Just call it antioxidant central

Sole Luna Café 702 Ash St., East Village, 619-232-0436. Umbrella-strewn terrace is fun. Many items taste straight from Milano, like the breakfast croissant with prosciutto and smoked mozzarella, the Rustico Panino, and the Siciliana salad. Inexpensive to moderate.

El Vitral Restaurant 815 J St., East Village, 619-236-9420. This huge spiffy room with Petcofacing patio offers creative, deluxe revisions of multi-regional Mexi-classics, backed by an impressive array of house-made masa creations. Huge tequila list. multinational wine list. Expensive mains, but better yet are affordable grazes on soups, starters, gourmet tacos.

El Cajon

Downtown Café 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687. A Mexican-style patio restaurant serving gringo food. Reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, burritos, or Louisiana chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. Inexpensive to moderate.

Geno's Barbecue 291 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted Jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the Ripcurl (hot dog). Inexpensive.

Greek Town Buffet 345 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Have gyros, but also try chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken) or start with excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). Don't skip Greek desserts. Inexpensive.

Encinitas

Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill 101 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Kick back to reggae with a fresh coconut water and the Jamaican sampler,

including luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of fillings. The jerk's way mild. Inexpensive.

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chefowner Pascal Vignau serves a changing menu of southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. Moderate.

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Bl., Encinitas, 760-633-3587. Great sushi, including fabulous uni, world-beating silky toro. Appetizers like salmon tower tartare and drunken black cod are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Moderate.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 S. Coast Hwv. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Moderate.

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. Domestic and imported meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the Caprese sandwich on focaccia bread. Inexpensive.

Escondido

Bistro 221 221 E. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-737-7398, Simple dishes shine at this genteel bistro, like sophisticated lunch quesadillas and dinner appetizers like Florida gumbo and Maryland crab cake. Moderate.

El Galeón 503 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood stars here. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster" in fishermen's terms) are house specialties. Consider a marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish) or savory albondigas soup. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-738-9805. In gorgeous surroundings (mansion and garden), Señora Vega offers sophisticated Mexico City cuisine. You'll find interesting appetizers along with entrées







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Fallbrook

El Parque 2659 Reche Rd., Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Good combination plates include the tostada with beef taco and the burrito with enchilada. Better yet, on Sunday morning, agricultural workers pour in here for menudo, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Inexpensive.

Wayside Café 507 South Main Ave., Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. The place used to be a gas station. You can even sit in the old lube bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain piles of red-skinned home fries as a side at breakfast. Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Babbo Grande 1731 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-269-8038. This is becoming your neighborhood drop-in place for Uptowners. Big breakfasts, really cheapbut-plentiful daily lunch specials like beef stroganoff with mushrooms, sour cream, wine sauce. Beautiful, dog-friendly patio out back. Inexpensive.

Baby Back Jack's Barbecue 1290 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1644. Jack's Sampler (four-bone baby back ribs, one half chicken, one portion of BBQ beef, fries, and slaw) is a good intro. Or pork-rib tips or just a Cajun sausage sandwich or one of Jack's chili cheeseburgers with bacon. Inexpensive.

Bread and Cie 350 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. Crusty European peasant breads include anise-fig and black-olive loaves. Focaccia pizza and savory sandwiches (many with thick bread and thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot. Inexpensive.

City Delicatessen 555 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish-American food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors until midnight (3am weekends). Inexpensive to moderate.

Ichiban 1449 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Inexpensive.

Lucky Buck's Patio Bar and Grill 1459 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-297-0660. The only question: which burger? The Buck 'n' Bleu Ribbon Burger (with bleu cheese, bacon, onion strings, and chipotle sauce)? Buck's on Fire (pepper Jack, bacon, and jalapeño peppers)? Buck's Lucky Mushroom? Inexpensive.

Pasha Mediterranean Grill & Café 3614 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-4444. Turkish specialties (including grilled beef cubes over eggplant mashed with garlic and yogurt) distinguish this Turkish-Lebanese halal restaurant from generic Middle Easterners, with which it shares a menu of kebabs, shawerma, salads, et al. Loads for vegans. No alcohol Moderate

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Some top Basque tapas here include chicken-stuffed empanadillas, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed green lip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée).

Pizza Fusion 3827 Fifth Ave. Hillcrest, 619-278-0057. Everything's green and organic at this eco-conscious chain. The pizzas are odd-shaped but tasty, with multigrain oval crusts, plenty of veggies, cheese, and sweet Italian sausage or organic steak. Inexpensive to moderate.

St. Tropez 3805 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-497-0297. Additional locations in Encinitas, Rancho Bernardo, downtown. These bright cafés with indooroutdoor seating offer scores of yummy house-baked breakfast pastries, desserts, and good coffee, plus Parisian-style croque monsieur and madame, crepes, quiche, onion soup, sophisticated sandwiches, and panini. Simple French dinners at some branches. Inexpensive.

Terra 3900 Vermont St., Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather. Moderate.

Imperial Beach

Olive Oil Organic Café 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-1779. Great vegan sandwiches on ciabatta or focaccia - the eggplant Baby Greens and the Vegan Fusion (imitation smoked turkey and salami, cheese). But the carnivorous sandwiches are also way better than they have to be. Also pizzas, salads, housemade soups. Inexpensive.

The Tin Fish 910 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. Also 170 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-8100 (lunch only). The bill of fare features fish - fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. Great crab cakes. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Imperial Valley

Owl Café 674 Main St., Imperial Valley, 760-336-0298. This café, over 50 years old, serves rib-sticking food. Try breakfast special #1:

pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners include roast beef and chickenfried steak. Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

B & B Deli & Catering 8690 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-292-1636. Airmen's Comfort Food Central, offering platebursting lunch specials with all the fixin's: roast pork loin, meat loaf, curried chicken, Polish sausage, pepper steak, cabbage rolls. Generous breakfasts, too.

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Tiny, plain setting offering authentic northern Chinese and Szechuan dishes. Ten fish and green-chive dumplings, spicy three-ingredient lo mein (with jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken) and superb jellyfish salad are challenging and exciting.

The Philadelphia Sandwich Company 3904 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. The menu centers on Philly's two cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is more flavorful than a mere hero. For cheese steak, try the luscious "everything" with provolone, unless you're a Phillyborn purist. Inexpensive.

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. Hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. Try the delicious Rainbow Salad and outstanding dumplings, especially the seafood ones. The jellyfish salad is a treat for the adventurous. Inexpensive.





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La Jolla

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Clay's La Jolla 7955 La Jolla Shores Dr., La Jolla, 858-551-3620. With a penthouse view of La Jolla, chef-owner Clay Bordan cooks up a seasonal California-fusion menu with international flavors, featuring organic vegetables, wild fish, naturally raised meats and fowl. Expensive.

Come On In 1030B Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Suave Euro bistro with tree-shaded patio, serving sophisticated breakfasts and healthy lunches like fruit plates and veggie-mozzarella sand-wiches. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive.

George's at the Cove — Ocean Terrace 1250 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-4244. This informal rooftop eatery has the best view of anywhere of the La Jolla Cove, but the food isn't the fine cuisine of the Dining Room downstairs — it's essentially spiffy grazing. Excellent mussels are the sole memorable dish. Skip the owner's "famous" bean soup, a vanity item. High-moderate.

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Dr., La Jolla, 858-459-7222. Sea-level ocean view and Chef Bernard Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with fresh, exotic ingredients make every visit a voyage of discovery. Preparations are so elaborate, each menu listing reads like a whole tasting dinner. Expensive.

Nine-Ten 910 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's culinary sophistication is big-city smart, offering adventurous seasonal cuisine emphasizing fresh sustainable or organic ingredients and fresh ideas, with flawless flavor matches. Expensive.

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-1315. Fresh seafood specials are available every night. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

La Mesa

Mario's de La Mesa 8425 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-9390. Tasty gringo-Mex food. Tamales are rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, browned to the barest crisp. Inexpensive.

Lakeside

The Neighbor's Pub and Grub 12169 Woodside Ave., Lakeside, 619-561-8890. A neighborhood place beloved by locals serves until midnight (2am weekends). Big portions of simple, filling food, with standard pub grub and daily specials like meat loaf, roast beef, fish 'n' chips, pork tenderloin. Inexpensive.

Linda Vista

Andrés Restaurant 1235 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-275-4114. Nice introduction to Cuban cuisine, including lush "Cuban sandwiches" of pork, ham and cheese, and *ropa vieja* ("old clothes") — shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, peppers, tomatoes. Inexpensive to moderate.

Sushi Diner 7530 Mesa College Dr., Linda Vista, 858-565-1179. Most places, you can eat good or cheap. Here, you can eat good *and* cheap. No surprise that students from Mesa College cram in at lunchtime for rolls, bowls, curries. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Po Pazzo 1917 India St., Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted at 1700 degrees, and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful—especially the Sicilian steak. The pasta dishes and veggies are even better. Expensive.

Logan Heights

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Ave., Logan Heights, 619-234-4460. The Estudillo family has been serving Mexican food here for three generation. Rice, beans, pork tacos (no beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. Breakfast/lunch only. Inexpensive.

Tamale Cart 1852 National Ave., Logan Heights, 619-338-9140. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include pork, beef, chicken, cheese, pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. Try the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with masa, chocolate, and cinnamon. Inexpensive.

Midway District

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock St., Midway District, 619-692-1410. Dishes of Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo. You can make a meal of appetizers like coxinhas, pasteles, croquetas, and kube (the

Brazilian version of Lebanon's *kibbe*). Moderate.

Mira Mesa

Bamboo Hut 9172 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. A strip-mall taste of Hawaiian plate lunch and sushi, with outdoor wood-roofed patio. Uneven, but ahi poke, chicken katsu, and Rainbow Roll are good. Inexpensive.

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 9045 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-530-1664. Several San Diego locations. Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. The étouffée (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India St., Mission Hills, 619-497-0914. Delicious simple fish cookery in no-frills eatery, plus a fish counter offering restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood including big, buttery oysters. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Saffron Noodles and Saté 3737 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy Thai chicken grilling that gets you. Choice of five sauces, from peanut to sweet

noodle soups, like Tom Yum with shrimp. Inexpensive.

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Mission Valley

Bali Thai Café 407 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0800. This cute spot mingles chefs and dishes from Indonesia and Thailand. Standard Thai fare, but unique Balinese corn fritters, spicy shrimp, comforting chicken noodle soup. No reservations on weekends. Lowmoderate.

Seau's 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Vast sports bar offers 70 TV screens and varied pub grub: pizza, hefty burgers, wings with three sauces, sushi, and Junior Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Inexpensive to moderate.

National City

Dakine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Rd., National City, 619-477-8494. Although the Hawaiian-style kalua pig here isn't cooked in a hole in the ground, it tastes like the real thing and comes with an islander plateload of cabbage, rice, mac salad, and kimchi. Inexpensive.

Point-Point Joint 916 E. 8th St., National City, 619-474-



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Normal Heights

Antique Row Café 3002 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Fill up on all-day breakfasts including huge omelets; Philly Steak Heaven (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is a popular lunchtime dish. Inexpensive.

North Park

El Comal 3946 Illinois St., North Park. 619-294-8292 Also 262 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-420-3811. Home cooking from the mainland (Michoacan, Guerrero, others). Stuffed tortilla dishes (no numbered combos) are appetizers or lunches. For entrées, look to casseroles like tongue in tomatillo sauce, tender goat in a lively red "barbecue" sauce, and sweetspicy mole poblano chicken. In-

Old World Deli & Café 3930 30th St., North Park, 619-238-0568. Fine mittel-European casual food, with house-made sauerkraut the badge of honor. Try the bounteous sausage platter or the Great Grilled Grueben sandwich. Inexpensive.

The Philly Grill 2041 University Ave., North Park, 619-688-9437. This tiny café takes Philly cheese steak seriously: delicious thin slabs of rib-eye steak with "14-ingredient seasoning" plus onions, cheese, optional mushrooms and garlic. Plus a Philly hoagie and an Atkins Lite Philly (on lettuce). Moderate.

Ocean Beach

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. Genuine "Q" of meats and poultry smoked "low and slow" over oak, then charbroiled. Southern-style sandwich (choice of protein plus coleslaw and tangy, spicy sauce) is a good value. Inexpensive.

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Bl., Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Big, convivial German Bierstube with all the usual dishes. Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. Avoid entrées with one-sauce-fits-all brown gravy. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Moderate.

Oceanside

101 Café 631 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. Try the Original Cheeseburger with secret sauce. Inexpensive.

Johnny Mañanas 308 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-9999. On the mainly Mexican menu there's a Caribbean chocolate-y, black bean, paprika, curry-inthe-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. In-

Oceanside Café 1938 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. Dieter's Downfall - a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and cheddar — is wicked. Inexpensive.

Old Town



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mainland regional cuisines, including five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas). Moderate.

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney St., Old Town, 619-295-3272. Also 301 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-967-1820. These trendy spots draw mainly under-35 scenesters with a DJ turning up the amps, a vast choice of sakes, and a menu of sushi (heavy on the party rolls), Japanese appetizers, and a few mixedethnicity entrées. Sushi lower than most, entrées moderate.

Zócalo Grill 2444 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-298-9840. Tropical something for everyone - a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Moderate.

Pacific Beach

Baleen 1404 Vacation Rd., Pacific Beach, 858-490-6364. The menu features seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, in a room with a water view and monkey-motif decor. Very expensive.

Café Athena 1846 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140, Sister restaurant, Apollonia Greek

Bistro, in UTC. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. The garlic-rich Spanish cuisine here includes tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups).

The Fishery 5040 Cass St., Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. The Fishery's menu is extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahimahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish 'n' chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées. Moderate to expensive.

Hoboken Pizza & Beer Joint 1459 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-7766. They offer thincrust East Coast-style pizza or inch-thick, square Sicilian pizza. Crusts are airy and crunchy, and they paddle-slide your slice into the oven to finish it off, fresh and hot. Open late. Inexpensive.

Isabel's Cantina 966 Felspar St., Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. Cheerful spin-off of Mission Café serves Latin-Asian-sorta health food. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals and include luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

The Surfside 4527 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and California coastal cuisine. e.g., fusion-y tapas, many going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. Sushi bar with friendly chefs takes reservations. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Point Loma

C-Level 880 Harbor Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-298-6802. The name is the grade for food, but nice for visiting aunts, with scenic heated patio at water's edge California-Mediterranean comfort food from chef Deborah Scott in laid-back mode, lovely for a sunshiny lunch. Moderate to expensive.

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. The kitchen features seafood, juicy meats, and Prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preshow prix fixe upper-moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive.

Rancho Bernardo

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Rd., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Brilliant modern takes on French classics. You want to know what genuine (California-adapted)

baisse should be? Or squab at its best? This is the place — and desserts are ravishing, too. Expensive but not exorbitant.

Rancho Santa

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-433-0483. A great neighborhood French bistro where Philippe Verpiand offers seasonal dishes emphasizing his home region, Provence. Don't miss panisse, a chickpea cake with marshmallow texture. Great coq au vin, slow-baked salmon, crispskinned duck confit. Moderate to very expensive.

Solana Beach

Pacific Coast Grill 437 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. A free-form menu integrates Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into SoCal comfort cooking. Try the Bag of Bones (house-smoked pork ribs) and any fruit creation for dessert. Moderate to expensive.

Sorrento Valley

Karl Strauss Brewing Company 9675 Scranton Rd., Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739. Additional locations in La Iolla, Carlsbad, and Downtown. Go for honestbut-beautiful dishes like the mountainous Hump Day meat loaf (Wednesday). Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Moderate.

WineSellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples St., Sorrento Valley, 858-450-9557. Luxurious modern French cooking, upscale but comfortable, with vast wine list at minimal markups from wine store downstairs. Lunches highmoderate, dinners very expensive.

South Park

Alchemy 1503 30th St., South Park, 619-255-0616. Arty décor and playful international grazing plates and seasonal entrées make eating fun. Cooking and service are adept. But with no reservations for small parties and noiseamplifying architecture, eat early on weeknights to avoid waits and din at this neighborhood favorite. Moderate.

Tierrasanta

Andiamo! Ristorante Italiano 5960 Santo Rd., Tierrasanta, 858-277-3501. This is right up where Tierrasanta meets Miramar, but it's worth the trip for - seriously - the bread. Rosemary focaccia with addictive tomato basil dip. Also butternut squash soup, lasagnas, and prosciutto and fig pizzas. Live music on patio Saturdays. Inexpensive.

University City

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar 8970 University Center Lane, University City, 858-535-0078. Also 380 K St., Downtown, 619-237-1155. Less-masculine atmosphere than many steakhouses, but wet-aged Prime steaks are still the main event. Great wine list. Very expensive.

University Heights

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Ave., University Heights, 619-298-8440. Eclectic, everchanging menu can be hit or miss, but soups are good, and lavender-infused crème brûlée makes an aromatic dessert. Inexpensive to moderate

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-295-2244. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious corn muffins. Cajun-Creole efforts are uneven. Moderate to slightly expensive.



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Posthumous Bangs

"Lester Bangs attended Grossmont College from 1966 to 1968," says English professor Raul Sandelin of the late rock critic for Rolling Stone, Creem, and the Village Voice. "The school is honoring its former alum

tures articles by and about [Bangs]; related MP3s, photos, interviews, audio, video, and other materials are always coming in."

Born at Escondido Community Hospital in December 1948, Leslie Bangs attended Lincoln School

the inside track

with a posthumous Walk of Fame-style bronze star plaque, which we're dedicating in a ceremony on Friday, May 21, at 10:30 a.m. in the

before moving with his mom through several apartments around El Cajon. By the time he was living on Lexington Avenue and attending El



LESTER BANGS MAKES GROSSMONT'S WALK OF FAME

Grossmont Quad."

Sandelin heads up the Lester Bangs Grossmont Archive. "It's an ongoing online collection that feaCajon Valley High School, where he graduated in 1966, he had already changed his name from Leslie to Lester.

"I came from a spic sub-

urb full of Mexicans that eat tacos all the time," Bangs is quoted saying in the book Let It Blurt: The Life and Times of Lester Bangs. The albums that fired his interest in music, most notably by Miles Davis, were purchased in El Cajon from the record bin of a Thrifty drugstore.

In 1968, Bangs was still attending teen dances at the old Moose Hall and reading his poetry at a La Mesa coffeehouse, Land of Odin. After crashing for a while near Mount Helix with several musician friends, he moved back into his mom's twobedroom apartment on First Street. Friends say he spent his time getting high and grooving on the Velvet Underground, until taking a job at Streicher's shoe store in Mission Valley.

He got fired from the shoe biz in 1969, but by then he'd already spotted an ad in Rolling Stone, inviting prospective writers to submit album reviews for possible publication.

Bangs (portrayed in Almost Famous by Philip Seymour Hoffman) died of a multidrug overdose in April 1982. According to The Official Punk Rock Book of Lists, he was listening to the Human League album Dare when he died.

Professor Sandelin says, "We're still looking for writings about Lester and testimonials by people who knew him."

Not everyone who knew

Bangs would praise the caustic critic. Who singer Roger Daltrey was once quoted saying, "When I see Lester Bangs, I'm gonna set him on fire and piss on him."

Lou Reed was even more succinct: "I wouldn't shit in Lester's nose."

- Jay Allen Sanford

Keep It Clean "More and more music videos qualify as 'short films,' worthy of screening at the big worldwide film festivals," says singer-songwriter Scott West, whose video for his song "Keep It Clean" was one of only ten music shorts (among thousands submitted) to screen at last month's London Independent Film Festival. Also selected for a July screening at the New York International Film Festival in NYC, the video was directed by 17-year-old Phillip Stucker.

"Phillip's mother noticed his love of art and drawing," says West, "and saved up the money for a computer he could use to do his own animation. He made a homemade video to the Shiny Toy Guns song 'Don't Cry Out,' and it blew up on YouTube, with over 300,000 views. I was amazed when I first saw it, especially when I found out how young he was."

However, the DIY video wasn't authorized by the band or their management at Universal Music Group.

"They made him take it down, even though he was using this video to raise money for his mother's cancer treatments.... I ended up val, and I'll be at this year's Adams Avenue Festival."

A new album by the Scott West Band, Austin (featuring guest drummer Mick



HIS STICK FIGURE IS FAMOUS (SCOTT WEST)

asking him to do my 'Keep It Clean' video." To their eventual credit, Universal decided to adopt the STG clip as "official," reposting it on YouTube and racking up an additional 150,000 views.

West, who studied audio engineering at Mesa Community College, has lived in San Diego for around three years, performing regularly with his own Scott West Band as well as with Happy Ron Hill, Tara Nichol, and others. "I'm living near I-5, between La Jolla and P.B., which is handy access for getting around town several nights a week to gigs. I probably play out 15 or 20 times a month.... I just did the 2010 roots festiFleetwood), will drop in June. The band appears May 23 at the Greek Palace on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

- Jay Allen Sanford

Crash Debris On January 1, 2009, San Diego pop-rockers Crash Encore (nominated for Best New Artist at the SDMAs in 2007) announced that they would post one free song for download every week for the next year. Thirty weeks into the project, keyboardist Bryan Stratman and drummer Mike Cooper split from the group in order to focus on their own ambitions.

"We were going crazy recording every week on top

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of playing shows and everything else," front man Jon Bishop tells me over a cup of coffee at Peet's in Hillcrest. Bishop has gone on to play his songs solo acoustic and with backing band Albatross, featuring members of Gun Runner. His more recent project, Hello Sunshine (with sister Joy, her husgaining momentum locally, playing at venues such as the Casbah, Voyeur, Fluxx, and House of Blues. In the span of four months, they'd written, recorded (at Stratman's Capricorn Studios on Tenth and E Street in East Village), and released their debut album, We See You, with a soft-release party at El Dorado last month. Cooper says they are holding off on an iTunes release until they broaden their fan base with



HYENA HAS ELECTRO-POP CHOPS

band Jeffery, and Stratman), licensed their song "Happy Endings" for the opening credits of romantic comedy My Girlfriend's Boyfriend, starring Alyssa Milano and Beau Bridges. They anticipate an album release in a few months after Joy gives birth to the couple's first child.

In the meantime, Little Italy-based Cooper and Stratman's indie-electro project Hyena has been

a planned tour in England and a string of L.A. summer shows. Cooper recently left Transfer, which he's been drumming for for the past five years, in order to focus on Hyena.

Having cut their teeth on indie rock, the pair is approaching electro as traditional songwriters emulating the DJ experience. "We were never too into the electro world before," says Cooper in

OVERHEARD? EMAIL JAS2669@AOL.COM - IF WE USE YOUR TIP, YOU GET THE ARTWORK a phone call. "We kinda just went for it in our own way and then got introduced to the whole indie-electro world and all the DJs."

They've distributed their tracks to remixers and DJs worldwide, which they plan to spin at their "DJ sets." Hyena will play an acoustic show at the W Hotel on May 20, which, Cooper says, demonstrates their roots as weathered musicians who transcend the laptop.

"Underneath all that dance music there's still two songwriters."

— Chad Deal

The Gooch "At

Humphrey's, they used to make me hide out back behind the Dumpsters because I was too young to be in the bar," says 19-yearold Josh Gooch, a working blues guitarist since he was a freshman at Westview

High School in Rancho Peñasquitos. "I would have to walk in straight to the stage, play, and then head right back to the Dumpsters.... I can honestly say I've never been thrown out of a bar, but I've been forced to stand outside a bunch."

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: SEAPORT VILLAGE

Gooch was 7 when his family relocated to San Diego from Seattle. "I started on guitar around 13 years old, but I didn't take any lessons until two years later. I learned mostly on my dad's Kramer electric guitar and a 1960s Yamaha nylon-string acoustic."

By his senior year, he was playing around town with Chet and the Committee and Will Street Blues. Having graduated last year from Westview High School, Gooch currently plays guitar with the Alabama-based band the Highly Kind. "I was first invited out there to play with them by Johnny

I'M NOT



DUMPSTER DAYS ARE OVER FOR JOSH GOOCH

Sandlin, who produces for my favorite band, the Allman Brothers. My mom and I flew out there...my first time in the Deep South. The drummer [for the Highly Kind] is

Duane Trucks, whose brother Derek is in the Allmans too.... Johnny recorded and videotaped one of our gigs, and then an album, and I just kind of ended up in the band for good."

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BUT I CAN PLAY

HIM ON GUITAR HERO!

So how does a Rancho Peñasquitos teenager meet the Allman Brothers' producer in the first place? "My dad [James Gooch] is a guitarist, and he knew Gregg Allman.... What can I say, talent doesn't hurt, but who you know helps."

Gooch departs next month for a tour of Japan. "I always miss being away from San Diego, especially skateboarding. Except, I'm not supposed to skateboard anymore. If I break something, I break the band too."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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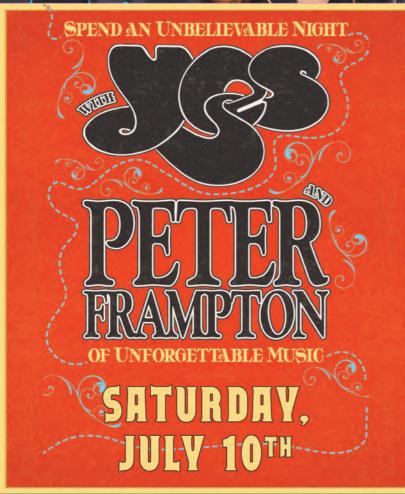


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Thursday L

Baltimore represents at Tin Can Ale House, where Marylanders Future Islands and Lower Dens

📆 (Jana Hunter's new band) join our own **Heavy Hawaii** and Rafter for a four-layer cake of ndie-pop confection. Baked goods and beer, mmm... Ms. Hunter's new do breaks her from "ghost-heavy weird-fi" into an effective experimentalpop sound. Check out the Space takes from forthcoming full-length Twin-Hand

Movement, which is due to drop July 20 via Gnomonsong. See if you can find "Hospice Gates" on the www. BTW, have you seen the new Can? Little roomier, but this gig's sure to fill the floor, so get in early.... If you don't make the door, strut yer stuff down the Fifth Ave. hill, where the John

Butler Trio will burn up House of Blues, Butler revamped his Aussie trio, replacing bass and drums for new one April Uprising, on which the sick slinger eschews his jam-band tendencies for more song-oriented alt-rock fare. State Radio plugs in first... Canada's Dan Snaith, aka Caribou, has got a current crit pick called Swim, if IDM's your thing. The sonic experimentalist and Toro~y~Moi

will groove you at Casbah tonight.... Radio station 91X shills brooding Cali alt-pop acts Far, Dead Country, and Volapike at the Belly Up. I concede the taste test. It all sounds the same to me

Friday SoCal punk-rock peren-

nials the Urinals will be at Bar Pink Friday night.

The on-again, off-again trio formed at UCLA in 1978 as a parody act, but their short, sharp "punk haiku" tracks have lasted and influenced a legion from the Minutemen and Butthole Surfers to Yo La Tengo and No Age. With our own haunted Hammond band the Creepy Creeps, this'd be

the gig to get to, punk fan.... Other recommendable stuff: Ché Café stages lo-fi indie kids **Sean** Bonnette (of Andrew Jackson Jihad), Vision of a Dying World, and Jehovah's Fitness.... North County metalcore crew As I Lay Dying will kick off a world tour on Soma's main stage.... SanFran punk-pop band Smoochknob & the Smoochgirls stack 'em at Brick by Brick behind Casualties of Awesomeness.... Heavy-metal Seattleites Queensrÿche bring American Soldier to 4th&B... Texas multi-instrumentalist **Edgar Winter** takes Rebel Road to Anthology. The '08 title track was a collaboration with guitarist Slash.... Uptowners got "loud with balls but soft at heart" Lualta at the Ken Club...Boston garage band Muck and the Mires pahking the cah at Radio Room...and noisepop duo **Gloomsday** will "stab your love away" at Ruby Room. They used to be Knives! They're still sharp. Vegan cookie, anyone?

<u>Saturday</u>

Brick by Brick's got your barroom-rock fix, greazers, as the Blasters, Faraway Boys, Hard Fall Hearts, and Watchmen tat up the Bay Park bar with roots, blues, and rockabilly tunes. The Blasters are just back from a tour through Spain. Phil's probably got tales to tell. These'd be the sets to see Saturday night.... Otherwise, alt-pop acts **OK GO** and the **Shout Out Louds** will play the House of Blues fifth

> anniversary show. OK GO is a kitschy power-pop four piece from L.A. These guys won a Grammy for a "music video as short film." They've got a new one



book. The Shout Out Louds are a twee-pop group from Sweden. They're Tweedish.... Austinites Look Mexico will play the Ché with Weatherbox, Writer, and the Helen Earth Band. Hear some of Look Mexico's new t'do To Bed to Battle here:

myspace.com/lookmexico. A little Death Cabby, but I count three beardos.... Soma stages a Casbah-curated thing, featuring Seattle electro-rockers Minus the Bear and Newport crew Young the Giant (né the Jakes). The Bear signed to Dangerbird for their fourth *Omni* Bobby Shaddox's new-wave alter ego Bobby Fantasy will fire beats at your feet at Ruby Room...while ex-Atoms the Watusis ride a set of surf-pop to Soda Bar.

Sunday

Some sweet Sunday-nighters, Sunday-nighters, starting with baritone tone poet Matt Berninger and his natty New York group the **National** at Spreckels. The Nat's High Violet contin



KAKI KING AT BELLY UP

strong output from the auintet. I'm a Boxer guy, myself. That one was nice and roomy. Weird to say about this mellow-ish collective, but a lot of the appeal's in Bryan Devendorf's carbonated drumming. don't vou think? I've deter-

impressive

string of

that if Wilco is "dad rock" then the National is "cool-uncle-from-New York rock." Yes, I am a knob.... We've also got guitar gal **Kaki King** coming to Belly Up. The she shredder is out to tout this year's Rounder release Junior. An Horse trots in first.... Gonna be some sock-hoppy, surf-rocky sets at Casbah with old-school cats Nokie Edwards (the Ventures), Ventures tribute Venturesmania, and like-minded locals Deke Dickerson and the Ecco-Fonics.... The other bill to thrill Sunday night's at Bar Pink, where the brothers McIntyre as Ohmtown's **Box Elders** throw down their take on '60s and '70s AM pop. Last year's Alice & Friends was some summery fun, kids, and with summer coming, suggest you suss it out on the Goner Records label and glue it in your carousel. SanFran punk band **Wild Thing** up first.

Monday

Coupla cool ones Monday night as NYC indie-rock trio **Nada Surf** ride *If I Had a Hi-Fi* into Solana Beach hotspot Belly Up. Seattle's Telekinesis opens.... Polaris prizewinner (it's a Canadian thing) Patrick Watson plays Casbah's Anti-Monday hap. He's, uh, baroque.

<u>Tuesdav</u>

Hey, hippies, '60s folk-rock stalwarts Crosby, Stills & Nash check into Humphrey's by the Bay for a two-night stint.... The Loft at UCSD beaches sprawling Queens, NY collective **Freelance** Whales and San Juan Cap's Union Line.... While country starlet **Shelby Lynne** delivers her new one, Tears, Lies and Alibis, to Belly Up.

Wednesday

Anthology will host a benefit for the California Music Project Wednesday night, featuring "legends of San Diego rock" Glory with Jerry Raney and the Farmers.... Deadly dBs down the road at Casbah as the Middletown mainstay fills a postmetal bill with Isis, Tombs, and Jakob. Suggest



you plug 'em up, Beavis.... Portland's **Drew Grow** and the Pastors' Wives do their woodsy thing up at Bar Pink.... L.A.'s bass-and-drum mixmaster duo Camo UFOs land at El Dorado.... And while we're downtown, Phonte and Rapper Big Pooh will rock the mics at 4th&B. They're Durham's Little **Brother**, and they've got a fresh joint in Left Back that, according to the NC MCs, sounds like "hiphop smoothed out on the death-metal tip with a ska feel." Can I get a witness?

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e are a very modest band and don't believe too much in putting on stage antics or showboating," says singer-guitarist Michael Stauffer of post-shoegaze

scenesters FMera ("FM era"). "We

let the music set the atmosphere and speak for itself."

Stauffer cites Joy Division and

the Psychedelic Furs as primary influences. "Our work reflects the activities and turbulence not only in our own individual lives but what can be said about the lives of most everyone. Our quest is to find meaning in this short-lived ephemeral world."

Though the band is relatively new to the local scene, singer-bassist Paul Welch has toured with legendary two-tone ska band the English Beat. FMera's debut EP *This Will Dissuade Me* was released in March.

"On the inside cover of the CD," says Stauffer, "you'll find a picture of the great French composer Claude Debussy. Debussy was considered an Impressionist, but he rejected that label. His style may best be described as experimental, and he challenged the notion of fitting into any particular mold. This best signifies what we're all about, too."

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

Michael Stauffer, guitar/vocals:

- 1. The Dave Matthews Band, *Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King*. "I finally just got into this band. Man, have I been missing out."
- 2. The Avett Brothers, *I and Love and You*. "Southern folk rock at its finest."
- 3. Cat Power, *The Greatest.* "It's Cat Power. Need I say more?"

Kurt Dunlop, drums:

- 1. Muse, *The Resistance*. "Personally, this album has provided a myriad of inspiration for some of our new songs."
- 2. The Shins, *Chutes Too Narrow*. "Phenomenal writing with a really fresh sound."
- 3. Pink Floyd, *Dark Side of the Moon.* "This album is always in my rotation."

Paul Welch, bass/guitar/vocals:

1. The Helio Sequence, Com Plex. "So much

achieved, with just two mates."

- 2. Interpol, *Antics*. "Great progressions and crescendos."
- 3. The Smiths, self-titled. "A nice dose of honest self-reflection and cynicism."

Nic Stauber, bass/vocals:

1. Rogue Wave, *Asleep at Heaven's Gate.* "Some ballad-style tunes, but

mainly just easy listening with choruses that you can't help singing along to."

- 2. M83, *Saturdays* = *Youth*. "Heavier on the electronica and synths, but powerful music that almost feels like the soundtrack to a film."
- 3. Vampire Weekend, self-titled. "I love that they're not afraid to bust out some weird parts."
- 4. The Notwist, *The Devil, You + Me.* "More of a darker electronic sound, but still very catchy."

MOST-VISITED WEBSITES?

Paul:

- 1. *msnbc.com*. "In my opinion, a good U.S. view."
- 2. guardian.co.uk. "Good world view."
- 3. soundonsound.com. "Great recording and production articles."
- 4. *teoria.com.* "A Puerto Rican site on music theory."

Nic:

- 1. *theworldsbestever.com*. "Awesome design blog." 2. *gizmodo.com*. "Gadgets."
- 3. CNN.com. "I like to keep up with the times."
- 4. blavy.com. "A hilarious video site."

IF YOU COULD READ MINDS...

Michael: "I'd probably run and hide from all the things people are really thinking."

Kurt: "I'd finally be able to hear the musical criticism from those too kind to share it."

Paul: "I'd finally unlock the mysteries that make up the man called Morrissey."

Nic: "I'd go to the casino."

WORST MOVIE?

Michael: "Caddyshack 2. How could they do a sequel without Bill Murray and Rodney Dangerfield?"



Why does classical composer Claude DeBussy appear on FMera's CD cover?

Kurt: "*The Happening*. Spoiler alert: The trees are fighting back against pollution by releasing toxins that make humans commit suicide."

Paul: "Pearl Harbor. A little piece of me died watching that film."

Nic: "*Paranormal Activity.* They just don't make 'em like they used to."

VIDEO GAME JONES?

Michael: "Galaga. Once you get those two starships together for extra firepower, those insects are toast!"

Kurt: "Guitar Hero: World Tour. Self-explanatory." Paul: "I sometimes jam on Mario Kart."

Nic: "Words with Friends on the iPhone is pretty addicting."

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS?

 $\label{thm:michael: "The Sun} \ {\rm magazine} \ {\rm has} \ {\rm good} \ {\rm short} \ {\rm stories} \\ {\rm and} \ {\rm light} \ {\rm reading."}$

Kurt: "Outside, because I love learning about new things to do outdoors."

IDEAL NICKNAME?

Michael: "Mr. Sniffles, because I have bad sinuses and sniff a lot."

Kurt: "Ringo, since I play a five-piece version of his classic four-piece kit."

Paul: "Fats Welch, because Fats Domino was such a commanding name."

Nic: "Nico."

EVER BEEN A CRIME VICTIM?

Michael: "There was a bar fight outside the Daley

Double Saloon up in Encinitas a few years back, and they ended up bashing in the quarter panel of my new truck."

Paul: "Mostly pickpocket-type stuff while living in Madrid, Spain."

Nic: "My house got broken into once, and my roommates lost a lot of stuff, but most of my valuables were tucked away."

WHERE DO YOU TAKE OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS?

Michael: "Ebisu Sushi in Hillcrest."

Kurt: "The WaveHouse or the Shore Club. Both great bars with spectacular ocean views."

Paul: "The Imperial House in Hillcrest has a cool cat who plays piano there, and it hasn't changed since the '60s."

TWO THINGS WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Michael:

- 1. "I've ridden in a private Gulfstream V."
- 2. "I once got arrested for skateboarding in Huntington Beach and spent the day in jail."

 Kurt:
- 1. "By day I am a financial analyst."
- 2. "I can wiggle my eyes."

Paul:

- 1. "I played the bassoon in my fifth-grade band."
- 2. "Hostess Cup Cakes are a culinary masterpiece for me."

Nic:

- 1. "I've backpacked four countries in Asia."
- 2. "I once appeared in a MasterCard commercial."









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Friday, 7pm — Queensrÿche. Metal/rock.

Wednesday, 8pm - Little Brother. Hip-hop/rap/soul.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.

Thursday, 7:30pm — Trevor Davis.

Friday — Edgar Winter. Rock. \$28-\$35.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Vienna Teng. With Sarah Watkins, Jazz/folk/ pop. \$24.

Bar Leucadian: 1542 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094. Saturday — Custard Pie. Classic rock/blues/southern rock.



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Wednesday, 10pm - Drew Grow & the Pastors' Wives. With New Radiant Storm Kings. Garage/pop.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

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Country and Volapike. Alt-pop. \$15-\$17.

Friday, 9pm — Stepping Feet. Dave Matthews Band tribute. Saturday — Atomic Groove. Covers/standards/dance. Sunday, 9pm - Kaki King. Alternative/indie/rock. \$15-\$17. Monday, 9pm — Nada Surf. Alternative/indie/rock. \$20-\$22. *Tuesday*, 8pm — Shelby Lynne. Country. \$25-\$27.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Friday, 8pm - Smoochknob & the Smoochgirls. Punk/rock. \$10. Saturday, 8pm — The Blasters. Roots rock. \$15-\$18.

Wednesday — Youth Envy. With the Dropouts, Blow Me Down, and San Deviants. Punk.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. Thursday - Caribou. With Toro y Moi. IDM/electronic. \$14. Friday — John Meeks & the Donkeys. With Drew Andrews and Tobyn Clarke. \$10. Saturday — Frightened Rabbit. Alternative/indie. \$15. Sunday, 8:30pm — Nokie Edwards. With Venturesmania. \$15. Monday - Patrick Watson. With Doveman, \$13-\$15. Tuesday, 8:30pm — Sweethead. Rock \$10-\$12



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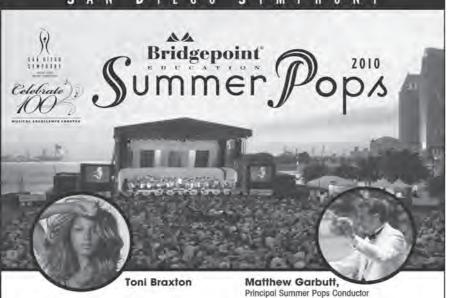
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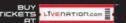
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Downtown Café: 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Thursday — Chet and the Committee. Open blues jam. Free.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-

Saturday - Safety Orange. Rock. The Harp: 4935 Newport Ave.,

Ocean Beach, 619-222-0168. Thursday, 9pm — Full Moon Fever. Tom Petty tribute. Tuesday — Chet and the Committee. Open blues jam.

Hennessey's Tavern: 2777 Roosevelt St., Carlsbad, 760-729-

Saturday, 9:30pm — The Band in Black. A tribute to Johnny Cash.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. Thursday, 8pm — The John Butler Trio. With State Radio. Alt rock. \$30-\$47.

Saturday, 2pm - OK Go. With the Shout Out Louds. Alt rock/power pop. \$18-\$20.

Tuesday, 7pm — Talib Kweli. Rap/ hip-hop.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Thursday — The Soul Persuaders. R&B/soul. Saturday - Rockola. Classic rock

covers. Sunday — Jesse Davis. Jazz.

Monday, 7pm — The Robin Henkel Band. Blues/funk/jazz. Free.

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Friday, 7:30pm — The Black Crowes. Blues/rock. \$65. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:30pm Crosby, Stills & Nash. Folk rock.

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3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360. Thursday, 8pm — Gregory Page. Acoustic/alternative. Saturday, 8:30pm — Kelsea Rae Little Acoustic/alternative

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Friday, 5pm — Loss of Control. Rock. Free.

Last Call: 4977 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-287-9505. Friday — The Subtitles. Covers/ rock/surf. Free.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Every time I read an article about the decline of the record industry, I'm struck by one fact: The peak year for album sales in the history of the recording industry was 1999. It's not surprising if you recall that 1999 was the year that Napster came online and started the whole file-sharing craze that devastated the industry. But it is surprising if you think that 1999 was a year when nothing much was going on, musically speaking, at the major record labels. The whole second half of the '90s were like that, really. When a major label signed an interesting band in those days, the

label almost invariably treated it like a one-hit wonder.

That's pretty much what happened to Nada Surf after the New York band's song "Popular" became a hit in the summer of '96. I like to think of "Popular" as the missing link between Suicidal Tendencies' "Institutionalized" and the Hold Steady - it was a soft-verse, loud-chorus alt-rock song in the tradition of the Pixies and Nirvana, but one where the vocalist didn't sing so much as rant.

It was a weird song, but irresistible in its way. Elektra Records made money from it and then showed no interest in the rest of Nada Surf's songs (which are almost always more melodic than "Popular").

Nada Surf has sort of wandered the wilderness ever since. But in that wilderness, they slowly gathered a new audience through

touring and online networks and got their songs in movies and TV shows — all the stuff bands do in the post-major-label age. Nada Surf is still going strong, Elektra Records is a shadow of its former self.

NADA SURF: The Belly Up, Monday, May 24, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$20; \$22 day of show.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill:

1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280.

Thursday — Jackson/Jesus. Friday — The Offbeats. Covers/ rock.

Saturday - 4-Way Street, Rock. Wednesday - Tommy Price.

The Metaphor Café: 258 East 2nd Ave., Escondido, 760-747-1882.

Saturday — The Speks With Breath of Vanity, Senseless Dimenta, Lucid Dreams, more. Rock/metal/alternative.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-9050.

Friday, 9pm — Safety Orange. Rock.

Saturday, 9pm — Lexington Field. Acoustic/pop/world.

Patrick's II: 428 F St.,

Downtown, 619-233-3077. $\mathit{Thursday}$, 9pm — The Burnsville Blues Band, Blues/rock, Saturday, 9pm — The Barry Rillera Band R&B

Sunday, 9pm — The Rhythm Jacks. R&B/soul. Monday, 9pm — The Bayou

Brothers. Zydeco/blues/R&B.

Tuesday, 9pm — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Blues/funk. Wednesday, 9pm - Bill Magee. Blues

Pounders: 125 West Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-739-1288. Friday, Saturday, 9pm - Stone Wolf. Rock covers.

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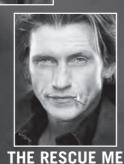
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Trisler's Wine Bar: 8555 Station Village Lane, Suite C, Mission Valley, 619-298-1501. Saturday, 7:30pm — Keith Jacobson, Jazz saxophone, Free

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July 14 — La Roux.

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June 17 - John Keawe.

June 18 — J.D. Souther.

July 9 - Mary Gauthier.

July 17 — Barry McGuire. July 18 — The Tannahill Weavers

August 6 — Guy Davis.

August 13 — Hot Club of



BY DAVE GOOD

"We had a fire-breather at first," says Queensrÿche front man Geoff Tate via telephone from his home in Bellevue, Washington, "That didn't quite work out, I didn't really see the point, you know?"

Queensrÿche Cabaret is a mix of metal and circus acts in which audience members are invited to take part. Tate says the band auditioned the circus performers themselves. "We got this amazing juggler who is so talented. He's got microphones and drumsticks and bottles going, things like that. It's upped my game as a performer

because I have to catch the stuff he throws."

Queensrÿche is a larger than-life metal band with a sax-playing lead singer. Until the band released Empire, they spent much of the '80s in demand as an arena-sized opening act. After Empire, Queensrÿche became the headliner. As a master of spectacle, the band was almost done in by grunge, a passing minimalist fancy.

Tate says the plot of the cabaret show is a rock-and-roll Greek tragedy: rock star meets girl, rock star dumps girl. "He loses sight of himself," says Tate. "Then he tries to recover love again." Tate says the band took a lot of material that they've not played in a long while, added some new stuff, and worked it into a story form. With such a large cast, it is an expensive production to keep on the road. The solution, he says, is

QUEENSRŸCHE

to hire performers in different parts of the country, a process Tate calls "a real coordination nightmare. You can't find a contortionist in very many places in the country. Aerial acts? There's only a couple of places in the country where you can find them. But you can find a drag queen in every city."

QUEENSRŸCHE: 4th&B. Friday. May 21. 7 p.m. 619-231-4343, \$30, \$50,

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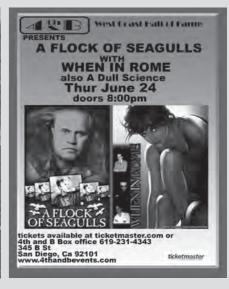
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May 29 - Nashville Pussy

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May 28 - Blackout Party. May 29 - Get Back Loretta.

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June 2 — Neon Indian. Iune 3 — Buddy Akai.

June 4 - Dan Black.

June 7 — The Good Life. Iune 10 — Lou Barlow.

June 11 — The Sadies.

June 13 — Tortoise

June 17 - Local H.

June 18 — El Vez.

June 19 - Athlete.

June 26 — Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects.

June 29 — Damien Jurado.

June 30 - Saint Vitus. July 2 — The Dum Dum Girls

Iuly 11 — Bad Astronaut.

July 21 — Maps and Atlases.

July 29 — The Night Marchers.

August 3 — The Fruit Bats.

September 12 — The Clientele. Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr.,

UCSD, 858-534-2311. May 29 — Boomsnake.

Arrington de Dionyso: Malaikat Dan Singa

CD Review by Andrew Hamlin

"Dammit, people, I am NOT up here casting spells!" my band teacher often braved when rehearsals got stuck. Arrington de Dionyso, though, just might be casting spells. Sure sounds like it. He sings everything on this damn disc in Indonesian, which would send me scrambling for an Indonesian-English dictionary had I such. The artiste was kind enough to send me the English translations. That helped. With

comprehension, I mean. Not that it shaves off much mustard. To wit, in part: "I am the lion/ That devours the wings of angels/ That drinks the blood of the dragon/ The blood of the dragon/ shape shifting beast/ Reptilian beast/ Birds, fish, and



Everything on this damn disc is in Indoneian.

serpents/ Endless forms, reptilian forms... I'm wicked and wild, eternally naughty/ Old as the moon..."

And that's a sampler. The ariste wrote most of it out in all caps, but I didn't want to impale you through the eyeballs. I also left out the part about consuming other lesser animals in various arabesque gnawings. But you get the general idea. Like I said, it's all in Indonesian. In Indonesian, at least, Arrington conjures deep and liquid-y effortless limbodowns into subbasement throat-singing (picked up as much from Blind Willie Johnson as anyone from Tuva). The tuneage bashes along behind the beat, energy against weight, a couple of competitive breakdancers pop-locking their way to sunlight from under a Goodwill earthquake.

Music Reviews from Our Readers

The Mashtis: The Mashtis

CD Review by Mary Leary

> What initially presents as a rather unremarkable collection of subdued sounds with thoughtful, poetic words rewards re-listens by gradually fanning out like a deck of oracle cards.

Guitarist-singer Itai Faierman has an unusually low voice for leads - not Brad Roberts's (Crash Test Dummies) dead baritone. but an arresting mix of gravel with urgency. Other observers keep comparing Faierman

and bassist/back-up vox Erica Putis with the Pixies. I get more of an Innocence Mission or Broken Social Scene vibe — not sound, exactly vibe. The trio's occasionally more dissonant moments re-create the innovative, contemplative mood of Fraser/ Debolt (a progressive folk-



The whole thing glows with emotive cohesion.

sourced Canadian duo whose groundbreaking '71 album was finally rereleased in '09). Hell, the Mashtis would seque nicely with the Album Leaf.

Reference points to the wind, this stuff not only digs its heels in most agreeably but threatens to be a contender for top 2010 San Diego release status. It takes cojones to build songs around progressions of three stately chords, the case with the more vociferous standout, "Fold." Also beautifully simple are "Mistaken" and the rubber-ball bounce of "Better." Maybe the highest compliment I could pay: the whole thing glows with the emotive cohesion, calling for a complete-album experience.

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June 2 — Good Luck.

June 12 - Thou.

June 19 — WITT.

June 26 — Author & Punisher. June 30 — Sorrows.

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Heartbreakers

June 4 - Tim McGraw. June 6 — The Bamboozle

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June 13 - Sting. June 17 — Country Throwdown

2010. July 7 — Lilith Fair.

July 9 — Kings of Leon.

Iuly 16 — Vicente Fernandez.

July 17 — Slightly Stoopid. Iuly 24 — Elton John.

August 7 — Toby Keith.

August 8 - Limp Bizkit.

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

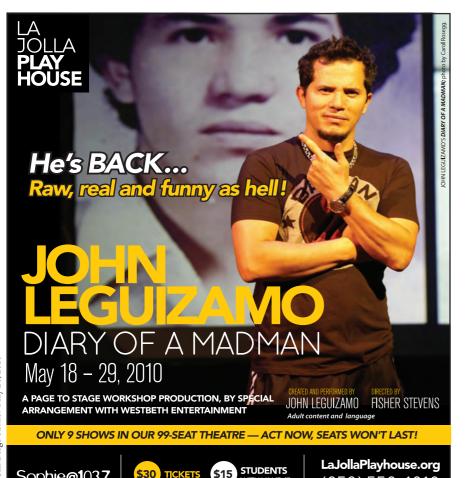
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June 11 — Sammy Hagar.

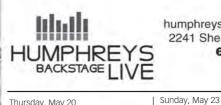
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Devilution

Concert Review by Michael Caldwell

The Casbah was the epicenter of seismic activity from Oakland's trio of doom High on

The moshers were spurred into overdrive by High on Fire's galloping "Frost Hammer." Bodies slammed and shed sweat. A shoe was held aloft and then lost amid the current of the pit. The kinetic "Devilution," propelled by Des Kensel's furious drumming, fanned the frenzy. During the ominous "How Dark We Pray," a pit evacuee jumped, for the second time, onto the stage. Jeff Matz let go of his

bass long enough to drive him back down. High on Fire,

headed by guitaristvocalist Matt Pike, executed their hopped-up-resin-metal with workman-like professionalism. They



He strafed the audience with his guitar.

eschewed "hits" such as "Baghdad" and "Turk" in favor of nuggets like "The Yeti." Yet, not until "Cometh Down Hessian" did Pike seem to embody his old self: a shirtless, demon-tattooed, nine-stringedguitar-slinger.

With a rasp, Pike spoke, "Thanks for coming out. We love San Diego a lot! This is the title-track from our latest album!" As the sinewy guitar lines leapt from his axe, Pike lifted his chin and shared a devilish grin as if acknowledging he had saved the best for last. Hunched over, he strafed the audience with his guitar.

Concert: High on Fire Date: April 25 Venue: Casbah Seats: general

Mellow Edge

Concert Review by Dennis Donley

Norah Jones has had difficulty over the years finding the appropriate San Diego venue to showcase her music: she's performed everywhere from Canes to Coors, where she drew a scant 6400 fans in a venue that seats 18,000. Judging from Saturday night's show at the more intimate Spreckels Theatre, it appears Jones may have found her niche here

Switching between keyboards and guitars, Jones concentrated on music from her

most recent release. The Fall, which documents the end of her relationship with longtime collaborator Lee Alexander and has a bit of a harder edge than the mellow jazz for



Jones may have found her niche in San Diego

which she has become known.

She opened the show with over 30 minutes of selections from The Fall before digging into backcatalog hits such as "Sunrise" and her version of San Diegan Tom Waits's "Long Way Home" off of her second album. A highlight of the evening was her cover of the Kinks' "Strangers." If you came looking for the hits, you got them, along with a career retrospective that threw in a song from her all-girl country bar band and an ode to her dog in "Man of the Hour."

Concert: Norah Jones Date: April 24

Venue: Spreckels Theatre

Seats: left orchestra, row B, seat 1, center aisle

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June 16 — Dennis DeYoung.

June 17 — Donna Summer. June 18 — KC & the Sunshine

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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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Guest DJs

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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May 28 — Heart.

May 30 — NAS.

June 26 — Vietnamese Concert.

July 10 — Yes and Peter Frampton. July 17 — Gladys Knight and

Smokey Robinson.

July 24 — Ziggy Marley. August 14 - B.B. King and Buddy

August 28 — Huey Lewis & the

September 4 — David Gray and Ray Lamontagne.

September 10 — Gary Allan. September 26 — Willie Nelson.

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May 27 — Angels & Airwaves.

May 31 — Tech N9ne.

June 2 — Bone Thugs-N-Harmony.

June 9 — Cage the Elephant.

June 10 — Miyavi.

June 11 — Diplos.

June 13 — Fischerspooner.

June 18 — Led Zepagain. June 19 — The Original Wailers.

July 8 — Jordan Sparks.

July 10 — The Dan Band. July 16 — Thrice.

July 19 — Dead Weather.

July 30 — Tainted Love.

August 14 — Reverend Horton

August 21 — Wolfmother.

August 22 — Cyndi Lauper.

September 15 - The Adicts.

September 18 — Hanson.

October 2 — Kamelot.

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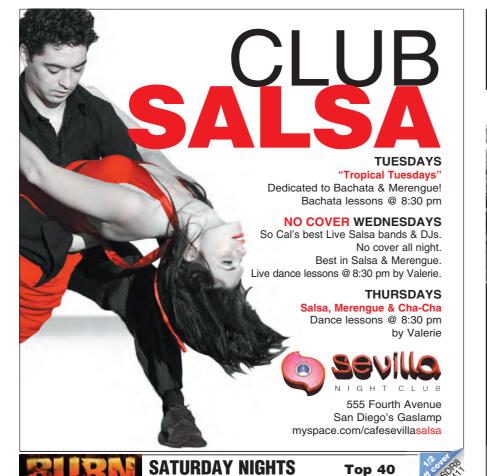
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Yukon gold potatoes and organic olives.

The house band opens with a jazz number sung by the sultry Rebecca Jade. Members of the well-versed group have performed with Stevie Wonder, Jason Mraz, and Stanley Turrentine. The digital sound quality is immaculate as the group covers a Grover Washington Jr. tune. Tabitha returns with an entrée of Red Snapper Veracruz (\$17) and a plate of Roasted Spring Vegetable & Manchego Cheese Tamales (\$14) served with sweet corn purée and a citrus-v tomatillo & avocado salsa.

The band goes on to play tunes from Louis Armstrong, Aretha Franklin, Christina Aguilera, and the Jobim classic "Corcovado" as patrons converse softly over the music. Jade sings an a cappella "Happy Birthday"



The second level offers informal dining with a view.

to a woman in the audience. which, Haylie conjectures, secretly makes us all wish it were our birthdays.

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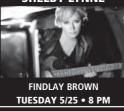








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The Flame: Wednesdays, 9pm: Cookies with DJ Dirty Kurty. 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

The Fleetwood: Saturdays: D Ramsey. '80s/hip-hop/house. 639 J St., Downtown. 619-702-7700.

The Flying Bridge: Fridays, 9pm: DJ Ricardo. Reggaeton/salsa. Saturdays, 9pm, Sundays, 9pm: DJ Waistline. Hip-hop/R&B. 1105 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside. 760-722-

Gaslamp Tavern: Thursdays, 8pm, Fridays, 4pm, Wednesdays, 8pm: C-Phish. 868 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 619-239-3339.

Harney Sushi: Wednesdays, 9pm: Hot Like Wasabi Wednesdays. With DJ Matty A Electronic. 3964 Harney St., Old Town. 619-295-3272.

Harrah's Rincón: Thursdays, 8pm: Noche Latina. With DJ Don Jose. Electronica, Latin. 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.

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McDini's: Tuesdays, 9pm: '90s Throwback Tuesdays. Hosted by Zerland of Pali Roots. 105 E. 8th St., National City. 619-474-6771.

The Office: Sundays, 10:30pm: Club '80s. Featuring DJs Bryan Pollard, Adamnation, MasterBlaster, and Roxanne Redlight. Industrial/underground. Free. 3936 30th St., North Park. 619-450-6632.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: Wednesdays, 10pm: DJ Tony. 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-

272-7278

Padre Gold: Fridays, 9pm: DJ Dave. Old-skool jams. Free. 7245 Linda Vista Rd., Linda Vista. 858-277-8681.

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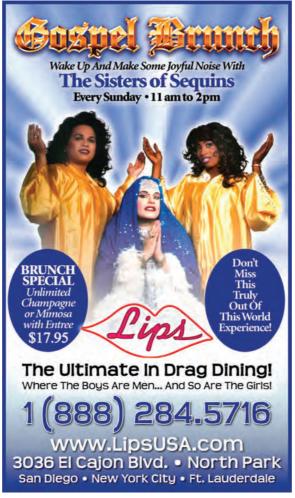
SIN Niteclub: Sundays, 9pm: Reggae Sundays at Sin. With DJ Ez Doe, DJ Hektik, and DJ Winston T. Dancehall, reggae, hip-hop, and soca. 526 West F St., Downtown. 619-232-4746.

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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 DI 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-

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.

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The Wit's End: Fridays, 5pm: DJ Artistic. 420 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest. 619-294-4848.







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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.

Alpine Inn: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.75 wells, house wine, \$4.75 calls.

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.

Wet Stone Wine Bar and Café: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$5 big glass of wine. \$2 small bites.

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.

Offshore: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$3 sangria, well and micro imports, \$5 Tommy Bahama mojitos.

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Sapphire 18+ Lounge & Hookah: Tuesday-Thursday, 5-9pm, Friday-Saturday, 5-7pm: 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.

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.

Chart House: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 premium drafts, wells, glass of wine, \$5 cocktails,

CARLSBAD

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.

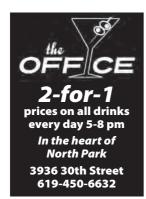
Greek Village: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Conway's Irish Pub: Monday-Saturday, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 domestic bottles. \$2.75 wells (short). \$3.25 wells (tall).

Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Co.: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm, 9-11pm: \$1 beer, mixed drinks. 1/2-off appetizers.



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.

CHULA VISTA

905 Sushi: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.25 Bud Light, Corona, \$4.50 large Kirin, Sapporo, sake. 1/2-off appetizers.

Achiote Restaurant: Every day, 4-7pm: Two-for-one drinks.

Anthony's Fish Grotto: Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

BJ's Brewhouse: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: \$1 off beer, cocktails, 1/2-off mini pizza, \$2 off

Black Angus: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wells, drafts, appetizers.

Blue Haven: Every day, 2pm-close: \$2 domestic beer bottles & wells.

The Brew House at Eastlake: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, house wine; \$3.50 well drinks, house pint; \$4 well margaritas; \$5 well martinis; \$12 Bud Light pitcher, \$14 house pitcher.

Brigantine: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off draft, \$4 house champagne, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 house red, \$5.75 house Chardonnay.

Chili's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off drafts, house margaritas; \$4.99 premium margaritas. \$.50 wings.

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.

CLAIREMONT

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint: *Every day*, 4-7pm: Discounted draft beer. \$3.50 house wine.

Bullnen Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, \$2 off all domestic bottles and drafts, .75 off all premium drafts, \$2 off well liquor, \$2 off all appetizers.

Cucina Italiana: Wednesday, 1/2-

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, 5pmmidnight: \$2 drafts.

Joe's Pizza: Thursday, 6-9pm: \$2 any tap or bottled beer, glass of wine.

COLLEGE AREA

4.0 Deli: Monday-Friday, 4-7:30pm: \$6.75 Stella, \$5.75 Uncle Jesse/Shock Doc/Hefeweizen, \$4.75 Bud Light.

California Kebab: Every day, 4-8pm: \$2 Heineken, Sam Adams, \$5 Coors Light pitchers, \$6 sangria

Casa Machado: Monday-Friday, 3-6 pm, \$2.50 margaritas, \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$3.50 imports.

Cucina Fresca and Sons: Every day, 3-5pm: \$1.75 domestic beer.

Pal Joey's: Every day, all day: \$3 personal pitchers.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, 9pmclose: \$1 Bud drafts.

CORONADO

Beach 'n' Diner: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$2 off shakes, floats, malts, appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Bistro d'Asia: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, \$3.75 draft beer, \$4.50 house wine, \$1 off hand

Brigantine: Tuesday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off Brig brew, Karl Strauss IPA, featured red and white wines, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5.50 house Chardonnay, \$5.75 house red wine, \$7.50 Cuervo Gold margarita.

Candelas on the Bay: Every day, 4-6pm: 1/2-off drinks & bar menu.

Chance Bistro: Monday-Friday, all day: \$4 or \$5 wine by the glass. \$7.99 burger/fries/drink.

Coronado Boathouse 1887: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: \$2.50 domestic beers, \$5 wine by the glass, \$7 specialty martinis.

Costa Azul: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$3 Bud Light pints, domestic bottles. \$3.50 imported bottles, wells, house wine, sangria. \$3.75 drafts. \$6 margaritas, mojitos. \$2.95 tacos, \$3.50 shrimp, \$5.95 nachos.

Danny's Palm Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic drafts, \$4 wells.

Lil' Piggy's Bar-B-Q: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$1 off appetizers, \$1.50 sliders. All day: \$3 beer of the month

Village Pizzeria: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 beer, wine. \$3 slices, 1/2-off appetizers. All day: \$3 beer of the month.

Yummy Sushi: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 pints, \$4 large hot sake. 20-50% off appetizers.

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 ap-

Clubhouse Grill: Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2-off draft beer, wine by the glass.

Del Mar Rendezvous: Wednesday, Sunday, 1/2-off select bottles of

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.

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Altitude Sky Lounge: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4 domestic drafts. \$5 premium wells. 1/2-off artisan flat

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

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Friday, \$6 pomegranate martini. Saturday, \$6 cosmos.

Bella Luna: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 house wine, 1/2-off appetizers

Bice: Every day, 5-6:30pm: \$5 house wine, wells, draft Moretti.

Blue Point: Monday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-off drinks, select appetizers; discount on caviar; \$1 oysters.

Café Sevilla: Monday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. Tuesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. Wednesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price martini. Thursday, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangarita Friday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price

Candelas: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2 price

Currant: Every day, 4-7pm:, 10pmmidnight: \$5 wells, sangria, house wines. 1/2-off entire bar menu.

Dobson's: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts. \$4 margaritas. \$5 wells. \$8-\$11 appetizers: fried calamari, steamed mussels, mussel bisque, brie.

Downtown Johnny Brown's: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 pints of the day.

40% off appetizers.

Dublin Square: Every day, 2-7pm: \$3 wells, drafts, bottles. 1/2-off appetizers.

Dussini Loft Bar: Monday-Friday, 4:30-6:30pm, 10:30pm-close: \$1 off draft beer & 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 Fish Market: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$3.75 draft, \$3.95 wells, \$2.95 domestic beer. \$.95 oysters, \$4 fish tacos, \$5.75 mahi mahi sliders

The Fleetwood: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$4 calls.

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.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

Every day, 5-7pm: \$5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini, large Sapporo, house wine. \$5 sushi roll specials, pu pu specials.

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,

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.

Red Zone Sports Bar & Grill: Monday, 8pm-close: \$3 Corona/ Pacifico, Dos Equis pint, tequila shots. Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$9 Bud Light pitchers. Wednesday, 2-7pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$3 Firehouse pints. Thursday, 4pm-close: \$5 Jäger. Friday, 2-7pm: \$5 Patrón calls. Saturday, 11am-2pm: \$5 Bloody Mary/mimosa. Sunday, 4pm-close: \$5.50 lemon drop martini/apple martini.

Rock Bottom Brewery: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts

Sally's Seafood on the Water: Monday, 2:30-5:30pm: \$3 local beer on tap. Tuesday, 2:30-5:30pm: \$4 margaritas, \$3 Mexican bottled beers. Wednesday, 2:30-5:30pm: \$3 hot sake, \$3 Japanese bottled beers. Thursday, 2:30-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells/house wine.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee. Noon-9pm: tasting flights.

Stage Saloon: Every day, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine

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.

T.G.I. Friday's: Monday-Saturday, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$3 large domestics & bottled beers, \$4 well/wine, \$5 Ultimate Long Island Iced Teas & Ultimate Margaritas. 1/2-off appetizers.

Tequila 100: Monday-Wednesday, 8-11pm: \$2 draft, \$4 margarita, mojito, glass of wine, \$5 Patrón shot. Thursday-Sunday, 3-7pm: \$2 draft, \$4 margarita, mojito, glass of wine, \$5 Patrón shot.

Tivoli Bar: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 house wine, domestic/import.

Urban Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-7pm, 9pm-close: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 signature cocktails, \$5 house wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Wolffy's Place: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: Two-for-one all beers, \$4 wells & house wine. 1/2-off all appetizers.

Xavier's Bar & Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-8pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$2 off wine. \$2 off appetizers.

Yard House: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 domestic pints, \$4 craft/ import pints, \$4.50 goblets, \$4.25 wells, \$5.75 house martinis, \$2 off wine by the glass. \$6.50 sliders, 1/2-off select appetizers & pizzas.

EAST VILLAGE

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm; \$5 mason jar Russian standard vodka, \$3 carafe, beer, \$6 wine. Complimentary

Café Chloe: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$4 verdejo, Côtes du Rhône, oatmeal stout; \$5 white Bordeaux, Monte Bucciano, blonde ale; \$6 Chardonnay, Zinfandel, Trapezoidale.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 16-oz. domestic drafts, wells (vodka, gin, rum). \$4 import drafts. \$5 house margaritas, house wine, nachos, cheese quesadilla, potato skins.

Hive Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso,

Hotel Indigo: Every day, 5-8pm: \$4 domestic & local bottles, wells, wines.

Jewel Box: Wednesday, 6pm-2am: \$5 Jäger bombs; happy hour all night w/military ID. Thursday, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. \$3.75 calls.

Phi Bistro: Monday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$4 domestic bottle beers, wells, select wines. Sunday, all day: \$4 Bloody Marys, mimosas, tequila shots.

Phi Terrace: Monday-Thursday, Saturday, 5-8pm: \$4 domestic bottled beer, wells, select wines. Friday, 5-8pm: \$4 domestic bottled beers, wells, select wines. Sunday, all day: \$4 Bloody Marys, mimosas, tequila shots.

El Vitral Restaurant: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$3 beers, \$4 El Vitral margaritas, \$5 wine by the glass. 1/2-off appetizers. Friday-Saturday, 10pm-midnight: \$3 beers \$4 El Vitral margaritas, \$5 wine by the glass. 1/2-off appetizers.

Blarney Stone Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$.50 off all drinks.

The Broken Piñata: Wednesday-Sunday, 11-6pm: \$2 wells, \$3 drafts.

Calypso: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottled beer (12 oz.), \$3.75 beer (22 oz.), \$7.50 pitcher.

Double D's on Broadway: Every day, 10am-noon, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics, \$.50 off mixed drinks, \$1 off shots

El Cajon Grand: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm; \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells. Saturday-Sunday, \$5 20-oz. Bloody Mary w/ jumbo shrimp.

Flinn Springs Inn: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.25 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

Main Tap Tavern: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. \$5 nachos.

ENCINITAS

Blue Fin Sushi Bar: Tuesday-Friday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, sake, select appetizers and sushi rolls.

Boston Gourmet Pizza: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$1 off pint, \$2 off schooner. Saturday-Sunday, all day: \$1 off pint, \$2 off schooner; \$5 Bloody Mary, screwdriver.

Bullpen Pub & Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm, 10pm-2am: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off pitcher, \$2 off wine.

El Callejon Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic, \$2.75 imported, \$3 house margarita. \$2-\$7 appetizers: pork tacos, fried calamari. grilled shrimp skewer.

Cap'n Kenos: Monday-Friday, 6pm-midnight: \$2.50 drafts, wells. Free appetizers.

D Street Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 wells. \$2.50 domestic drafts. 1/2-off all appetizers.

When in Rome: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: Two-for-one all wine by the glass.

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine: Tuesday-Saturday, 3:30-7pm: \$1 off draft beer, \$4.75 house margarita, \$5 red wine, \$7 Krista vodka cosmo, \$7.50 margarita.

El Galeon Mexican Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: Two-for-one draft beer, margaritas.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.



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June 4: The Silent Comedy

June 12: The Dreamers

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Happy Hour 4-7 pm

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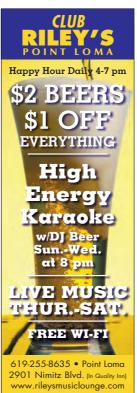
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FALLBROOK

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-Sun-day*, noon-4pm: \$1 off all beer/wine/ spirits. \$5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, house margaritas.

HILLCREST

The Alibi: Every day, all day: \$3 dipper, wells.

Baja Betty's: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$3 bottled beer, salsa margarita, wells, house wine, sangria, quesadillas.

Bangkok Thai Bistro: *Every day*, 4-7pm: 1/2-off wine, beer, appetizers.

Bite Bistro and Wine Bar: *Monday-Saturday*, noon-2pm, 5-7pm: \$3-\$4 bar menu. \$4.50 glass of wine or champagne, 25% off champagne bottles.

CJ's Club: Every day, 5-7pm, 9pm-midnight: All wells \$2.75.

Cafe Eleven: Every day, 2-6pm: \$4 house margaritas, \$3 wells, house wine, bottled beer. \$3 appetizers: shrimp cocktail, stuffed mushrooms, Thai chicken skewers.

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.

Wine Steals: *Tuesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: \$.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

ROCK !

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.50 house wine, \$2.75 Bud Light 16 oz. on tap, \$9 pitchers, \$3 wells, \$3.25 margaritas. Free buffet. *Saturday-Sunday*, all night: 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Churasan: *Monday*, *Sunday*, football special: \$4 hot dog, garlic fries, small beer. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$4 large Japanese beers.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6:30pm: \$1 off draft, glass of wine. Saturday, 3pm-close: 1/2-off bottles of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: Tuesday-Saturday, 4:30-7pm: \$3 wells, \$3.50 drafts, \$4 wine specials. Discounted empanadas and appetizers.

Shogun Kobe Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm (sushi bar only): 30% off sushi and rolls (excludes sea urchin, giant clam, toro & cocktails). 30% off sake and beer.

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: *Monday-Thursday*, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/draft beer.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Beauty Bar: *Wednesday-Thursday*, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Kensington Cafe: *Every day*, 3-7pm: \$3 all beers, \$4-\$5 all glasses of wine, all tapas under \$5.25.

The Kensington Club: *Every day*, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine.

LA JOLLA

Alfonso's of La Jolla: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3.25 drinks, bar appetizers.

Aloha Sushi Hawaiian Grille: *Every day*, 4-6:30pm: \$2.50 small sake, \$4 large sake, \$1.95 select hand rolls, \$3

Happy Hour

7 Days

5-6:30 pm

Sake \$2/\$3 (hot/cold)

Hand Roll \$1.75 • 911 Roll \$4.50

Coco Roll 57

Potstickers §4

Spicy Calamari 54

cucumber roll, \$3.50 California, spicy tuna, veggie roll.

Barbarella: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$4 drafts (Stella Artois, Hefeweizen, Trumer Pils), bottles (Corona, Newcastle, Moretti), wells, select wines by the glass, \$7 Barbarell martinis. 1/2-off appetizers.

Beaumont's: Every day, 4-6pm: \$3 draft, well; \$5 Cabernet, Chardonnay. Special prices on margarita, sangria, wine cooler.

Bird Rock Pizza & Sports: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$3 pint, \$12 pitcher; \$7.50 pint with appetizer, \$15 pitcher with appetizer. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: \$3 pint, \$12 pitcher; \$7.50 pint with appetizer, \$15 pitcher with appetizer.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 Bud/Bud Light; \$3.50 wells, Bull & Bear wine.

Burgundy Grill & Wine Bar: Monday, 4-7pm: 1/2-price on all wine bottles, glasses, wine flights. Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$10 wine flights. Wednesday, happy hour prices all day. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$10 off any bottle of wine. Friday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$8 bottle of wine (any wine that we don't serve by the glass). Sunday, 4-7pm: No corkage fee.

Clay's La Jolla: Every day, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 sangria, \$6 house wine.

Crab Catcher: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 domestic beer, wine.

champagne by the glass, margaritas. \$5 select specialty martinis. 1/2-off select appetizers. \$1.50 oyster shooters.

Edo Sushi: *Monday-Friday*, all day: Buy one 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.

La Jolla Rancherita: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 wells, \$2.50 domestics, \$2.75 imports.

Lupi Italian Restaurant: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 5-7pm: \$3-\$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.

The Melting Pot: *Every day*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

Rock Bottom Brewery, La Jolla: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: \$3.50 beer, house wine, well drinks. Saturday-Sunday, 10pm-midnight: \$3.50 beer, house wine, well drinks.

Roppongi: *Every day*, 3-6pm: 1/2-off Asian tapas & sushi rolls.

La Sala: *Monday-Friday, Sunday,* 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

The Shack Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, domestic taps.

The Shores Restaurant: *Sunday*, 3-7pm: Red/white sangria: \$7 glass, \$25 pitcher.

The Steakhouse at Azul: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off beer, \$2 off wine by the glass, \$6 appletinis, lemon drops, cosmos, margaritas. 1/2-off lounge, patio appetizers.

Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells and appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

Sushi on the Rock: Every day, 5-6:30pm: \$2 hot sake, Coors Light, \$3 cold sake, \$4 Soju spritz, \$5 house wine. \$1.75 vegetarian roll, spicy krab roll, \$2.75 spicy tuna roll.

Whaling Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 drafts. \$5 house wine. \$7 specialty cocktails.

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

Banbu Sushi Bar & Grill: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 2:30-6:30pm: \$2 off drafts, wells, house wine, California/Philly/veggie roll, gyoza, calamari, shrimp tempura.

Brigantine: Every day, 4-7pm: \$4 pint, single wells, house-blended margarita, glass of CA sparkling wine; \$5 glass of Mezzacorona Chardonnay,

glass of Rosemount Cabernet Shiraz; \$6.50 double wells.

Casa de Pico: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: Free appetizer with purchase of bar drink. \$3.95 margarita.

Centifonti's Restaurant: Monday-Thursday, all day: \$2 tap beer. Friday-Sunday, all day: \$2 tap beer. \$1 mimosa with entrée purchase.

Charcoal House: *Every day*, 11-7pm: \$.75 off all drinks, \$1 off all appetizers.

Chico Club: Every day, all day: \$3 big-ass beer (23 oz).

Hearth House: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 premium beers, wine & wells. \$2 bratwurst & fries, \$3 burger & fries.

Hoffer's Cigar Bar: Monday-Saturday, 11am-7pm: \$4 premium tap beer, \$1 off wine & port. Sunday, 1-7pm: \$4 premium tap beer, \$1 off wine & port.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm, 10pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts, \$1 off all mixed drinks, bottled beers, glass of wine.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 off all cocktails, wine, drafts; \$2 off 8-oz. sirloin.

Tarroz Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday,* 2-7pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, tequila shots, \$3 imported beer, \$4 premium drafts.











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HAPPY HOUR

Coach Stop: Monday-Friday, 9amnoon, 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,

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells, \$2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

The Calvoso Café: Every day, 5:30-7pm; \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas, \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINCOLN PARK

I & I Hawaiian RRO at Market Creek Plaza: Monday-Friday. 4-8pm; \$2 domestic drafts, \$1 off appetizers. Sunday, all day: \$1 drafts. \$1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Bull's Smokin' BBQ: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$2.50 bottled beer, \$3 draft pint, \$10.50 domestic pitcher, \$12.50 import pitchers, \$2 sliders.

The Morena Club: Every day, 2-7pm: \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.50 wells and domestic bottles.

Tio Leo's: Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts, \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: Tuesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine, featured beer, martinis, margaritas.

Fat City Steakhouse: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, \$4 wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Puerto la Boca: Every day, 4:30-7:30pm: \$3 house wine, \$3.50 drafts, wells, \$6 house martini. 30% off

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$2.50 French fries, \$4.50 chicken wings.

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off

Desi N' Friends Bar and Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-7pm: \$2 wells, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: \$3 drafts.

Devine Pastabilities: Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2.50 drafts. Discounted wines by the glass. Three free bread holes with drink purchase.

Wine Steals: Wednesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

MIRA MESA

A Taste of Boston: Every day, 3-7pm: \$2.25 Bud draft, \$2.75 bottled beer (except Guinness), \$3 drafts, \$3.75 all wine. Discounted appetizers.

Bamboo Hut: Every day, 3-6pm: Buy large beer, get small house sake free. \$2.75 small beer, \$3.25 house wine.

Callahan's Pub & Brewery: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 house beer, domestic drafts, well drinks, house wine, \$1 off appetizers.

MIRAMAR

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q: Every day, 3-6pm: \$2.49 small sandwich \$1.99 hot link \$2.49 pint Bud. \$2.99 Hefeweizen, Shiner Bock.

Excalibur Cigar Lounge & Wine Bar: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 select pints, \$5 house wine.

The Filling Station: Monday, 7pmclose: \$4 margaritas. Tuesday, 7pmclose: \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, 7pmclose: \$3.50 premium drafts. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$2 wells, domestic beers, \$6 domestic pitchers. Saturday, noon-7pm: \$3 mimosas. Sunday, noon-7pm: \$3 Bloody Marys.

MISSION BEACH

Coaster Saloon: Monday, 3-5pm: \$3.99 cheeseburger with fries. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). Tuesday, 2-10pm: \$2 Pacifico and Dos XX drafts; \$1.99 tacos. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). Thursday, 7pm-close: \$2 well drinks and drafts. 5-7pm: 1/2-off appetizers (some exclusions). Friday, all day: \$2 well drinks and drafts.

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cock-

Sandbar Sports Grill: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/ drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/ wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers, 1/2off appetizers. Friday, 4-9pm: 1/2-off

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday, 2-7pm: \$.50 off beer. Wednesday, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts,

Bar Dynamite: Monday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$2 domestics bottles and drafts, \$3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.

Cafe Bleu: Every day, 4-6pm: \$5 select wine by the glass; special prices on starters, hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches.

City Wok: Monday-Saturday, 3-5pm: 1/2-off beer, wine, sake, appetizers.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille: Every day, 4-7pm: \$4.95 imported 20-oz. beer, \$3.75 well drinks, \$1 off bottled beer and house wine by the glass.

Starlite: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other, Sunday, all night: \$5 mules, \$15 off wine bottles.

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: Wednesday, \$3 wells,

Adam's Steak & Eggs: Monday-Friday, 3:30-7pm: Double well drinks, complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

All American Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.75 selected craft beers, \$5 specialty drinks, \$2 off wine by the glass and grazing menu.

The Amigo Spot at Kings Inn: Monday, 4-7pm: \$3 Gold margaritas, house wine, \$2 drafts, \$3.50 wells. Tuesday, Saturday, 4-7pm: \$3 house wine, \$2 drafts, \$3,50 wells, Wednesday, 4-7pm; \$5 any martini, \$3 house wine, \$2 drafts, \$3.50 wells. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$3 house wine, wells, \$2 drafts. Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off any tequila shot, \$3 house wine, bottled beer.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$5 wells, \$6 glasses of wine, \$7 house cocktails.

Bully's East: Monday-Friday, 4:30-7pm, 10pm-close; \$2.50 domestic, draft: \$3 50 wells. \$5 wine: Chardonnav, Merlot, Jacob's Creek Cabernet,

Camel's Breath Inn: Monday-Thursday, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 domestic bottles, \$3 wells.

In Cahoots: Wednesday, \$2 drinks. Friday-Saturday, \$2.50 Coors/Coors Light. Sunday, any drink \$2.50.

NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

Lai Thai Restaurant: Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

Miyako Japanese Restaurant: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: Sapporo pints \$1.99, large bottles \$2.99, pitchers \$6.99. Hot sake \$1.75. California roll \$2.50, spicy tuna/Philly roll \$3.50, Japanese-style chicken bites \$3.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 draft, Bloody Mary; \$5 you-call-it; \$6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

Bourbon Street: Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$3 domestic pitchers, \$4 well drinks, \$5 imported pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Bluefoot Bar and Lounge: Monday-Friday, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off everything, \$2.50 domestic bottle, \$3.50 draft.

Crazee Burger: Every day, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers, \$3.99 select glasses of wine. \$2.99 bratwurst, \$3.99 turkey burger.

Cricket's Pub and Grill: Monday Friday, 8am-2pm: \$2 domestic pint, \$6 domestic pitcher. 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$.50 off domestic bottles, wells, pints.

Lips Restaurant: Sunday, all night: Industry Night, \$3.50 wells, \$5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: Every day, 5-8pm: Twofor-one price on all drinks.

Redwing Bar & Grill: Every day, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic

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.

Toronado: Every day, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts

True North: Monday, noon-close: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-7pm: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. Sunday, 7pm-close: Industry Night, \$3 calls.

West Coast Tavern: Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks.

OCEAN BEACH

The Arizona Bar: Every day, 4:30-6:30pm: \$3 house wines, 20-oz. domestics, microbrew pints, wells, 1/2-off all pitchers. \$3 food specials.

Blue Parrot: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$1 off all drafts, \$3 margaritas. wells, \$1 off select appetizers.

Bravo Mexican Bistro: Monday Friday, 4-7pm: \$1-\$3 off margaritas, \$1 off tequila, \$1 off tacos, \$2 off nachos, \$4 off shrimp cocktail and sampler plate, \$4.50 off nachos supreme.

Cheswick's West: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, \$6 domestic pitchers.

Dream Street Live: Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Portugalia: Tuesday-Sunday, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine

Sunshine Co.: Every day, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all pitchers.

The Vine: Every day, 4-6pm: 1/2-price entire wine and specialty beer list.

Winstons: Monday-Saturday, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

333 Pacific: Every day, 4-7pm, 9-10pm: \$7 vodka cocktails (100+ types of vodka). \$7 appetizers (calamari, ovster trio, Caesar salad).

Aryana: Every day, 5-7pm: \$2 domestics, wells; \$3 premiums, glass of wine. Appetizer specials.

Firewater Saloon: Monday-Thursday, 3:30-6:30pm; 10pm-midnight: \$5

Jäger bombs, Long Islands, Jameson. \$2 off all pitchers, \$1 off drafts & wells. Friday, Sunday, 10pm-midnight: \$5 läger bombs, Long Islands, Jameson. \$2 off all pitchers, \$1 off drafts & wells.

The Flying Bridge: Every day, 4pm-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 wine, 20% off

Hana Japanese Restaurant: Every day, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

PCH Sports Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines, Saturday, 2-8pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. Sunday, 2pm-close: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines.

Pier View Pub: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off pitchers.

Tremont Street Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 1/2-price appetizers, \$1 soft taco, \$3 draft beer, \$3.50 well, house wine, \$3.95 house margarita.

Alamo Mexican Cafe: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

Barra Barra: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 drafts, house wine, \$3 house margaritas, \$2 off absinthe specials. \$2 flat-bread tacos

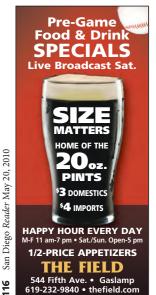
Café Covote: Monday-Friday, 3:30-6pm: \$3.75 draft beers, \$4 specialty shots, \$4.95 Coyote drinks, \$5.95 flavored margaritas, flavored shots, \$2 assorted tacos

Casa Guadalajara: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: Free appetizers. \$3.50 well drinks, margaritas, drink specials.

Fred's Mexican Cafe Old Town: Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: \$3 12-oz. house margaritas, \$5 20-oz. house margaritas, \$2.50 14-oz. domestic drafts, \$3.50 20-oz. domestic drafts.

Harney Sushi: Wednesday, \$5 specialty cocktails.

Wine Cabana: Monday, till close: \$5 off Malbec. Tuesday, till 7pm: 1/2-price appetizers. Wednesday, Girl's Night Out: complimentary chocolate fondue. Thursday, till 7pm: \$3 beers, 1/2-price appetizers. Friday, Cabana Magic Show (usually monthly). Saturday, till 7pm: \$3 beers, disco with DI & PI. Sunday, till close: \$4 Sangria. live jazz at 5pm.













PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: Every day, 4-7:10pm: 1/2-off food & booze

The Australian Pub: Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. Saturday, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. Sunday, \$3 Bloody Marys.

Bare Back Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 Miller Lite, amber ale, well drinks.

Big Kahuna's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 beer, wine.

Bub's Dive Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$10 pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers.

Cass Street Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm; \$2,25 domestic bottles, \$2.75 micro-brew pints, \$7.50 pitcher, \$3 house wine.

Chateau Orleans: Wednesday, all day: 1/2-off all wine bottles. Thursday, all day: \$5 Louisiana hurricanes, margaritas. 1/2-off champagne bottles.

Costa Brava: Every day, 4-6pm: 1/2-price sangria. 1/2-price tapas.

Dave's Tavern: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 domestic draft. \$3 mimosas. \$3.25 wine. Free pool.

The Dog: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, \$6 pitchers.

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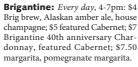
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Advance, Retreat

Do we, as Johnny swears, "have just one moment to connect — one chance, and then it's over"?

JEFF SMITH

he Meters, a New Orleans funk band, asked in song, "Now that we found love, what're we gonna do with it?" Terence McNally's Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune offers contrasting answers.

Maybe each of us has a Love Timer. When — okay, if — we're lucky enough to find that special someone, each has an ingrained

sense of how quickly to proceed. In youth, the Timer's probably on fast forward ("Love? Oh forever, my trembling dove"). As one grows older, experiences accrue, and haste gives way to slower pacing and, possibly, among the alphawary, an urge to hurl that incessant ticker into a Dumpster.

McNally's humble pair has so much in common they could be twins. Not just their names, which recall the famous song, but birthplaces, schools, tastes, nicknames of relatives. If one needed signs to confirm one's destiny, all urge them to bond. Trouble is, their Love Timers

Johnny's gung ho. He isn't just smitten, he's SMOTE, knocked so gaga that midway through their first date he's quoting Shakespeare, talking marriage, children, soul mates. "There's a reason," he says, "why we're called Frankie and Johnny" (he forgets that, in the song, Johnny "done" Frankie so wrong she shot him three times, "root-e-toot-toot"). Johnny worships her every move, as if she's a living masterpiece.

> Frankie's been burned, bad. What looks like destiny to Johnny to her looks like a tweaked Romeo with a hair trigger. The heated attention's kind of fun,

plus hearing all that wonderful love stuff, but to her, Johnny Speedball's miles down the track (imagine living with someone that ardent for any length of time). He's "too sincere!" So, Frankie'll stay for the credits — i.e. the one-night stand but may choose not to see this movie again.

Frankie and Johnny will probably read you as much as you read into it. Can the couple last? Do we, as Johnny swears, have "just one moment to connect - one chance, and then it's over"? Mc-Nally keeps several possibilities open. Though bringing on Debussy's limpid "Clair de Lune," at just the right instant, tends to tip the scales.

Frankie and Johnny has nudity and language worthy of a stevedore, so it's not for everyone. Nonetheless, Ion Theatre could give its stellar, off-night production an open-ended run. The intimate play's a perfect fit for Ion's new space. And the company's design work (in particular,



Frankie and Johnny's love timers conflict.

Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune by Terrence McNally Ion Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest

Directed by Claudio Raygoza; cast: Deanna Driscoll, Jeffrey Jones; scenic design, Glenn Paris; costumes and props, Paris and Raygoza; lighting, Raygoza; sound, Caitlin Sussman Playing through June 1 Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 7:30p.m. Matinee Sunday at 4:00p.m. 619-600-5020.

Moscow: A Musical Play, book and lyrics by Nick Salamone, music by Maury R. McIntyre Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights Directed by Ira Spector; cast: John Whitley, Angel D'Agostino, Kevin Koppman-Gue; scenic and costume design, Megan Schmidt; lighting, Karin Filijan; musical director,

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that full moon rising out the window) shows that it has already mastered the room's limited technical capacity.

Though their characters are far apart, Jeffrey Jones and Deanna Driscoll function as one being: he charging, she retreating — though not

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completely. Jones has the tics and twitches of someone just released from prison. He also deftly pinpoints a gap in Johnny's sincerity. He's on his best behavior, but is this guy for real (he does, after all, have a "shadow" side)?

Driscoll's Frankie has played these scenes before. Like Shakespeare's Cressida, she knows that "things won are done" and that "joy's soul lies in the doing." Instead of being swept away, troubled Frankie spends most of her energy building barriers. But like Iones, and with the same subtle touch, Driscoll also creates a tiny gap in her performance: a smidge of hope.

Diversionary Theatre's Moscow feels like the early stages of a work-in-progress. Or not even that: more like a trial read- and sing-through to see what's missing. A whole lot, it turns out.

For unknown reasons, three gay men are stranded in some sort of limbo, unsure whether they are dead or alive (adding to the confusion, their names are Matt, Luke, and Jon). Curtains and a stagelike floor suggest a theater. So, they decide to perform Anton Chekhov's Three Sisters as a musical. As in Waiting for Godot, that will give them something to do, one says, give them "structure." And unlike the Prozorov sisters, who never make it to Moscow, it might give the trio a way out.

Maybe there's an idea there: combine Sartre's stranded trio in No Exit with Godot and Chekhov. But the script and music are so clichéd that nothing comes of it (example: "It's easier to talk about our characters," one says, "than to talk about ourselves"). At least a fourth of the play's a facile Cliff's Notes analysis of Three

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Sisters. The rest is just sketchy and predictable.

A tight, three-piece backup group - piano, violin, and flute - accompanies the performers but can't do much with Maury R. McIntyre's songs, which unfold like variations on the same melody. Neither can the actors, whose roles are so skimpy they barely qualify as types. For most of the play, Kevin Koppman-Gue's Luke is just angry; John Whitley's Jon, the wise explainer; and Angelo D'Agostino's Matt, the waverer. All put energy into their songs but — D'Agostino in particular — tend to flatten whole notes. They perform on a minimalist set with minimal results.

THEATER LISTINGS

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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 wacko situations. Worth a try.

ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 8PM THURS-DAYS, 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.

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Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune

Ion Theatre stages Terrence Mc-Nally's bittersweet comedy about an unlikely romance between middle-aged "losers" previously scarred by love. ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST, 619-600-5020, 4PM AND 7:30PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM MONDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 1.

Golda's Balcony

The fourth Prime Minister of Israel was as tough as she was idealistic. William Gibson's interlaced script refuses to flatter Golda Meir, whom David Ben-Gurion called "the best man in the government." She devoted her life to survival but, during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, had the means to start World War III. Gibson hits his theme, about

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creation vs. destruction, so hard it threatens to turn his portrait into a thesis play. But Tovah Feldshuh subsumes issues into her masterful performance. She breathes Meir, leaping from one stage of her life to another like a jazz improviser. She does the same with the fickle moods of scenes: she reflects, bemoans, explodes with breathtaking speed. The late Craig Noel valued "simple" acting (i.e., no "acting" at all). Noel would have cherished this performance. Feldshuh does such clean, splendid work, it's tempting to give her the Technique Test: pull back from the story and watch how she crafts the character. But she's so in the moment, she yanks you right back in. You forget technique and watch, to my mind, one of the two finest solo performances — along with Jefferson Mays in I Am My Own Wife — San Diego has seen in decades.

Critic's pick.

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.

John Leguizamo: Diary of a Madman

Due to popular demand, John Leguizamo returns to the La Jolla Playhouse, performing his work in progress about "where he's been and the colorful characters who've shaped...his life." LA IOLLA PLAYHOUSE 2910 LA IOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD, 858-550-1010. 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM MONDAYS. 8PM TUESDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH MAY 29.

Moscow

Diversionary Theatre presents the musical — book and lyrics by Nick Salamone, music by Maury R. $\label{eq:McIntyre} \mbox{McIntyre} - \mbox{about three gay men.}$ Trapped in limbo, they decide to stage a musical version of The Three Sisters. Ira Spector directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BLVD., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH MAY 30.

The great Nina Simone backed into her storied career as "The High Priestess of Soul" and the "Voice of the Movement." As a child, she dreamed of becoming the world's first black classical pianist. Events, like the KKK bombing of an Alabama church and the murder of African-American leaders politicized her - she would be "nonviolent no more" - and her music (including the explosive "Mississippi Goddamn," which was banned throughout the South). Calvin Manson, who has staged tributes to Billie, Ella, and others, created a show with four women representing Simone (an irony: she wrote a song about "Four Women," each a black stereotype; whereas Manson's quartet defies stereotyping). The evening includes favorites: "I Loves You, Porgy," "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood," and the anthem of the Movement, "To Be Young, Gifted, and Black," sung with flair by Janice Edwards and with grace and subtlety by Ayanna Hobson (Sarah Roy and Nicole Bradley also make solid contributions, as do four young dancers and pianist Anthon Smith, who gives songs classy Julliard licks). The show needs tightening, especially Act 2, which packs too many numbers and at times becomes too subdued. Overall, the world premiere's a fitting showcase for the woman who became "every woman I could." Dinner-theater packages are available.

Worth a Try.

SUNSET TEMPLE THEATRE, 3911 KANSAS ST., NORTH PARK. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 4PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY 23.

Seven Against Thebes

UCSD Theatre & Dance presents Aeschylus's tragedy: King Oedipus is in exile; his sons Etiocles and Polyneices must decide who will rule. Charlie Oates directed Marianne McDonald's translation.

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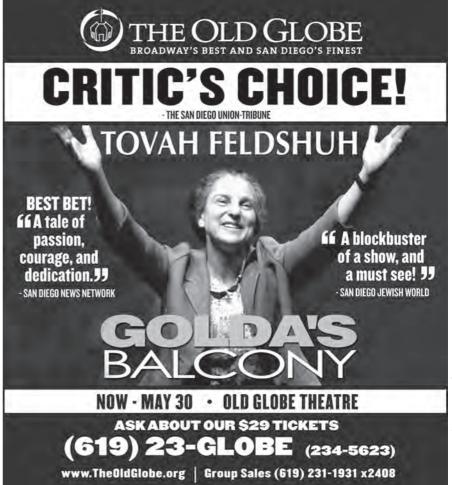
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 $\textbf{Alice in Wonderland} - \operatorname{Tim} \operatorname{Burton's}$ adaptation of the Lewis Carroll classic gives him license, free rein, greased rails, to stage a congenial freak show in a hermetic netherworld: a 3-D moving-picture book. The customary merger of $\bar{A}lice$'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-slaver.) 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



Exit through the Gift Shop — Anonymity is not a trustworthy persona for a documentarist.

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.

★ (MISSION VALLEY 20)

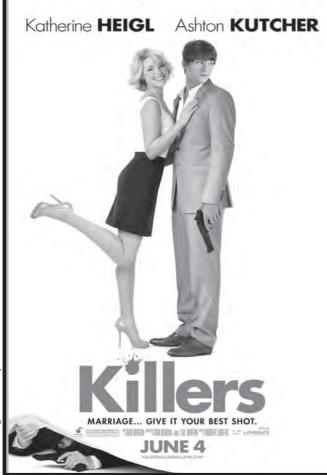
Babies — A kind of nature documentary that looks at the human species the way another documentary might look at apes: a human-nature documentary, if you like.

The French filmmaker Thomas Balmès follows four newborns from far-flung corners of the globe — a Namibian, a Mongolian, a Japanese, 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. 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 2010

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15, FROM 5/21; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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



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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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Clash of the Titans — Any remake would have been hard put to be worse than the laughable original of 1981, and the latest CGI technology, with or without the augmentative 3-D (added as an 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. • (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 5/21)

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.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Date Night - A hedged bet, maritalcomedy 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; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 5/21; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Death at a Funeral - The Americanremake, a scant three years after the British version, is tantamount to a summer-stock production in Cleveland, a black comedy made over into a black comedy, or more distinctly a dark comedy made over into an African-American comedy. Beyond the casting of Chris Rock, Martin Lawrence, Tracy Morgan, Regina Hall, Zoë Saldaña, Loretta Devine, Danny Glover, et al., it has been only sporadically African-Americanized in the script ("The catfish nuggets are to die for"), and it has been plain old Americanized mainly in the grossness of the toilet humor. Who could ever have foreseen that director Neil LaBute, the contemporary cinema's iciest misanthrope, would stoop to poop jokes to bring down the house? Among the few white faces in the crowd, dinky Peter Dinklage reprises with total authority his role from the original, sort of like a Broadway headliner re-upping for the road company, and James Marsden intrepidly negotiates the bumps and curves of a bad acid trip. 2010.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PLAZA BONITA 14)

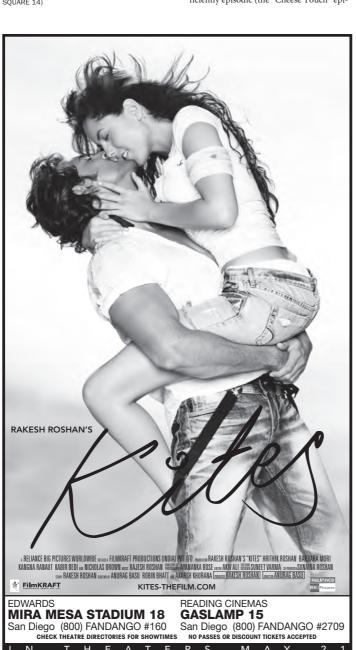
Diary of a Wimpy Kid — The live-action adaptation of Jeff Kinney's popular series of cartoonishly illustrated "tween" books is not in diary form but is nonetheless sufficiently episodic (the "Cheese Touch" epi-

sode, 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.

★★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 muttonchopped French émigré who operated a vintage clothing store in L.A., became an obsessive amateur videographer, trained his camera in particular on the activities of guerrilla artists, turned himself into one





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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; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 5/21; TOWN SOUARE 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.





The Losers — A five-man commando team with a delicate moral sense.

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.)

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• (HILLOREST CINEMAS)

The Good, the Bad, the Weird -

Asian Western set in WWII-time Manchuria, directed by Ji-woon Kim. (KEN, THROUGH 5/20; GASLAMP 15, FROM 5/21)

Greenberg - Noah Baumbach, writerand director of The Squid and the Whale, features Ben Stiller as a kind of middleaged-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)

Harry Brown — Michael Caine as a vengeful vigilante, with Emily Mortimer and Iain Glen, directed by Daniel Barber. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/21)

Hot Tub Time Machine — Guv-iinks 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.
● (GASLAMP 15)

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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12, FROM 5/21; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 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.

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Just Wright — Basketball romance with Queen Latifah, Common, Paula Patton, and Pam Grier, directed by Sanaa Hamri. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Kick-Ass — Alias Smart-Ass, a black comedy marking another advance in the decadence and self-consciousness of superhero mythologies. The central premise of a teenage comic-book geek (Aaron Johnson) donning a green wet suit with ropy yellow trim to act out his crime-fighting fantasies, prosaically dubbing himself Kick-Ass for the purpose, is not as original as the script makes believe — "How come nobody's ever tried to be a superhero?" — although the current generation of fanboys (were they known as fanboys before the current generation?) could not be expected to remember a thing like *Nunzio*, dated 1978. (Things like Blankman and Unbreakable are not so dust-covered.) Such a premise cannot stay for long in touch with "reality," and soon the teen sex comedy — "My only superpower was being invisible to girls" crosses paths with a Death Wish revenge story, and a "real" superhero surfaces: Big Daddy in a Batsuit knockoff (Nicolas Cage) and his bred-from-the-cradle prepubescent sidekick, the raccoon-masked, purplehaired 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.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MAR-KETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Kites — Dance and romance from India, directed by Anurag Basu. (GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; FROM 5/21)

The Last Song — Miley Cyrus gets to shed her Hannah Montana alter ego for an insipid summer romance, thick with pop songs and montages, from the sparkless pen of Nicholas Sparks. The central character, a one-time piano prodigy accepted into Juilliard on past performance, though she hasn't touched a keyboard in years, goes gripingly 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 plantationbred blueblood. Along the way, she sulks, she sasses, she flounces off in countless huffs, she cries, she laughs, she kisses, she

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No One Knows about Persian Cats — The unplentiful songs are occasions for makeshift music videos.

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, heliumfilled 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)

Letters to Juliet — The poise and grace of Vanessa Redgrave, her reunion on screen with Franco Nero (her Lancelot in Camelot, the father of one of her children), and a mouthwatering tour of Tuscany are insufficient counterweights to the slop bucket of false sentiments about romantic love. With Amanda Seyfried, Christopher Egan, and Gael García Bernal; directed by Gary Winick. 2010.

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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.

• (GASLAMP 15

MacGruber — Action-hero spoof with Will Forte, Kristen Wiig, and Val Kilmer, directed by Jorma Taccone.

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La Mission — A Bratt Family project, set in their native Mission District in San

Francisco, written and directed by Peter Bratt and starring his better-known brother Benjamin as a recovering alcoholic ex-con, a leisure-time lowrider and full-time macho man, unable to accept that his straight-A son isn't straight: "From now on, you're fucking dead to me." A forceful performance despite the stereotypical, predictable, exasperating nature of the character, and despite the teacherly, preacherly dramatization. With Jeremy Ray Valdez, Erika Alexander, and, the star's wife, Talisa Soto Bratt. 2010.

★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Mother and Child — Rodrigo García's tale of three women, played by Annette Bening, Naomi Watts, and Kerry Washington. (GASLAMP 15, FROM 5/21; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Multiple Sarcasms — Timothy Hutton as a frustrated playwright, with Mira Sorvino, Stockard Channing, Dana Delany; directed by Brooks Branch.
(GASLAMP 15. FROM 5/21)

A Nightmare on Elm Street — Back to square one with a new Freddy Krueger (Jackie Earle Haley), directed by Samuel Bayer.

(CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; RIVER VILLAGE 6)

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)

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.

OSS 117: Lost in Rio — Jean Dujardin returns as the chauvinistic French superspy, directed by Michel Hazanavicius. 2010. (KEN, FROM 5/21)

Please Give — Writer-director Nicole Holofcener, of Friends with Money, Lovely and Amazing, Walking and Talking, transfers her base of operations from the Big Orange to the Big Apple, to consider matters of vanity and charity, love and lust, life and death, among two intersecting circles, or intersecting triangles, of characters. 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," bad skin, salon tans, overdefined muscles, disproportionate height. 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 vou feel alive. With Catherine Keener, Oliver Platt, Rebecca Hall, Amanda Peet, Sarah Steele, and Ann Morgan Guilbert. 2010. ★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 5/21; HILL-CREST CINEMAS)

Princess Kaiulani — Hawaiian historical drama with Q'orianka Kilcher, Barry Pepper, and Will Patton, directed by Marc Forby.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12

Rear Window — A premise with broad appeal for the casual and occasional voyeur: a globe-trotting photojournalist, confined to a wheelchair with a broken leg, whiling away the hours of a summer hot spell by spying on his neighbors around the tenement courtyard, begins to suspect the neighbor across the way of having done away with his wife. And a treatment of high, not broad, appeal for the more than casual and occasional moviegoer: an unusual amount of material done in extreme long shot. Or, to say the same thing another way, an unusual amount done in first-person point-of-view shots. (Better, however, to say it the other way: Hitchcock's rigorously choreographed camera movement, as in all his "subjective" work, does not correspond terribly well to the human eye.) With James Stewart, Grace Kelly, Thelma Ritter, and Raymond

Burr. 1954

★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 5/20 THROUGH 22, 8:30 P.M.)

Robin Hood — Ridley Scott retells the legend with Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett, William Hurt, Mark Strong, and Mark

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14, FROM 5/21; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Secret in Their Eves — From

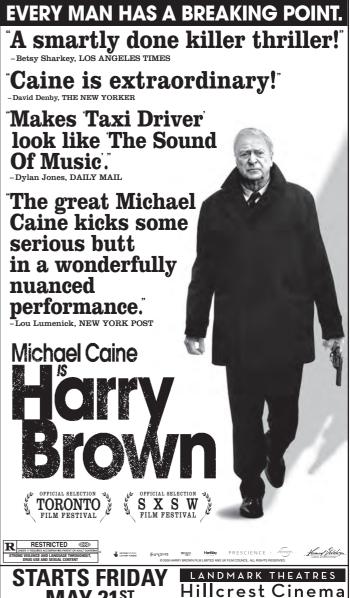
Argentina, an old-fashioned slick manipulative commercial entertainment that took home the Oscar for foreign film. Firm-footed, smooth-surfaced, it centers on a retired public prosecutor struggling to write a novel on a nagging twenty-year-old case, the rape and murder of a newlywed schoolteacher. Generating 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)

Shrek Forever After — Fourth and "final" installment in the animated franchise, with the voices of Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz, Eddie Murphy.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COS-TA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY



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RANCH 12: PALM PROMENADE 24: PLAZA BO-NITA 14: POWAY 10: RIVER VILLAGE 6: SANTE E DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/21)

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)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Showtimes subject to change. (Bargain showtimes in parentheses.)

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14 11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264

#2704) City Island (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 4:30, 9:20 Sun. (2:15) 4:30; **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00) 7:10, 9:45 Sun. (12:00) 7:10; **Furry** Vengeance (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:10, 3:20) 5:25, 7:35; Iron Man 2 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:35, 11:30, 1:20, 2:15) 4:05, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:40 Sun. (10:35, 11:30, 1:20, 2:15) 4:05, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00; **Just Wright** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:05, 3:30) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25 Sun. (10:45 1:05, 3:30) 5:45, 8:05; Letters to Juliet (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:20) 4:50, 7:25, 9:55 Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 4:50, 7:25; MacGruber (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:25, 3:35) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00 Sun (11:05, 1:25, 3:35) 5:40, 7:50; **Robin Hood** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 11:15, 1:30, 2:20) 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30 Sup. (10:30, 11:15, 1:30, 2:20) 4:30, 5:30, 7:30; Shrek Forever After (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 11:45, 1:15, 2:00, 3:30)

4:15, 5:45, 6:30, 8:00, 8:45, 10:15, 10:50 Sun. (11:00, 11:45, 1:15, 2:00, 3:30) 4:15, 5:45, 6:30,8:00; Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14 4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722) **Babies** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:00) 4:00, 6:05; Date Night (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 8:15 10:25; Furry Vengeance (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25a.m.); How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 1:55); Iron Man 2 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:20) 4:10, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 4:10, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:35; **Just Wright** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:15; Letters to Juliet (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 1:50, 2:50) 4:15, 5:15, 7:05, 8:05, 9:30, 10:30; **Mac-Gruber** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:10, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:10; Robin Hood (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10.35 11.15 12.50 1.40 2.25 3.55) 4.40 5.25 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:55, 10:40 Sun. (10:35, 11:15, 12:50, 1:40, 2:25, 3:55) 4:40, 5:25, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:55, 10:30; Shrek Forever After (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 11:30, 12:45, 1:45, 3:00) 4:05, 5:20, 6:20, 7:40, 8:40, 9:50, 10:55 Sun. (10:30,

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

Tol Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)

Babies (PG); The Back-Up Plan (PG-13);

Crazy Heart (R); Death at a Funeral (R); The Good, the Bad, the Weird (Not Rated); Greenberg (R); Hot Tub Time Machine (R); The Hurt Locker (R); Kites (Not Rated); The Losers (PG-13); MacGruber (R); Mother and Child (R); Multiple Sarcasms (R); No One Knows about Persian Cats (Not Rated); Robin Hood (PG-13); Shutter Island (R)

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:50) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:50, 7:20, 9:55; Date Night (PG-13) Fri. (2:20, 4:40) 7:25, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (2:20) 4:40 7:25, 9:35; Furry Vengeance (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05p.m.); Here Comes the Bride (Not Rated) Fri. (11:30, 2:05, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; How

to Train Your Dragon (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:40, 5:05) Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:05; Iron Man 2 (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:00) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun (12:30, 1:00, 3:30) 4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00, 10:25; Just Wright (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:35, 4:55) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; Kick-Ass (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:40, 10:20: Letters to Juliet (PG) Fri. (11:45, 12:10, 2:10, 2:40, 4:35, 5:10) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 12:10, 2:10, 2:40) 4:35, 5:10, 7:10, 9:40; A Nightmare on Elm Street (R) Fri (12:40, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; Shrek Forever **After** (PG) Fri. (12:45, 1:45, 3:15, 4:15, 5:45) 6:45, 8:15, 9:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 1 3:15) 4:15, 5:45, 6:45, 8:15, 9:15, 10:45; Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45) 4:45, 5:15 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15

KENSINGTON

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) OSS 117: Lost In Rio (NR) Fri., Mon. Thu.: (4:45), 7:10, 9:35; Sat. & Sun.: (11:55), 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35; The Human Centipede (NR) Sat.: 12:00 midnight

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386) Date Night; How to Train Your Dragon; Iron Man 2; Letters to Juliet; MacGruber; Oceans; Princess Kaiulani; Robin Hood; Shrek Forever

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Mother And Child (R) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:50, 5:00), 8:10; Sat. & Sun.; (10:40), 1:50, 5:00, 8:10; **Babies** (PG) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:10, 3:10, 5:10), 7:20, 9:30; Sat. & Sun.: (11:00), 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30; **City Island** (PG-13) Fri., Mon.-Thu.: (1:30, 4:20), 7:10, 9:40; Sat. & Sun.: (10:50), 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40: 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

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Fashion Valley 18

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Shrek Forever After (PG) Fri.-Sun. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00) 12:40

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Sex and the City 2 (R) Wed.: 12:00 am; Sex and the City 2 (R) Wed.: 12:00 am; Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Tue.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15; Wed.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Letters to** Juliet (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45: Sun -Tue : (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30: Wed.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Robin Hood** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 12:45, 3:00), 4:15, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:30, 12:45, 3:00), 4:15, 7:00, 7:45; Wed.: (11:30, 12:45, 3:00), 4:15, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45; Iron **Man 2** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 11:00; Sun.-Tue.: (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:15, 8:00; Wed.: (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 11:00; Barbie in a Mermaid Tale (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am; Date Night (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.: (11:00, 1:15), 8:30; Mon.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:30; Tue.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30); Wed.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:30, 10:45; L'Orfeo Opera: Sun.: 4:00 pm

Mission Valley 20

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The Back-Up Plan; Death at a Funeral; How to Train Your Dragon;
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Hood; Shrek Forever After

UPTOWN

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EAST COUNTY

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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)

Babies (PG); Iron Man 2 (PG-13); Letters to Juliet (PG); MacGruber (R);

Robin Hood (PG-13); Shrek Forever After (PG)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264) **Date Night** (PG-13) Fri. (2:35, 4:50) 7:10 Sat.-Sun. (2:35) 4:50, 7:10; How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Fri. (10:40, 1:20, 4:00) Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:20) 4:00; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 Sat. Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 1:30, 2:00) 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; **Just Wright** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:25, 5:05) 7:50, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 5:05, 7:50, 10:40: **Letters** to Juliet (PG) Fri. (10:50, 11:30, 1:35, 2:20, 4:20, 4:55) 7:05, 7:35, 9:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 11:30, 1:35, 2:20) 4:20, 4:55, 7:05, 7:35, 9:50, 10:25; **MacGruber** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:25, 3:55) 7:40, 10:20; **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05) 9:30; Robin Hood (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 11:25, 11:55, 2:10, 2:40, 3:50) 6:20, 6:50, 7:20, 9:35, 10:05, 10:35; Shrek Forever After (PG) Fri. (10:45, 12:15, 1:15, 2:45, 3:45, 5:15) 6:15, 7:45, 8:45, 10:15, 11:15 Sat. (10:45, 12:15, 1:15, 2:45, 3:45) 5:15, 6:15, 7:45, 8:45, 10:15, 11:15Sun. (10:45, 12:15, 1:15, 2:45, 3:45) 5:15, 6:15, 7:45, 8:45, 10:15; **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) Fri. (11:15, 11:45, 1:45, 2:15, 4:15, 4:45) 6:45, 7:15, 9:15, 9:45, 11:45, 12:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 11:45, 1:45, 2:15) 4:15, 4:45, 6:45, 7:15,

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Date Night (PG-13); How to Train Your
Dragon (PG); Iron Man 2 (PG-13); Shrek
Forever After (PG)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



MacGruber (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.: (11:00, 1:15 3:30), 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Wed.: (3:30), 5:45, 8:15; Shrek Forever After (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.: (12:15, 2:45), 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Wed.: 5:30, 7:45; **Shrek** Forever After 3D (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15; Mon.-Wed.: (3:45), 6:00, 8:15; Just Wright (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.: (11:30, 2:00), 4:45, 7:15; Mon.-Wed.: 4:45, 7:15; **Letters to Juliet** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:30), 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.: (12:00, 2:30), 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Wed.: 5:15, 7:45; Robin Hood (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 12:45, 3:15), 4:15, 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45; Sun.: (11:45, 12:45, 3:15), 4:15, 7:00, 7:30; Mon.-Wed.: (3:15), 4:15, 7:00, 7:30; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00), 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 11:00; Sun.: (11:15, 1:00, 2:15, 4:00), 5:00, 7:15, 8:00; Mon.-Wed.: (4:00), 5:00, 7:15, 8:00; Barbie in a Mermaid Tale (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am; A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010) (R)Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 1:45, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.: (11:30, 1:45, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30; Mon.-Wed.: (4:00), 6:15, 8:30

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386) How to Train Your Dragon; Iron Man 2; Just Wright; Letters to Juliet; Mac-Gruber; Robin Hood; Shrek Forever After

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)
The Back-Up Plan (PG-13); Clash of the Titans (PG-13); Date Night (PG-13); Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG); Furry Vengeance (PG); How to Train Your Dragon (PG); Iron Man 2 (PG-13); Just Wright (PG); Kick-Ass (R); Letters to Juliet (PG); MacGruber (R); La Mission (R); A Nightmare on Elm Street (R); Robin Hood (PG-13); Shrek Forever

After (PG)

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2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
Death at a Funeral (R); How to Train
Your Dragon (PG); Iron Man 2 (PG-13);
Just Wright (PG); Letters to Juliet (PG);
MacGruber (R); A Nightmare on Elm
Street (R); Robin Hood (PG-13); Shrek
Forever After (PG)

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)



Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30), 6:00, 8:15; Mon.-Wed.: (3:30), 6:00, 8:15; Letters to Juliet (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. (11:30, 2:15), 4:45, 7:15; Mon.-Wed.: 4:45, 7:15; Robin Hood (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:45), 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.: (12:45), 4:15, 7:30; Mon.-Wed.: 4:15, 7:30; Iron Man 2 (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:45), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; Sun.: (11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:45), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; Mon.-Wed.: (3:45), 5:00 7:00, 8:00; Barbie in a Mermaid Tale (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am; A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010) (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15 1:45, 4:00), 7:45, 10:00; Sun.: (11:15, 1:45, 4:00), 7:45; Mon.-Wed.: (4:00), 7:45

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



MacGruber (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (11:15) 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:30; Shrek Forever After (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Wed.: (12:00, 2:45), 5:15, 7:45; **Shrek** Forever After 3D (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:15), 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30; Sun.-Wed.: (11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:15), 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15; **Letters to Juliet** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. Wed.: (12:15, 3:00), 5:30, 8:00; Robin Hood (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 12:45, 3:30), 4:15, 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (11:30, 12:45, 3:30), 4:15, 7:00, 7:30; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; Sun.-Tue.: (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; Wed.: (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Barbie** in a Mermaid Tale (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am; How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15; Sat.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30; Mon.-Wed.: (11:15, 1:45), 4:30, 7:15

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264) Call theater for program information.

VISTA

Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive

Iron Man 2 (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:10, 10:50, 12:30, 1:10, 1:50, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50) 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10, 10:50 Sun. (10:10, 10:50, 12:30, 1:10, 1:50, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50) 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10; **Just Wright** (PG) Fri.-Sun (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 7:30, 9:55; **Letters to Juliet** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 11:30, 12:40, 2:05, 3:05, 4:35, 5:25) 7:00, 7:45, 9:25, 10:10; **Mac-Gruber** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:25, 2:50, 5:20) 7:40, 10:00; **Robin Hood** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:20, 11:00, 12:40, 1:20, 2:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00) 6:40, 7:20, 8:00, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00 Sun. (10:20, 11:00, 12:40, 1:20, 2:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00) 6:40, 7:20, 8:00, 9:40, 10:20; Shrek Forever After (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:35, 4:05) 6:35, 9:00; Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35 Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35 Fri.-Sat. (9:35, 10:05, 10:35, 12:05, 12:35, 1:05, 2:35, 3:05, 3:35, 5:05, 5:35) 6:05, 7:35, 8:05, 8:35, 10:05, 10:35, 11:05 Sun. (9:35, 10:05, 10:35, 12:05, 12:35, 1:05, 2:

NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Iron Man 2 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:10; Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



Sex and the City 2 (R) Wed.: 12:00 am; MacGruber (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 1:45, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Tue: (11:30, 1:45, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30; Wed.: (11:30, 1:45, 4:00), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45), 5:15, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30; Sun.-Tue: (10:00, 11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45), 5:15, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15; Wed.: (10:00, 11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45), 5:15, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30; Letters to Juliet (PG) Fri.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Mon. & Tue.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; Wed.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Robin Hood** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: $(10:15,\,10:45,\,1:15,\,1:45),\,4:15,\,4:45,\,7:15,\,7:45,$ 10:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (10:15, 10:45, 1:15, 1:45), 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45; Wed.: (10:15, 10:45, 1:15, 1:45), 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Iron** Man 2 (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; Sun.-Tue.: (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; Wed.: (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; Barbie in a Mermaid Tale (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



Letters to Juliet (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; **Babies** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:00, 2:15), 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Wed.: (10:00, 12:00, 2:15), 4:30, 7:00; **The Secret in Their Eyes (El secreto de**

sus ojos) (R) Fri.-Wed.: (3:00), 8:00; **Please Give** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Wed.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 5:00, 7:30; **City Island** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30), 5:30, 10:30; Sun.-Wed.: (12:30), 5:30

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

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LA COSTA

La Costa 6

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OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)



McGruber (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Wed.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15; Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30), 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sun,-Wed.: (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30), 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00; **Shrek: The Final Chapter** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:30, 1:45, 4:00), 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Wed.: (11:30, 1:45, 4:00), 7:30; Just **Wright** (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (12:30, 2:45), 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Wed.: (12:30, 2:45), 5:00, 7:30; Letters to Juliet (PG) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Wed.: (11:45, 2:30), 5:15, 7:45; **Robin Hood** (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:45, 1:00, 3:15), 4:15, 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (11:45, 1:00, 3:15), 4:15, 7:15, 7:45; Iron Man 2 (PG-13) Fri. & Sat.: (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:45, 2:15, 3:00), 4:30, 5:15, 6:00, 7:15, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 10:45; Sun.-Tue.: (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:45, 2:15, 3:00), 4:30, 5:15, 6:00, 7:15, 8:00; Wed.: (10:00, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:45, 2:15, 3:00), 4:30, 5:15, 6:00, 7:15, 8:00; Barbie in a Mermaid Tale (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am; Furry Vengeance (PG) Fri.-Wed.: (12:30), 5:30; A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010) (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:15, 8:30; **Kick-Ass** (R) Fri. & Sat.: (3:00), 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Wed.: (3:00), 8:15

Oceanside 16

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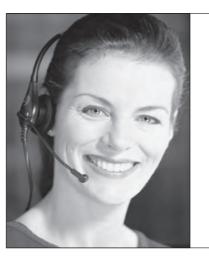
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could it be?

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Nould it help

on you?

if I blew

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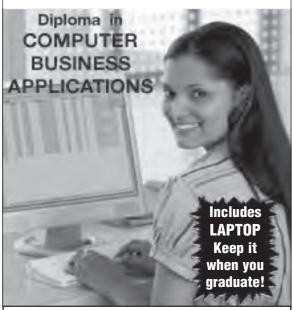


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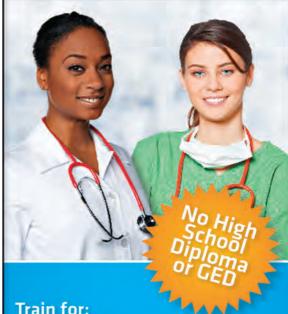
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Across

- 1. Pre-Q queue
- 5. One with her own dressing room, surely
- 9. Lawman Earp
- 14. "Do or do not. There is no trv" speaker
- 15. Frankfurt's river
- 16. Four-time French Open winner Justine
- 17. Finds in mines
- 18. Ricci of fashion

- 19. Inner turmoil
- 20 Produce?
- 23 Suffix with sex
- 24. Walton and Waterston
- 25. Deviates from the script
- 29 Divides
- 31. "O Henry, _ ___ thine eyes!": Shak.
- 32. Part of a tuba's sound
- 37. Dictator's opening
- 40. Bovary's title: Abbr.
- 41. Laudatory poems
- 42. Maintain order?
- 47. 180 degrees from WNW
- 48. "If I Ruled the World" rapper
- 49. Pageant attire
- 53. When a duel might take place
- 55. Singer Tori
- 57. ____ de Cologne
- 58. Not stop to witness the cardiac surgeon's performance?
- 61. Dungeons & Dragons co-creator Gary
- 64. Not likely to bite
- 65. Some valuable baseball cards from the 1920s-'40s
- 66. Firearm
- 67. "Take ____ a sign"
- 68. Lord over
- 69. Got into the game
- 70. Clinton cabinet member
- 71. 2001 Kevin Spacey movie

Down

- 1. Like Mr. Magoo
- 2. "Take your time"
- ____ Sings Dylan" (1965 folk album)
- 4. El ____, Texas
- 5. "I'd rather not talk about it"
- 6. Figure of speech
- 7. Botticelli's "The Birth of

8. "I smell ____!"

- 9. Pulitzer-winning poet of
- 10. Title cross-dresser of film
- 11. Director Lee
- 12. Frank McCourt memoir
- 13. Cause of a major downfall?
- 21. West Point institution, for short
- __ (nickname of baseball's David Ortiz)
- 26. 1.5-pound tech gadget released in 2010
- 27 Swelter
- 28 Ladies
- 30. Escalator part
- 31. Brief run, in brief 34. Down Under birds
- 35 Troublemaker
- 37. Retail giant founded by a 17-year-old
- 38. Where eggs hatch
- 39. Stalk in a marsh
- 43. Like a hairy situation?
- 44. Gives zero stars to
- 45. 1962 Paul Anka hit 46. "Careful now ..."
- 50. Intensify
- 51. Los Lobos album "Just Another Band from _
- 52. County on the English Channel
- 54. Quickly
- 55. Die down
- 56. "Homey!"
- 59. Commotion
- 60. Government largesse 61. 3.5, e.g.: Abbr.
- 62. Yang's opposite
- 63. Obtain

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

indicates T-shirt winner.

Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 5. Challenaina!

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 5. Kath-superb reiki, some

what flakv, no more achy! Mary Arana, Encinitas, 5. Happy

birthday Emma. Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 5.

Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 5. Padres, National League leader!

Kaye Benton, San Diego, 5. Please publish a book of one year's puzzles...

Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont,

5. Padres MVP- David Eckstein! Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 5. Heading to Los Angeles

Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 5. And the days dwindle down to a precious few Jon Christianson, El Cajon,

5. Eniov the day. Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 5.

Education taught me logical reasonina-thus makina me unemplovable.

Jon Connor, Oceanside, 5, "You can't lose, if you don't play the game."

Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 5. Don't auestion my strenath.

worthless by applying ink!

Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 5. /m

Governments take paper and render it

till last vear! Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 5.

John L. Drehner, North Park, 5. If you drink don't drive. Don't

even putt. Rich Dudka, Escondido, 5. This

was harder than usual Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 5. You

broke my heart Pens! Next year. George Elam, Vista, 5. Got the cement poured in the kitchen.

Richard Hutchings, Santee, 5. Repeal the 17th ammendment stop

George Jackson, Oceanside, 5. Help stop the oil leak Mr Prisident. part the seas!

Willie McGee, San Diego, 5. Wait

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 5. Tommy get your grades up! Ron Meyer, Santee, 5, Hunny I

love vou!

Douglas Mevers, La Mesa, 5. We cast our votes for TV heads with

soundbite views.

Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 5. We will Michael Panther, Point Loma, 5. Write in Michael Panther for Assessor-

Recorder-County Clerk. John Pertle, Santee, 5. Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and eternal life.

Bill Pischke, Ramona, 5. Springtime outings with family and friends

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 5. Call it in,

Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 5. Bazoom! I'm out of here! Linda Tripp, Rancho Bernardo,

5. Happy 6th birthday Josh Norman Williams, San Diego, 5.

What da fuss?

Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 5. Last week there were only nine t-shirts-all to bottom half of contestants.

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 5. Redistri-Bruce Campbell, Portland OR,

4. Nothing's so bad that a nap can't Leslie Chase, Campo, 4. If courtesy were the practice, we'd need

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 4.

Rosie loves me, told me so. I'm all Vince Cuseo, San Marcos, 4.

Profanity is the crutch of the conversational crinnle

Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 4. My old shirt is getting pretty ratty! Harry Engel, La Jolla, 4. Go

Mark E Jones, Clairemont, 4. Obama's hope and changes...What

Thomas and Max.

stop the hyprocrisy!

Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific

Beach. 4. Hi Larry. Hi poker peeps: keep up the good pots!

D. Faulkner, University Heights,

4. The weather is fine. Get on your bike.

Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 4.

Thanks Laurie for your confidence.

Carolyn Foley, Carlsbad,

4. Happy birthdays to Grandsons,

Joseph Gold, San Diego, 4.

Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 4. Go

Legalize drugs and prostitution

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 4. My mama birdie hurt her wing.

Love-Time-Heal.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 4. Go

Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 4. Day week month year

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens,

4. A message!

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo,

4. A successful businesswoman will run California better than an actor.

Don Romero, La Mesa, 4. Bve-Bve Sweet Mei Ling. Come home soon.

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 4.

Change is near, or is that got any change?

Dave Small, San Carlos, 4. Time flies.

Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley,

4. Welcome home Tori T. We love you !!

David Tomasin, San Diego, 4.

Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 4. Whoopsie Doodle!

Susan Williams, North Park, 4. Happy birthday Evan Rhys!

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 4. Have a merry month!

Ken A., Ocean Beach, 3. Choice makes men...

Johanna Barry, Pine Valley,

3. Off to Pleasure Island.

Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 3.

TCL is a dirty sneakin' thief! Look out! Eric Cash, Escondido, 3. Eavan is

not a bia fan of beina sick. Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 3.

The search for verifying "Bazoom" was very educational.

Maria Coda, Oceanside, 3. Hi Al! Irvin C. Gavidor, Golden Hill, 3.

Cool gifts & cards for Dad. Shop India Moving to penthouse.

Drew Lettington, Mission Hills, 3. Hannah is a teen! Oh mv!

Dawn Metrisin, San Diego, 3. Big Ben video tape is good evidence.

Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 3.

Hello to my friends at API (esp. Daisy). Mary Page, Encinitas, 3. L.U.A.L.C.

P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 3. Best wishes Cinderella

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 3. Awesome threesome!

Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 3.

Arigato Takata Ernest Verano, Downtown, 3.

The meek shall inherit the world

David Wray, El Cajon, 3. If ever a wever there wiz there was.

Eric Accorsi, El Cajon, 2, "(Bazoom) I need your lovin'? Really?"

Kim Bales, Rolando, 2.

Jim Chris, San Diego, 2. Hot

drummer Mark Evans with new band

Walter Deegan, San Diego, 2.

Mike Deliman, Santee, 2.

Karen, what kind of gravy was

Howard Donnelly, Mission

Valley, 2. *MMS* = *Mineral misman*-

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 2.

Can't stand being away from you

Rhona Fulling, San Diego, 2.

W. Hodgson, Escondido, 2.

Let's hone John Gardner is nut in the

Me and my Macie.

"East of Eden"

that?

Thanks for the T-shirts!

agement squared.

Pooh! I love you!

Visit Portsmouth, U.K.

"general population."

Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 2. Maureen Jacobson, City

Heights, 2. Thanks to Johnnie! Learned it all from you...

love New York

Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 2.

Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 2.

Tim Parrott, Carlsbad, 2.

...there's none as brave as El Kabong! Bazoom!

Claire Phillips, Clairemont,

2. Finally- Laot one

Raymond Schwartz, Clairmont, 2. Tres bien les habitants

Julie Simons, City Heights, 2.

Boann, Herbie, Tucker, H>T> You were

GRFAT! Chris Van Haften, Murrieta, 2.

Little blue Miata I miss voul

Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 2. California is the best!

Nancy Bent, San Diego, 1. Hi to

my grandchildren, Carly and Grayson!

Shawna Bowling, Vista, 1. Happy

2 year Anniversary, Marcky!

Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 1. We reach ourselves by reaching others.

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 1. /t's aood to be back.

Dan Mendat, Downtown, 1.

Hola preciosa! Me gustas mucho! I've missed vou!

Femi Nguyen, San Diego, 1. ${\it A}$ frappuccino a day will keep us awake

David Schwantner, Ramona, 1.

It's about time

Edward J. Swain, Downtown, 1.

Seamus Felices

all day.

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microchip, more. Photos/ locations:
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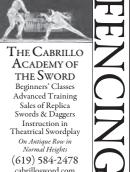


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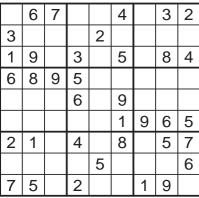
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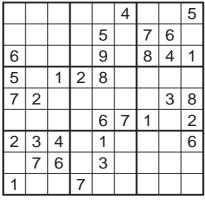
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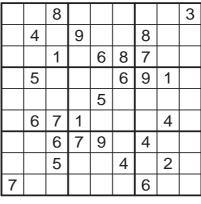
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SEE YOUR RANKING ONLINE!

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:

Name:

Don Bowman, Santee, 5. Why are potatoes afraid of indians... they may be scalloped.

Lloyd Payne, Merlin, 5. Come on up.

John Pertle, Santee, 5. Nobody is able to approach God except through Jesus.

D. Stiewig, Santee, 5. Good luck

Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 5.Onstage To Kill a Mockingbird.

Duane D. Tremaine, San Diego, 5. *Twisted by knaves to make a trap*

 I wisted by knaves to make a trap for fools.
 Cherie Calvo, San Diego, 4. How

'bout those Padres!

Ann Grudzinski, San Diego, 4.

Go Padres!!

Sebastian Certik, Bonita, 3. Hi

mom.

To. Dave, Pt. Loma, 3. Love

Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 3. Go

Josie Ranches, San Diego, 3.

Felix E. Charfauros, San Diego, 2.

Just waiting for this summer season...

Teddy Moore, Santee, 2. I'm having fun.

Peter Mound, Santee, 2. I don't trane for speed bumps.

Robert Bourne, San Carlos, 1. 80th birthday next week.

Jason Kron, Lakeside, 1. Need stoplight! Julian, ..., Jennings, ... before someone dies

David Mattleny, San Diego, 1.Big country has to know where Steve Crock is, duh.

Vincent Sy , Chula Vista, 1. Oh really Colonal Sanders.

MEDIUM:

Linda Bible, El Cajon, 5. Love Sean Penn movies.

Willam Stiewig, Vallejo, 5. Flowers are blooming.

Elliott Estrine, Poway, 4. Go Triton F and T.

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 4. Stones- Exile- Yeah, good stuff!

Todd Wilkins, San Diego, 4. It pays to smile-have a good day.

Vicki Flora, Bonita, 3. Hi Sebastion!

Ed Rull, San Diego, 3. Sweep them all Padres!

Paul Boland, Bay Park, 2. Bay

Park needs rain again.

Ellen Bourne, San Diego, 2. Fame and glory- all right!

Michael Faria, Normal Heights, 2. Were getting our couch this week-

edn baby! Love you! **Ann Gammon, Santa Clara, 1.**Fasier than airplane or pool.

Robyn Johnson, Vista, 1. Congratulations Christina and John on your new baby airl!

Harvy Mozer, La Mesa, 1. Gloriosky, zero!

Judy E. Rodgers, La Mesa, 1. *Happy birthday Nyla!*

Frank Valdez, Spring Valley, 1. RCP Lemon Grove is the best!

<u> HARD:</u>

Wayne Ameele, Peñasquitos, 5. Popcorn is good!

Nel Cristobal, Chula Vista, 5.

What comes around goes around. **Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 5.**

Amadita have a great confirmation

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 5.

While behind the screen the bureaucrats rewright the rules.

Skully, San Diego, 5. Love my Kitten. Hi Oldman Steve come visit soon! **Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 5.**

World turtle day- May 23rd. Save their habitat

Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 4. PIIGS act like pigs! Esther Havs, La Mesa, 4. Save me

from my day trader hubby :). **A.T. Certik, Bonita, 3.** Alles

H.M. Stiewig, Redmond, 3.

David Tomasin, San Diego, 3. *Maybe I'm just not an evil kind of guy.* **Joan Boland, Bay Park, 2.** *These are getting harder.*

Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 1. *Gesundheit!*

Meir Boyarsky, Encinitas, 1. There was a dog name Lika.

Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 1. *Bank of America is robbing us.*

Tadros T. Endwardes,

Mission Valley, 1. Happy 10th anniversary Janet.

Obie Fox, Escondido, 1. Happy 15th anniversery Mary Gordon I

Saad Ghulam, Escondido, 1. It was hard but I did it.

Christopher Jones, Chula Vista,
1. Fun with numbers.

Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 1./m

Omar Lara, Chula Vista, 1.

Happy b-day to my BFF Daniel Lopez.

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Hiroshi Miyazaki, San Diego, 1.

What's up Clans?

What's up Glenn?
Ricando Tulip, San Diego, 1. /

love you humming bird. **Rob Welder, El Cajon, 1.** I don't

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 1.Let the summer fun begin :^)

EVIL:

Joe Arbusto, Rancho

Peñasquitos, 5. Bad C's: congressmen/corporatism/capitalists/ cronies/criminals equals fascist pigs.

Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 5. Our catch of the day, marinated in Chevron Supreme. Enjoy!

Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 5. Every dream starts with one step. Take it.

Jorge Castro, Alpine, 5. Finally I get it!

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 5. It's un-american not to like tacos, pizza,

Larry Clark, Clairemont, 5.
Girls just keep looking better. Happy

birthday Traci Lords 41.

Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 5.

We finally saw Avatar. Thank you Carl.

Roger Doughman, San Diego, 5.

Matthew Evans, Encinitas, 5.May love and compassion be with

you always.

Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 5.

I liked the Normal Heights article.

Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 5.

Definitely not evil.

J. Gorman, UTC, 5. They're right-more t-shirts are warranted.

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 5. Steph! Gak-a-poo aot vou!

Butch Hays, La Mesa, 5. Tough doing puzzles when it's so nice outside.

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 5. Beer next week, Chuck?

Joan Hubert, Clairmont, 5. *5 easy pieces.*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

indicates T-shirt winner.

Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla,

5. Greece seems doomed, but what about California?

Jim Hurley, San Diego, 5. Evil is obvious only in retrospect.

Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 5. Life is aood- celebrate every day.

Roy E. Leeper, Chula Vista, 5.

Thanks Rosemary and Pete for our vacation at vour cabin.

Stuart Lester, Santee, 5. Congratulations Mike and David Lester. SDSU arads in Business Administration.

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 5. Ok Bar-

bara no more political comments. Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 5. It really

is easier doing it with your eyes closed! Julio Magno, San Diego, 5.

I love Flla!

Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 5. Does

Mary Bently still play dominoes? Please call

Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 5. Did it again!

Lee Overholser, San Diego, 5. Did you get the license number of

that truck?

Charles Reader, Del Mar

Heights, 5. Dave Ramsev rules

financial freedom

Charles Rion, Allied Gardens, 5. End of summer!

David Schwartz, Clairemont, 5.

Move the 2010 MLB All-Star game to San Diego

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach,

5. My message must get lost in the Reader triangle!

Mary Simcox, San Diego, 5.

Eeuww — flame and gory

Susan Williams, North Park, 5. When's the recession going to end?

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 5. A justice that was never a lawyer or

judge — nice pick.

Mark Xitco, San Diego, 5. This

Carl Baltrunas, Milpitas, 4.

Thank vou Jeff Loeb! Robert Bradley, Spring Valley,

4. Won a t-shirt

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 4.

Wow, you need to get someone who knows their iob.

Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 4. May flowers

Rich Dudka, Escondido, 4. I got tickets to Del Ma

Geoff Hill, South Park, 4. What about the consent of the

governed?

Michelle Dutra, Serra Mesa, 4.

Happy 25th Anny, Michael!

D. Faulkner, University Heights, 4. Ride your bike. It's good

Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego,

4. Why

Michael Panther, Point

Loma, 4, Ronnie James Dio, I hardly listened to ye. RIP

Art Spencer, Oceanside, 4.

Glad our May-days are not signals of disress- 1920s

Tess C. Sutton, San Diego, 4. Love you!

Shalamar Brown, La Mesa, 3.

Relax and take your time. Tom Burgeson, Clairmont, 3.

Go Padres!

Christine Hennes, San Diego, 3.

Lovely day on top of the world. Saad Kassab, Mission Hills, 3.

Bush was wrona.

Kitten, Coronado, 3. Hua

Andy Ngo, Vista, 3. Wake me up

when September ends. Tom Norris, Santee, 3. Goodbye

Ronnie James Dio: we're gonna miss voul

Joe Selig, San Diego, 3. Smile. Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 3.

Dodd's financial reform bill equals more crony capitalism.

Hisae Anderson, La Mesa, 2. Kansas here I come...!

Cheryl Deegan, Scripps Ranch, 2. We love it here!

Debbie Schultz, El Cajon, 2. Love

Dave Small, San Carlos, 2. By the

John Strauch, Point Loma, 2.

Hiked Myer Valley and Bolder creek.

Jim Felix, Pacific Beach, 1.

Happy birthday Rachel Felix

Danny Green, Chula Vista,

1. Erin, Daniel, mom, dad, Debbie, Chrisrt, I love you

David Holbo, San Carlos, 1.

Happy anniversary Pat and Sherm. Rich D. Kirby, La Mesa, 1. One more reason to get the Reader.

Rebekah Mathieu, San Diego, 1.

That's an evil sudoku!

Bill Moore, Spring Valley, 1. Happy birthday to my beautiful wife.

Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 1. If all is not lost, where is it?

P. W. Robinson, San Diego, 1. Von: I conquered evil..

Alain R Sanchez, Chula Vista, 1.

Hove you Vero!

Aubrey Stone, San Diego, 1.

Good triumphs against evil Rem Whilden, Carlsbad, 1. O-cha

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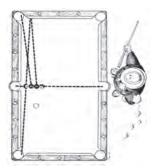
The commissioners, another legend maintains, were actually all "First" Emperors, and each was responsible for a different aspect of social or artistic achievement: language, medicine, agriculture, etc.

One of the sovereigns (Fu Hsi, Huang Ti, Yu — nobody knows for sure) is said to have invented writing after seeing a dragon-horse leap from the Yellow River. (Words, apparently, simply couldn't express his enlightenment. In relating the experience to the others, he had to draw pictures of the dragon and the horse.) And, to this day, Chinese remains a language of symbolic characters based, for the most part, on pictographs (pictures of concrete things) and ideographs (pictures containing the ideas of

We've reproduced some of those characters here and would like your help in identifying them. Simply match the drawing with its English counterpart. Remember, all of them are pictures.

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



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bamboo (two stalks)	mountain
rain (falling from cloud under heaven)	early (the sun coming over the horizon)
dragon	good or love (woman and child)
horse	rat
door or gate	day (man with outstretched arms, head touching heaven
man	wine
woman	sun
thicket (three trees)	bright (sun and moon)
moon	toad
field	tree or wood
feather (two of them)	

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1) Submit one completed puzzle to the Reader each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by

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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.

Ed Barno, San Diego, 5.

thought I was wrong, but I was

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy,

5. In a moment of clarity I realized epiphanies are stupid.

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 5.

Is it pool or billiards? I forgot... Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 5.

Finally, a g-rated use for YouTube!

Conway Redding, La Mesa,

5. They broke my thumbs!

Joe Arbusto, San Diego, 4.

3D and plasma where made for each other, trust me!

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon,

4. Someday, someway.

Susan Morfey, Little Italy,

4. I'm so lost! Is it over vet? Please! Michael Carchidi, Chula

Vista, 3, Rack 'em!

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 3.

Friends don't let friends crutch

Kathy Chandler, San

Diego, 1. Money maker. Hustler

Al Dominguez, Hillcrest, 1.

11 ball side 3 ball left corner 15 ball right...

Tom Cox, La Jolla, 1. Will

I finally get a shirt?

Craig Duncan, Golden Hill, 1. My favorite trick shot is exposed!

Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa,

1. Have a nice Padres day!

David Hedley, San Diego,

1. Hustler shot I ove it

Chuck Molina, El Cajon, 1.

I've made this shot once or twice.

Don Reckles , Carmel

Valley, 1. Can't wait to see you Grandma and Grandpa. Love, R...

Niki Romani, San Diego, 1.

Pool is cool



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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.

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Heal Your Body, Get Fit, Clear the Mind of Stress. Thursday, May 20, Tuesday, May 25. 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.

Lotion Making Workshop. Saturday, May 22, 3-5pm. This beginning–level workshop gives anyone the basic knowledge of lotion making from emulsions to blending for specific results. Students take home their creations. Admission \$38. 2040 India St., San Diego 92101. R. D. Alchemy Natural Products, Regina: 619-825-6078, www.rdalchemy.com.

Flowing with Nature. Wednesday May 19, 5:30pm. Paisley Close leads anusara yoga classes, helping students "align with universal principles of goodness." All levels. Wear comfortable clothing, bring a mat. Offering. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego 92124. 619-303-6609.

Grow Citrus the Healthy Way. Friday May 21, 7-9pm. Licensed pest control advisor Carolyn Kinnon divulges proper care of citrus to reduce pests when California Rare Fruit Growers meet in Horticulture Building room 7003. What are best methods to control problems when infestations occur? Members may bring bagged leaves or fruit of infested trees for her guidance. Admission free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive, Oceanside 92056. 760-518-9922.

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Well, springtime is my favorite time of the year, but I love Christmas Eve. We have these strange customs in my family since we're the only ones here in San Diego - both my family and husband's family are in Chicago. We go Christmas shopping on Christmas Eve, although now that the kids are getting older I can see that stopping. But every year since we moved to California we go shopping on Christmas Eve. We go to Fashion Valley. It's deadly, but we get the valet service. I think it's only, like, \$5, \$7. Probably \$5 regular: \$10 that day, but it's well worth it. Then we go to eat.



Michelle Shanaberger Between Jobs South Park

Probably my birthday, just because I get presents, get drunk, get the day off, usually. That's a good day. I've had parties at home, I've gone on vacation, I've gone to bars... I just like being around all my friends and not having to work and just having a good time and not having to worry about anything for the day. I'm not sure what I'm going to do this year.... I don't have anything planned.



Bruno Sowadski Student Mission Valley

t would probably have to be the ■ Fourth of July. All my life we've bought, like, 500 to 600 dollars' worth of fireworks...it's a lot. It's my whole family getting together, all of us, out in St. Louis, Missouri. It's legal out there, anything...like, sticks of dynamite are legal, too. My favorite firework is probably

the bottle rocket. I just like bottle



Michelle Kyriss Student South Park

My favorite day of the year is probably the first day of summer. Because on the first day of summer you have the chance to reflect upon what happened over the whole year, but you also have a chance to look forward to all the things you're going to do in the summer. You have an amount of freedom where you can do whatever you want. You have a chance to learn and explore and do things that you wouldn't be able to do normally because of the busyness of everyday life.



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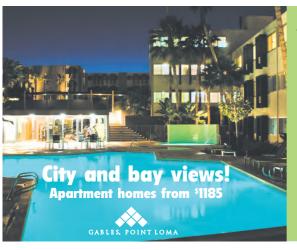
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- A new sports center in Mexico City will be devoted to the revival of ancient Aztec- and Mayan-created games that are rarely played in Mexico because they are dangerous, including a field-hockey-like competition played with a fireball. In another game, pelota mixteca, players wearing metal-knuckled leather gloves punch a two-pound, hard-rubber ball that could knock opponents unconscious. One thrill of the flaming-ball game, pelota purepecha, is that some play it at night on unlighted fields. (In Mayan culture, according to a USA Today dispatch, the world began with the gods challenging two humans to a ball game and beating them, at which point the two die and are resurrected as the sun and moon.)

Democracy in Action

- John White, now running for sheriff in Roundup, Mont., will be unable to carry a gun if he wins because of a long-ago bank robbery conviction.
- The U.S. Senate passed a bill in March to correct a misimpression Congress had in the 1990s when it instituted mandatory sentences for crack-cocaine possession that were about

100 times the sentences for powdered cocaine. Scientists long ago pointed out that the two substances are chemically the same, and the new provisions set crack-cocaine sentences at only about 18 times those for powder.

- The Utah legislature passed a bill in March to, for the first time, legalize the personal collection of rainwater. "Harvesting" rain has been illegal, but now would be allowed, with a state permit, in special stateapproved containers

Government Stalks the Weakest

- On Jan. 29, more than 200 Alabama state troopers were amassed at 4 a.m. for the purpose of raiding several illegal bingo parlors. The raids were eventually called off, but a University of Alabama professor estimated the staging cost to the budget-shriveled state at \$130,000. Said a spokesman for Gov. Bob Riley, "No matter what it costs, the law must be enforced."
- A December Seattle Times profile of Rachel Porcaro (a single mother with an \$18,000-ayear hair-cutting job, raising two kids, living with her parents) centered on the IRS's yearlong, full-blown audit of her, and subsequently of her parents, because she was flagged for

earning too little money on which to raise a family in Seattle. Ultimately, Rachel and her parents prevailed on every issue except the Earned Income Tax Credit, in that Rachel's kids receive a little too much help from her parents for her to qualify.

Some People Need a Prophet

- Raj Patel's recent appearance on Comedy Central's The Colbert Report was ostensibly based around his work on global poverty and food production, but followers of an 87-year-old Scottish mystic named Benjamin Creme received a different message that Patel was the long-awaited messiah that Creme had been promising would appear to unite humanity. Overwhelmed by the followers during a recent book-signing tour, according to a March profile in London's Guardian, Patel made public denials of any messianic role (which only confirmed the sect's certainty that he is the man) and engaged a few in conversation, but, he said, talking to them "made me really depressed, actually."

Police Report

- How much can a shoplifter stuff in his pants? A man seen on surveillance video at a Mobil on the Run convenience store in Bloomfield, Conn., in February fled after stuffing at least 17 cans of Red Bull energy drink down his pants. And in Cairns, Australia, a 51-year-old man was caught shoplifting in March, witnessed by security staff putting three limes and a package of beef tongue in his pants. When cornered, the man (like clowns exiting a clown car) pulled out an additional two onions, three trays of rump steaks, and a packet of lamb chops.

When "Detention" Is Not Enough

- Schoolteacher Lucia Carico, who has been in good standing in Hawkins County, Tenn., schools since 1973, was fired in March over an incident in which she stabbed a seventh-grade student in the arm seven times with a pen (because, she said, he had been unruly, singing, and passing gas).
- Teacher Randolphe Forde was fired in January by the Clayton County, Ga., school board for an October incident in which he allegedly "put a hit" on an 11th-grade student (offering \$50).

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Good Nephew, Bad

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By Isabel Moreno

Duval County Press. According to a report filed by the victim, Ester Garcia, her nephew grabbed her face and pushed her to the ground. Ester Garcia declined to comment about the incident.

Lose the Doctor. Juan Navejar led the Star Studs to a victory over the Devious Divas in an Alice-Echo News Journal weight-loss challenge. Navejar, director of the Alice Chamber of Commerce, lost 13 pounds in 12 weeks, making him the overall winner of the contest and giving the men's team a total of 23 pounds lost. The women's team lost 16. The week before the challenge

began, Navejar gave up Dr. Pepper and all other caffeine for Lent. "I had a little head start," he admits. Navejar's prizes include a three-month membership to a local gym.

Bobcat Boys. The Santa Rosa de Lima Cub Scout Pack 47 awarded Bobcat badges to ten boys who learned the Cub Scout promise, "the law of the pack," the Cub Scout sign, handshake, motto, and salute. The Bobcat badge is the first badge all Cub Scouts receive. Cub master Dwane Walters, whose son Beau is one of the new scouts, says the boys are learning "respect for themselves, their commu-



Giving up Dr Pepper helped Juan Navejar lose 13 pounds in 12 weeks.

nity, and their country." The ceremony took place at the Santa Rosa de Lima Parish Hall in Benavides.

Rammed. Gloria Mendez of San Diego seeks \$250,000 for damages and injuries she claims resulted from a collision with a Duval County sheriff's deputy vehicle on New Year's Day. Her attorney submitted

a letter to county judge Abel Aragon on April 21, stating that Mendez suffered physical injuries and mental anguish after a sheriff's deputy rammed her 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt while in pursuit of a suspect. The letter claims intent to sue. "Until the lawsuit is filed, we don't respond," says Duval County attorney Richard Carillo.

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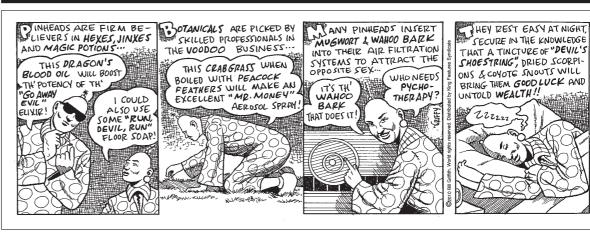
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Back in November of 2009, I took note of a billboard I'd seen on the 8 West, put up by the San Diego Coalition of Reason. "Don't believe in God?" it read. "You're not alone."

When Brian in El Cajon read about that sign, he turned to his wife Dianne and said, "We can put a billboard up." The couple, both in their early 60s, had been pondering the notion of God's gifts and what theirs might be. "We thought, We have a little bit in savings. We can use that." And in April of this year, they did, right alongside the 8 West at the Waring Road exit. "Today!" it reads, "You can have forgiveness and new life! JesusSanDiego." It's down now, but there's another on the 163 and plans for more in Imperial Beach and Ocean Beach.

It's not that Brian wants his billboard to rebut the atheists' version — argument is not his intention. "Basically," he explains, "we're appealing to people who feel they have a need for forgiveness and new life. Not people who want to debate about something like, 'Is there a God?'"

For Brian and Dianne, both Christians, the billboard was the next step. The first step had been to develop and implement a survey about people's religious beliefs. Inspired by a street ministry team he encountered, Brian had put together nine questions and had begun approaching people in public. "On a good day, we'd get 20. But then we started doing it on a bigger scale, setting up a table outside of Walmart or Food 4 Less. We bought some two-dollar bills and

had a little sign saying we'd give you two dollars to take a survey. The response was great - we once had 300 people in a single day. Over a few months, we did over 3000 surveys."

It's not that Brian was desperate to know what people believed. Rather, he wanted people to think about the questions he was asking. "A lot of them were about heaven and hell and death, things that nobody wants to think about." But "once they had completed the survey, they would think, Maybe I need to know God. It just got them thinking that there was more to life."

His efforts paid off. "The last question was, 'How well do you know God?' The choices were,

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"Basically, we're appealing to people who feel they have a need for forgiveness and new life. Not people who want to debate about something like. 'Is there a God?'"



'Not at all'; 'I think I do, but I'm not sure'; 'I do, but not personally'; or 'I know God really well on a personal level.' The answers were all over the chart. Some people, you could tell they didn't know God from their earlier answers, but they would say they knew God really well. A lot of people would think, and say, 'Wow, these are questions I never thought about before.' Some would

be very honest and say, 'You know, I don't know Him on a personal level.' At the end of the survey, it said, 'We have a printed brochure to tell you how you can know God personally.' They had to ask for it if they wanted it. By God's grace, over 75 percent of people who took the survey wanted the brochure.'

One of the surprising things Brian learned was

claimed to know Jesus as their Savior, "there was a lot of confusion on their part about what actually does save them. The question was, 'If you were at God's door in heaven, why should God let you in?' A lot of people referred to 'good works' or 'compared to other people, I'm a good person."

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board comes in. The billboard, of course, is just an ad for the website, and after the welcome message — "God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life" — the site goes straight for that question of "what actually saves you." "First you must experience His forgiveness and new life so you can know Him and His perfect plan for you." And, yes, you do need forgiveness. "Our conscience tells us that we have all said or done things wrong in our lives.... No matter how good or how bad we have been, we all need God's forgiveness because God says we have all sinned."

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change instantly and people can just feel the presence of God. But salvation is by faith — just, basically, taking God at His word. I've heard testimonies where people don't feel anything, but they were still born again." And that is that.

Well, almost. The website's act of faith includes the line, "Make me the kind of person you want me to be." And the congratulatory message exhorts, "Don't stop here, you have just begun. It is vital you understand what God wants you to do now." To that end, Brian and Dianne will send those who make the act of faith "6 Keys to Christian Growth" and "The Gospel of John

Book." Also, a list of several "Bible-believing churches" in your area.

Still, Brian is careful not to give the wrong idea. "Salvation is by grace alone," he stresses. But, "We just want to give them something, so they don't just say the prayer and then stop at that point — not go to church, not read the Bible. Once the seed of new birth is planted, you need to water it and make it grow."

- Matthew Lickona

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The Year of Living Biblically A.J. Jacobs

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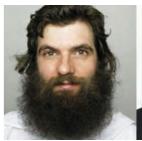
My belief in God changes by the hour. I have three phases, about evenly split throughout the day. As I type this, I'm in phase two. But that

could change by the time I finish the next paragraph. First, there is the comfortable old position: agnosticism. I haven't erased that totally, and it especially pops up whenever I read about religious extremism. The second phase is all about a newfound reverence for life. Life isn't just

a series of molecular reactions. There's a divine spark there.... The third phase, the highest level, is when I believe in something more specific, a God who cares, who pays attention to my life, who loves. Why wouldn't there be a God? It makes just as much sense as having no God. Otherwise,

existence itself is just too random.

A.J. Jacobs (b. 1968) is an American journalist and an editor at large for Esquire magazine. His modus operandi as a writer is to immerse himself in an experimental situation and write about his observations of the results. In The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to



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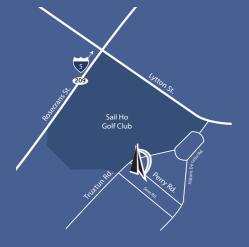


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